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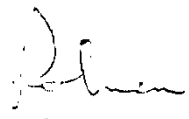
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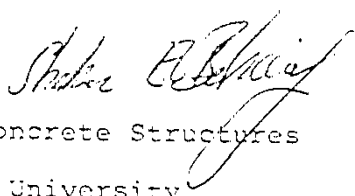
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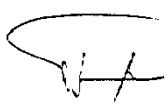
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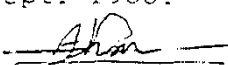
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## ABSTRACT

Direct shear transfer should be considered at the interface between concrete surfaces cast at different times. Many researches had been made using different types of interface treatments and shear connectors. Most of these treatments were made during casting of concrete to simulate the case of precast units. The situation is different in case of strengthening of existing structures .

This thesis presents an experimental study on 44 push-off specimens, each consisting of two parts cast at different times representing 22 different interface shear connections. Also 16 reinforced concrete beams were tested, three of them were reference beams and the other thirteen were strengthened by adding new concrete layer to the compression flange. All the surface treatments were made after the hardening of concrete . The variables studied are the surface roughness, ratio and distribution of concrete keys, ratio and fixation method of steel dowels, steel angles, epoxy painting, distribution of dowels over shear span and adding longitudinal reinforcement to the new layer. The obtained results were compared with calculated values using available codes and previous works. The shear strength of different interface connections were evaluated .

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## NOTATION

The following symbols are used in this thesis .Other symbols not listed below are defined where they are used.

$A_c$	Cross sectional area.
$A_k$	Total area of concrete keys.
$A_s$	Area of tension reinforcement.
$A_{sd}$	Total area of steel dowels
$A_{sh}$	Area of shear surface.
$B$	Breadth of T-beam flange.
$b$	Breadth of R.C. beam web.
$C$	Compressive force in the flange of the beam.
$C_1$	Compressive force in the new concrete layer .
$C_u$	Ultimate compressive force in the flange of the beam.
$C_{1u}$	Ultimate compressive force in the new concrete layer.
$d$	Effective depth of reinforced concrete beam .
$f_c$	28 -day compressive strength determined from cubes of 15 cm.side length.
$f_c$	28-days cylindrical compressive strength.
$f_{su}$	Ultimate tensile strength of steel reinforcement.
$f_{sy}$	Yield tensile strength of steel reinforcement.
$L$	Span length of the beam
$M_u$	Ultimate bending moment for the beam.
$\Delta M$	Increase of the beam flexural strength
$\Delta M_{ref}^{cal}$	Difference between the calculated flexural strength of the reference beam and that of original beam = $M_{u ref}^{cal} - M_{u original}^{cal}$
$P$	Applied load.

$P_{cr}$	Initial cracking load.
$P_u$	Ultimate load.
$Q$	Shearing force.
$Q_f$	Failure shearing force
$q$	Average shear stress = $Q/A_{sh}$
$q_c$	Cohesion shear strength .
$q_f$	Average shear stress at failure.
$q_f \text{ cor}$	Average shear stress at failure corrected for concrete strength.
$q_m$	Ultimate shear strength of concrete (monolithic).
$q_u$	Ultimate shear strength of the connection.
$q_u^{cal}$	Calculated ultimate shear strength of the connection.
$S$	Total slip between two concrete layers.
$S_m$	Total slip for reference specimen.
$t$	Over all beam depth.
$W$	Average interface crack width.
$W_m$	Average interface crack width for reference specimen.
$Y_{ct}$	Internal lever arm.
$\alpha$	Angle between shear reinforcement across the interface and the shear plane
$\phi$	Angle of internal friction for concrete.
$\mu$	Coeffecient of internal friction for concrete ( $\mu = \tan \phi$ ).
$\epsilon_c$	Concrete strain.
$\epsilon_s$	Steel strain.
$\gamma_m$	Partial Factor of safety for material