



Design a Glulam floor beam, simply supported, spanning 5.8m with uniformly distributed loads
 Beam supporting floor joists @ 450crs spanning 4.2m, Say dead load including self weight is 0.4kPa
 From AS/NZS1170, live load 1.5kPa UDL or 1.8kN point load

	L	5.8	m		
	trib width s	2.1	m		
Dead load	G =	0.84	kN/m		
Live load	Q =	3.15	kN/m	or	1.8 kN

Load combinations from AS1170.0

Strength limit state:

1.35G	1.1	kN/m		
1.2G+1.5Q	5.7	kN/m		
1.2G+1.5Qc	1.0	kN/m	plus	2.7 kN

Serviceability limit state:

G+ ψ_s Q =	3.05	kN/m	short term deflection	where ψ_s =	0.7
G+ ψ_l Q =	2.10	kN/m	long term deflection	ψ_l =	0.4

Timber properties:

GL8 and GL10 are the common glulam grades available in New Zealand
 Properties from Table ZZ7.1

Try 360x90 GL10 Glulam beam, using 45mm laminations

d =	360	b =	90
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Check bending strength (AS/NZS 1720 Section 2.1)

Design capacity:

M_d	ϕ	k_1	k_4	k_6	k_9	k_{12}	f'_b	Z
	ϕ	0.8						from section ZZ2.3
	k_1	0.57						for permanent action - tables 2.3 and G1
			0.8					for medium term action - floor live load UDL - tables 2.3 and G1
			0.94					for short term action - floor live load concentrated- tables 2.3 and G1

k_4	1.00	moisture condition "seasoned" timber 2.4.2.3
k_6	1.00	temperature factor 2.4.3
k_9	1.00	Section 7.4.3
L_{ay}	450	mm distance between restraints (joist spacing)
ρ_b	0.85	Table 7.2(A) for $r = 0.25$
S_1	5.6	3.2.3.2a
$\rho_b \cdot S_1$	4.8	
k_{12}	1.0	3.2.4
f'_b	22.0	MPa for GL10, from table ZZ7.1
$Z = bd^2/6$	1944000	mm ³ section modulus
$M_{d \text{ long}}$	19.50	kNm for long term action (permanent)
$M_{d \text{ med}}$	27.37	kNm for medium term action
$M_{d \text{ short}}$	32.16	kNm for short term action

Compare with design load

$M^*_{1.35G} =$	4.8	kNm	<	$M_{d \text{ long}} =$	19.50	OK
$M^*_{1.2G+1.5Qu} =$	24.1	kNm	<	$M_{d \text{ med}} =$	27.37	OK
$M^*_{1.2G+1.5Qc} =$	8.2	kNm	<	$M_{d \text{ short}} =$	32.16	OK

Check shear strength (AS/NZS1720 3.2.5)

Design strength:

V_d	$\phi k_1 k_4 k_6 f'_s A_s$
ϕ, k_1, k_4, k_6	factors from above
f'_s	3.7 MPa for GL10, from table ZZ7.1
$A_s = \frac{2}{3}bd$	21600 mm ²
$V_{d \text{ long}}$	36.4 kN for long term loading (permanent)
$V_{d \text{ med}}$	51.1 kN for medium term loading

Compare with design load

$V^*_{1.35G} =$	3.3	kN	<	$V_{d \text{ long}} =$	36.4	OK
$V^*_{1.2G+1.5Q} =$	16.6	kN	<	$V_{d \text{ med}} =$	51.1	OK

Check bearing strength (AS/NZS1720 3.2.6)

assume bearing on 90mm wide top plate

Design strength:

$N_{d,p}$	$\phi k_1 k_4 k_6 k_7 f'_p A_p$				
$k_1 k_4 k_6$	from above				
k_7	1.00 length and position of bearing 2.4.4				
f'_p	6.9 MPa Using SG8/10 value as this is the material used for GL				
A_p	8100 mm ² bearing area				
$N_{d,p \text{ long}}$	25.5 kN				
$N_{d,p \text{ med}}$	35.8 kN				
$N^*_{p \text{ 1.35G}}$	3.3 kN	<	$N_{d,p \text{ long}}$	25.5	OK
$N^*_{p \text{ 1.2G+1.5Q}}$	16.6 kN	<	$N_{d,p \text{ med}}$	35.8	OK

Check serviceability design limit state

E'	10.0	GPa	for GL10, from table ZZ7.1
no need to apply the lower bound modulus of elasticity as glulam has lower variation in stiffness			
I	349920000	mm ⁴	moment of inertia
Δ_G	3.5	mm	instantaneous dead load deflection
Δ_{Qu}	13.3	mm	instantaneous live load deflection
Δ_{Qc}	2.1	mm	instantaneous live load deflection due to point load
$j_2 =$	1.5		creep factor for glulam in bending from ZZ7.4.2
$\Delta_{G+\psi S Q} =$	12.8	mm	Span/400= 14.5 mm OK
$\Delta_{k2(G+\psi I Q)} =$	13.3	mm	Span/250= 23.2 mm OK

refer to AS/NZS 1170.0 Table C1 for suggested serviceability limits, but apply engineering judgement

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