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NOMENCLATURE

A_c	The area of concrete
A_{FRP}	The area of vertical FRP reinforcement per hole
A_{tr}	The total cross-section area of all transverse reinforcement
b_0	The perimeter length of the critical section
b_n	The effective width of the slab at the level of reinforcement
b_d	The length of the perimeter of the critical section at which dowel action is expected to take place.
c	The cover based on centerline bar dimensions
c	The column dimension
d	The effective slab depth
d_b	The reinforcement bar diameter
E_{FRP}	The Elastic Modulus of FRP.
E_f	Modulus of elasticity of Fibers
f_{ck}	The characteristic concrete strength in MPa
f_{ctk}	The characteristic tensile strength of concrete
F'_C	The concrete cylindrical compressive strength
f_{ct}	The tensile strength of concrete
$f_{c,cube}$	The cube compressive strength of concrete.
f_s	The steel stress at the section
f_y	The yield strength of the reinforcement
f'_c	The concrete compressive strength
f_{yt}	The Specified yield strength of transverse reinforcement
K	The ultimate stiffness of the test slabs