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ASTM

A unique system of High-Rise Residential Buildings by Large Steel Structural Framework

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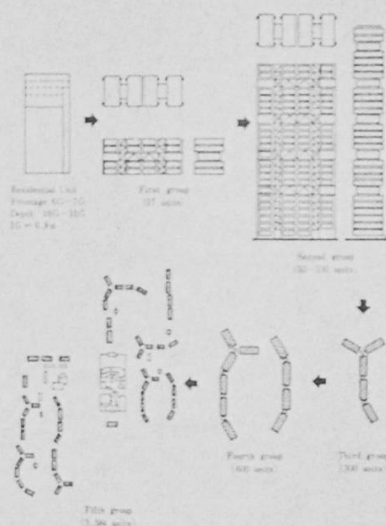


Fig. 1 System of High-Rise Residential Buildings



Fig. 2 Composition of Stories

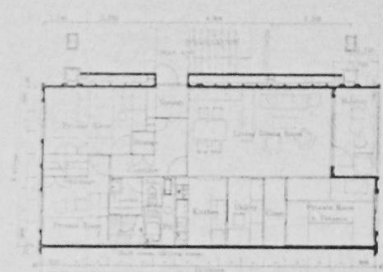


Fig. 3 Plan of A Residential Unit

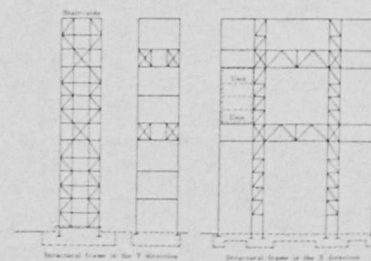
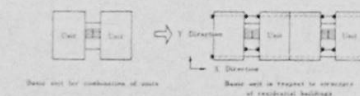


Fig. 4 Structural Framework

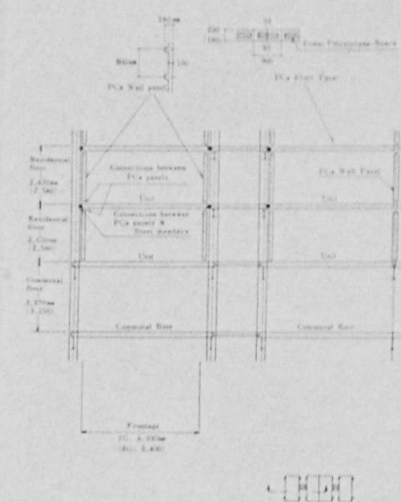


Fig. 5 Structure of Residential Units

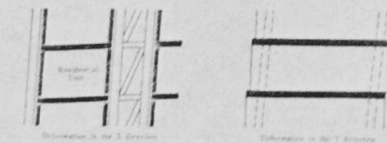


Fig. 6 Deformation of Residential Units

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1. THE OUTLINE OF PROJECT

This project (about 3,400 Residential units in 52 buildings) was completed in July, 1979. The name "ASTM" is the combination of the first letters of Ashiyahama, (name of the city where these buildings were built) and the five participating companies in Japan.

The plan submitted by the ASTM won the first prize for its unique system utilizing prefabrication and industrialization in August 1973 in the competition for High-Rise Housing Complex at Ashiyahama.

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2. THE OUTLINE OF THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN

2.1 The Structural Frame

The structural frame of the residential buildings are shown in Fig. 4. The basic unit concerning the structure is four residential units per floor as shown in the figure. In the X direction (see Fig. 4) in order to create the free space for residential units, structural frame consist of two large rigid frames making the core with the stair column and the communal floors beams. In the Y direction (see Fig. 4), structural frame consists of four rigid joint truss frames situated at the both sides of the stairs.

2.2 The Structure of the Residential Unit

Fig. 5 shows the outline of the structure of the residential unit. The residential unit is composed of PCa panels (that is precast concrete panels), and the four stories residential units lie on the beam which is located on the upper floor of the communal floor, except the lowest part of the building. The PCa panels and the PCa wall panels bear the vertical load, and the load is transmitted from the PCa floor panels to the PCa wall panels, and the vertical load of the four stories is eventually supported by the beam of the upper floor of the communal floor. These PCa panels are not participated against wind or earthquake.

2.3 The Relationship between the Residential Unit and the Structural Framework

The walls and the floors of the residential unit are not only required to bear the vertical load but also to comply with deformation of the structural framework when horizontal loads are exerted on the structural framework. Taking these requirements into consideration, the design has been made about each of the directions as shown by Fig. 6. For this purpose, tetrafluoroethylene resins are placed on top of the walls of every story to slide bearing materials.