

Minimum and Maximum number of bars in a single layer in Beam

Table: Maximum number of bars in a single layer.

Bar Size	Beam Width (in)												
	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	36	42	48
No.4	5	6	8	9	10	12	13	14	16	17	21	25	29
No.5	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	15	16	19	23	27
No.6	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	18	22	25
No.7	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	17	20	23
No.8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	16	19	22
No.9	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	14	17	19
No.10	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	12	15	17
No.11	3	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	8	9	11	13	15

$$n_{\max} = 1 + \frac{bw - 2(Cs + ds + r)}{(\text{minimum clear space}) + db}$$

Where,

b_w = beam width, in.

c_c = clear cover to tension reinforcement, in.

c_s = clear cover to stirrups, in.

d_b = diameter of main flexural bar, in.

d_s = diameter of stirrups.

$$r = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4} \text{ in. for No. 3 stirrups} \\ 1 \text{ in. for No. 4 stirrups} \end{cases}$$

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Bar Size	Beam Width (in)												
	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	36	42	48
No.4	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
No.5	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
No.6	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
No.7	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
No.8	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
No.9	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
No.10	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
No.11	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6

Formula: $n_{\min} = \frac{bw - 2(Cc + 0.5db)}{s} + 1$

Where, $s = 15(40,000/f_s) - 2.5C_c \leq 12*(4,000/f_s)$

$f_s = 2/3f_y$

Where,

b_w =beam width, in.

c_c =clear cover to tension reinforcement, in.

c_s =clear cover to stirrups, in.

d_b =diameter of main flexural bar, in.

d_s =diameter of stirrups.

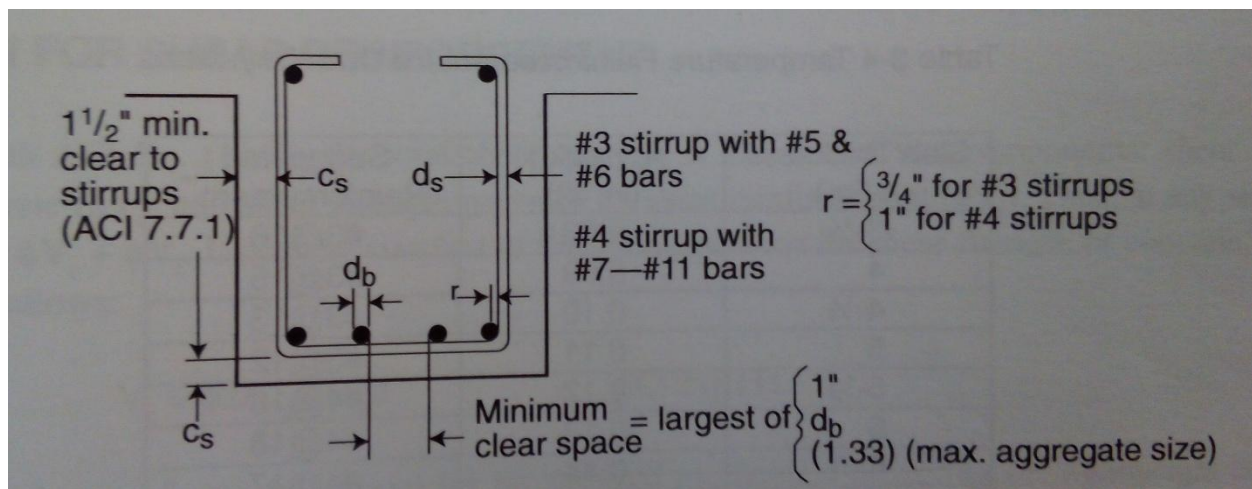


Figure: Cover and Spacing Requirement