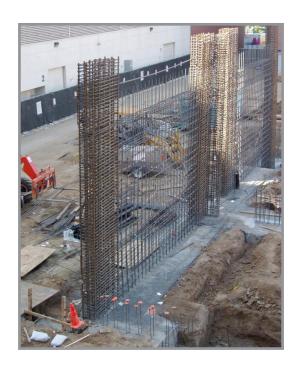


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The following errors were contained in the August 2011 Edition of Technical Brief No. 6.

The error was in the last paragraph of Section 5.1, where it said: "For coupling beams, $\phi = 0.85$ for shear and 0.9 for flexure." The correction in this version says: "For diagonally reinforced coupling beams, $\phi = 0.85$ for shear. For conventionally reinforced coupling beams, $\phi = 0.75$ for shear and 0.9 for flexure."

In the paragraph following Figure 5-1 on page 14, " $c = 0.1l_w$ " should be " $c - 0.1l_w$ ". Also the first full paragraph in the second column on page 20 includes the term $(480 + 0.8f_c)A_{cv}$. It should be $(480 + 0.08f_c)A_{cv}$.

On page 22, the bold text following bullet b. should read "Coupling beams with $l_n/h < 2$ and $V_u > 4\lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cw}$ " The term A_{cw} was missing.

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