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Medium/high rise moment resisting reinforced concrete frame building

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Housing Sub-Type	RC Moment Frame Building : Designed for gravity loads only, with URM infills
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Summary

Such buildings generally range from 10 to 17 storeys in height with the ground floor being used for commercial purposes, whilst the upper floors house residential units. The vertical load bearing structure consists of moment-resisting reinforced-concrete frames which also generally

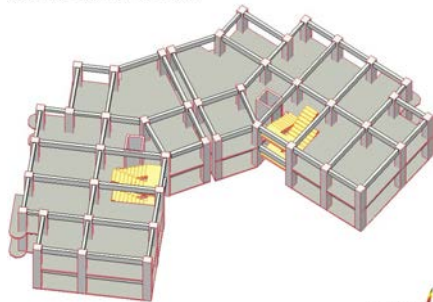
serve as the lateral load-resisting system. However, when larger spans are encountered, reinforced-concrete structural walls are included to provide a dual structural system. Masonry infills built from lightweight concrete masonry units provide architectural space delineation. The seismic performance of such buildings constructed prior to 1977 varies from no damage to complete collapse. To date damage has usually been attributable to conceptual and construction mistakes.

1. General Information

Buildings of this construction type can be found in Romania. According to Balan (1982), 90% of the building stock in Romania at the time of writing, was built after 1950. In Bucharest itself, between 1950 and the earthquake that occurred in 1977, a total of around 400,000 new residential apartment units were constructed, and two thirds of these were housed in medium rise constructions. Out of the latter about 4% were built using a reinforced concrete frame structure. This type of housing construction is commonly found in urban areas. This construction type has been in practice for less than 25 years.

Currently, this type of construction is being built. After 1990 new buildings were no longer constructed in the architectural socialist post-modern style. Two buildings of this latter period in two different styles are shown in Fig. 1A and 1B.

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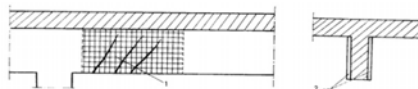


Fig. VIII.18. — Plasarea unei grăni de beton armat cu țesătură din fișe de sticlă, înglobată în cărți opoziție: 1 — zonă placată; 2 — placare cu țesătură din fișe de sticlă.



Fig. VIII.23. — Execuția de șezăncă și a grăzii de beton armat prin plasarea cu țesătură din fișe de sticlă, înglobată în cărți opoziție: a — Așezarea țesăturii peste straturile de cărți; b — Grăzi plasate cu țesătură din fișe de sticlă, înglobată în cărți opoziție, construcție șezăncă.

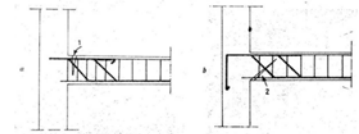


Fig. VI.41. — Așezarea caracteristică la grăzi de beton armat, la fațada de tipul de etaj rezidențial: a — Grăzi solicitată la momentul învecinător M (articulație plastică); b — Inerș (regăzitură) perpendiculară pe axa grăzii; c — Grăzi solicitată la forță tăietoare; d — Inerș (regăzitură) înclinată la 45°.

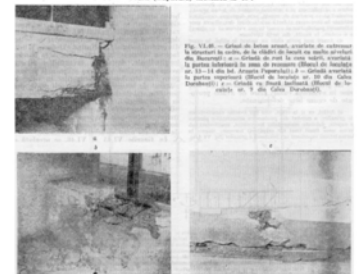
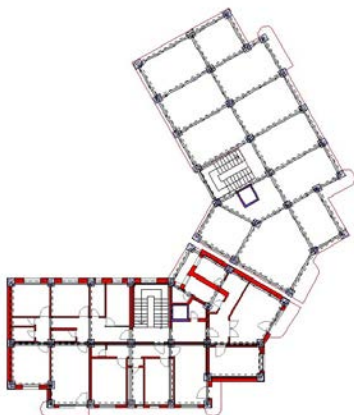


Fig. VI.42. — Grăzi de beton armat, executate de către șezăncă la momentul de vârf de la etajul de nivel de șezăncă rezidențial. Grăzi de beton armat, executate de către șezăncă la momentul de vârf de la etajul de nivel de șezăncă rezidențial. Grăzi de beton armat, executate de către șezăncă la momentul de vârf de la etajul de nivel de șezăncă rezidențial. Grăzi de beton armat, executate de către șezăncă la momentul de vârf de la etajul de nivel de șezăncă rezidențial.

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2. Architectural Aspects

2.1 Siting

These buildings are typically found in flat terrain. They do not share common walls with adjacent buildings. When separated from adjacent buildings, the typical distance from a neighboring building is 0 meters.

2.2 Building Configuration

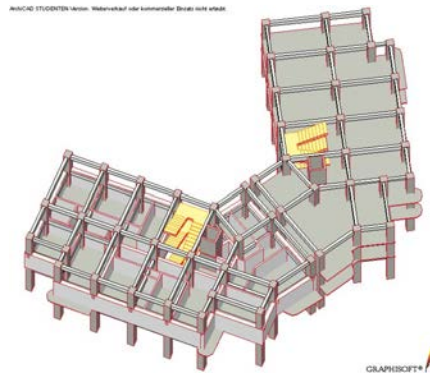
The plan shape can be any shape, but most typically it is either a rectangular, square, L or U layout. Openings are formed in the masonry infill (see fig. 2,2B and 2C). Since the masonry infill is usually out of light concrete (beton celular autodavizat), the position and size of openings is not generally considered to influence the structural characteristics at the design stage.

2.3 Functional Planning

The main function of this building typology is mixed use (both commercial and residential use). See fig. 3, 3A and 3B. In a typical building of this type, there are no elevators and 1-2 fire-protected exit staircases. stairs, lift(s).

2.4 Modification to Building

The light partition/infill walls have allowed for numerous modifications to the interior spaces of these buildings without directly influencing the geometrical characteristics of the main reinforced concrete structural members. After 1990 many facades of these constructions have been modified with balconies being closed off and included in the glass and metal facade structures installed.



3. Structural Details

3.1 Structural System

Material	Type of Load-Bearing Structure	#	Subtypes	Most appropriate type
	Stone Masonry Walls	1	Rubble stone (field stone) in mud/lime mortar or without mortar (usually with timber roof)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		2	Dressed stone masonry (in lime/cement mortar)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Adobe/ Earthen Walls	3	Mud walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
		4	Mud walls with horizontal wood elements	<input type="checkbox"/>
		5	Adobe block walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
		6	Rammed earth/Pise construction	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Unreinforced masonry	7	Brick masonry in mud/lime mortar	<input type="checkbox"/>
		8	Brick masonry in mud/lime mortar with vertical posts	<input type="checkbox"/>

Masonry	walls	9	Brick masonry in lime/cement mortar	<input type="checkbox"/>
		10	Concrete block masonry in cement mortar	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Confined masonry	11	Clay brick/tile masonry, with wooden posts and beams	<input type="checkbox"/>
		12	Clay brick masonry, with concrete posts/tie columns and beams	<input type="checkbox"/>
		13	Concrete blocks, tie columns and beams	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reinforced masonry	14	Stone masonry in cement mortar	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		Clay brick masonry in cement mortar	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16		Concrete block masonry in cement mortar	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Structural concrete	Moment resisting frame	17	Flat slab structure	<input type="checkbox"/>
		18	Designed for gravity loads only, with URM infill walls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		19	Designed for seismic effects, with URM infill walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
		20	Designed for seismic effects, with structural infill walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
		21	Dual system – Frame with shear wall	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Structural wall	22	Moment frame with in-situ shear walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
		23	Moment frame with precast shear walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Precast concrete	24	Moment frame	<input type="checkbox"/>
		25	Prestressed moment frame with shear walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
		26	Large panel precast walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		Shear wall structure with walls cast-in-situ	<input type="checkbox"/>	
28		Shear wall structure with precast wall panel structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Steel	Moment-resisting frame	29	With brick masonry partitions	<input type="checkbox"/>
		30	With cast in-situ concrete walls	<input type="checkbox"/>
		31	With lightweight partitions	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Braced frame	32	Concentric connections in all panels	<input type="checkbox"/>
		33	Eccentric connections in a few panels	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structural wall	34	Bolted plate	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	35	Welded plate	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Timber	Load-bearing timber frame	36	Thatch	<input type="checkbox"/>
		37	Walls with bamboo/reed mesh and post (Wattle and Daub)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		38	Masonry with horizontal beams/planks at intermediate levels	<input type="checkbox"/>
		39	Post and beam frame (no special connections)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		40	Wood frame (with special connections)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		41	Stud-wall frame with plywood/gypsum board sheathing	<input type="checkbox"/>
		42	Wooden panel walls	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other	Seismic protection systems	43	Building protected with base-isolation systems	<input type="checkbox"/>
		44	Building protected with seismic dampers	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hybrid systems	45	other (described below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.2 Gravity Load-Resisting System

The vertical load-resisting system is reinforced concrete moment resisting frame. Monolithic cast in-situ reinforced concrete slabs transfer the gravity loads to the reinforced concrete beam and column framing down to the foundation. Various architectural requirements give rise to particular cases, such as where window openings result in the beams being cast as up-stands (Fig. 2A) rather than down-stands. Furthermore, in some cases brick masonry infills (Fig. 2C) might actually carry some local vertical load.

3.3 Lateral Load-Resisting System

The lateral load-resisting system is reinforced concrete moment resisting frame. The main lateral load resisting system is provided by the reinforced concrete moment resisting frames (Fig. 2). The infills (Fig. 4) then, although not accounted for in design, invariably contribute to the building's stiffness. The use of a higher storey height for the lower floor for commercial purposes gives rise to an increased likelihood of a soft storey mechanism.

3.4 Building Dimensions

The typical plan dimensions of these buildings are: lengths between 12.7 and 30 meters, and widths between 12 and 17 meters. The building has 4 to 18 storey(s). The typical span of the roofing/flooring system is 6 meters. Typical Plan Dimensions: up to 8 'tronsons' (units of this type) for a building. Typical Number of Stories: According to Balan (1982) some buildings are mid-rise (ground floor and 3-4 upper floors) but most of them are high-rise (ground floor and 8-14 upper floors or even more). Typical Story Height: Soft ground storey 4.0m Lower height basement 2.005m Typical Span: Older construction of this type is based on a 4.5x5.0 meter grid. However, buildings housing commercial ground floors have a 6.0x6.0 meter grid. Nevertheless, the solution adopting a 5.40x3.60 meter grid which also permitted commercial use, was found to be the most economic in lieu of the amount of structural materials used, according to Balan (1982). The typical storey height in such buildings is 2.75 meters. The typical structural wall density is up to 10%. The above values are for the (lightweight concrete) infill walls.

3.5 Floor and Roof System

Material	Description of floor/ roof system	Most appropriate floor	Most appropriate roof
Masonry	Vaulted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Composite system of concrete joists and masonry panels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structural concrete	Solid slabs (cast-in-place)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Waffle slabs (cast-in-place)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Flat slabs (cast-in-place)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Precast joist system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hollow core slab (precast)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Solid slabs (precast)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Beams and planks (precast) with concrete topping (cast-in-situ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steel	Slabs (post-tensioned)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Composite steel deck with concrete slab (cast-in-situ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rammed earth with ballast and concrete or plaster finishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood planks or beams with ballast and concrete or plaster finishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Timber	Thatched roof supported on wood purlins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood shingle roof	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood planks or beams that support clay tiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood planks or beams supporting natural stones slates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood planks or beams that support slate, metal, asbestos-cement or plastic corrugated sheets or tiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood plank, plywood or manufactured wood panels on joists supported by beams or walls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	Described below	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3.6 Foundation

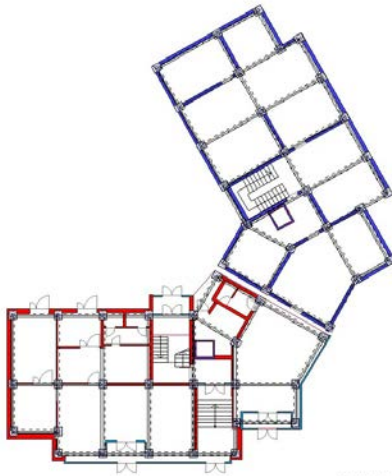
Type	Description	Most appropriate type
Shallow foundation	Wall or column embedded in soil, without footing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rubble stone, fieldstone isolated footing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rubble stone, fieldstone strip footing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reinforced-concrete isolated footing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reinforced-concrete strip footing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mat foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep foundation	Reinforced-concrete bearing piles	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reinforced-concrete skin friction piles	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Steel bearing piles	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Steel skin friction piles	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood piles	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cast-in-place concrete piers	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Caissons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	Described below	<input type="checkbox"/>

Probably other foundation forms are encountered, such as piles in certain cases.

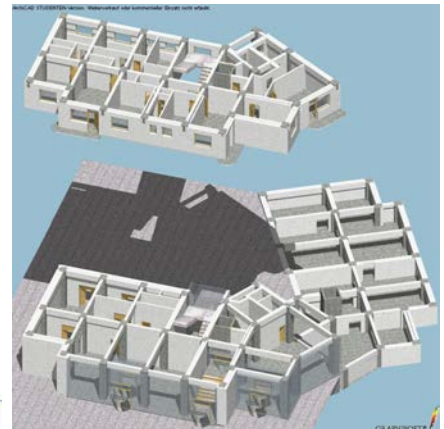




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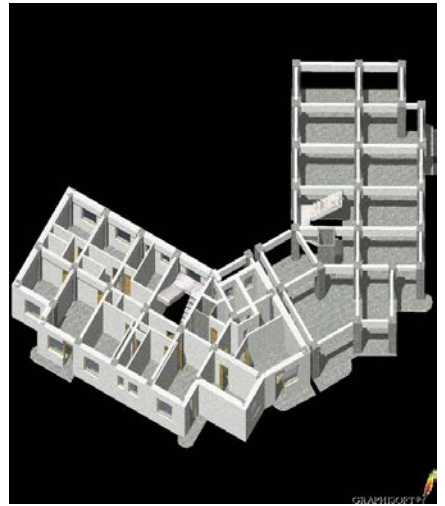
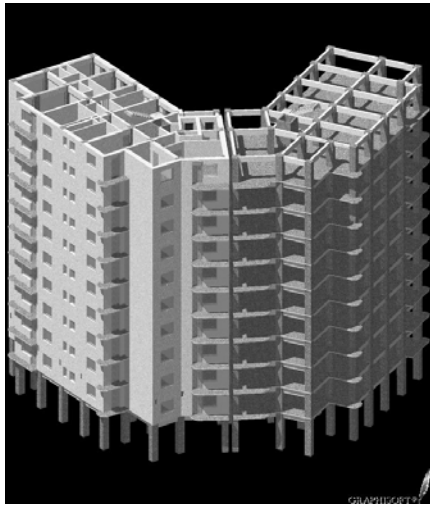
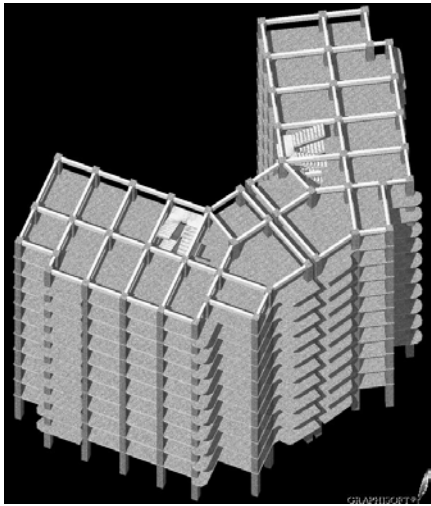
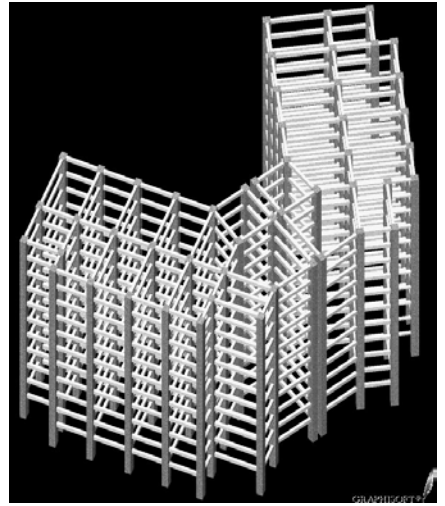


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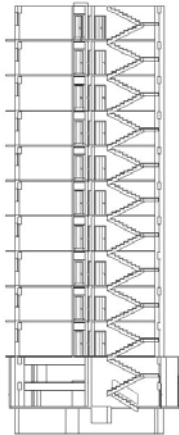


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4. Socio-Economic Aspects

4.1 Number of Housing Units and Inhabitants

Each building typically has 21-50 housing unit(s). 30 units in each building. See fig. 3 for a typical floor plan. The number of inhabitants in a building during the day or business hours is more than 20. The number of inhabitants during the evening and night is more than 20.

4.2 Patterns of Occupancy

One family occupies a single flat.

4.3 Economic Level of Inhabitants

Income class	Most appropriate type
a) very low-income class (very poor)	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) low-income class (poor)	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) middle-income class	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) high-income class (rich)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ratio of housing unit price to annual income	Most appropriate type
5:1 or worse	<input type="checkbox"/>
4:1	<input type="checkbox"/>
3:1	<input type="checkbox"/>
1:1 or better	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is a typical source of financing for buildings of this type?	Most appropriate type
Owner financed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal savings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informal network: friends and relatives	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small lending institutions / micro-finance institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial banks/mortgages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investment pools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government-owned housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combination (explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
other (explain below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Originally the buildings were constructed with government financing and then rented out. The tenants later had the opportunity to buy their apartment at a favorable price, given that they had rented them for a certain amount of time. In each housing unit, there are 1 bathroom(s) without toilet(s), 1 toilet(s) only and 1 bathroom(s) including toilet(s).

4.4 Ownership

The type of ownership or occupancy is renting and individual ownership.

Type of ownership or occupancy?	Most appropriate type
Renting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
outright ow nership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ow nership with debt (mortgage or other)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual ow nership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ow nership by a group or pool of persons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long-term lease	<input type="checkbox"/>
other (explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Seismic Vulnerability

5.1 Structural and Architectural Features

Structural/ Architectural Feature	Statement	Most appropriate type		
		Yes	No	N/A
Lateral load path	The structure contains a complete load path for seismic force effects from any horizontal direction that serves to transfer inertial forces from the building to the foundation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building Configuration	The building is regular with regards to both the plan and the elevation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roof construction	The roof diaphragm is considered to be rigid and it is expected that the roof structure will maintain its integrity, i.e. shape and form, during an earthquake of intensity expected in this area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floor construction	The floor diaphragm(s) are considered to be rigid and it is expected that the floor structure(s) will maintain its integrity during an earthquake of intensity expected in this area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation performance	There is no evidence of excessive foundation movement (e.g. settlement) that would affect the integrity or performance of the structure in an earthquake.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wall and frame structures-redundancy	The number of lines of walls or frames in each principal direction is greater than or equal to 2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wall proportions	Height-to-thickness ratio of the shear walls at each floor level is: Less than 25 (concrete walls); Less than 30 (reinforced masonry walls); Less than 13 (unreinforced masonry walls);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Foundation-wall connection	Vertical load-bearing elements (columns, walls) are attached to the foundations; concrete columns and walls are doweled into the foundation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wall-roof connections	Exterior walls are anchored for out-of-plane seismic effects at each diaphragm level with metal anchors or straps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The total width of door and window openings in a wall is: For brick masonry construction in cement mortar : less than 1/2 of the distance between the adjacent cross walls;			

Wall openings	For adobe masonry, stone masonry and brick masonry in mud mortar: less than 1/3 of the distance between the adjacent cross walls; For precast concrete wall structures: less than 3/4 of the length of a perimeter wall.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quality of building materials	Quality of building materials is considered to be adequate per the requirements of national codes and standards (an estimate).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of workmanship	Quality of workmanship (based on visual inspection of few typical buildings) is considered to be good (per local construction standards).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance	Buildings of this type are generally well maintained and there are no visible signs of deterioration of building elements (concrete, steel, timber)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Comments				

5.2 Seismic Features

Structural Element	Seismic Deficiency	Earthquake Resilient Features	Earthquake Damage Patterns
Frame	Where commercial premises are housed a soft storey mechanism can be prevalent, due to the larger storey heights and possible larger spans, (fig 5, 5E and 5F). During the structural design, the influence of the masonry infills is not taken into account. The amount of reinforcement in the main structural members is not always exactly prescribed. The detailing of the beam-column connections. Poor construction material quality, mistakes during construction, such as out-of-plumb columns. Where precast structural members are used the connections are a cause of concern.	A regular and three dimensional column grid giving rise to a robust moment resisting spatial frame system (Fig. 2E, 5A). In some buildings structural reinforced concrete walls are incorporated to give rise to a dual system.	Weak storey: slender columns, concrete spalling, buckling of the reinforcement in plastic hinge locations (fig 6A, 6C, 6G). Central and short columns suffer, stirrup rupture, column dislocation, cracks, brittle failures especially at the intersection with staircases which give rise to a captive column effect. Typical storeys: In the columns, horizontal cracks directly under /over the beams, orthogonally to the column axis, concrete spalling, buckling of the reinforcement bars at plastic hinges, inclined X-shaped cracks (Fig. 6B, 6E, 6G). In the beams, larger span beams suffer from concrete spalling in the plastic hinge zones. Cracks in the beam-column connections (Fig 6B, 6E). In shorter span beams, inclined cracks on the lower half of the beams. Inclined X-shaped cracks, vertical flexural cracks in secondary beams.
Infill	poor construction material quality (light concrete brick Fig. 2D), not considered in structural design, soft storey effects where infills are omitted to provide larger architectural spaces.	- small percentage of openings (fig 5C and 5D)	Superficial cracks in the plastering, separation cracks on the perimeter. Inclined X-cracks (Fig. 6D), sliding failure in the first storey and at construction joints, partial or complete failure of the masonry (Fig 6A), deformation of the window frames with glass breakages, cracks in the lintels, disintegration of the partition walls especially where construction joints are present.
Roof and floors	none	stiff cast in-situ floors (Fig. 5B)	cracks in the lower storeys where interaction with central and short column
Other			

Evaluation based on Balan et al. (1982).

5.3 Overall Seismic Vulnerability Rating

The overall rating of the seismic vulnerability of the housing type is A: HIGH VULNERABILITY (i.e., very poor seismic performance), the lower bound (i.e., the worst possible) is A: HIGH VULNERABILITY (i.e., very poor seismic performance), and the upper bound (i.e., the best possible) is A: HIGH VULNERABILITY (i.e., very poor seismic performance).

Vulnerability	high	medium-high	medium	medium-low	low	very low
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	very poor	poor	moderate	good	very good	excellent
Vulnerability Class	A	B	C	D	E	F
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5.4 History of Past Earthquakes

Date	Epicenter, region	Magnitude	Max. Intensity
1977	Vrancea	7.2	8
1986	Vrancea	7	8
1990	Vrancea	6.7	7
2004	Vrancea	5.9	6

According to Balan (1982), during the 1977 earthquake, damage was typically concentrated locally in the reinforced concrete columns and beams on the ground floor and up to the fourth storey, as shown in Fig. 6. Furthermore, severe damage to the masonry infill walls was evidenced as well.



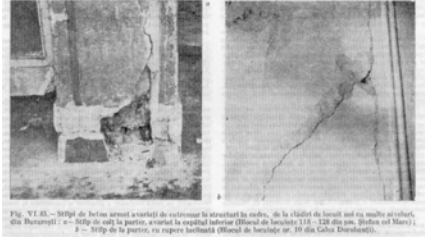


Fig. 2F.85. — Sîmb de beton armat avariat de extinderea în adâncime a fisurii, de la răsturnul de beton și cu multe acvilități, din București. — Sîmb de beton în partea, avariat la nivelul inferior (fotografie de la nivelul 11F — 12F din zona Băneasa și Miori), — Sîmb de la partea, cu reșpere la nivelul (fotografie de la nivelul nr. 1F din Căminul Dâmbovitza).



6. Construction

6.1 Building Materials

Structural element	Building material	Characteristic strength	Mix proportions/ dimensions	Comments
Walls	Interior (partition) infill Walls: first brick masonry then light concrete ('beton celular autoclavizat') masonry (fig. 2F) then light beton strips. Facade infill walls: first brick masonry (fig. 2H) then light concrete ('beton celular autoclavizat') masonry then light beton strips or reinforced concrete precast panels in sandwich type.		Interior (partition) infill Walls: 1956-1963: 25cm brick masonry Facade infill walls: 1956-1963: 37,5cm brick masonry	Used also for jacketing of the columns, in order to avoid thermal bridging (fig. 4A) and also for aesthetic purposes.
Foundation	reinforced concrete	older construction used B170 and B200, and later B300. (250 daN/cm ²)		
Frames (beams & columns)	Columns: reinforced concrete Beams: reinforced concrete (fig. 2G)	initially B170 and B200, later (1974-76) B300. (250 daN/cm ²)	Columns: 1974-76: 60x70-80cm at ground floor and first floor, reduced sections at upper floors. Beams: 1974-76: constant section at all floors: 30x65cm in the interior and 30x55cm on the perimeter.	Columns: cast-in-situ Beams: cast-in-situ (fig. 4A) and very rarely precast.
Roof and floor(s)	reinforced concrete	initially B170 and B200, later (1974-76) B300. (250 daN/cm ²) ex 8cm over concrete on 5cm "predale" (prefabricated slab)	1974-76: precast semi-panels with large in-situ zones or with over concrete 'predale', or, in some cases, 15cm thick cast-in-place concrete 'dale'.	In-situ topping on 5 cm thick prefabricated "predale" type slabs.

6.2 Builder

The builder does not typically live in this construction type as they were not built by developers but by state enterprises.

6.3 Construction Process, Problems and Phasing

Little data are available, apart from the obvious steps in constructing an RC framed building. Figures 2A-2H. The construction of this type of housing takes place in a single phase. Typically, the building is originally designed for its final constructed size.

6.4 Design and Construction Expertise

State enterprises provide all professional architectural and engineering services. The architectural plans are developed by architects. Structural design and construction supervision is typically carried out by engineers.

6.5 Building Codes and Standards

This construction type is addressed by the codes/standards of the country. P.13-70. The year the first code/standard addressing this type of construction issued was 1970. The most recent code/standard addressing this construction type issued was 1992. Title of the code or standard: According to Balan et al. (1982), pp. 493-495: March 1977: new seismic zonation (decree 66) > new zonation standard in 1978. March 1977: publishing for public discussion the project of the law nr. 8 regarding the durability, the safety in usage, functionality and quality of constructions > new anti-seismic design code (normative): P.100-78, later improved in P.100-1981, containing new prescriptions regarding the set-up of cast-in-place and precast reinforced concrete, metal and masonry constructions. It took in consideration the new zonation, and accentuated the reduction of construction weight, and the rational shape of the assembly, computing coefficients were changed, the computing of displacements prescribed in order to avoid pounding damage, ductility was desirable, and also the execution conditions were prescribed (work phases). Documents were made immediately after the earthquake also regarding reparation measures (technical instructions). The document from 1981 did not bring radical modifications, but more precision (regarding the dynamic coefficient depending on local site conditions, limits of relative displacements and the way to evaluate these, computing methods for eccentricity etc). The main completions regard installations and an annex considering spatial oscillations. P.13-70
Year the first code/standard addressing this type of construction issued: 1970
When was the most recent code/standard addressing this construction type issued? 1992.

There used to be a quality control organization, CTC (Control Tecnic de Calitate services).

6.6 Building Permits and Development Control Rules

This type of construction is an engineered, and authorized as per development control rules. Building permits are required to build this housing type.

6.7 Building Maintenance

Typically, the building of this housing type is maintained by Owner(s).

6.8 Construction Economics

no available data. no available data.

7. Insurance

Earthquake insurance for this construction type is typically available. For seismically strengthened existing buildings or new buildings incorporating seismically resilient features, an insurance premium discount or more complete coverage is available. According to "Magazinul Românesc" 2% of the residences were earthquake assured by the time of the 2004 earthquake. According to "Magazinul Românesc" the insurance costs 0,3-0,5% of the value of the residence.

8. Strengthening

8.1 Description of Seismic Strengthening Provisions

Strengthening of Existing Construction :

Seismic Deficiency	Description of Seismic Strengthening provisions used
superficial rifts in reinforced concrete elements	epoxy resin injection
deep rifts, concrete spalling in reinforced concrete elements	recasting of concrete, eventually with local jacketing (Fig. 7D, 7E)
break of concrete and reinforcement in reinforced concrete elements	Columns: epoxy resin injection, steel/reinforced concrete jacketing; Beams: surface plating (Fig. 7); Reinforced concrete structural walls: Jacketing, eventually with shotcrete; Reinforced concrete slabs: overconcrete; stairs: rarely shotcrete, supporting elements are added.

8.2 Seismic Strengthening Adopted

Has seismic strengthening described in the above table been performed in design and construction practice, and if so, to what extent?

Yes.

Was the work done as a mitigation effort on an undamaged building, or as repair following an earthquake?
Following the 1977 Vrancea earthquake, various repairs were carried out. Nowadays buildings are being retrofitted as a mitigation measure (refer to Fig. 7C).

8.3 Construction and Performance of Seismic Strengthening

Was the construction inspected in the same manner as the new construction?

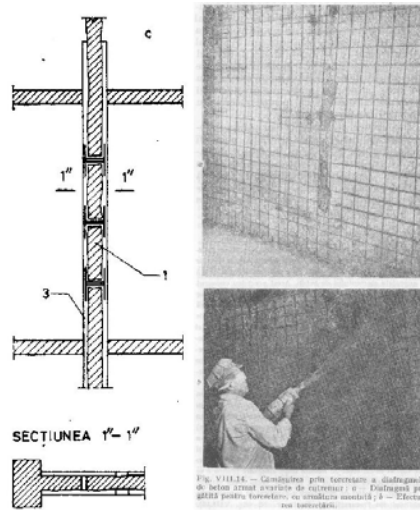
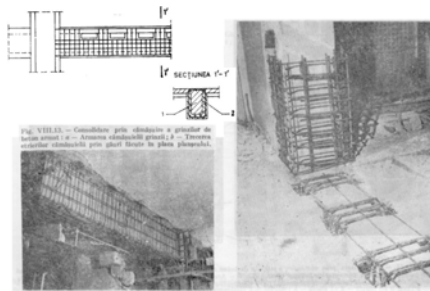
No.

Who performed the construction seismic retrofit measures: a contractor, or owner/user? Was an architect or engineer involved?

Contractors performed the construction and both architecture and engineering institutions were involved.

What was the performance of retrofitted buildings of this type in subsequent earthquakes?

The performance was good but the subsequent earthquakes were weaker.



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