Leaders In Efficient Concrete Construction
Since its establishment in 1988, Hollow Core Concrete Pty. Ltd. has developed a reputation for excellence in the provision of cost efficient precast structural systems. As industry leaders, Hollow Core has served an array of prestigious clients and has assisted them in achieving quality outcomes which are both economic and reliable.

The aim of our company is to provide cost effective structural design and products which are of the highest standard.

With the assistance of our own specialist in-house design team, we are able to provide clients and their project consultants with design and feasibility solutions which utilise Hollow Core's products. From the initial concept to the final design, this co-operative approach to construction reduces costs, improves quality, and results in an efficient use of resources. By combining our renowned expertise with the use of precast products, Hollow Core is able to deliver a total precast structural solution that meets specific construction needs.

Hollow Core's range of products include:

- Floor planks: Hollow Core and Minislabs (thin flat slabs)
- Precast/prestressed beams and columns
- Precast reinforced stairs and landings
- Precast wall panels
- Precast/prestressed piles
- Prestressed stadium seating units
- Acoustic Panels: both Absorptive Soundtrap® and reflective noise panels
- Termodeck® Hollow Core floor planks

The re-development of Melbourne's GPO. Precast balcony units cantilever in two directions.
Diversity, expertise and reliability.

Hollow Core products have many benefits, these include:

- Factory casting
- Reduced on-site labour
- Rapid construction
- Design flexibility
- Durability
- Long span, up to 17m
- Fire resistance
- Manufactured to Australian Standard AS 3600

A complete service

Hollow Core products can be designed, manufactured and installed by us, as a part of our commitment to providing an economical and total structural solution.

From the initial concept through to its design and installation, Hollow Core offers a complete service which can be tailored to meet specific structural requirements.

Above: The skeletal frame of this five level office development was constructed in just 55 days.

Left: The use of precast stair flights enable quick and safe access to buildings during construction.

Unusual or complicated details are achievable with precast components.

Hollow Core planks, along with precast columns, beams and panels provide open unpropped floors resulting in significant construction time savings.

Hollow Core planks are used for the economic construction of bridges.
An industry leader.

Hollow Core has proven to be a leader in its use of state-of-the-art technology in the manufacture of precast and prestressed concrete products.

We have demonstrated, in hundreds of projects, versatility, quality and confidence in using the most effective, safe and efficient method of construction.

This experience in delivering a total structural solution has distinct advantages in the construction of a wide variety of projects. A range of these include:

- Office Developments
- Apartments and Residences
- Major Shopping Centres
- Bridges
- Sporting Facilities
- Schools and Universities
- Churches
- Factories and Industrial Developments

Top: This multi storey car park development constructed using Hollow Core planks supported on a steel frame structure.

Left: The striking Heritage Country Club set in the Yarra Valley incorporates precast columns, beams, panels and Hollow Core floor planks.

Bottom left: The full structural frame of this office development in Tally Ho Business Park has been constructed using precast components.

Bottom right: The success of the Great Southern Stand saw Hollow Core contracted to supply the precast components for the Northern Stand re-development at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.
Hollow Core Concrete Detailing Manual

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This guide is intended to be used in the preparation of the project specification. It should be checked for compatibility with the particular project requirements by deleting any provisions that do not apply and adding special provisions as required.

DESIGN

Planks shall be designed in accordance with AS 3600 and appropriate international standards, except where industry practice provides a proven alternative method.

The manufacturer shall prepare and submit shop drawings for approval of the general arrangement of the planks, adequacy and dimensions prior to manufacture. Shop drawings detailing each unit, cast-in inserts and its strand configuration shall be submitted to the building contractor for approval.

The design of the structure to support the Hollow Core planks shall be the responsibility of the Structural Engineer for the project unless designed by Hollow Core Concrete Pty. Ltd. The Hollow Core planks shall be designed and certified by the product manufacturer.

MATERIALS

Cement shall comply with AS 3972 and supplementary cementitious materials with AS 3582 parts 1 and 2. Aggregates shall comply with AS 2758.1. Chemical admixtures shall comply with AS 1478.1.

Prestressing steel shall be stress-relieved low-relaxation strand complying with AS 1311. Strand shall be clean and free of deleterious substances at the time of casting.

Concrete shall have a minimum characteristic 28-day strength of 50MPa and shall conform to the requirements of AS 3600. Concrete strength at release of prestress shall be a minimum of 25MPa or as required by the structural design.

Topping concrete shall have a minimum characteristic 28-day strength of 32MPa and be reinforced with a minimum SL72 mesh or as shown on the drawings. If topping concrete is used to grout the keyways, the maximum aggregate size shall be 10mm.

MANUFACTURE

Hollow Core floor planks shall be cast on a long-line bed by an approved machine and mechanically compacted. The top surface shall be finished as cast by the machine or intentionally-roughened to achieve the specified bond characteristics of the topping or other finish applied after erection.

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DELIVERY AND HANDLING

Hollow Core floor planks shall be lifted and supported during manufacture, storage, transport and erection operations at the lifting positions nominated by the product manufacturer only.

The on site lifting and erection operations shall be in accordance with a site specific ‘Work Method Statement’ produced by the erection contractor in association with product manufacturer. The ‘Work Method Statement’ shall be in accordance with the appropriate Industry Standard.

ERECITION

The building contractor shall be responsible for providing true and level bearing surfaces for the support of the Hollow Core planks. Temporary shoring and bracing shall also be provided as necessary to ensure the stability of the structure during erection. The Hollow Core planks shall be installed by a competent erection contractor. Where the manufacturer also erects the planks, the building Contractor shall be responsible for providing suitable access at the site to enable trucks and cranes to operate under their own power.

Bearing strips shall be accurately set where required. Any reinforcement required shall be placed as detailed on the drawings. Keyways shall be filled and compacted with a 3:1 sand-cement grout mix or by the topping concrete using a maximum aggregate size of 10mm. Voids at plank ends shall be sealed to prevent penetration of topping into the cores by more than 50mm. End filling should not be more than the support length unless detailed by the product manufacturer.

ATTACHMENTS AND PENETRATIONS

Attachments and fixings to the Hollow Core planks shall be in accordance with the approved details only and shall not impair or reduce the strength of the floor planks.

Penetrations and chases to the Hollow Core planks shall be in accordance with details agreed by the Structural Engineer and the product manufacturer.

IN-SITU TOPPING

The Building Contractor shall provide a well-compacted in-situ structural concrete topping to the floor planks as detailed on the drawings. Reinforcement is to be placed in accordance with structural details. The plank surface shall be clean and free of loose material and surface-moist (saturated surface-dry) immediately prior to placing the topping. Finishing and curing of the topping should ensure that plastic shrinkage cracks are controlled to acceptable levels. Construction joints in the topping shall be located as shown on the drawings.

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

The manufacturer shall provide access to its production facilities for inspection of work in progress by the Structural Engineer and/or the building contractor to verify conformity of the product to the project specifications.
Hollow Core floor planks are cambered because of the upward bending induced by prestressing. This camber should be allowed for in detailing the planks and the joints at abutting walls, door openings and the like. A site-cast topping screed unifies the planks into a monolithic floor, takes out differential levels between units and provides a level working surface. The minimum thickness of topping occurs at the highest point of the plank. For practical purposes, 60mm average topping is used for 200 - 220 deep units and 80mm for 300mm deep units and above. Typically a minimum SL72 mesh is nominated as the screed reinforcement. Screed concrete should be a low shrinkage mix and if necessary superplasticised to facilitate placing, if the topping concrete is to be used to grout the keyways, the maximum aggregate size be 10mm.
The project documentation should indicate the location of both the construction and control joints, however, joints should typically be at 8.4m maximum centers in both directions. Where joints are saw-cut the cut should be made within 18 hours of casting the topping screed.

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205 Thick 6 Core HC Slab

Load Span Chart (with Structural Screed)

Slab Code: F205.6
Design Width: 1200mm
Number of Top Strands: 0 - 5
Number of Bottom Strands: 4 - 7
Prestress (12.7Ø): 500 - 1000MPa
Concrete Grade: 50MPa
Cover to Strand: 35mm
Fire Rating: 1½-3 hrs
Cross Sectional Area: 124.5x10^3 mm^2
Self Weight: 260 kg/m^2
Self Weight (incl. Screed): 426 kg/m^2

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220 Thick 5 Core HC Slab

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Load Span Chart (with Structural Screed)

Band represents range of slab capacities with various strand configurations.

Slab Code: F220.5
Design Width: 1200mm
Number of Top Strands: 0 - 4
Number of Bottom Strands: 6 - 10
Prestress (12.7\(\text{Ø}\)): 500 - 1200MPa
Concrete Grade: 50MPa
Cover to Strand: 35-45mm
Fire Rating: 1½-4 hrs
Cross Sectional Area: 160.7x10^3 mm^2
Self Weight: 336 kg/m^2
Self Weight (incl. Screed): 503 kg/m^2

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300 Thick 4 Core HC Slab

Load Span Chart (with Structural Screed)

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400 Thick 4 Core HC Slab

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Load Span Chart (with Structural Screed)

Band represents range of slab capacities with various strand configurations.

Slab Code F400.4
Design Width 1200mm
Number of Top Strands 0 - 3
Number of Bottom Strands 5 - 14
Prestress (12.7θ) 500 - 1200MPa
Concrete Grade 50MPa
Cover to Strand 35-40mm
Fire Rating 1½-3 hrs
Cross Sectional Area 207.3x10^2 mm²
Self Weight 433 kg/m²
Self Weight (incl. Screed) 633 kg/m²

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The Hollow Core flooring system allows for significant flexibility in terms of penetrations and block-outs. Penetrations for plumbing, electrical and mechanical services can be catered for along with larger voids such as stair openings and light wells. There are a number of different ways that these can be achieved. Examples of these are shown on the above drawing and can be described as follows:

1. **Core Holes:**
   Core holes are the most common type of penetration and are easily achieved by simply drilling the required hole on site to suit the building requirements. Provided the core holes are not greater than 120mmØ (for 205 and 220mm thick slabs) and 165mmØ (for 300 and 400mm thick slabs) they can be easily catered for by simply drilling through core. In broad terms up to 65% of the slab section has the allowance to be cored through without any significant structural effects. Where the penetration is greater than that nominated above or if the hole cuts through the web and strand the slab manufacturer should be contacted to review the slab.

2. **Cut-Outs:**
   Larger penetrations, such as those required for mechanical services can be easily catered for as shown on the above drawing. These larger cut-outs are nominated during the design process to allow the design to take into account the local strand and web reduction. These cut-outs are generally pre-cut in the factory prior to installation. If future demands or site modifications require these larger penetrations to be introduced, they can be catered for in most cases with minor on-site slab modification.

3. **Trimmer Beams:**
   Large openings to allow for stair voids, light wells or larger mechanical services can be catered for by the use of trimmer beams. Where these large penetrations are required full width headers or trimmer beams are used to transfer the load to the to the adjacent planks. These planks are designed to support the additional load without the need for supporting columns.

   The slab manufacturer should be consulted during the preliminary stages of the project so that advice can be provided on the most cost effective and practical design to accommodate the required penetrations.
95 Thick MiniSlab

Load Span Chart (with Structural Screed)

Band represents range of slab capacities with various strand configurations.

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Load Span Chart (with Structural Screed)

Band represents range of slab capacities with various strand configurations.

Cross Section

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135 Thick MiniSlab

Load Span Chart (with Structural Screed)

Band represents range of slab capacities with various strand configurations.

Slab Code: MS135
Design Width: 1200mm
Number of Bottom Strands: 4 - 7
Prestress (12.7ø): 500 - 1100MPa
Concrete Grade: 50MPa
Cover to Strand: 25-45mm
Fire Rating: 1-4 hrs
Cross Sectional Area: 158.1x10^3 mm^2
Self Weight: 331 kg/m^2
Self Weight (incl. Screed): 469 kg/m^2

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**600 Wide PC Edge Beam**

**Beam Code**
- **PCB6.600**
- **PCB6.700**
- **Design Width**: 600mm
- **Number of Bottom Strands**: 6 - 12
- **Prestressing Strand**: 12.7 Ø
- **Concrete Grade**: 50MPa
- **Fire Rating**: 1½-4 hrs
- **Cross Sectional Area**:
  - PCB6.500: 256.8x10^3 mm^2
  - PCB6.600: 302.6x10^3 mm^2
  - PCB6.700: 344.6x10^3 mm^2
- **Self Weight**:
  - PCB6.500: 642 kg/m
  - PCB6.600: 756 kg/m
  - PCB6.700: 861 kg/m

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# 700 Wide PC Internal Beam

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900 Wide PC Internal Beam

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Load Span Chart

Band represents the range of beam capacities available with various strand and reinforcement configurations.

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### Beam Code PCB9.500
- **Design Width**: 900mm
- **Number of Bottom Strands**: 11 - 22
- **Prestressing Strand**: 12.7 Ø
- **Concrete Grade**: 50MPa
- **Fire Rating**: 1½-4 hrs
- **Cross Sectional Area**: 306x10^3 mm^2
- **Self Weight**: 765 kg/m

### Beam Code PCB9.600
- **Design Width**: 900mm
- **Number of Bottom Strands**: 11 - 22
- **Prestressing Strand**: 12.7 Ø
- **Concrete Grade**: 50MPa
- **Fire Rating**: 1½-4 hrs
- **Cross Sectional Area**: 381x10^3 mm^2
- **Self Weight**: 953 kg/m

### Beam Code PCB9.700
- **Design Width**: 900mm
- **Number of Bottom Strands**: 11 - 22
- **Prestressing Strand**: 12.7 Ø
- **Concrete Grade**: 50MPa
- **Fire Rating**: 1½-4 hrs
- **Cross Sectional Area**: 420x10^3 mm^2
- **Self Weight**: 1050 kg/m
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### 1200 Wide PC Internal Beam

**Beam Code**: PCB12.500

- **Design Width**: 1200mm
- **Number of Bottom Strands**: 15 - 30
- **Prestressing Strand**: 12.7 \( \phi \)
- **Concrete Grade**: 50MPa
- **Fire Rating**: 1½ - 4 hrs
- **Cross Sectional Area**: 426x10\(^3\) mm\(^2\)
- **Self Weight**: 1065 kg/m

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**Beam Code**: PCB12.600

- **Design Width**: 1200mm
- **Number of Bottom Strands**: 15 - 30
- **Prestressing Strand**: 12.7 \( \phi \)
- **Concrete Grade**: 50MPa
- **Fire Rating**: 1½ - 4 hrs
- **Cross Sectional Area**: 531x10\(^3\) mm\(^2\)
- **Self Weight**: 1328 kg/m

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**Beam Code**: PCB12.700

- **Design Width**: 1200mm
- **Number of Bottom Strands**: 15 - 30
- **Prestressing Strand**: 12.7 \( \phi \)
- **Concrete Grade**: 50MPa
- **Fire Rating**: 1½ - 4 hrs
- **Cross Sectional Area**: 600x10\(^3\) mm\(^2\)
- **Self Weight**: 1500 kg/m

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3-D Model
Beam, Column, Hollow Core Connection

Example of Connection

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3-D Model
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Steel Beam to Hollow Core Connection

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