


# **APOLLO SALES LTD SITE SCAFFOLD STEP DESIGN CHECK CALCULATIONS**

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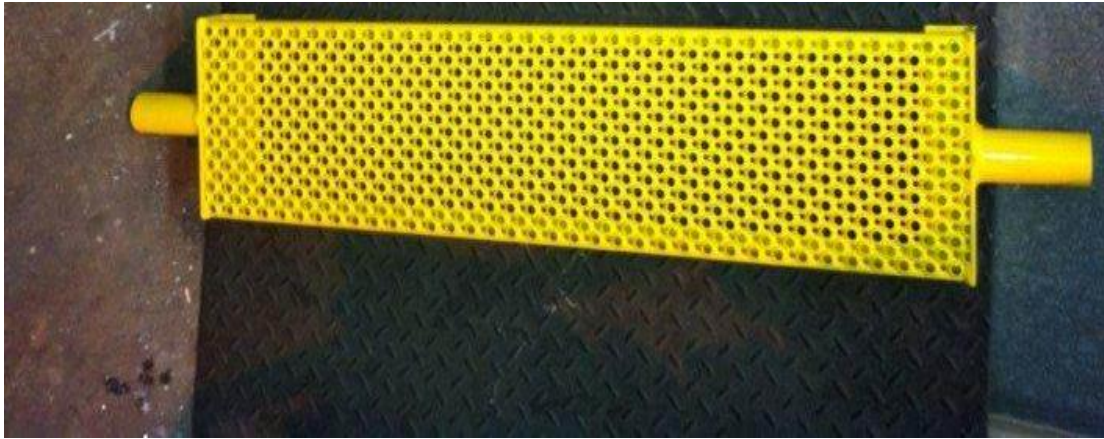
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**Brief**

To carry out a design check on the Apollo Site Tread scaffold step to the relevant Standards and Codes.

**Layout**

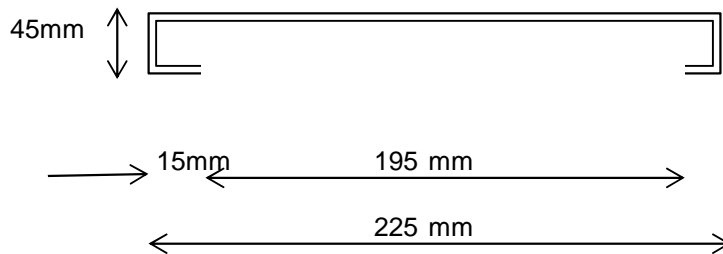


The step varies in length, supplied up to 1.5m wide tread taking into account the connection the span is taken as 1.6m

The step is 225mm wide with a non slip grating.

**Section**

From BS 5395 Stairs Ladders and walkways the min going is 225mm




**Loading**

BS EN 12811-1 Cl6.2.4 Access routes

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- or
- b) an uniformly distributed load of 1,0 kN/m<sup>2</sup>.

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**Factor of safety** From BS EN 12811-1

**1.1.1.1 Partial safety factors for actions, gF**

Except where stated otherwise, the partial safety factors, gF, shall be taken as follows:

**Ultimate limit state**

$\gamma_F = 1,5$  for all permanent and variable loads

$\gamma_F = 1,0$  for accidental loads

**Serviceability limit state**


$\gamma_F = 1,0$

**10.3.2.2 Partial safety factors for resistance gM**

For the calculation of the design values of the resistances of steel or aluminium components the partial safety factor, . For components

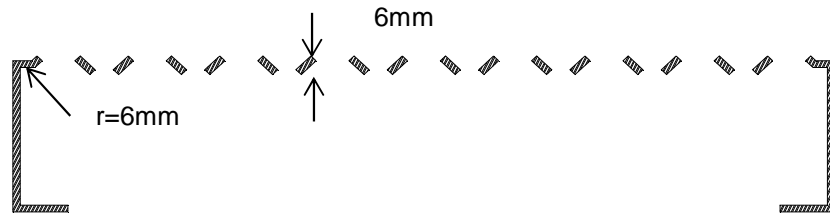
$\gamma_M=1,1$

of other materials the partial safety factor, gM, is to be taken from relevant standards.

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**Section properties**

From autocad massprop using the section as shown below  
This is conservative as the section chosen is the minimum



A=	441 mm <sup>2</sup>
I <sub>x</sub> =	123982 mm <sup>4</sup>
I <sub>y</sub> =	3691175 mm <sup>4</sup>
r <sub>x</sub> =	16.8 mm
r <sub>y</sub> =	91.5 mm
W <sub>el,x</sub> =	4129 mm <sup>3</sup>
W <sub>el,y</sub> =	32810 mm <sup>3</sup>

Slenderness	C/t=	213/6	C= 225-2*6 = 213mm t= 6mm
	=	35.50	

Section is class so plastic design allowable but elastic design chosen

Material is mild steel f<sub>y</sub>=275N/mm<sup>2</sup>

**Moment capacity**

From BS EN 1993-1-1- 6.2.5

$$M_{c,Rd} = W_{el} f_y / \gamma_{M0}$$

$$= 4.13 * 275 / 1100$$

$$= \mathbf{1.03 \text{ kNm}}$$

W<sub>el</sub> = 4.13cm<sup>3</sup>  
f<sub>y</sub> = 275N/mm<sup>2</sup>  
γ<sub>M0</sub> = 1.1

**Shear capacity**

From BS EN 1993-1-1- 6.2.6

$$V_{c,Rd} = A_v (f_y / \sqrt{3}) / \gamma_{M0}$$

$$= 180 * (275 / \sqrt{3}) / 1100$$


$$= \mathbf{25.98 \text{ kN}}$$

A<sub>v</sub> = 2\*45\*2  
= 180mm<sup>2</sup>  
f<sub>y</sub> = 275N/mm<sup>2</sup>

**Lateral Torsional Buckling**

From BS EN 1993-1-1- 6.3.2.1

As bending is about minor axis LTB verification is not required.

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**Loading**

As before

UDL on stair                      w=                      1.00 kN/m<sup>2</sup>  
and point load                      W=                      1.50 kN on 200mm by 200mm

**Moment**

so for UDL on 225mm wide stair with span of 1.6m

$$M_{Ed} = \gamma \cdot w \cdot B \cdot L^2 / 8 \qquad \gamma = 1.5$$

w= 1kN/m<sup>2</sup>  
B= 0.225m  
L= 1.6m

$$= 1.5 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.225 \cdot 1.6^2 / 8$$

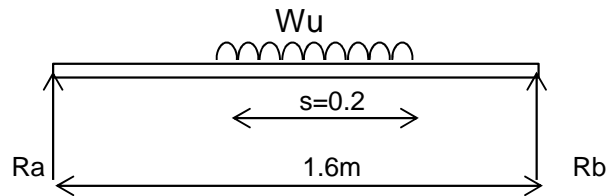
$$= \mathbf{0.14 \text{ kNm}}$$

for a point load of 4kN over a width of 200mm

$$W_u = \gamma W \qquad \gamma = 1.5$$

$$= 1.5 \cdot 1.5$$

$$= \mathbf{2.25 \text{ kN}}$$



$$R_a = W_u / 2 \qquad W_u = 2.25 \text{ kN}$$

$$= 2.25 / 2$$

$$= \mathbf{1.13}$$

$$M_{Ed} = R_a \cdot L / 2 - \gamma \cdot W_u \cdot s / 16$$

s= 0.2m  
Wu= 2.25kN  
B= 0.225m  
L= 1.6m


$$= 1.13 \cdot 1.6 / 2 - 2 \cdot 2.25 \cdot 0.2 / 16$$

$$= \mathbf{0.85 \text{ kNm}}$$

from previous calculations

$$M_{c,Rd} = \mathbf{1.03 \text{ kNm}}$$

$$> \mathbf{0.85} \qquad \mathbf{ok}$$

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**Shear**

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$$V_{Ed} = \gamma \cdot w \cdot B \cdot L / 2 \quad \gamma = 1.5$$

$$= 1.5 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.225 \cdot 1.6 / 2$$

$$= 0.27 \text{ kN}$$

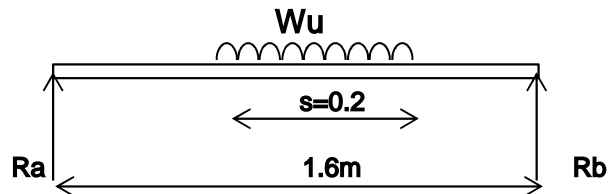
$w = 1 \text{ kN/m}^2$   
 $B = 0.225 \text{ m}$   
 $L = 1.6 \text{ m}$

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$$R_a = W_u / 2 \quad W_u = 2.25 \text{ kN}$$

$$= 2.25 / 2$$

$$= 1.13$$

$$V_{Ed} = R_a$$

$$= 1.13 \text{ kN}$$

from previous calculations

$$M_{c,Rd} = 25.98 \text{ kN}$$

$$> 1.13 \quad \text{ok}$$

**Deflection**

for central point load of 1.5kN

$$d = WL^3 / 48EI \quad W = 1.5 \text{ kN}$$

$$L = 1.6 \text{ m}$$

$$E = 205 \text{ kN/mm}^2$$

$$I = 123982 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$= 1500 \cdot 1600^3 / (48 \cdot 205 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 123982)$$

$$= 5.04 \text{ mm}$$


From BS EN 12811-1 the max deflection is

$$d = L / 100 \quad L = 1600 \text{ mm}$$

$$= 1600 / 100$$

$$= 16.00 \text{ mm}$$

$$> 5.04 \quad \text{ok}$$

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**Rotation**

If the loading was eccentric, ie at the step edge the moment applied to the support couplers would be

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= W_u \cdot l_a & W_u &= 2.25 \text{ kN} \\
 & & l_a &= 0.225/2 \\
 & & &= 0.11 \text{ m} \\
 &= 2.25 \cdot 0.11 \\
 &= 0.248 \text{ kNm}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is conservative as the load is spread over a patch not a point.

this is resisted by two couplers so the twisting moment is

$$M = 0.124 \text{ kNm}$$

From BS EN 12811-1 the resistance to rotation of a double coupler is

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_r &= 0.130 \text{ kNm} \\
 &> 0.124 \quad \text{ok}
 \end{aligned}$$

If the load is considered as a patch 200mm wide on a 225mm wide step then the eccentricity

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_a &= 225/2 - 200/2 \\
 &= 12.50 \text{ mm}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } M &= W_u \cdot l_a \\
 &= 2.25 \cdot 0.0125 \\
 &= 0.03 \text{ kNm} \\
 &<< 0.13 \quad \text{ok}
 \end{aligned}$$

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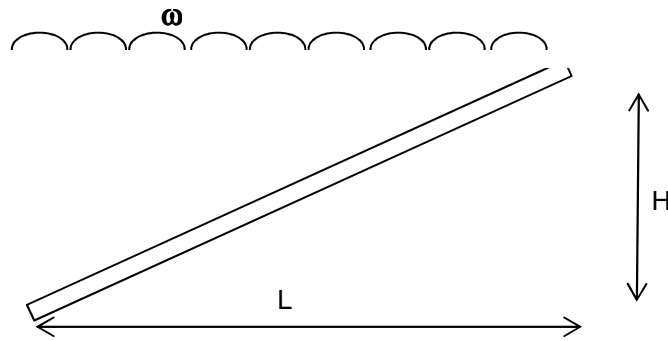


**Length of stringer**

From BS EN 12811-1, the load on the stringer is :

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so the stringer will carry the load as shown below



where  
for one stringer

$$\begin{aligned}
 w &= 1.0\text{kN/m}^2 \times 1.6\text{m} / 2 \\
 &= 1 \times 1.6 / 2 \\
 &= \mathbf{0.80 \text{ kN/m unfactored}}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

L= length between stringer supports  
H= height varies with angle between 30 and 55 deg


taking allowable values from TG20 as

Moment M= 1.1 kNm  
Axial P= kN for 8m

Angle °	Moment kNm	Axial kN	Combined	Length m
30	0.96	1.33	1.00	2.88
35	0.93	1.55	1.00	2.76
40	0.90	1.76	1.00	2.62
45	0.85	1.97	1.00	2.46
50	0.81	2.17	1.00	2.28
55	0.75	2.37	1.00	2.07

Above table found by Excel Goal seeking



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**Summary**

The scaffold step has been checked for the required loading and found to be adequate for a maximum width of 1.5m.

Loading from BS EN 12811-1 Cl6.2.4 Access routes

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The stringer which supports the steps requires to be supported by standards at a spacing as shown in the table below dependant on the angle of the stair.

Angle Degrees	Standard Spacing m
30	2.88
35	2.76
40	2.62
45	2.46
50	2.28
55	2.07