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A methodology for calculating estimates of the Fortruss components, concrete and reinforcement are provided. The estimates are determined based on the square footage of the floor area that Fortruss will be built on.

The unit section of floor area 2 feet wide and 1 ft long is used to determine the estimates. This section includes a 2 feet wide by 1 ft long concrete slab and a 1 ft long concrete beam section. Since the spacing of the beams are at 2 feet on center. This section also includes one full width of Floor Panel, and Beam Form. The unit area then becomes 2 feet wide by 1 feet long - 2ft². Determining quantities within this unit area results in quantities only within this area (or quantities per unit area). Multiplying the quantity determined per unit area by the total floor area yields the total estimate.

To estimate the total length of Floor Panels and Beam Forms:

STEP 1: Determine the square footage of floor, **(A)**

STEP 2: To estimate total length, in feet, of Floor Panel, **(B)**:

$$(B) = 0.50 \times (A)$$

STEP 3: To estimate total length, in feet, of Beam Forms, **(C)**:

$$(C) = 0.50 \times (A)$$

Make sure the units used for **(A)** are in feet squared.

The above formula is derived below.

For a unit length of span (ie, 1 ft) there is a 1 ft length of Form Panel and Beam Form.

A 2 ft beam spacing provides one whole section of Floor Panel and Beam Form. Therefore, for every 1 ft length of span the floor area

$$= 2 \text{ ft}^2 (2 \text{ ft} \times 1 \text{ ft}). \text{ Or } (1 \text{ ft length}) / (2 \text{ ft}^2) = 0.5 \text{ ft/ft}^2$$

(0.5 ft of Floor Panel or Beam Form for every square foot of area)

Multiplying 0.5 ft/ft² by the floor area will give the total length of Floor Panel or Beam Forms.

To calculate the total volume:

STEP 1: Determine square footage of floor area, **(A)**.

STEP 2: Determine slab thickness, in inches, **(D)**.

STEP 3: Determine concrete beam depth, in inches, **(E)**.

STEP 4: Estimate the slab volume, in cubic feet **(F)**.

$$(F) = (24 \text{ in} \times 12 \text{ in}) \times (D) / 1728$$

STEP 5: Estimate the concrete beam volume, in cubic feet **(G)**.

$$(G) = (5.5 \text{ in} \times 12 \text{ in}) \times (E) / 1728$$

STEP 6: Estimate total volume of the slab, **(H)**, by multiply by the floor area **(A)**

$$(H) = (G) \times (A)$$

Estimating the total volume of the slab and concrete beam can be done together or seperately following the above step. The total volume will be in cubic feet.

To convert to cubic yard divide **(H)** by 27. To convert to cubic metres multiply **(H)** by 0.0283.

The span tables in Section 4 list the slab reinforcement. For builder/designer preference and availability, two or three different options are provided for slab reinforcement. In this example, the options are:

To calculate the total longitudinal reinforcement (slab reinforcement parallel to beams):

STEP 1: Determine square footage of floor area, **(A)**.

STEP 2: Determine bar spacing, in inches, **(I)**.

STEP 3: Determine number of longitudinal bars per unit area (2 ft²), **(J)**.

$$(J) = 24 \text{ in} / (I)$$

STEP 4: Estimate the length per unit area of 2 ft², **(K)**

$$(K) = (J) \times 1 \text{ ft. } (K) \text{ will be units of feet.}$$

STEP 5: Estimate the total length, **(L)**, by multiplying by the floor area, **(A)**

$$(L) = (K) \times (A)$$

The total length will be in units of feet.

To estimate the total length of rebar in the transvers direction (slab reinforcement normal to beam span) follow Step 1, 2 and 5. In Step 3 replace 24 inches with 12 inches. And in Step 4 replace 1 ft with 2ft.

The total length of longitudinal beam reinforcement will be the same as the total length of Beam Forms estimated in Section 5.1.1.

STEP 1: Determine the square footage of floor, **(A)**

STEP 2: To estimate total length, in feet, of reinforcement, **(M)**:

$$(M) = 0.50 \times (A)$$

If there are more than one longitudinal bar in the beams multiply **(M)** by the number of bars in a beam.

STIRRUPS

Stirrup spacing = 16 in (from span table)

Number of stirrups per unit length of span of 1 ft (12 in):

$$(12 \text{ in}) / (16 \text{ in}) = 0.75 \text{ stirrups}$$

Therefore, based on a total length of beam = 250 ft:

$$0.75 \text{ stirrups} \times 250 \text{ ft} = 188 \text{ stirrups}$$

STIRRUPS

To estimate the total number of stirrups:

STEP 1: Determine the square footage of floor, **(A)**

STEP 2: Determine the stirrup spacing, **(N)**

STEP 3: Determine the number of stirrups per unit length of beam (1 ft), **(O)**

$$(O) = 12 \text{ in} / (N)$$

STEP 4: To estimate the total number of stirrups in a beam, **(P)**, multiply by the length of stirrup region, **(Q)**, required in the beam.

$$(P) = (Q) \times (N)$$

NOTES: Rebar estimates do not include provisions for splices and should be considered when estimating rebar.

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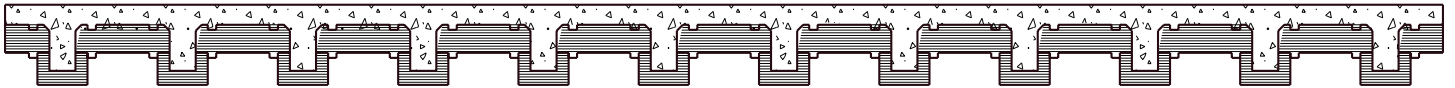
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Fortruss Performance Value:

- Superior Structure
- Durable
- Safe
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