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Dear Sir/Mdm,

PERMISSIBLE VARIATIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD SHELTER (HS) TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

A review has been conducted by SCDF and BCA on the technical requirements for household shelter (HS), to establish permissible variations for HS technical requirements. This permissible variation allows precast HS designs for greater flexibility in meeting HS technical requirements without compromising protective requirements.

- The permissible variations for HS technical requirements are stipulated in <u>Annex A.</u> Adoption of these permissible variations in HS designs in accordance with the conditions for acceptance is deemed as compliance with the HS technical requirements and hence, no waiver applications will be required for adoption of such designs as specified.
- 3 The permissible variations shall take immediate effect. We would appreciate it if you could disseminate the contents of this circular to members of your Institution or Association.

4 Please contact undersigned at 68481478 should you require further clarifications.

Yours faithfully,

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Permissible Variations For Technical Requirements For Household Shelters (HS)

S/No	Permissible Variations to Technical Requirements for Household Shelters (HS) 2012	Precast Household Shelter Design	Conditions for Acceptance
1	Precast HS is permitted and shall comply with the latest Technical Requirements for Household Shelters unless otherwise specified in the 'Technical Requirements for Design and Construction of Precast Hollow Core Household Shelters' as shown in Appendix I to Annex A.	Precast hollow core HS designs are allowed to be adopted as permissible variation to the Technical Requirements For Household Shelters 2012. To accommodate the use of hollow core requirements of the precast HS designs, all adoption of the precast HS shall comply with the Technical Requirements for Design and Construction of Precast Hollow Core Household Shelters' as shown in Appendix I to Annex A.	Two conditions are to be complied with as follows:- a. Precast hollow core HS must be designed to meet the area and volume requirements. The internal length and width of the HS walls shall be designed with an increment of 100mm and 50mm respectively. Precast hollow core household shelters including the dimensions and spacing of hollow cores, location of shear key on wall above HS door, ventilation sleeves, blast door and electrical fixtures are as shown in Appendix I to Annex A. b. The details of reinforcement bars for precast HS such as C-shaped Precast HS, the rib of precast HS, connection to precast HS, trimmer bars around ventilation sleeve and at door recess etc are as shown in Appendix I to Annex A.

<u>Technical Requirements for the Design and Construction of Precast Hollow</u> <u>Core Household Shelters (HS)</u>

A General

1. Precast hollow core household shelter shall comply with the latest Technical Requirements for Household Shelters unless otherwise specified in this part of technical requirements for precast hollow core household shelters.

B Dimensions of Precast Hollow Core Household Shelters

- 2. Precast hollow core household shelters (hereafter known as precast household shelters) must be designed to meet the area and volume requirements. The internal length and width of the household shelter (HS) walls shall be modular in size with an increment of 100mm and 50mm respectively. Precast household shelters including the dimensions and spacing of modular hollow cores (See Tables A & B, Appendix I Annex A), location of shear key on wall above HS door, ventilation sleeves, blast door and electrical fixtures are shown in Figures 1 to 10 of Appendix I to Annex A:
 - a) Figure 1 : Precast HS with HS door on longer wall and one of ventilation sleeve above the door (Type 1).
 - b) Figure 2 : Precast HS with HS door on shorter wall and one of ventilation sleeve above the door (Type 2).
 - c) Figure 3 : Precast HS showing ventilation sleeve and internal electrical fixtures on the same wall (Type 3).
 - d) Figure 4 : Precast HS and C-shaped Precast HS connected at the shorter wall and with HS Doors on long walls (Type 4).
 - e) Figure 5 : Precast HS and C-shaped Precast HS connected at the longer wall and with HS doors on long walls (Type 5).
 - f) Figure 5A: Precast HS and C-shaped Precast HS connected at the longer wall and with HS door each on long wall and short wall (Type 5A).
 - g) Figure 6 : Precast HS and C-shaped Precast HS with connection between longer and shorter walls respectively and with HS doors on long walls (Type 6).
 - h) Figure 6A: Precast HS and C-shaped Precast HS with connection between longer and shorter walls respectively and with HS door each on long wall and short wall (Type 6A).
 - i) Figure 7: Precast HS adjoining Cast in-situ Walls/ Columns (Type 7).
 - j) Figure 8 : Shear Key formed on wall above HS Door.

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k) Figure 9 : Blocked-out at Precast HS for beam connection.

I) Figure 10 : Hollow Core Shape.

- 3. To facilitate de-moulding of the precast household shelter, the hollow cores shall be tapered all round throughout its height as shown in Figure 10.
- 4. Where possible, hollow core of maximum 500mm long shall be adopted to achieve lighter precast household shelter for ease of handling.

C Reinforcement Bar Requirements

- The reinforcement of precast household shelter shall be welded steel fabric mesh and hot rolled steel bars. Reinforcement bars specified for precast slab, walls and hollow cores of the precast household shelter refer to minimum bar diameters and maximum spacing in both directions.
- In the precast HS walls, reinforcement bars shall be welded steel fabric mesh of minimum T10 at 100mm spacing or minimum T13 at 100mm spacing depending on the clear height of household shelter as given in the Technical Requirements for Household Shelters.
- 7. The details of reinforcement bars for precast HS, C-shaped Precast HS, the rib of precast HS, connection to precast HS, door frame, electrical fixtures, trimmer bars around ventilation sleeve and at door recess, and hollow cores are shown in Figures 11-23 of Appendix I to Annex A:
 - a) Figure 11 : Reinforcement Bar Details of Wall and Rib for Precast HS (Type 1).
 - b) Figure 11A: Plan and Section of Rib with Shear Links.
 - c) Figure 12 : Reinforcement Bar Details of Wall and Rib for Precast HS (Type 2).
 - d) Figure 13 : Reinforcement Bar Details of Wall and Rib for C-Shaped Precast HS (Type 5).
 - e) Figure 14 : Reinforcement Bar Details of Wall and Rib for C-Shaped Precast HS (Type 6).
 - f) Figure 15 : Connection Details Between Two-Precast HS.
 - g) Figure 16 : Connection Details Between Precast HS and Cast in-Situ Wall/Column.
 - h) Figure 17 : Reinforcement Bar Details of Rib.
 - i) Figure 18 : Details of Reinforcement Bars near Door Frame and at Electrical Fixtures on Internal Face of Precast HS.

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j) Figure 19 : Details of Trimmer Bars for Ventilation Sleeve.

k) Figure 20 : Details of Trimmer Bars for Wall Recess for HS Door Handle.

I) Figure 21 : Cage Reinforcement Bars in Hollow Cores.

m) Figure 22 : Reinforcement Bars in Hollow Cores of Precast HS with and

without adjacent Ventilation Sleeve, Door and Internal Electrical

Fixtures.

n) Figure 23 : Reinforcement Bars Lapping in Hollow Cores.

- 8. For the rib between two hollow cores, its top and bottom portion shall be provided with closer shear links of at least 6 number of R6 at 100mm spacing. For area between these top and bottom portions, minimum shear link of at least R6 at 600mm spacing shall be provided. (See Figure 17). The hook of the shear link must be anchored around the outermost bars of the internal face of precast HS wall.
- 9. The reinforcement bars for the HS door frame, ventilation sleeves and wall recess for electrical fixtures on internal face of HS wall are shown in Figures 18 to 20. As shown in the Figures, the wall recess for electrical fixtures on internal face of HS wall shall be located next or near to the HS door.
- 10. The modular length of the hollow cores shall vary from minimum 200mm to maximum 500mm with increment of 100mm whereas the modular width of hollow cores shall be minimum 150mm and maximum 200mm with increment of 50mm as shown in Table C. In these hollow cores, minimum cage reinforcement bars and links shall be provided and installed as shown in Figures 21 and 22, Tables D and E. Higher reinforcement bars and links shall be provided if they are required to meet the structural safety and stability requirements.
- 11. All reinforcement bars must be designed and detailed with tension anchorage or lapped length. The cage reinforcement bars for hollow cores of precast household shelter wall shall be cranked at their upper parts to facilitate placing of the reinforcement bars at lapping level (See Figure 23).

D Connection Between Precast Hollow Core Household Shelters

- 12. The connections between hollow cores are shown in Figures 24, 24A and 25 of Appendix I to Annex A:
 - a) Figure 24 : Splice Sleeve Connection Details Between Precast HS and Cast In-Situ Element and Bolt Connection Details Between Two Precast HS.
 - b) Figure 24A: Splice Sleeve Connection Details for Precast HS Tower
 - c) Figure 25 : Connection Details Between Lower and Upper Precast HS.

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- 13. Where precast household shelter is supported on cast in-situ elements (beam, or wall), T28 dowel bars shall be cast in the in-situ elements for splice sleeve connection between the precast household shelter and the cast in-situ elements. These dowel bars must be properly secured in position such that they are in line with the splice sleeve of the precast hollow core household shelter as shown in Figure 24 and Figure 24A. The splice sleeve shall be pressure-grouted with minimum Grade 70 grout to design and manufacturer's specification.
- 14. The lower and upper precast household shelters can be connected by bolt and steel plate connection or splice sleeve connection as shown in Figure 25 of Appendix I to Annex A. To facilitate installation, T28 bars required for these two types of connection shall be properly secured in position at 4 top corners of lower precast household shelter wall with a template such that they are aligned with the bolt holes or splice sleeve provided at the base or lower part of the upper precast household shelter respectively.

E Precast Slab of Household Shelter

- 15. The minimum reinforcement bars to be provided for precast plank and structural concrete topping shall be as shown in Figure 26, Appendix I to Annex A. Table E shows the thickness of slab, precast plank and in-situ concrete topping.
 - a) Figure 26: Details of Precast Plank (marked as PS) and Concrete Topping.
- 16. The shear links shall be cast in the precast plank. The hook of the shear link must be anchored around outermost layer of bottom reinforcement bars of the precast plank. The bend of the shear link shall be anchored round the outermost layer of top reinforcement bars in the concrete topping.

F External Electrical Fixtures

- 17. Where there are electrical fixtures on external face of HS wall, a recess shall be formed on the rib of the precast household shelter wall. The reinforcement bars around the recess shall be as shown in Figure 27 of Appendix I to Annex A.
 - a) Figure 27: Electrical Fixtures on External Face of Precast HS.

G Ventilation Sleeves

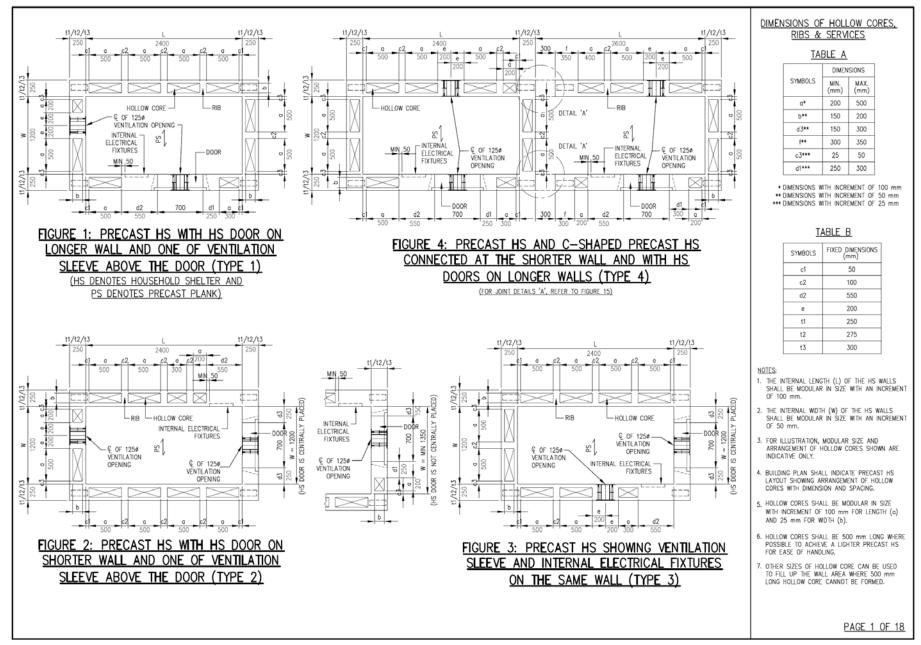
- b) One of the two ventilation sleeves shall be located above the shelter door.
- c) Ventilation sleeve shall not be located at the connection joint between two precast shelter walls.

H Door Recess on HS Wall

d) A recess shall be formed on the external face of the precast HS wall to accommodate the HS door handle when the HS door is open in 180°. The recess shall not be larger than 160 mm (length) x 80 mm (height) x 40 mm (depth).

I Blocked-Out at Precast Hollow Core Household Shelters

- 21. Reinforcement bar details for the blocked out at the bottom part of the outer wall of hollow cores are shown in Figures 17 and 23. In the blocked-out area where the cast in vertical reinforcement bars are exposed, horizontal reinforcement bars and shear links are to be installed at site.
- 22. Where the blocked-out is required for supporting in-situ beam, it shall be limited to outer wall of hollow core or outer part of precast household shelter wall. Blocking out any part of the inner wall of the hollow core for in-situ construction works is not allowed. The isometric views of precast HS showing blocked-out areas and exposed reinforcement bars are in Figures 28 and 29 of Appendix I to Annex A.
 - a) Figure 28 : Isometric View of Precast HS with bolt and steel plate connection (without blocked out for Beam).
 - b) Figure 29 : Isometric View of Precast HS with bolt and steel plate connection (with blocked out for Beam).
- 23. For a beam with more than one support, the end of a beam that is supported on the household shelter wall shall be designed and detailed as simply support.
- 24. Figure 30 shows Isometric View of Precast HS with Splice Sleeve Connection (Reinforcement Bar Details)



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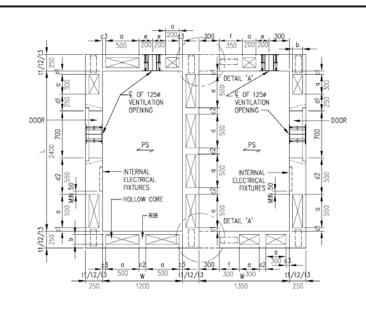


FIGURE 5: PRECAST HS AND C-SHAPED PRECAST HS CONNECTED AT THE LONGER WALL AND WITH HS DOORS ON LONG WALLS (TYPE 5)

(FOR JOINT DETAILS 'A', REFER TO FIGURE 15)

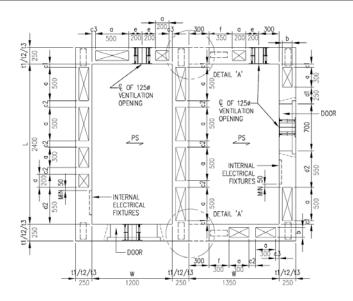


FIGURE 5A: PRECAST HS AND C-SHAPED PRECAST HS
CONNECTED AT THE LONGER WALL AND WITH HS DOOR
EACH ON LONG WALL AND SHORT WALL (TYPE 5A)

(FOR JOINT DETAILS 'A', REFER TO FIGURE 15)

DIMENSIONS OF HOLLOW CORES, RIBS & SERVICES

TABLE A

	DIMENSIONS	
SYMBOLS	MIN. (mm)	MAX. (mm)
a*	200	500
b**	150	200
d3**	150	300
f**	300	350
c3***	25	50
d1***	250	300

* DIMENSIONS WITH INCREMENT OF 100 mm

** DIMENSIONS WITH INCREMENT OF 50 mm

*** DIMENSIONS WITH INCREMENT OF 25 mm

TABLE B

SYMBOLS	FIXED DIMENSIONS (mm)	
c1	50	
c2	100	
d2	550	
е	200	
t1	250	
t2	275	
t3	300	

NOTES:

- THE INTERNAL LENGTH (L) OF THE HS WALLS SHALL BE MODULAR IN SIZE WITH AN INCREMENT OF 100 mm.
- THE INTERNAL WIDTH (W) OF THE HS WALLS SHALL BE MODULAR IN SIZE WITH AN INCREMENT OF 50 mm.
- FOR ILLUSTRATION, MODULAR SIZE AND ARRANGEMENT OF HOLLOW CORES SHOWN ARE INDICATIVE ONLY.
- BUILDING PLAN SHALL INDICATE PRECAST HS LAYOUT SHOWING ARRANGEMENT OF HOLLOW CORES WITH DIMENSION AND SPACING.
- HOLLOW CORES SHALL BE MODULAR IN SIZE WITH INCREMENT OF 100 mm FOR LENGTH (a) AND 25 mm FOR WIDTH (b).
- HOLLOW CORES SHALL BE 500 mm LONG WHERE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A LIGHTER PRECAST HS FOR EASE OF HANDLING.
- OTHER SIZES OF HOLLOW CORE CAN BE USED TO FILL UP THE WALL AREA WHERE 500 mm LONG HOLLOW CORE CANNOT BE FORMED.

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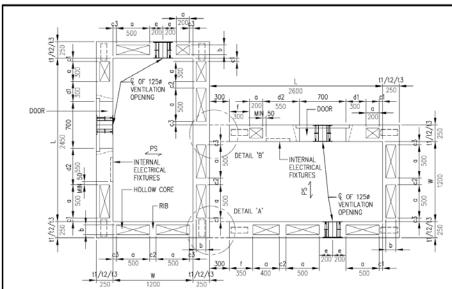


FIGURE 6: PRECAST HS AND C-SHAPED PRECAST HS WITH CONNECTION BETWEEN LONGER AND SHORTER WALLS RESPECTIVELY AND WITH HS DOORS ON LONG WALLS (TYPE 6)

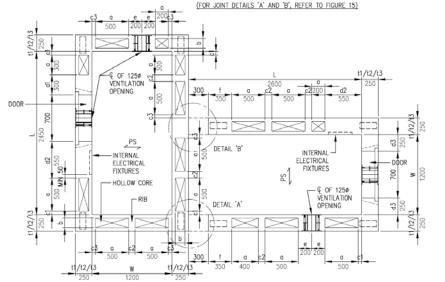


FIGURE 6A: PRECAST HS AND C—SHAPED PRECAST HS WITH CONNECTION BETWEEN LONGER AND SHORTER WALLS RESPECTIVELY AND WITH HS DOOR EACH ON LONG WALL AND SHORT WALL (TYPE 6A)

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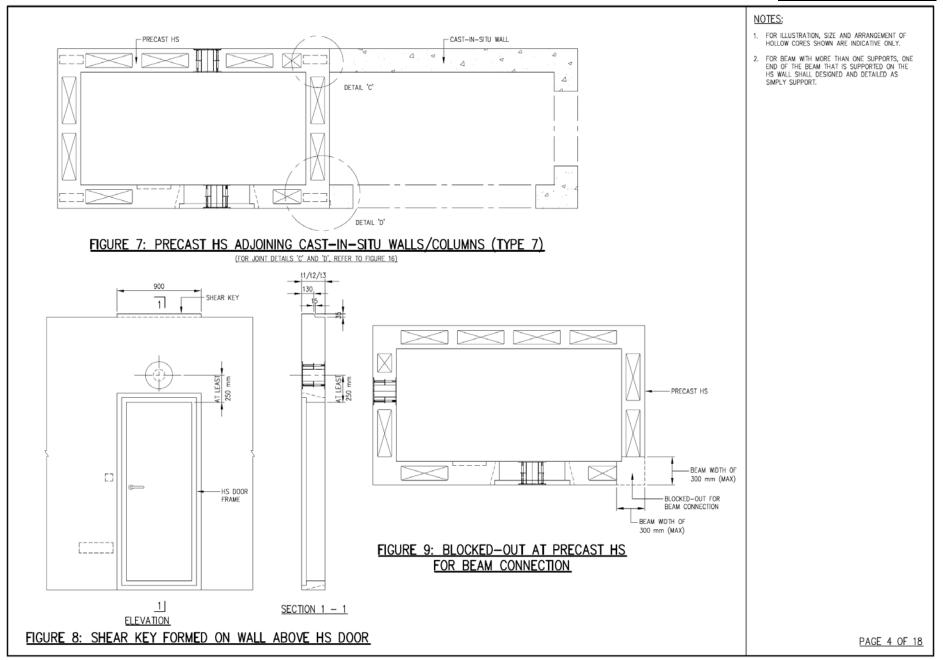
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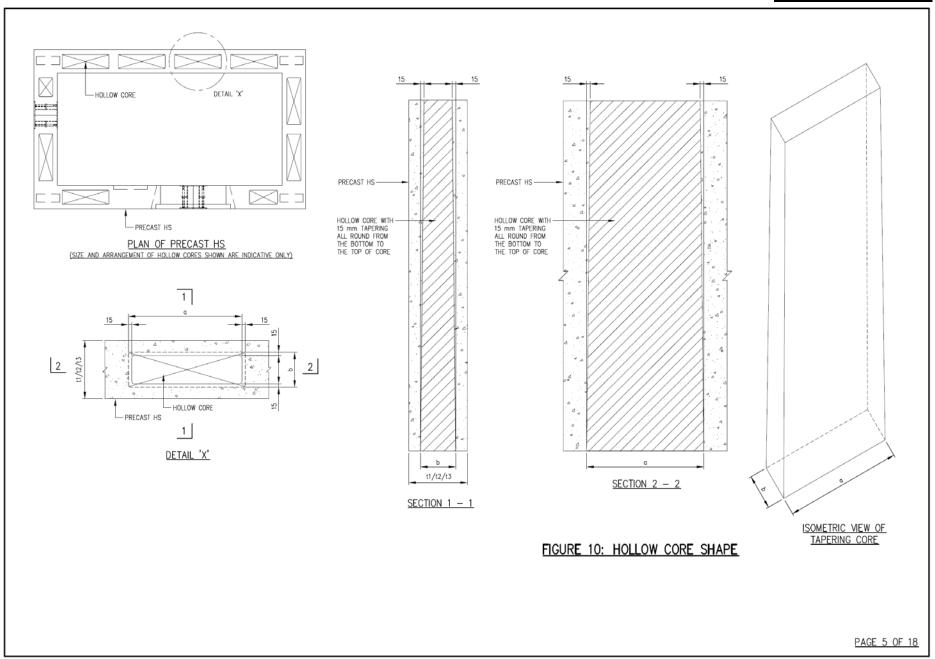
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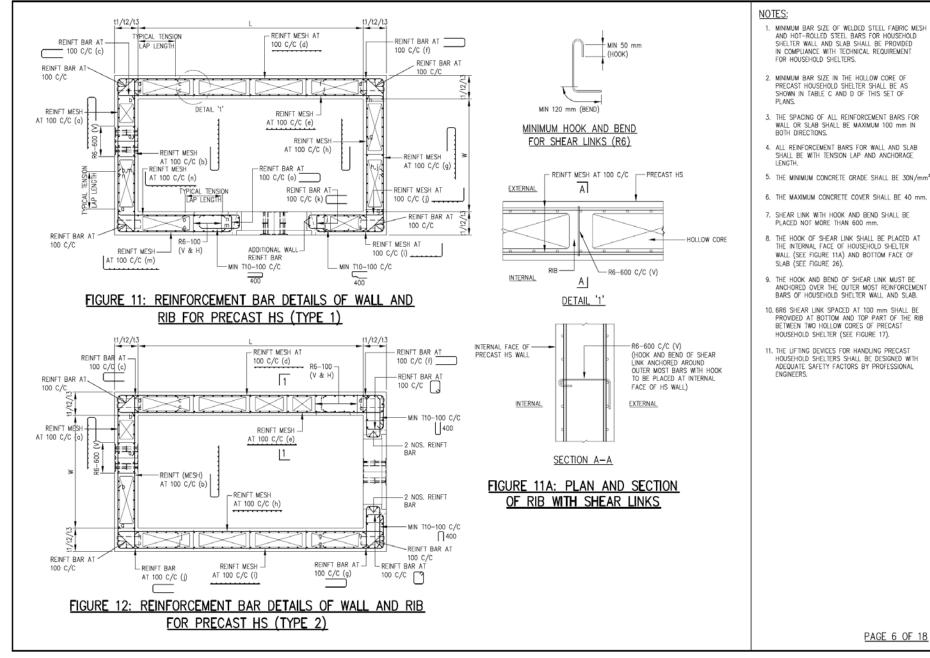
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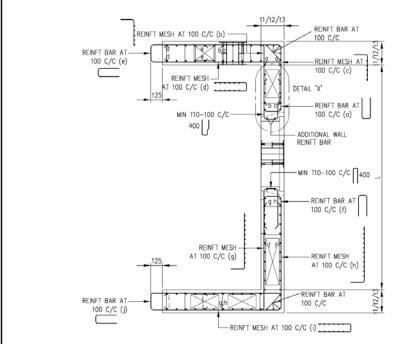
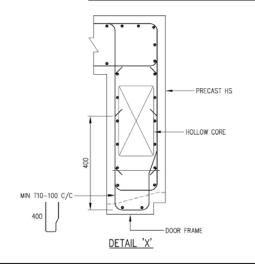


FIGURE 13: REINFORCEMENT BAR DETAILS OF WALL AND RIB FOR C-SHAPED PRECAST HS (TYPE 5)



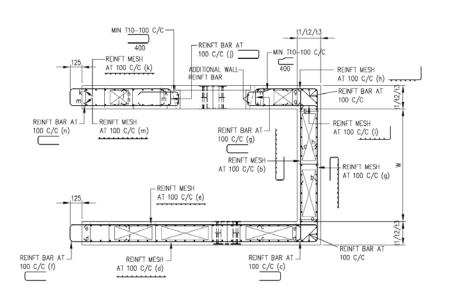


FIGURE 14: REINFORCEMENT BAR DETAILS OF WALL AND RIB
FOR C-SHAPED PRECAST HS (TYPE 6)

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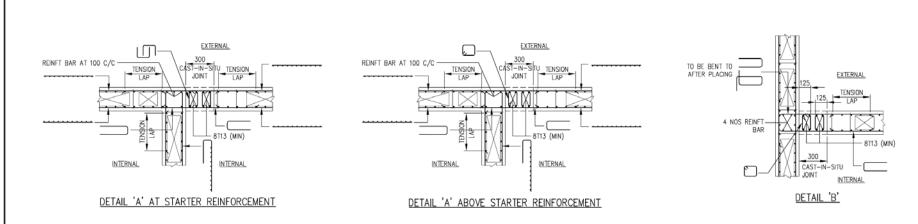


FIGURE 15: CONNECTION DETAILS BETWEEN TWO PRECAST HS

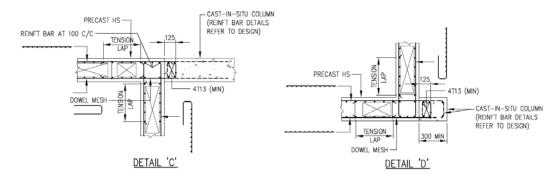
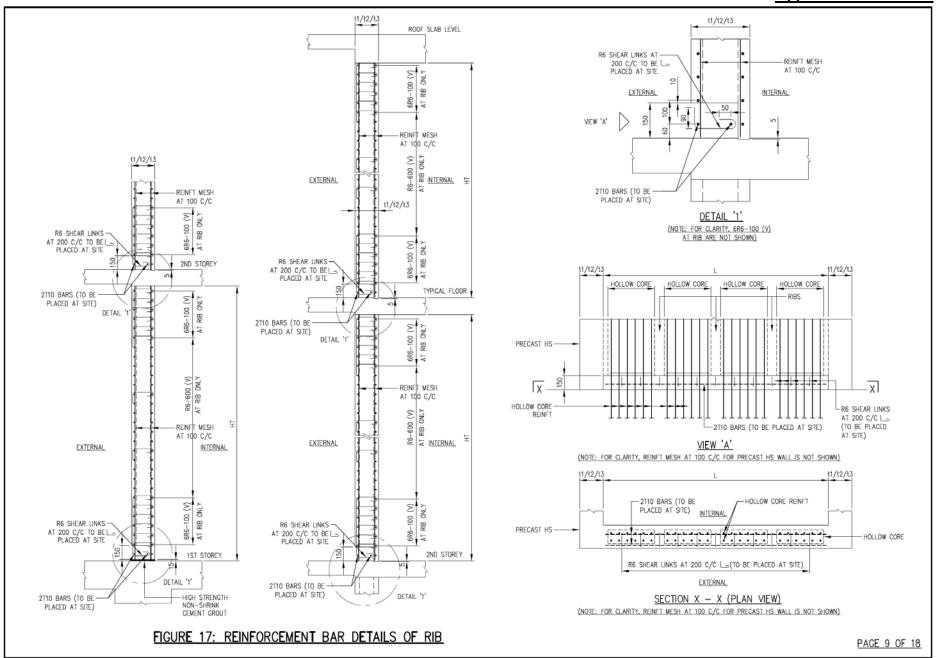


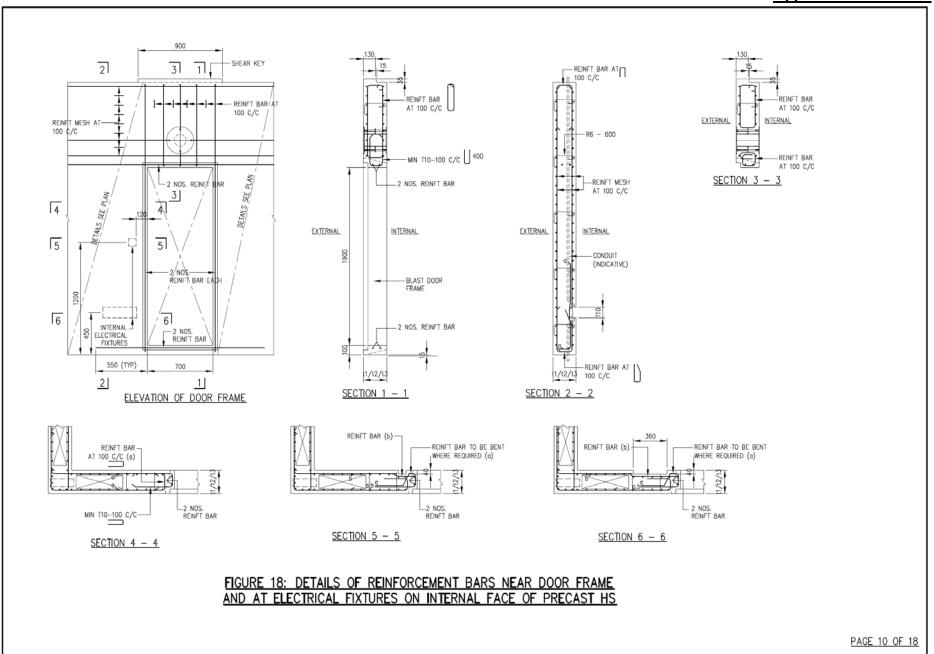
FIGURE 16: CONNECTION DETAILS BETWEEN PRECAST HS

AND CAST—IN—SITU WALL/COLUMN

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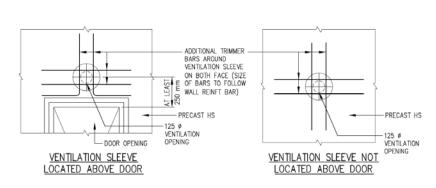


FIGURE 19: DETAILS OF TRIMMER BARS FOR VENTILATION SLEEVE

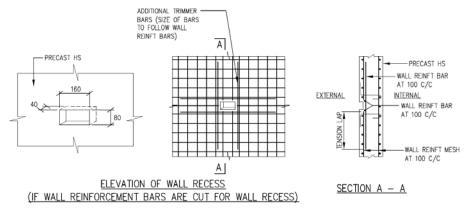
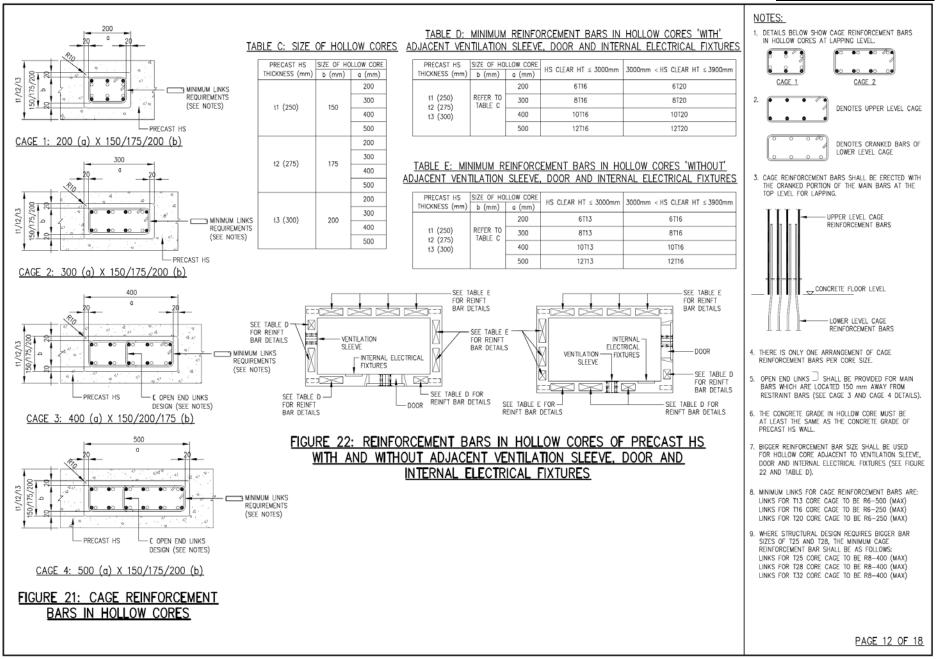
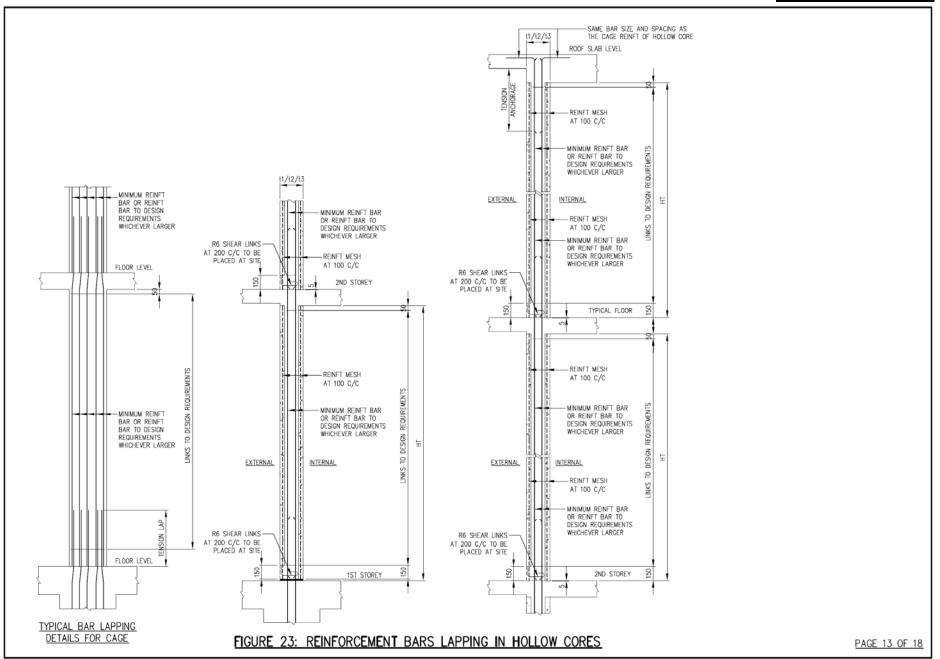


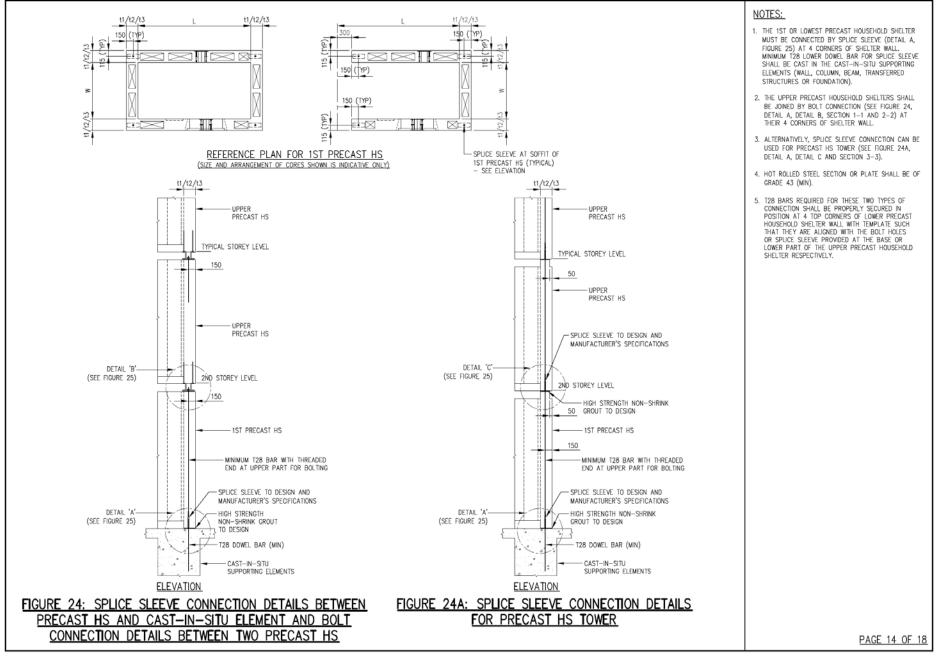
FIGURE 20: DETAILS OF TRIMMER BARS FOR WALL RECESS
FOR HS DOOR HANDLE

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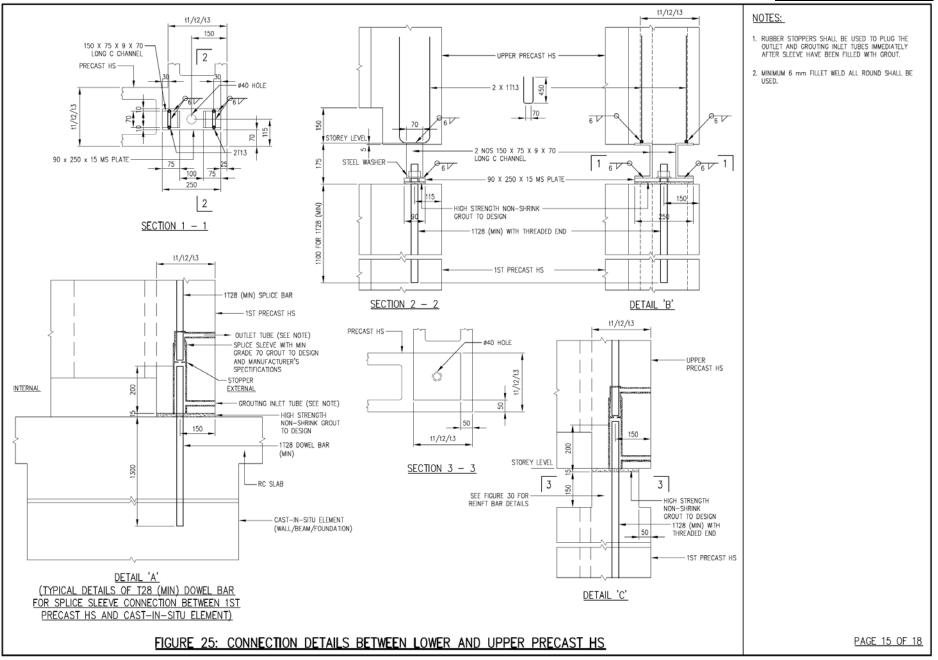




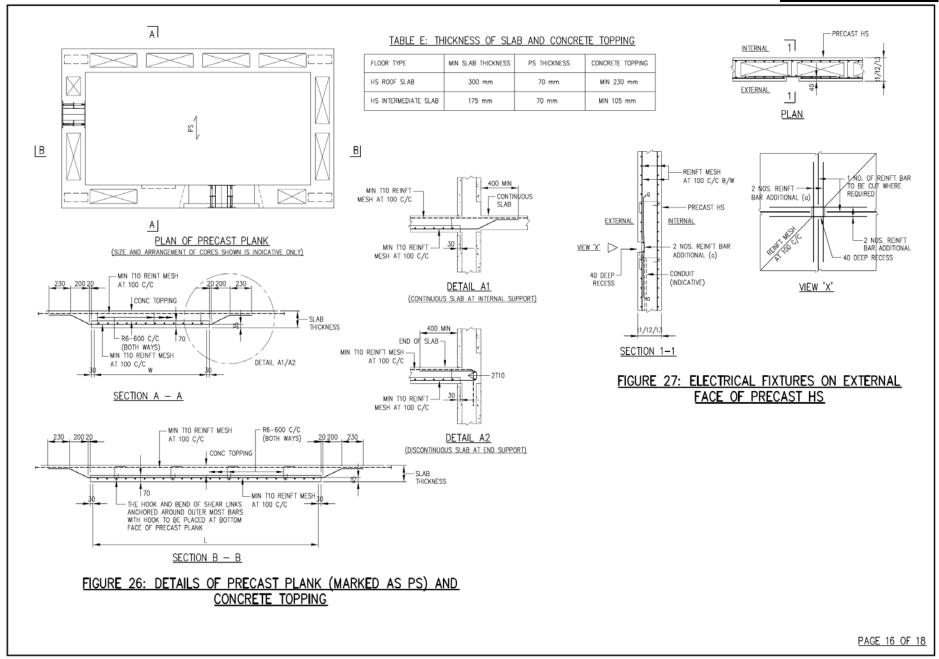
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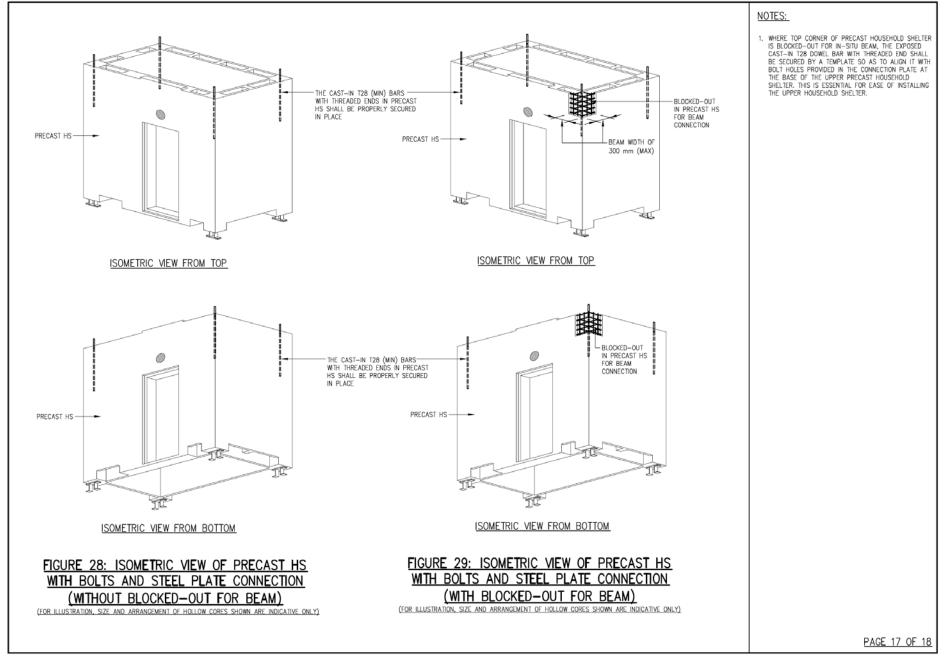
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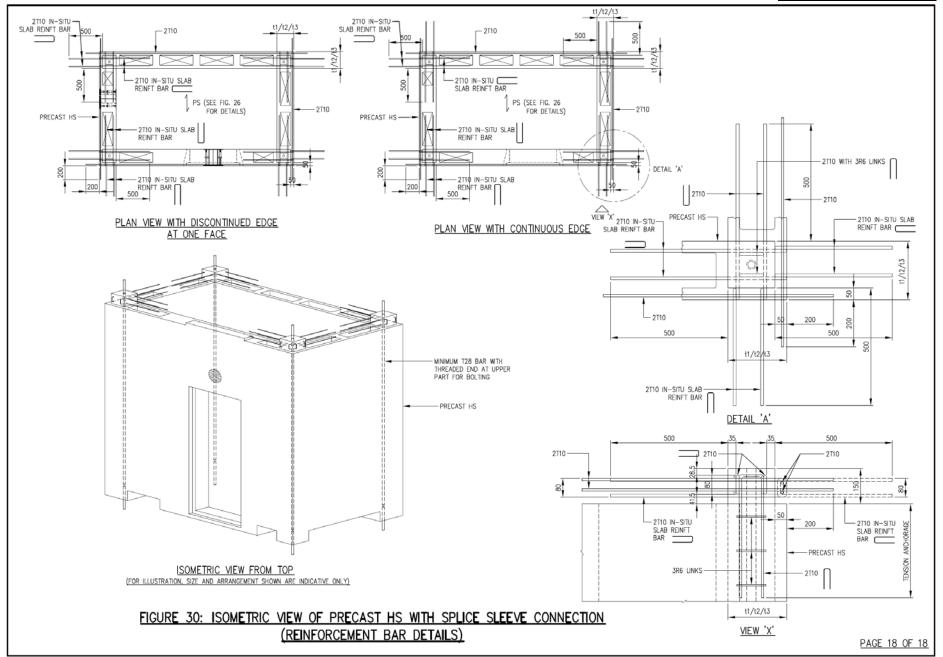


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