PRODUCT DATA SHEET

RAM® Foundation

The RAM Structural System Productivity Tool for Analysis and Design of Pile Caps, Spread Footings, and Continuous Footings

RAM Foundation is an integrated module within the RAM Structural System that performs the design, evaluation, and analysis of spread, continuous, and pile-cap foundations. The RAM Foundation module will help you quickly produce optimum foundation designs for your entire structure based on a wide range of customizable design criteria and user options. With its interactive tools, you can refine your designs for both foundation dimensions and steel reinforcement.

Integrated Design Environment

Are you reluctant to move a braced frame because it will change the lateral forces on the supporting footings? The time required to revisit the foundation system repeatedly throughout the design phase can quickly cut into your profit. With the seamless integration of RAM Foundation with RAM Structural System, loading, member, material, and geometric information is current. Changes to gravity and lateral loads and framing members are immediately reflected in the Foundation module. With RAM Foundation there is no need to manually merge foundation loads from multiple analysis programs. This is the power of the integrated design environment.

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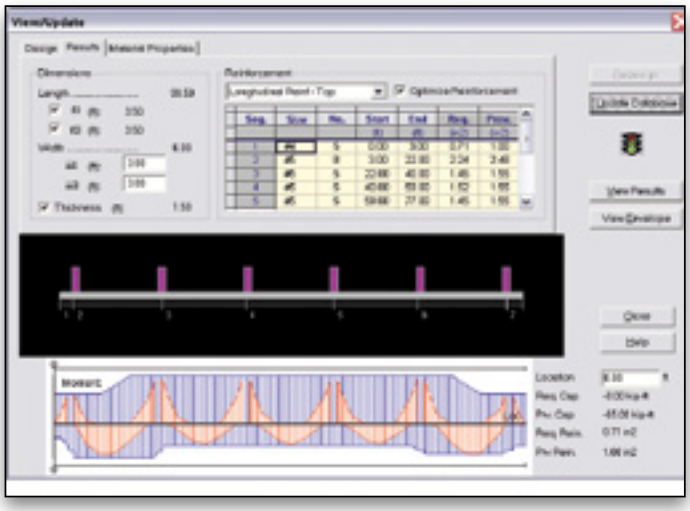
Ease of Use

One of the primary goals of RAM Foundation is to allow you to achieve foundation designs as quickly and easily as possible. RAM Foundation features an intuitive user interface, drastically reducing the overhead associated with a steep learning curve.

Foundation Element Types

All three of the most commonly used foundation element types – spread footings, continuous footings, and pile supported caps – are supported by RAM Foundation. Different foundation scenarios can easily be investigated and evaluated with minimal revision time.



Interactive diagram of provided and required moment and shear envelopes for a continuous footing

Design Optimization

RAM Foundation automatically sizes footing dimensions and reinforcement using user specific design criteria and all relevant parameters from the RAM Structural System model. The program is not limited to performing design checks, which would require you to iteratively find an optimum footing design.

Once designed, your foundation calculations, details, and foundation plans are produced with just a few clicks of the mouse using the RAM customizable reports and dxf output capabilities. Imagine the impact of that kind of productivity.

Flexibility

RAM Foundation offers a broad range of user-specified criteria. You can customize the RAM Foundation environment for the specific needs of a project and use these settings as the default for future RAM Foundation designs.

Designs Easily Modified

The well known RAM View/Update command exists in RAM Foundation as well. Once an optimized design has been selected by the program you can change the footing dimensions, reinforcing, or material properties.

System Requirements

Processor
Intel or AMD processor 2.0 GHz or greater

Operating System
Windows 7, 7 x64, 8.1, and 8.1 x64

RAM
2GB minimum recommended

Hard Disk
500MB free disk space recommended

Display
OpenGL compatibility recommended

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RAM Foundation At-A-Glance

General

- Fully supports the ACI-318, BS 8110, and CP65 design codes and numerous building codes including IBC, UBC, BOCA, SBC, BS 6399, NBC of Canada, AS/NZS 1170.1, China GB 50009, Hong Kong, and Eurocode
- Automatically generates code required load combinations for both soil-bearing checks and concrete design, and allows for user-defined custom load combinations
- Flexible user-defined optimization parameters allow you to reach a design based on your standards and preferences
- Design process is fully interactive so changes can be made and the effect reported instantaneously
- Allows for automatic optimization or user-controlled design of both foundation dimensions and reinforcing
- Sizes footings for uplift automatically, including user input safety factor
- Reinforcing designs conform to all code standards and limits including reinforcement ratio, spacing, development length, and cover
- Produces complete and attractive design calculations
- Produces foundation plan drawings and foundation details, as well as, schedules for CAD

Spread Footings

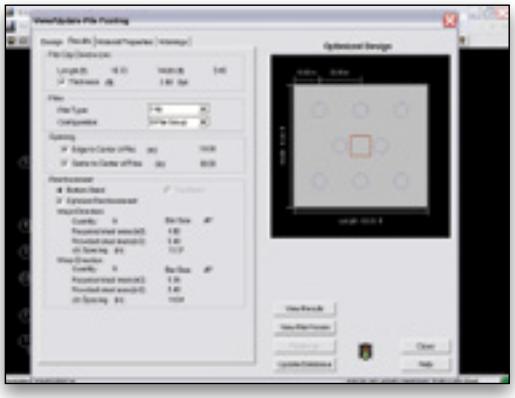
- Fast and accurate solution for spread footings with axial loads and biaxial moments, taking into account no-tension behavior of soil
- Checks the limit states of one-way beam shear, punching shear accounting for moments in columns or walls, and footing flexural strength
- Flexural reinforcement automatically selected for spread footings, with user-override capabilities
- Spread footings can be designed for either true loading or soil capacity
- Negative flexural reinforcement (top bars) automatically provided when required
- Allows you to reduce the number of unique spread footings with an option to use controlling reinforcement on all footings of the same size
- Ability to add spread or pile-cap foundations under columns located at the end of shear walls and continuous footings under the shear walls

Continuous Footings

- Allows unlimited number of columns, braces, and walls on a continuous footing
- Shear and flexural reinforcement automatically selected for continuous footings
- Fast finite element analysis for continuous footings, taking into account no-tension behavior of soil
- Options to override reinforcement sizes or quantity along any part of continuous footings
- Interactive diagram of provided and required moment/shear envelopes in continuous footing View/Update dialog

Pile Caps

- Fast and accurate solution for pile caps with axial loads, biaxial moments, shear, and torsion
- Comprehensive pile-cap check including column punching shear, single-pile and double-pile punching shear, and one-way shear
- Pile capacity check for compression, tension, and shear
- Pile caps can be designed for either true pile loads or pile capacity
- Negative flexural reinforcement (top bars) automatically provided when required
- Truss theory considered when required by BS8110-97 code



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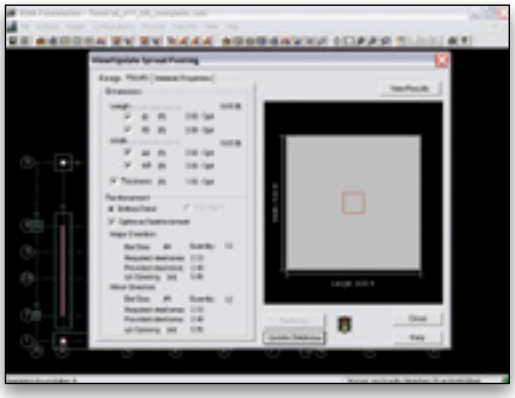

Spread footing designs are easily viewed and modified.

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