

1 **Below are substantive changes to PCI 135, Specification for Tolerances of Precast Concrete,**  
2 **due to public comments. Changes are shown in redline/strikethrough format. Only these**  
3 **sections of the proposed document as available for a thirty-day public comment period.**

4 Public comment #3, #9

5 **1.1 Scope.** This standard specifies tolerances for the design, manufacture, and installation of  
6 precast concrete components and fabricated embeds. For the purpose of this standard,  
7 “precast concrete component” shall mean an individual plant-cast concrete member  
8 reinforced with any combination of nonprestressed reinforcement or prestressed strand.  
9 “Embed” shall refer to any item cast within the precast concrete component, such as a  
10 fabricated assembly or proprietary connector.

11 **Replace with**

12 **1.1.1** This standard specifies tolerances for design, manufacture, and installation of precast  
13 concrete components and fabricated embeds.

14 **1.1.2** Precast concrete products excluded from this standard include:

15 (a) Site-cast precast concrete

16 (b) Concrete products regulated by ASTM International **Standards,**

17 **1.1.3** Unless otherwise specified, the following are not in the scope of this standard:

18 (a) Cast-in-place concrete

19 (b) Steel sections manufactured in accordance with American Institute of Steel Construction  
20 (AISC) **specifications**

21 (c) Nuclear and nuclear containment structures

22 (d) Bins and silos

23 (e) Canal lining

24 (f) Chimneys and cooling towers

25 Public comment #10

26 **Camber**—(1) **Upward** ~~Θ~~ out-of-plane translation of a point within the span of a prestressed  
27 component that occurs due to the net bending resulting from an eccentric prestressing force, ~~(not~~  
28 including dimensional inaccuracies); (2) a built-in curvature.

29 Public comment #13

30 **Architect**—Person, **firm,** or organization professionally qualified and duly licensed ~~to perform~~  
31 ~~architectural services.~~ **issue contract documents or identify construction to be furnished under**  
32 **contract documents.**

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34 Public comment #15

35 **Deviation**— Departure **distance** from an established reference point, line, plane, or surface  
36 measured in a direction that is perpendicular to the reference line, plane, or surface of the  
37 component.

38 Public comment #20

39 **Erection drawings**—Graphic diagrams of precast concrete components and their connecting  
40 hardware developed from information in the contract documents and used for erection and field  
41 assembly. **Field-installation or component placement drawings that show the location, orientation,**  
42 **and attachment of the individual precast concrete components.**

43 Public comment #21

44 **Glass-fiber-reinforced concrete (GFRC)**—A composite of alkali-resistant glass fibers mixed with  
45 a sand-cement slurry that has a minimum design thickness of ½ in. (13 mm).

46 Public comment #23

47 **Licensed design professional**—An individual who is licensed to practice structural design as  
48 defined by the statutory requirements of the professional licensing laws of the state or jurisdiction  
49 in which the project is to be constructed, and who is in responsible charge for all or part of the  
50 structural design.

51 Public comment #24

52 **Pretopped member system**—A construction approach in which precast concrete components  
53 create the final surface, reducing the need for cast-in-place concrete topping. **A manufactured**  
54 **precast concrete component that creates the final wearing surface.**

55 Public comment #31

56 **Structural precast concrete component**—Precast concrete component not defined as being  
57 an architectural precast concrete component. **that is part of the structural framing system.**

58 Public comment #32

59 **Sweep**—Deviation of a longitudinal edge, of a horizontal or vertical component, from a straight  
60 line through the ends of that edge.

61 Public comment #33

62 **Tippling**—Offset relationship of one edge of an embedded plate to the planned surface, or the  
63 offset between two edges of the same embed. **The deviation from plane of one or both edges of an**  
64 **embedment.**

65 Public comment #34

66 **Tolerance**— ~~The permitted~~ Allowable deviation from ~~a~~ specified requirements such as  
67 dimensions, location, ~~line or plane.~~ and alignment.

68 Public comment #40

69 **2.1.2 Tolerances for fabrication and erection shall be as stipulated in Chapters 3, 4, and 5.**  
70 **Tolerances absent from this standard or the contract documents shall not be considered zero by**  
71 **default.**

72 Public comment #41

73 **1.4 Referenced standards.**

74 Referenced documents identified by an asterisk (\*) are not consensus standards; rather, they are  
75 documents developed within the precast concrete industry that represent acceptable procedures  
76 for design, manufacture, and construction to the extent referred to in the specified section.

77 Public comment #49

78 **2.2 Responsibilities.** This section defines who is responsible for compliance with this standard  
79 responsibility.

80 Public comment #50

81 **2.2.1** The architect or structural engineer of record (SER), or the licensed design professional in  
82 responsible charge, shall ~~clearly~~ specify tolerance requirements for precast concrete components  
83 as either architectural or structural in contract documents. Contract documents shall include  
84 exceptions to this standard and additional tolerances not included in this standard.

85 Public comment #51

86 **2.2.2** The SER shall specify ~~and clearly communicate~~ required tolerances for precast concrete  
87 components, joints, or connections that require additional tolerances to prevent load transfer.

88 Public comment #52

89 **2.2.3** The specialty structural engineer (SSE) ~~shall determine when tolerances are cumulative and~~  
90 shall account for the effect of tolerances in the design of precast concrete components, their  
91 connections, and the performance of the structure.

92 Public comment #53

93 **2.2.4** ~~The precast concrete~~ Manufacturer shall be certified in the appropriate group and category  
94 of the PCI Plant Certification Program, or in accordance with AC157 ~~by the International~~  
95 ~~Accreditation Service~~; and shall comply with the requirements of this standard.

96 Public comment #54

97 ~~2.2.5 The precast concrete E~~erector shall be responsible for maintaining tolerances during  
98 erection. ~~install precast concrete components within the tolerances in Chapter 5.~~

99 Public comment #55

100 ~~2.3.1 Tolerances shall not be combined to increase the tolerances for an individual precast~~  
101 ~~concrete component or increase tolerances of the structural system.~~

102 ~~2.3.1 A tolerance shall be interpreted in accordance with a through c.~~

103 ~~(a) Tolerances are not cumulative.~~

104 ~~(b) Two or more tolerances shall not be combined to create a new tolerance that is greater than or~~  
105 ~~less than any applicable tolerance for an individual precast concrete component.~~

106 ~~(c) The most restrictive tolerance shall control.~~

107 Public comment #56

108 ~~2.3.3 Erection activities that would cause a precast concrete component to be out of tolerance~~  
109 ~~shall not be made without coordination among the architect, SER or SSE, the precast concrete~~  
110 ~~producer, the erector, and other affected trades. Erection tolerances shall be in accordance with~~  
111 ~~Chapter 5.~~

112 ~~2.3.3.1 Erection activities that would cause a precast concrete component to be out of tolerance~~  
113 ~~shall not be made without coordination among the architect, SER or SSE, manufacturer, erector,~~  
114 ~~and other affected trades.~~

115 Public comment #57

116 ~~2.3.2 (a) The SER or SSE has determined that the out-of-tolerances are component is acceptable~~  
117 ~~and structural requirements have been satisfied.~~

118 Public comment #59

119 ~~5.1.1 Resolve Ftolerance discrepancies found during erection or after placement shall be resolved in~~  
120 ~~accordance with Sections 2.2.2 and 2.2.3.~~

121 Public comment #60

122 ~~2.3.2.2 Excessive camber variations of AASHTO prestressed American Society of State Highway~~  
123 ~~and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) of prestressed bridge components sections shall not be a~~  
124 ~~sole reason for rejection for AASHTO sections.~~

125 Public comment #62

126 2.3.3.1 Erection activities that would cause a precast concrete component to be out of tolerance  
127 shall not be made without coordination among the architect, SER or SSE, ~~the precast concrete~~  
128 ~~producer~~ manufacturer, ~~the~~ erector, and other affected trades.

129 Public comment #64

130 **3.2.1** Weld tolerances and weld inspection requirements shall be in accordance with one of the  
131 following: ...No change to remainder of provision.

132 Public comment #67

133 Note: Warping tolerances of final fabricated embed plate shall not exceed tolerances in be in  
134 accordance with AISI S100-16 and AISI S240-15.

135 Public comment #72

136 **4.1.1** Refer to Comply with Section 2.3 when if tolerances are exceeded.

137 Public comment #74/75

138 **4.2.1** Production tolerances for Fabricate architectural precast concrete components (Fig.  
139 4.2.1) to the following production tolerances. ~~shall be:~~ Length Height or width tolerance increments  
140 shall be based on the respective minimum length dimensions and are not proportional length.

141 Public comment #77

142 **4.2.1** NS12 – Location of winder washer track or buttons..... +/- ~~1/8~~ 1/4 in. (+/- ~~3~~ 6mm)

143 Public comment #81

144 **4.2.1** NS6: Reinforcing steel bar and welded-wire reinforcement materials:

145 Public Comment #84

146 4.2.2. c = Tipping of individual bricks from the panel plane of exposed brick surface joint..... +/- ~~1/8~~  
147 1/4 in. (+/- ~~3~~ 6mm) <= depth of formliner

148 Public Comment #85

149 4.2.2. e = Individual step in the face from panel plane of exposed brick surface ..... +/- ~~1/8~~ 1/4 in. (+/-  
150 ~~3~~ 6mm) <= depth of formliner joint

151 Public Comment #86

152 **4.2.2** Notes:

153 Tolerances from Section 4.2.1 shall be used for additional tolerances not shown in Fig. 4.2.2.

154 Dimensional tolerances of terra-cotta and thin brick used in formliners shall be in accordance with  
155 ASTM C67.

156 Public Comment #95

157 **4.3.1** NSc<sub>4</sub> = Insulation to ~~to~~ along the panel length. . . . . **+0 in., -¼ in. (+0 mm, -6 mm)**

158 Public Comment #97

159 **4.3.2**

160 *n*<sub>2</sub> = Size of rough opening . . . . . ±1 in. (±25 mm)

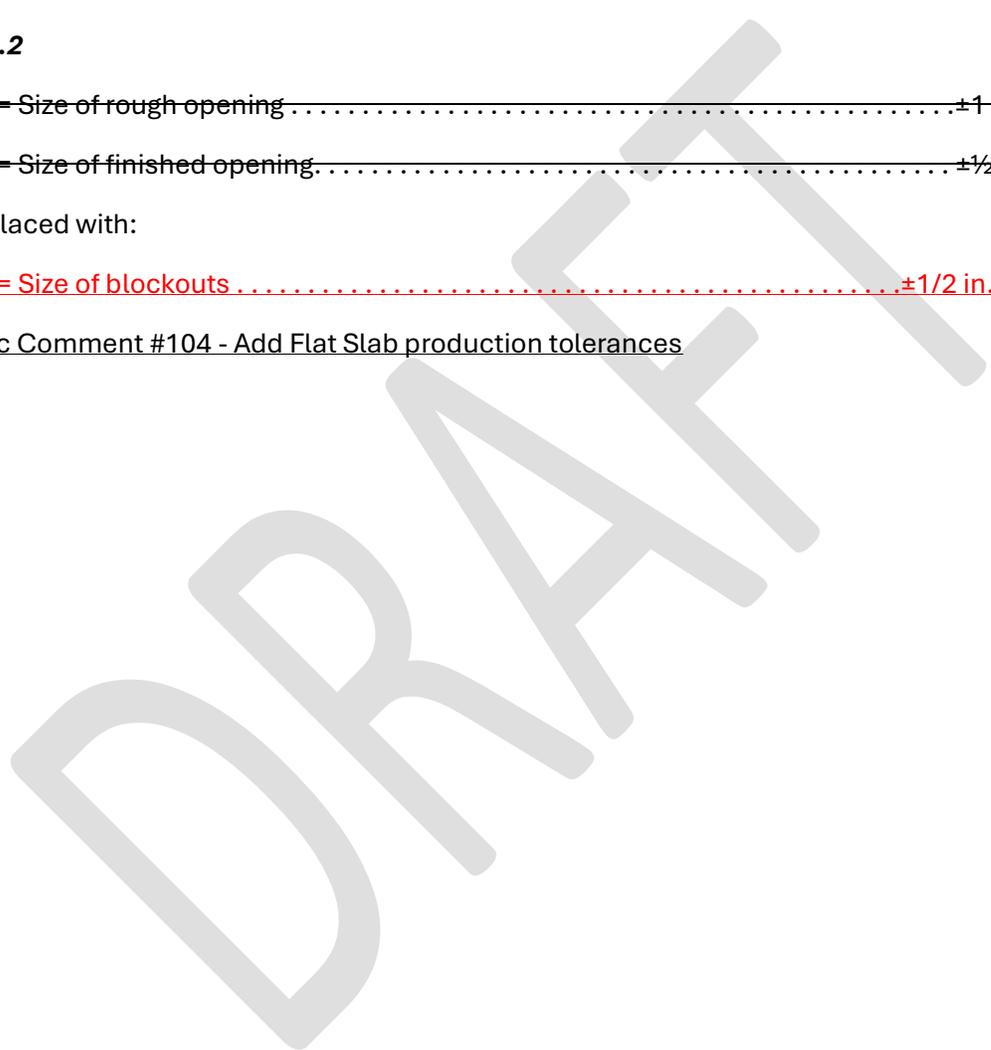
161 *n*<sub>3</sub> = Size of finished opening . . . . . ±½ in. (±13 mm)

162 replaced with:

163 *n*<sub>2</sub> = Size of blockouts . . . . . **±1/2 in. (±13 mm)**

164 Public Comment #104 - Add Flat Slab production tolerances

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166 Public Comment #18

167 ~~4.3.78~~ k: Reinforcing steel bar and welded-wire reinforcement materials:

168 Public Comment #119

169 ~~4.3.78~~ q2 = Location of handling device transverse to length of component. . . ±1/21 in. (±1325 mm)

170 Public Comment #121

171 ~~4.3.89~~ b = Width (overall). . . . . +3/8 1/8 in., -1/4 in. (+10 3 mm, -6 mm)

172 Public Comment #139/140

173 ~~4.3.2324~~ ASTM C1433-20e1 *Standard Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic*  
 174 *Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers* shall be used for reinforcement placement  
 175 tolerances: Comply with reinforcement placement tolerances in accordance with ASTM C1433.

176 Public Comment #143

177 ~~4.4.1~~ n<sub>1</sub> = Location of window opening within panel

178 Public Comment #146

179 ~~4.4.1~~ o = Location of sleeves, hose bibs, electrical boxes, and other nonstructural embeds

180 . . . . . ±3/8 1/2 in. (±10 13 mm)

181 Public Comment #150

182 ~~5.1.1~~ Resolve tolerance discrepancies found during erection or after placement shall be resolved in  
 183 accordance with Sections 2.3.2 and 2.3.3.

184 Public Comment #155

185 ~~5.3~~ Unless more-stringent tolerances are specified in listed within the contract documents, erect  
 186 precast concrete components shall in conformance with erection tolerances listed in Sections  
 187 5.3.1 through 5.3.13.

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189 Public Comment #160 - Delete the "+" and "+/-" from in front of dimensions (Strike through may  
 190 not be apparent due to font.)

191 j = Differential bowing or camber as erected between adjacent components of the same design:

192 Exposed relative to adjacent panel . . . . . +1/4 in. (+6 mm)

193 Nonexposed relative to adjacent panel. . . . . ±1/2 in. (±13 mm)

194 Public Comment #161

195  $k$  = Opening height between spandrels. . . . .  $\pm 1/4\frac{1}{2}$  in. ( $\pm 6$  **13** mm)

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201 Public Comment #162 - match figures in MNL 117. Also reference Fig. 5.4.1

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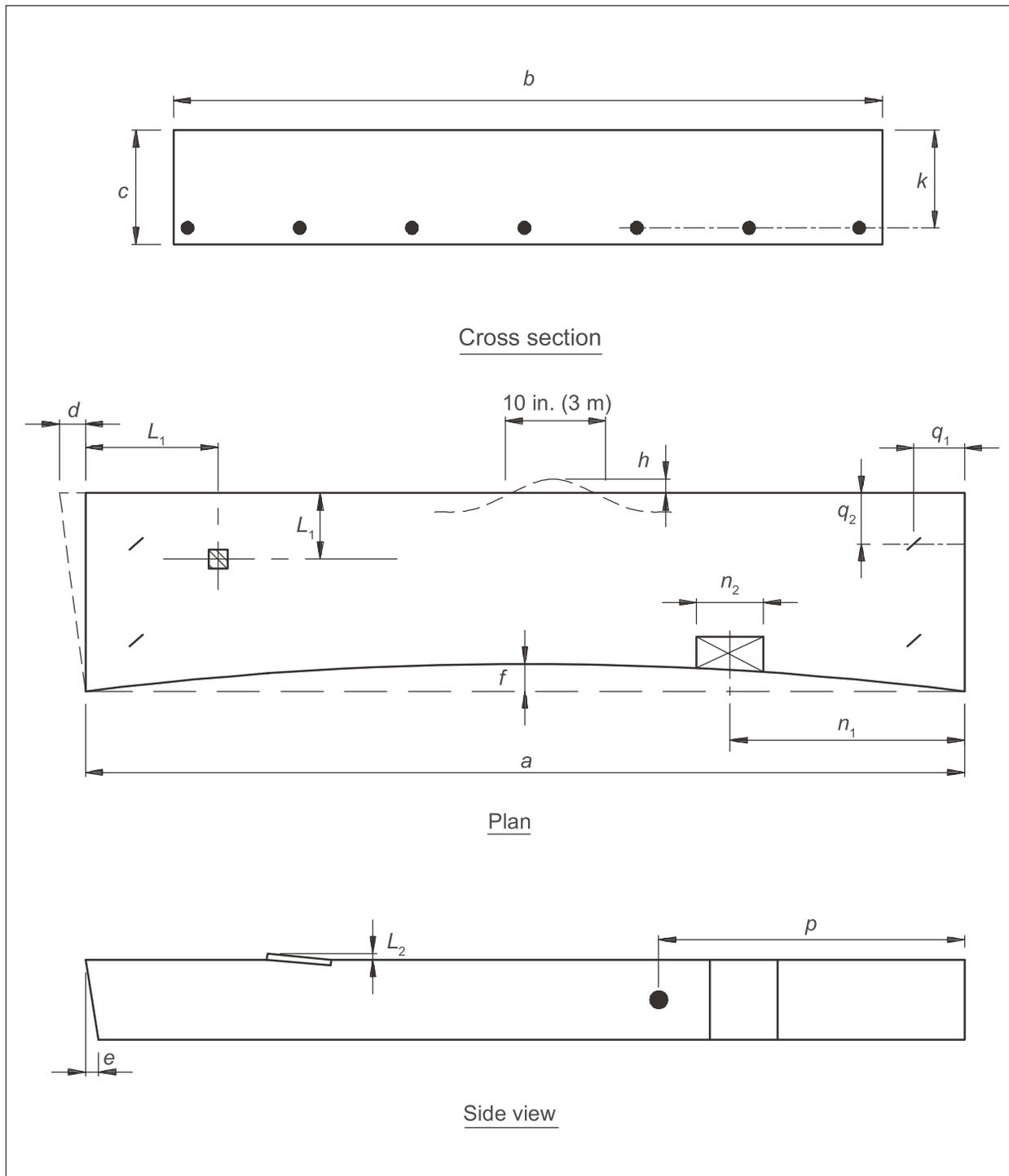


Figure 4.3.6. Flat slab.

4.3.6 Fabricate precast concrete solid flat slabs (Fig. 4.3.6) to the following production tolerances:

- a = Length .....  $\pm\frac{1}{2}$  in. ( $\pm 13$  mm)
- b = Width (overall) .....  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  in. ( $\pm 6$  mm)
- c = Depth (overall) .....  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  in. ( $\pm 6$  mm)

- $d$  = Variation from specified plan end squareness or skew  
 .....  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  in. per 12 in. width;  $\pm\frac{1}{2}$  in. maximum  
 ( $\pm 6$  mm per 300 mm width;  $\pm 13$  mm maximum)
- $e$  = Variation from specified elevation end squareness or skew .....  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  in. ( $\pm 6$  mm)
- $f$  = Sweep, for component length:  
 Component length  $\leq 40$  ft ( $\leq 12$  m) .....  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. (6 mm)  
 Component length  $> 40$  to 60 ft ( $> 12$  to 18 m) .....  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. (10 mm)
- $g$  = Camber variation from design camber .....  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  in/ per 10 ft;  
 ( $\pm\frac{3}{4}$  in. maximum ( $\pm 6$  mm per 3 m;  $\pm 19$  mm maximum)
- $g_1$  = Differential camber between adjacent untopped components of the same design to receive topping  
 .....  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. per 10 ft;  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. maximum  
 (6 mm per 3 m; 19 mm maximum)
- $g_2$  = Differential camber between adjacent pretopped components of the same design  
 .....  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. per 10 ft;  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. maximum  
 (3 mm per 3 m; 10 mm maximum)
- $h$  = Local smoothness of any surface .....  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. per 10 ft (6 mm per 3 m)
- $k$  = Location of reinforcing material .....  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  in. ( $\pm 6$  mm)
- $L_1$  = Location of embedment .....  $\pm 1$  in. ( $\pm 25$  mm)
- $L_2$  = Tipping and flushness of embedment .....  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  in. ( $\pm 6$  mm)
- $n_1$  = Location of blockout .....  $\pm 1$  in. ( $\pm 25$  mm)
- $n_2$  = Size of blockouts .....  $\pm\frac{1}{2}$  in. ( $\pm 13$  mm)
- $p$  = Location of inserts for structural connections .....  $\pm\frac{1}{2}$  in. ( $\pm 13$  mm)
- $q_1$  = Location of handling device parallel to length of component .....  $\pm 6$  in. ( $\pm 150$  mm)
- $q_2$  = Location of handling device transverse to length of component .....  $\pm 1$  in. ( $\pm 25$  mm)

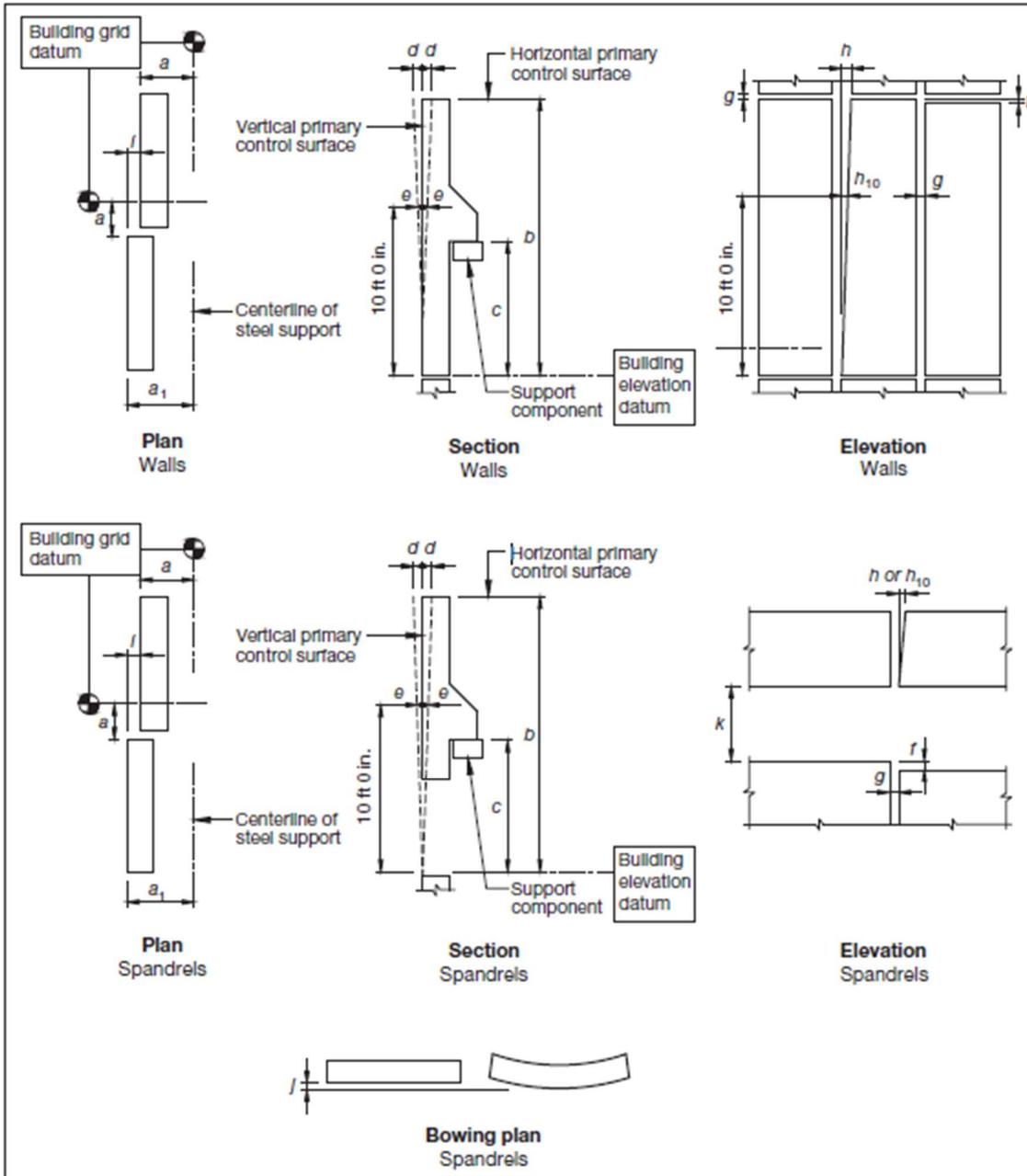


Figure 5.3.4. Architectural wall panel or spandrel erection tolerances.

5.3.4 Erect architectural precast concrete wall panels or spandrels (Fig. 5.3.4) to the following erection tolerances:

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Add note at bottom of fig. 2034: See Fig. 5.4.1 for GFRG panel erection tolerances.

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- 206 Public Comment #164
- 207 **5.3.5** *h* = **Maximum** joint taper over length of panel. . . . . ½ in. (13 mm)
- 208 Public Comment #170
- 209 **5.3.8** *f* = Maximum jog in alignment of matching edges at the primary control surface ... +/- ¼”
- 210 Public Comment #171 - Add g to read Bearing (in span direction)
- 211 **5.3.8** *g* = Bearing (in span direction). . . . . ±¾ in. (±19 mm)
- 212 Public Comment #172
- 213 Note added: Headroom clearance shall comply with the requirements of Section 1011.3 of the
- 214 International Building Code.
- 215 Public Comment #178 - Revise sketch
- 216 Public Comment #179
- 217 **5.4.1** *d* = Maximum plumb variation over height of structure:
- 218 Structure height >100 ft (>30 m) ..... 3/8 in. 1/8 in. per 10 ft; 2 in. maximum (3 mm per 3 m; 50 mm
- 219 maximum)
- 220 Public Comment #182/184
- 221 **5.5.2.2** When ~~Where~~ connections cannot be completed as detailed, provisions (a) through (c) shall
- 222 be met:
- 223 (a) The erector shall notify the specialty structural engineer (SSE).
- 224 (b) The structural engineer of record or SSE shall approve the increased tolerances or provide a
- 225 modified connection detail such that structural requirements have been satisfied.
- 226 (c) The most restrictive tolerance shall control.
- 227 Public Comment #185
- 228 **5.5.3** Bearing. Bearing requirements shall be met in accordance with the precast concrete erection
- 229 drawings. Specific minimum requirements shall be provided by the SSE ~~specialty structural~~
- 230 ~~engineer, as necessary~~ and shown on the erection drawings.
- 231