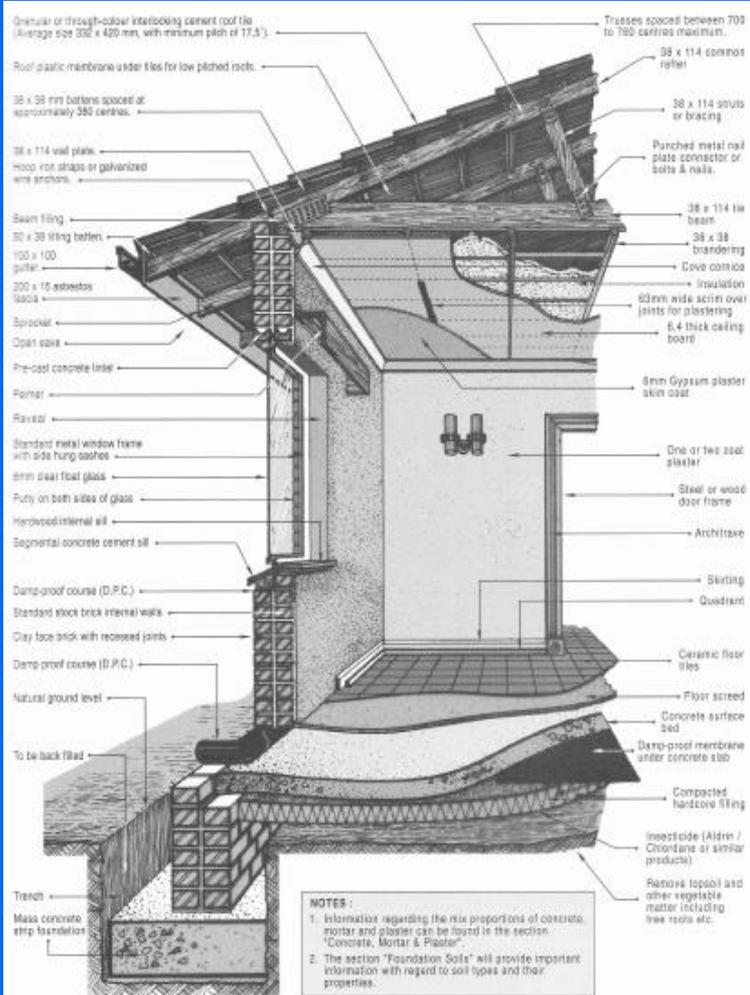


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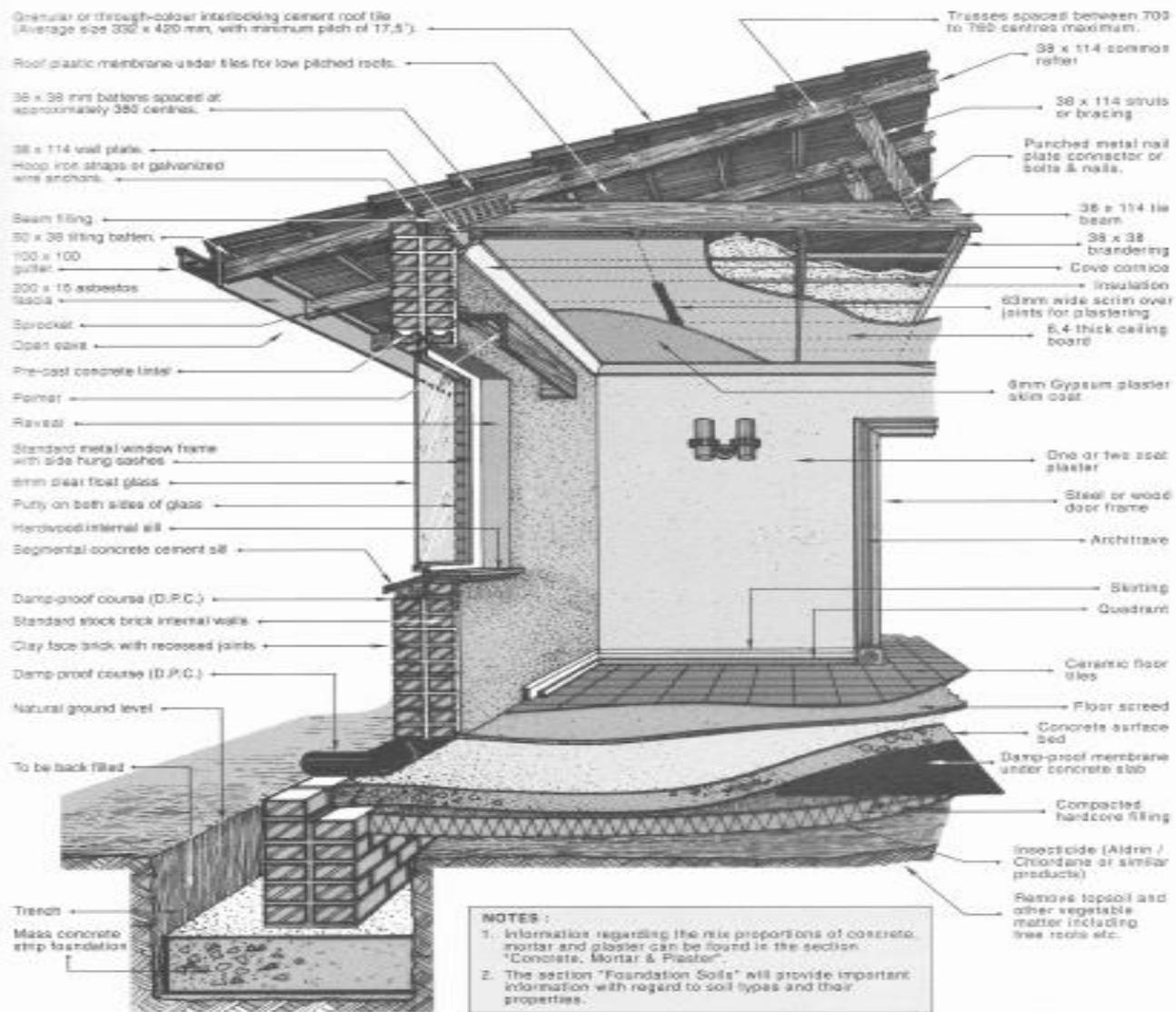
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# PLANS

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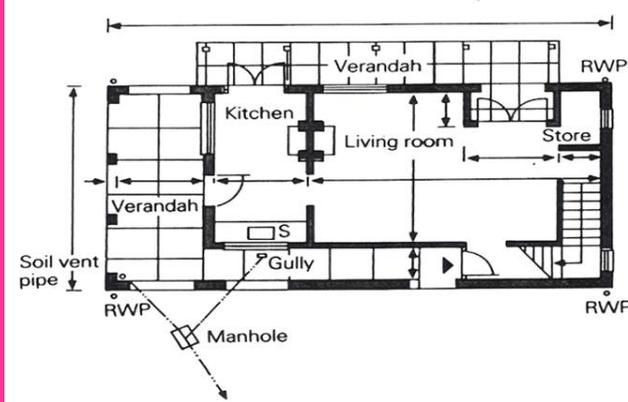
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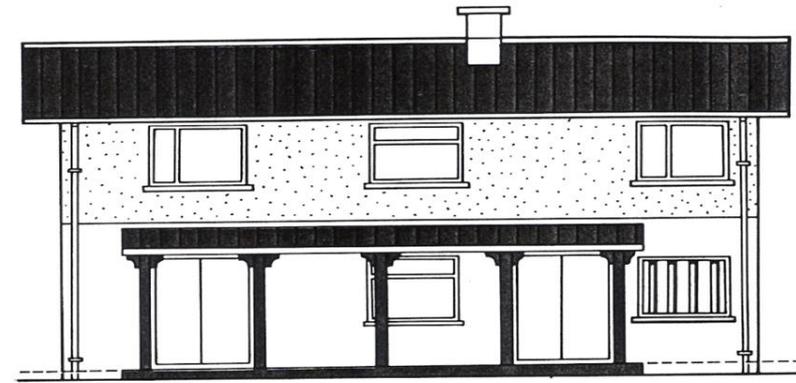
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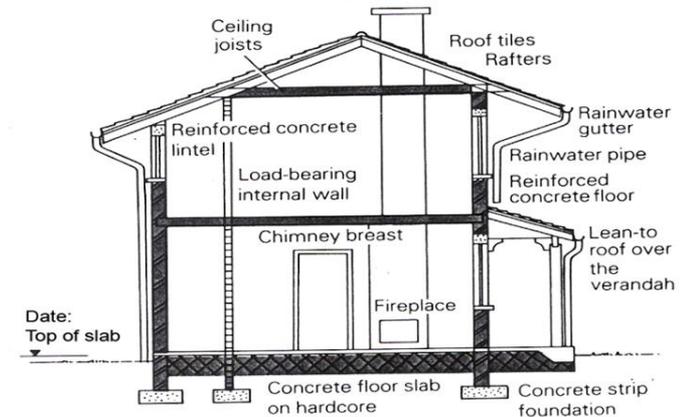
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An example of a ground-floor plan for a house.

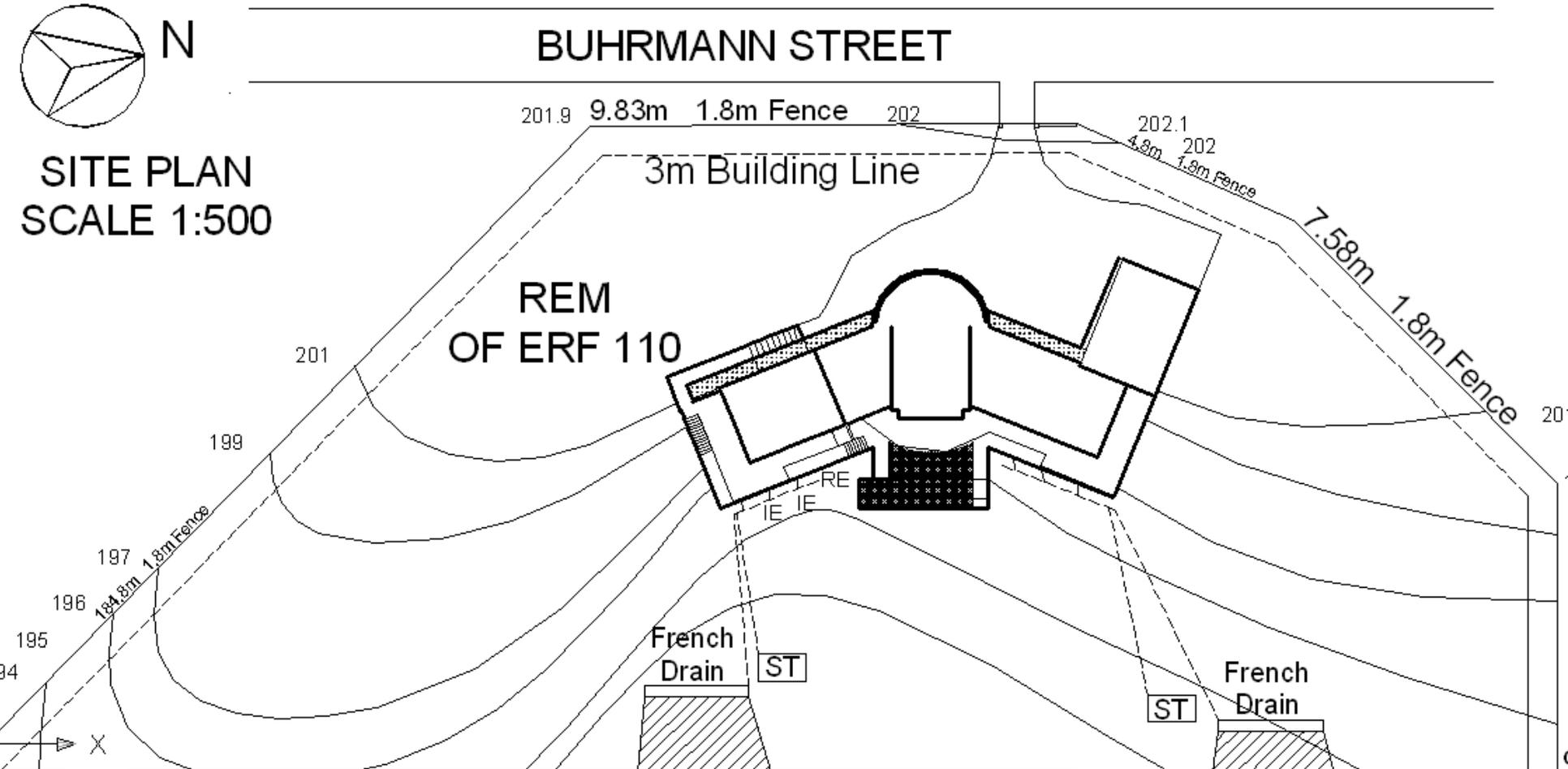


The east elevation of a house.



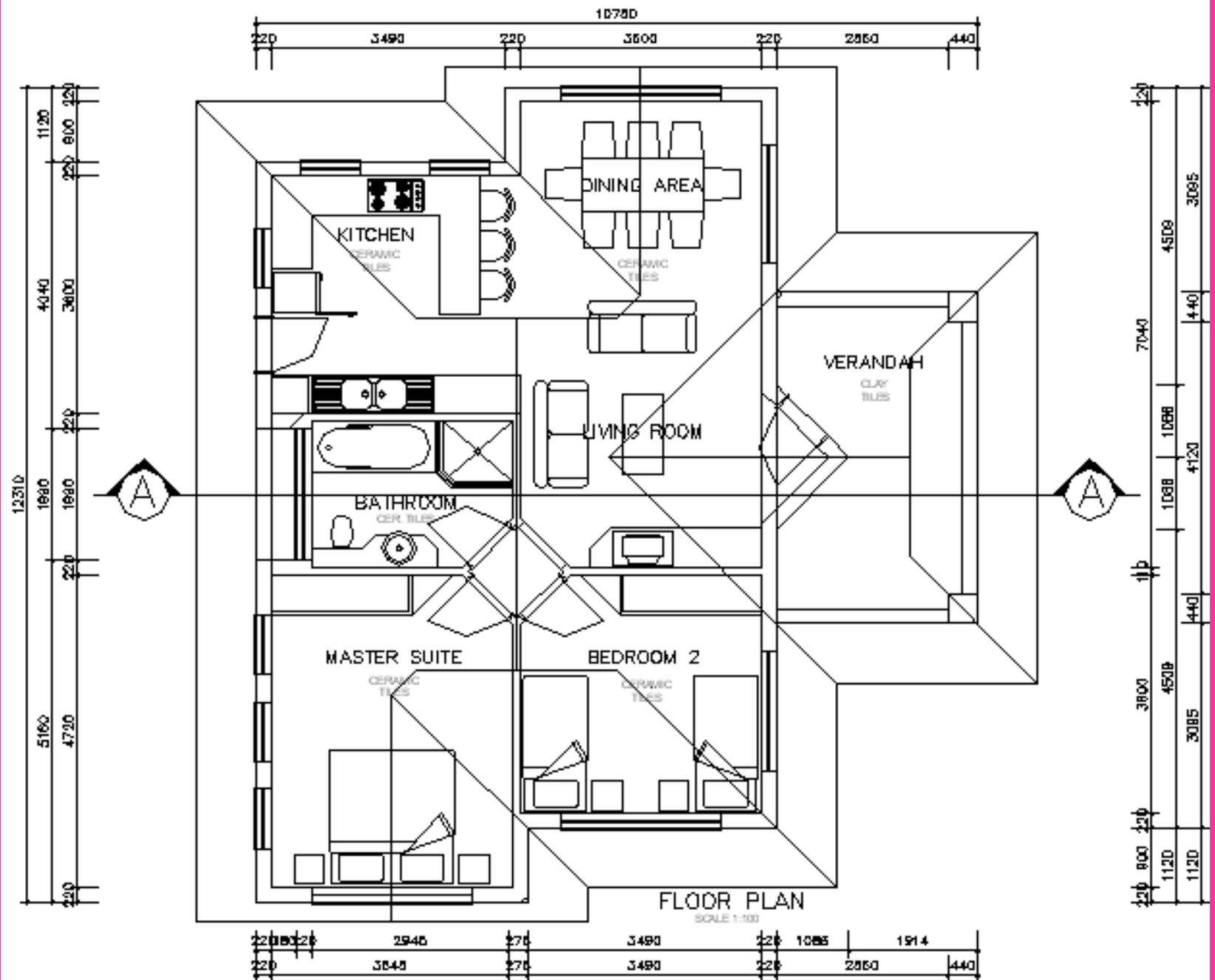
A section showing parts of a house.

# SITE PLAN



1. Cadastral Description (plot number)
2. North Point
3. Boundary Dimensions
4. Street names
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7. Setting out dimensions
8. Proposed buildings
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10. Driveway
11. Scale & Site plan title
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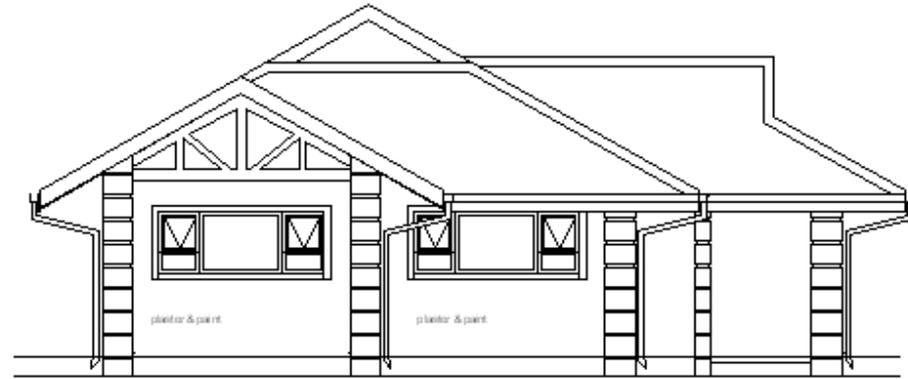
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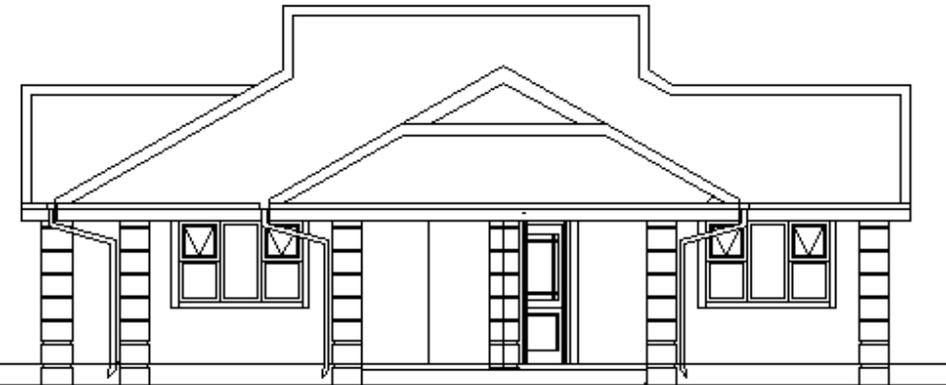
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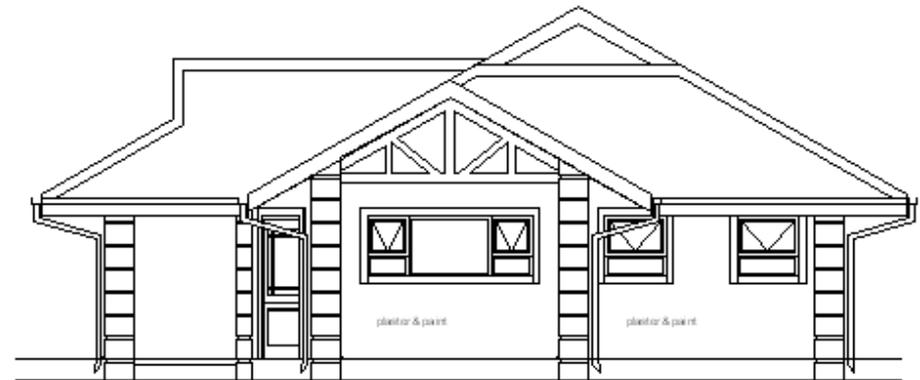
SOUTH ELEVATION  
SCALE 1:100



EAST ELEVATION  
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NORTH ELEVATION  
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WEST ELEVATION  
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1. All relevant elevations provided (North, South, East, West)
2. Finishes to elevations provided.
3. Opening of windows shown.
4. External drainage pipes shown.
5. Boundary
6. NGL

# SECTION ELEVATION

gangnail treated timber roof trusses by specialists

rhinoboard ceilings on underside of 38mm x 38mm treated timber battens.

precast concrete lintols over all openings

6mm x 200mm fibre cement fascias

pvc gutters and rain water down pipes

ceramic wall tiles to window head height

quarrytile window sill

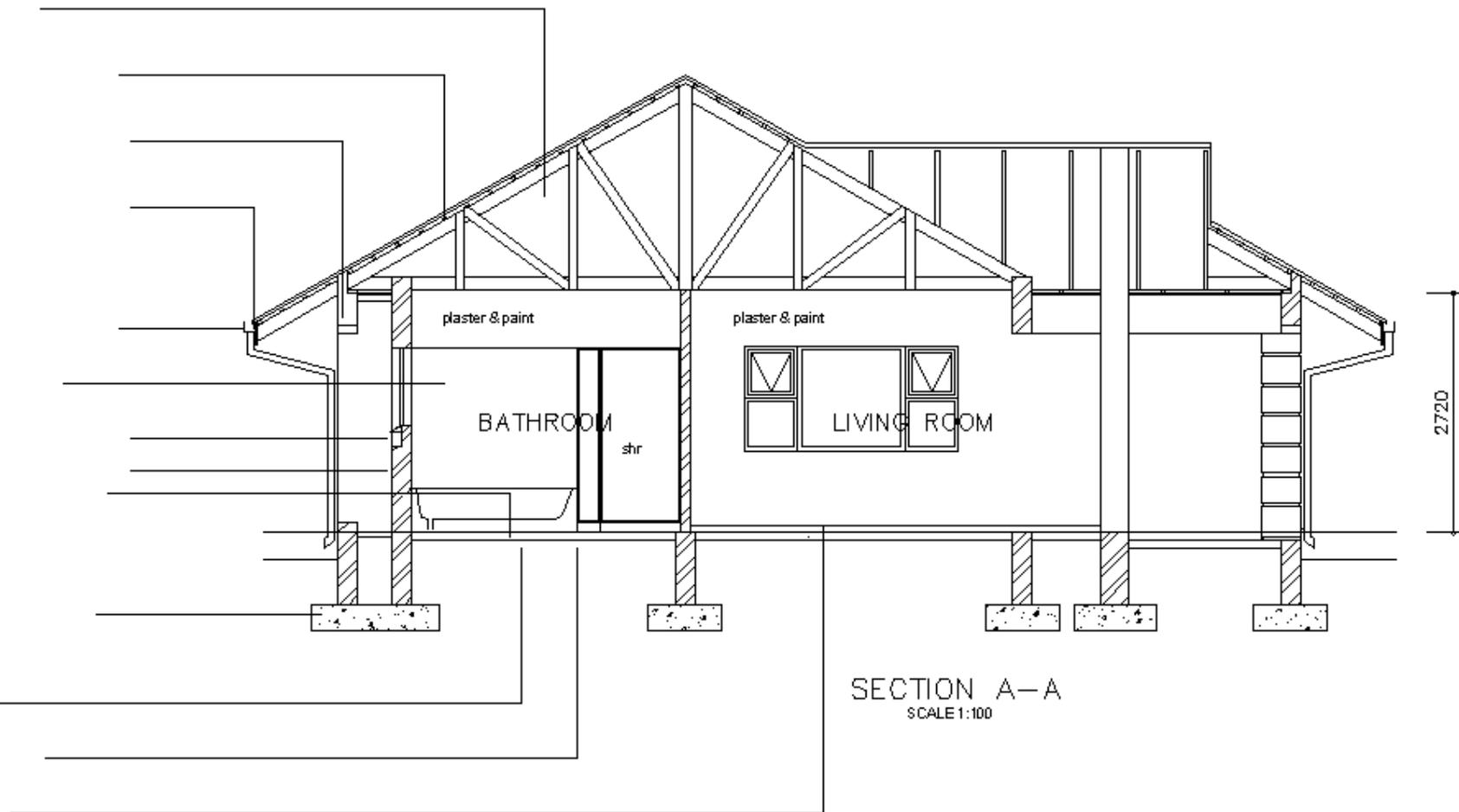
stock brick wall PBS  
concrete surface bed as per engineer on 250 micron usb green underlay

mass concrete strip foundation to engineers specification

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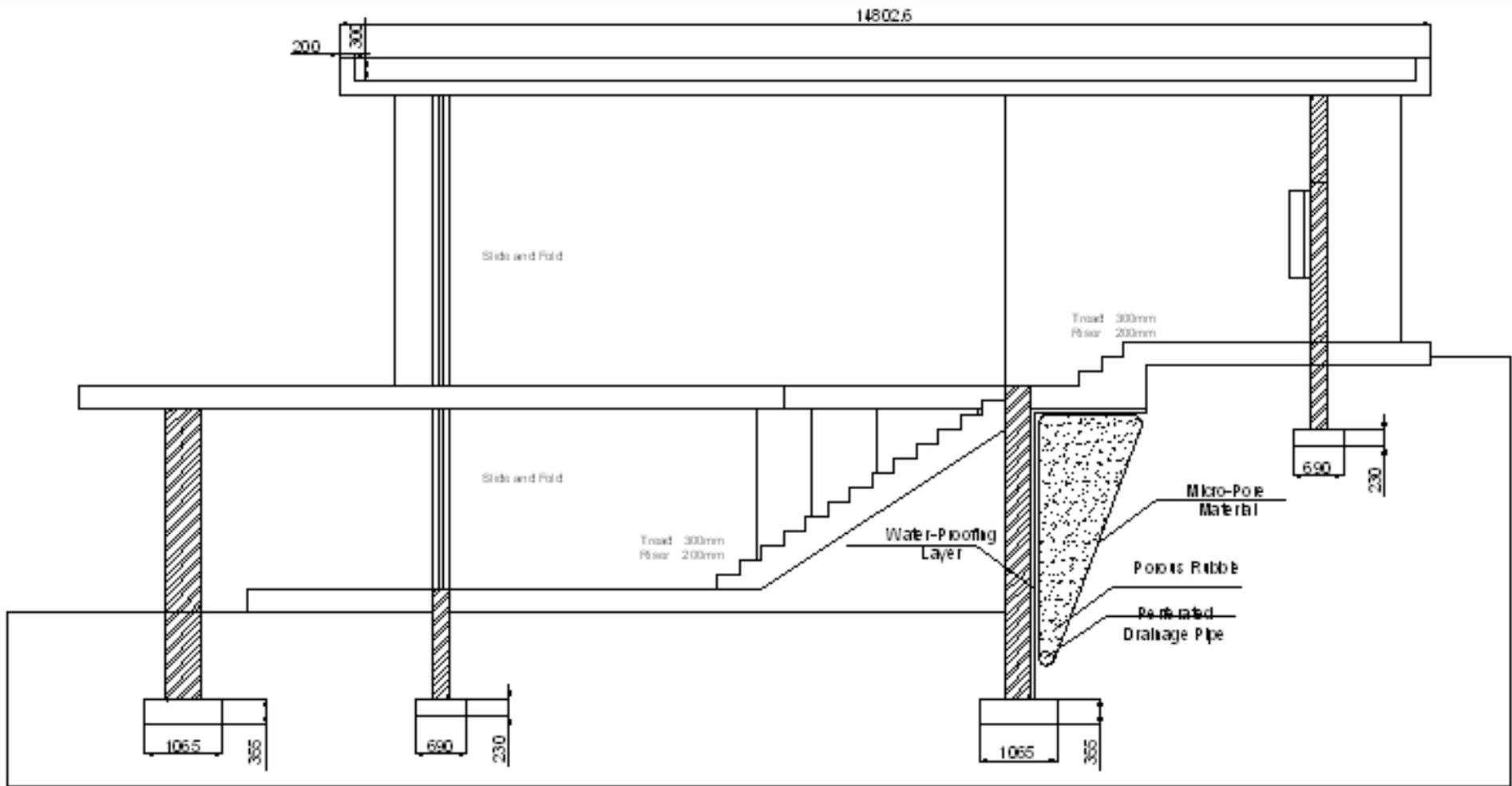
76mm x 19mm timber skirting with 19mm quadrant



1. Foundations shown
2. Dimensions
3. Ceiling Heights
4. Roof Construction

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# SECTIONED ELEVATIONS



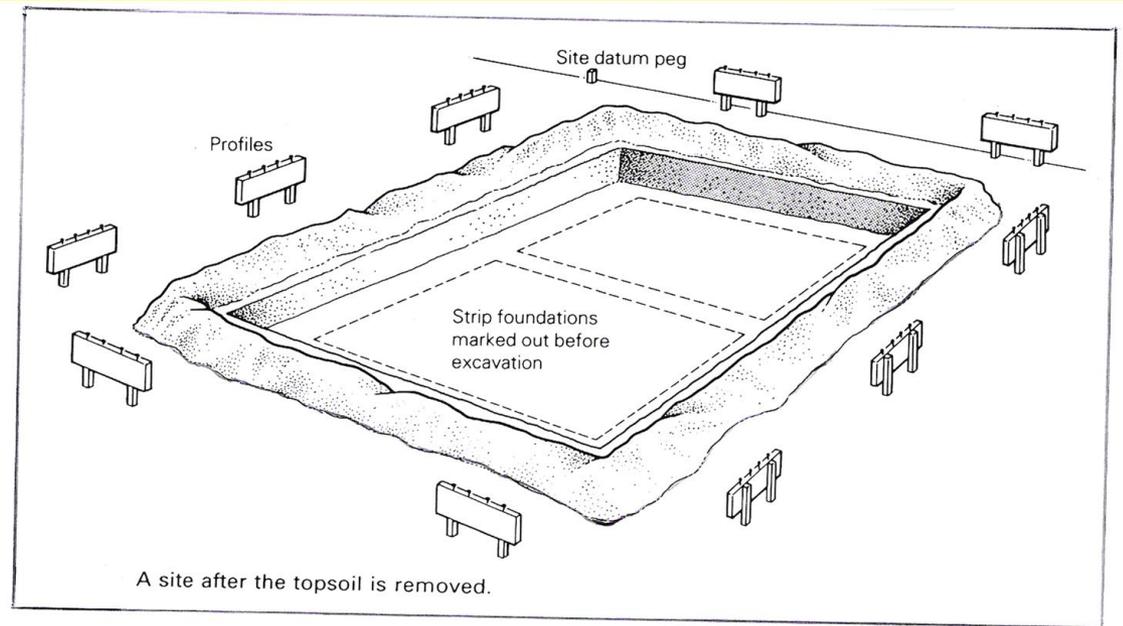
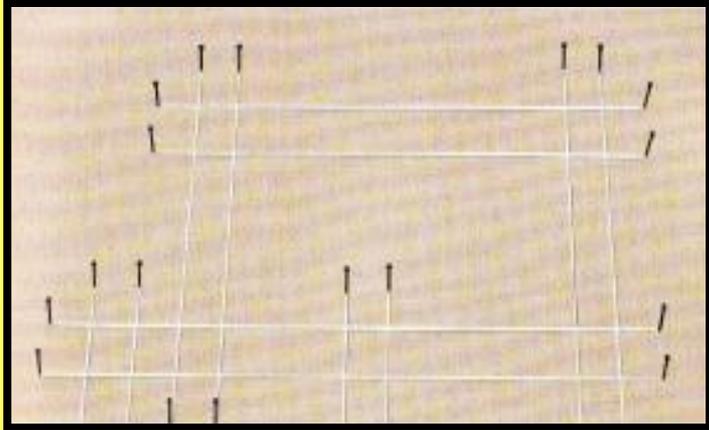
# **COMMENCEMENT OF BUILDING**

# Clearing of the building site

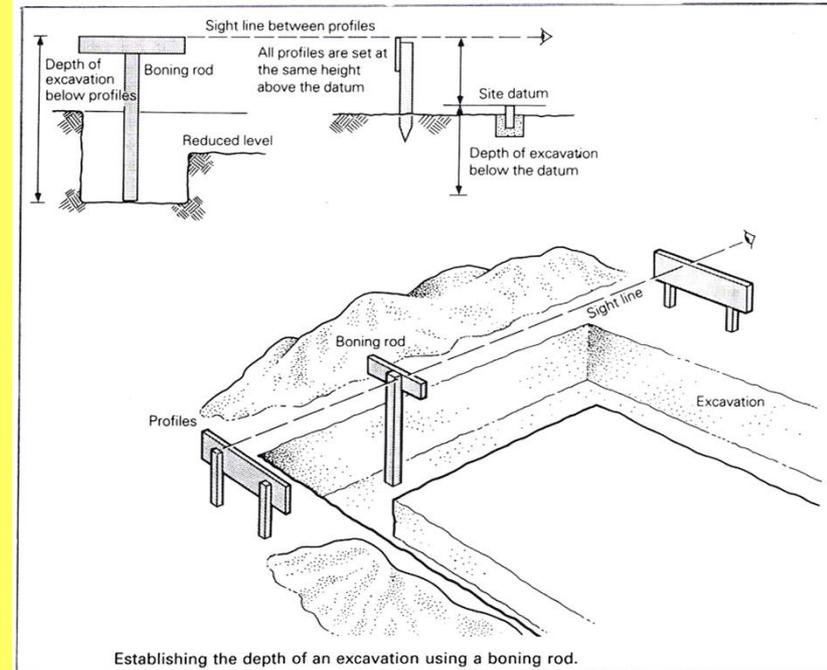


# PREPARATION OF A BUILDING SITE

## 1. Setting out.



## 2. Dig out the Foundation holes

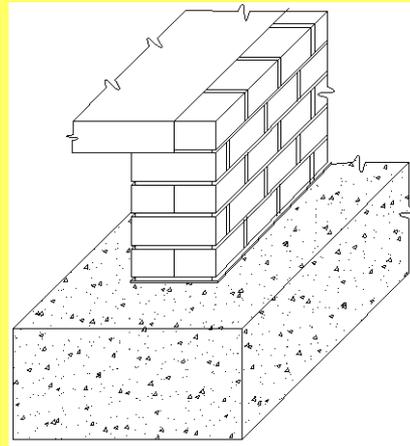
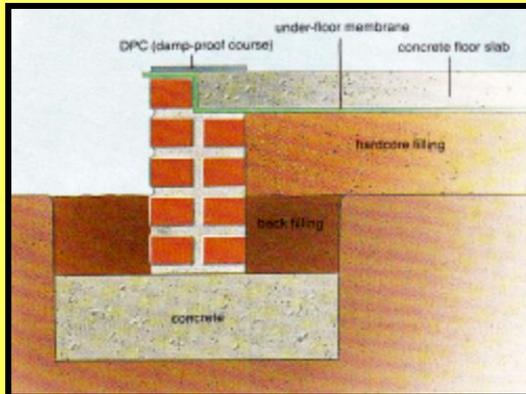
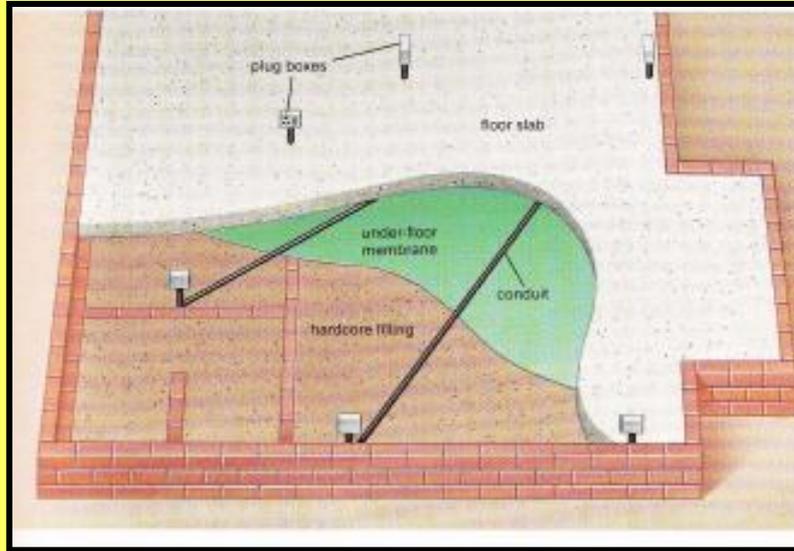


# EXCAVATIONS OF TRENCHES FOR FOUNDATIONS



# FOUNDATIONS

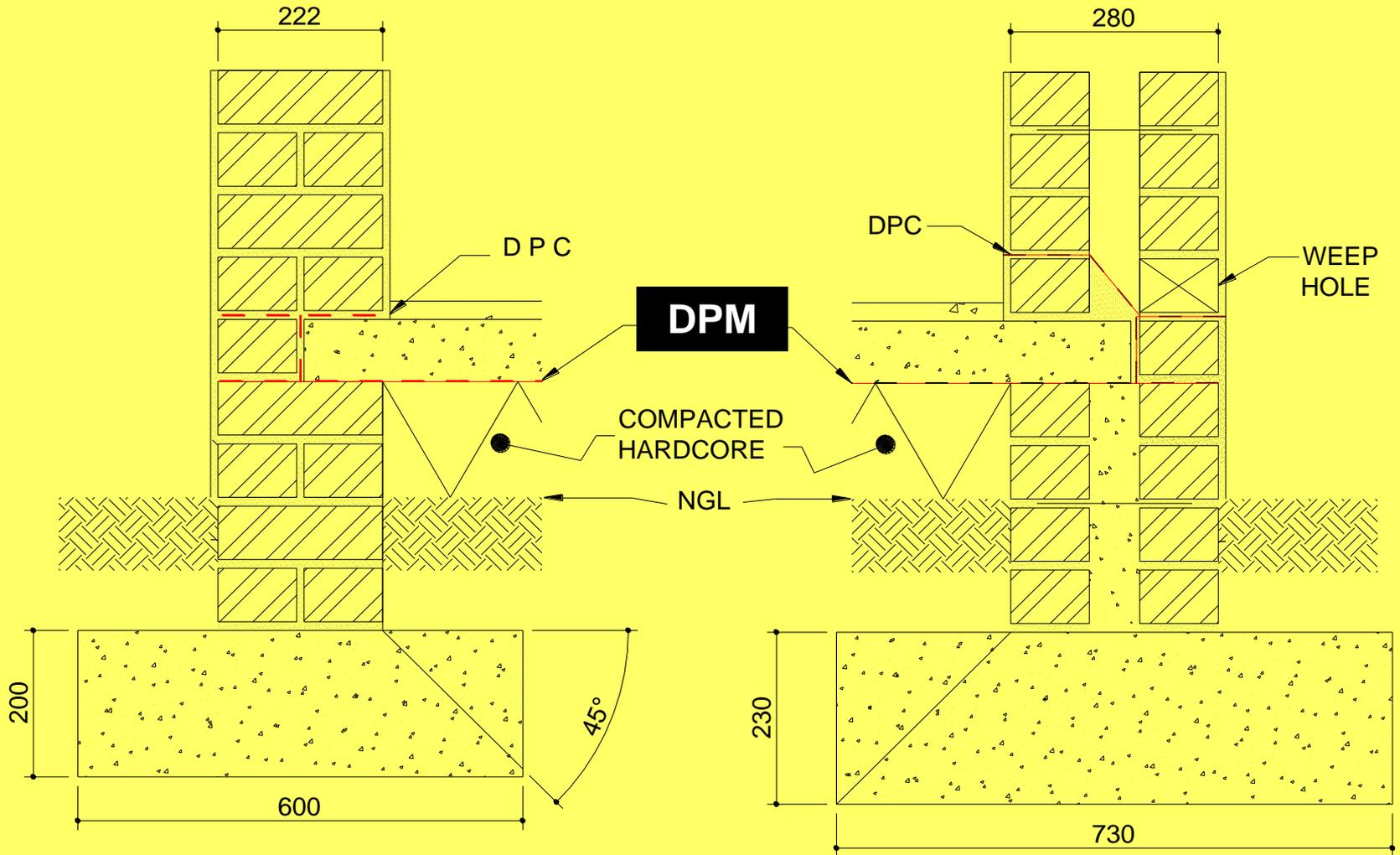
- Foundations are an integral part of the building which carries the structural load into the ground
- Foundations are made from concrete.

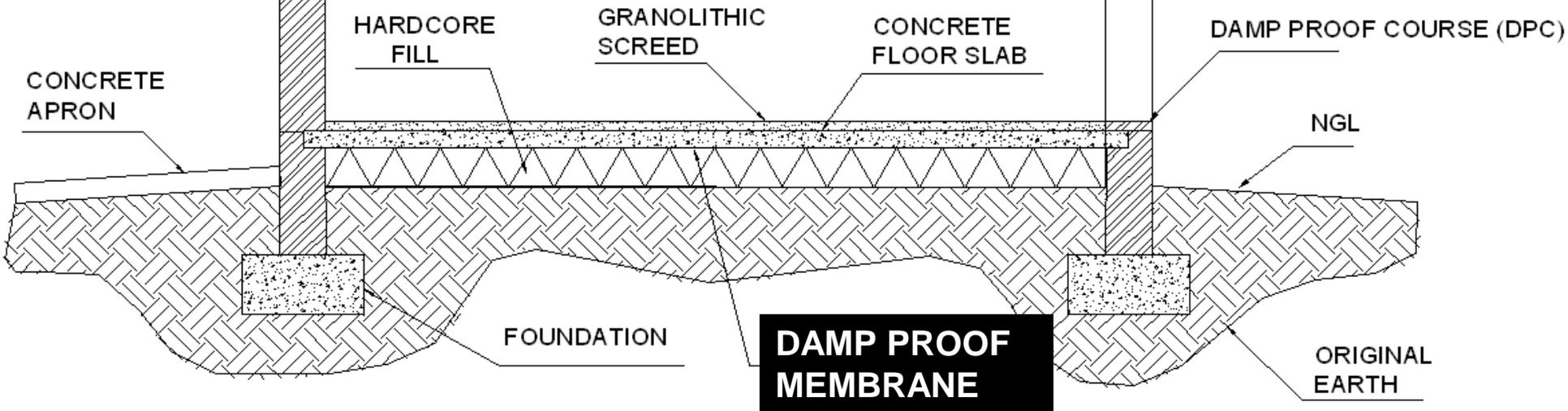


# FOUNDATIONS

B - ONE BRICK WALL

C - CAVITY WALL





### **Depth below ground level:**

It is obviously undesirable for footings to be placed on the surface of the ground since, apart from appearance considerations, there is a risk of erosion of the soil by rainwater. Also, the surface soil is generally disturbed as a result of site clearing operations and will have a lower bearing capacity than that below. Trenches should therefore be taken down to undisturbed soil and in any event at least 300 mm below ground level. The bottom of a foundation must normally be at least 400 mm under ground level. Trenches are first dug to the required dimensions and any soft spots dug out and filled with lean concrete. It is important that no structure should be built on loose soil or filled-up ground. The bottom of the trenches and the top surfaces of foundation must always be horizontal.

### **Hard core filling:**

Generally, a layer of 100 to 150 mm thick of selected material such as gravel or sand, carefully compacted, should be provided immediately below the concrete. Under domestic and other lightly-loaded floors, selected building rubble, and even ash from power stations or large industrial plants, may be used for this purpose.

### **Damp proofing:**

Before laying the concrete the whole surface of the foundation should be covered with a damp proof course, the most suitable material available for this purpose, being polyethylene (*plastic*) sheeting not less than 0,25 mm thick. The sheeting should be turned up against the walls and later cut off flush with the top surface of the concrete. Joints between strips can be made simply by overlapping them by about 200 mm. On wet sites more elaborate precautions are needed.

# WATERPROOFING

## Materials that can be used for damp-proof courses:

1. **Polyethylene (*Polythene*) sheet (*PE*)** Polyethylene sheet for waterproofing of structures.
2. **Polyethylene vinyl acetate copolymer sheeting (*PVC*)** is particularly puncture resistant.
3. **Bitumen:** Bitumen manufactured in rolls of convenient widths, is commonly used today. Various bases are available, such as hessian, asbestos and felt, all of which are inexpensive but have the main disadvantage of being torn easily.
4. **Asphalt:** Mastic asphalt is applied in two layers giving a total thickness of 25 mm. It is applied in situ and therefore joint less and very suitable but rather expensive.
5. **Lead:** Lead is a very suitable material for D.P.C. It is flexible and large surfaces can be covered.
6. **Copper:** Copper should have a minimum thickness of 0,25 mm. As with lead, it is supplied in thin sheets and is very expensive. It is seldom used in modern construction.



# WATERPROOFING

The purpose of a damp-proof course in a building is to provide a barrier to the passage of moisture from an external source into the fabric of the building or from one part of the structure to another.

## Placing damp-proof courses:

Damp-proof courses may be placed horizontally, vertically:

1. below ground level to prevent the entry of moisture from the soil;
2. above ground level to prevent rising damp, i.e. moisture moving up the wall;
3. at windows and parapets to exclude the entry of rainwater.
4. Doors
5. Roof

## Properties damp-proof courses:

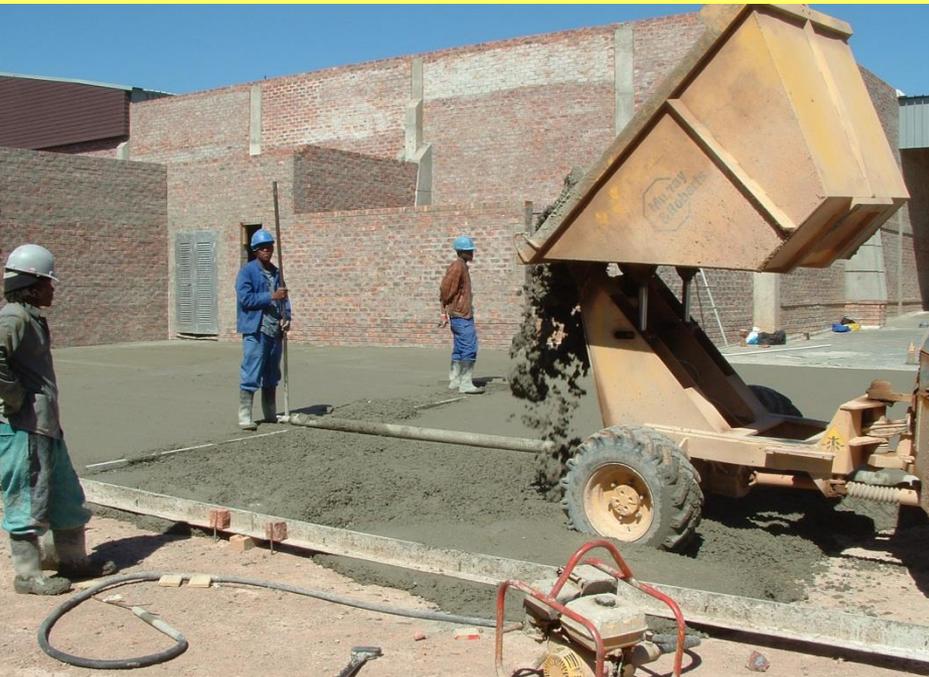
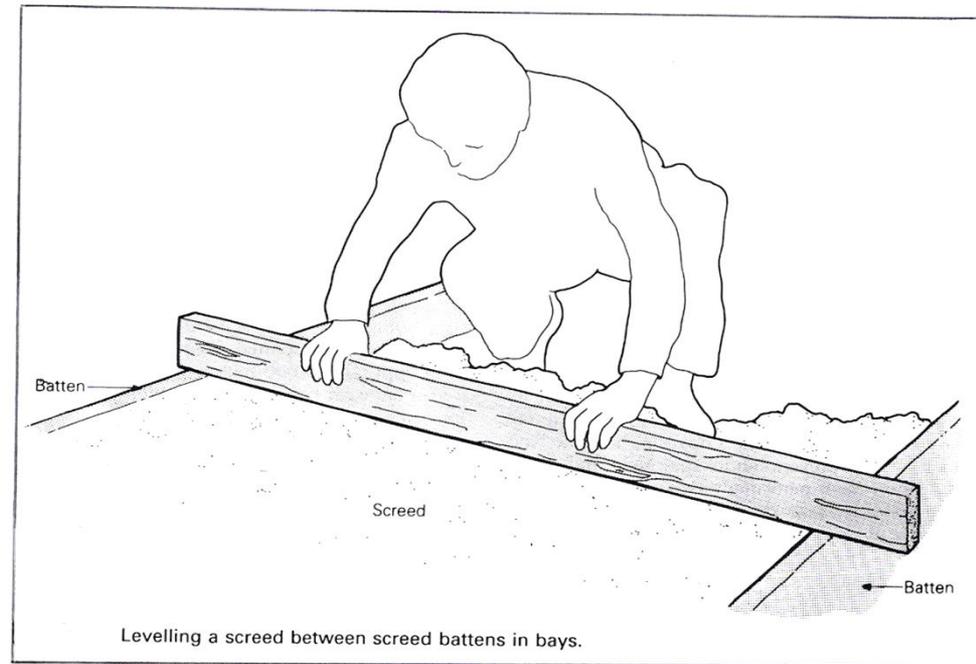
1. Completely waterproof;
2. Should be durable with a longer lifespan than the other components in the building and therefore should not need replacing during its lifetime.
3. Must come in comparatively thin sheets so as to prevent disfigurement of the building.
4. Be strong enough to support the loads placed upon it without allowing moisture to penetrate.
5. Be flexible enough to give way with any settlement of the building without fracturing.



# CONCRETE SLABS

Concrete floors are expected to last for many years, during which time they are subjected to heavy loads and hard wear.

It is therefore sound economy to build in high quality at the outset and avoid future trouble and costly maintenance. Once a floor has begun to fail, little can be done in the way of repair.

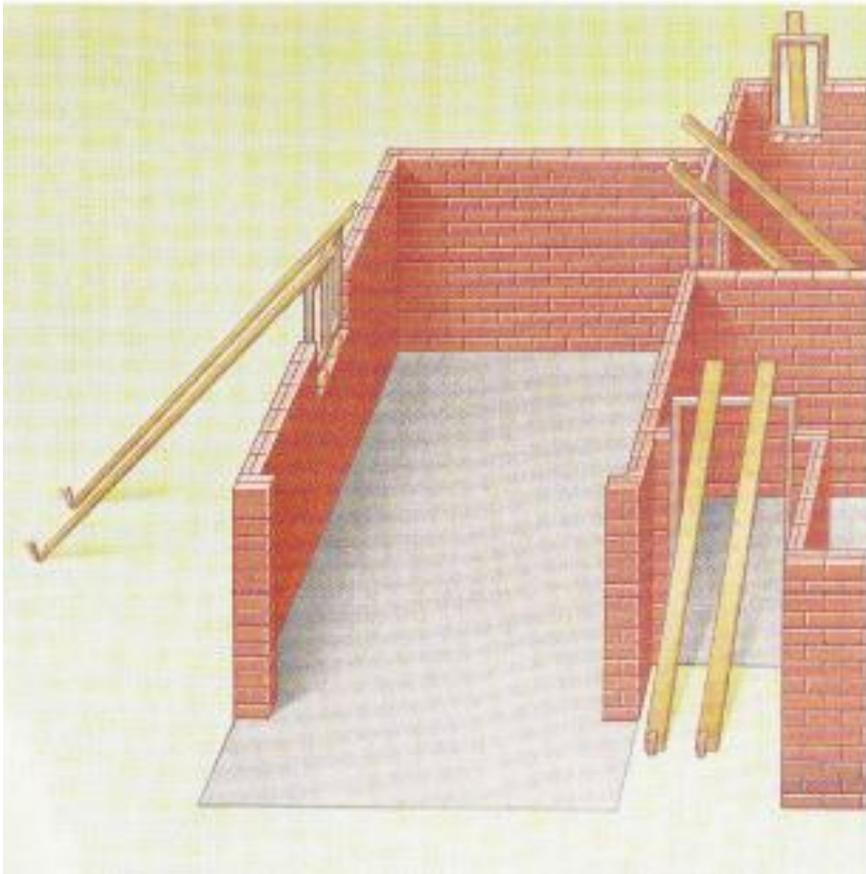


# CONCRETE SLABS



# SUPER-STRUCTURE

Is that part of the building from the floor slab to the ceiling / wall plate level.



1. Door frames are placed in position.
2. Brickwork is built up to door and window height.
3. Lintel above all openings – doors, windows etc.
4. Wall anchors/roof ties are placed into brickwork.
5. Brickwork continues to roof height.

# LINTELS

A lintel is a beam, which is formed by combining a pre-cast reinforced or prestressed concrete 'plank' of relative shallow depth with the brickwork.



Lintels are placed above doors and windows.



# LINTELS

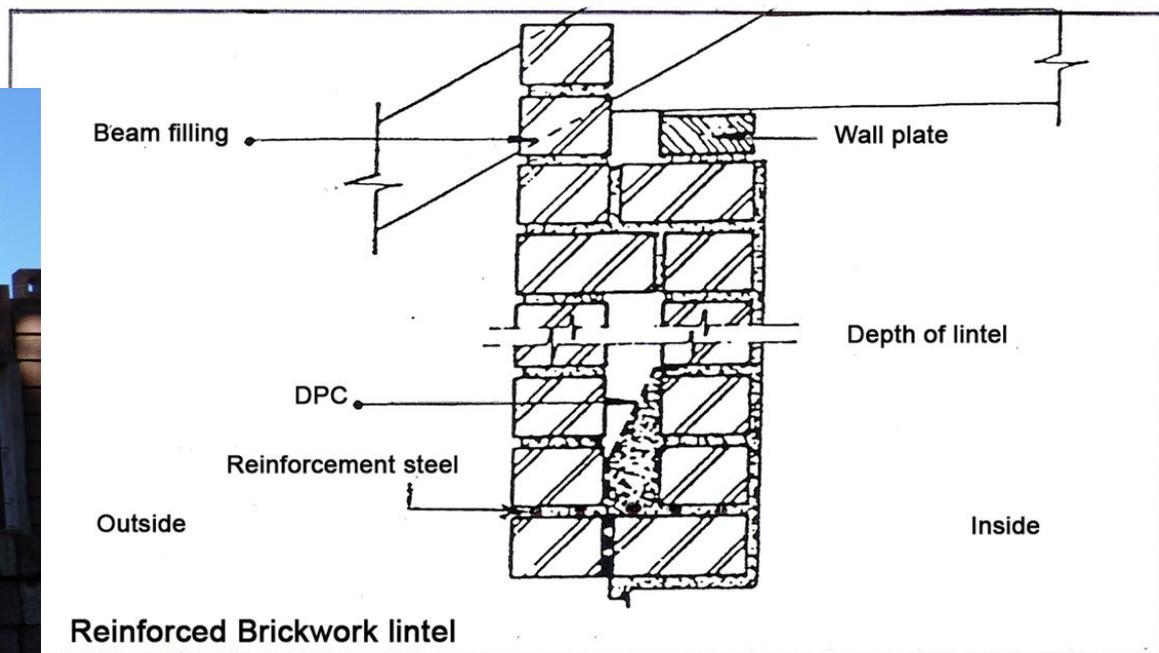
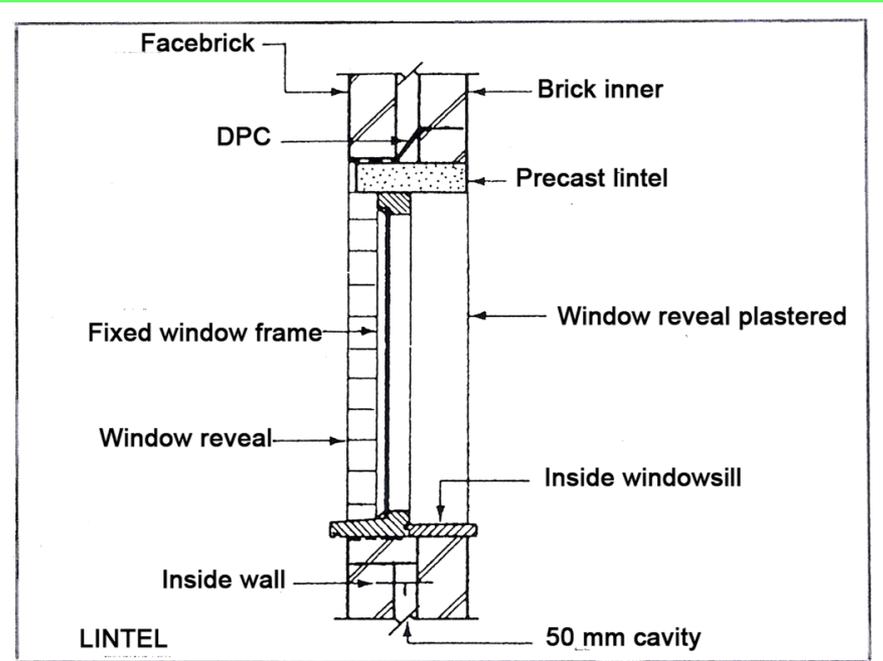
## PRE-CAST LINTEL

With this method a beam is formed by combining a pre-cast reinforced or pre-stressed concrete 'plank' of relative shallow depth with the brickwork.

## REINFORCED BRICK LINTEL

Advantages:

1. The appearance is uniform in facebrick walls.
2. Differential shrinkage cracking is avoided.
3. Apart from the bricks, reinforcing steel is the only other material needed.



Air Brick

Min. 200 mm

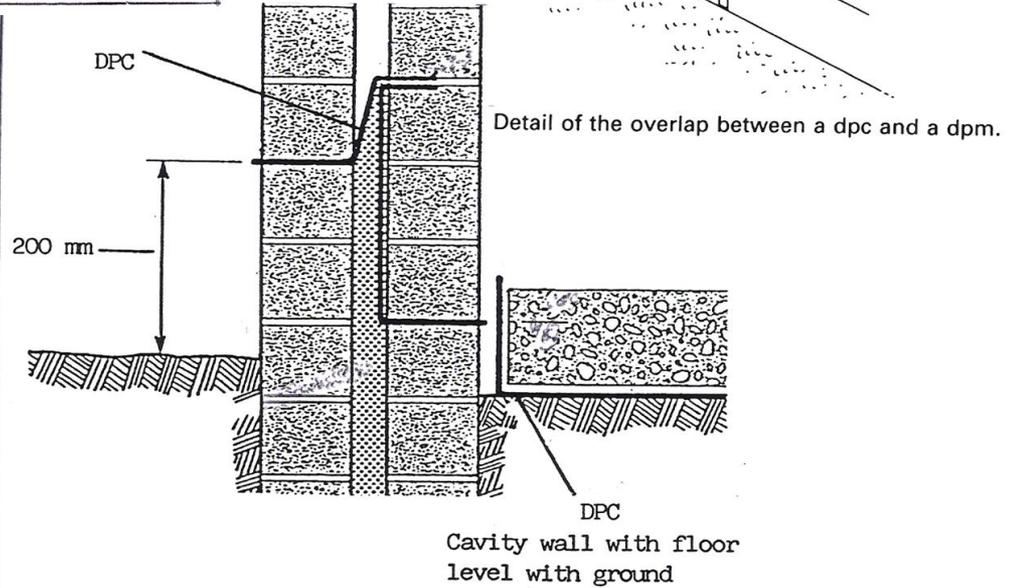
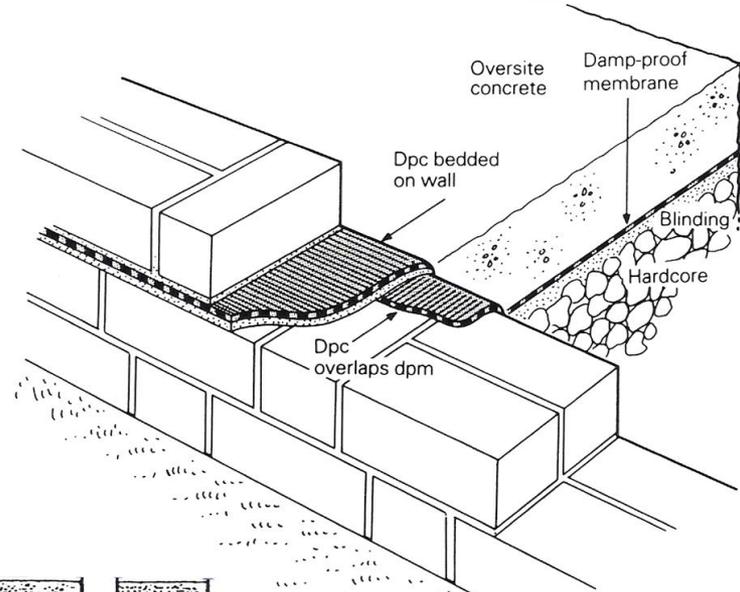
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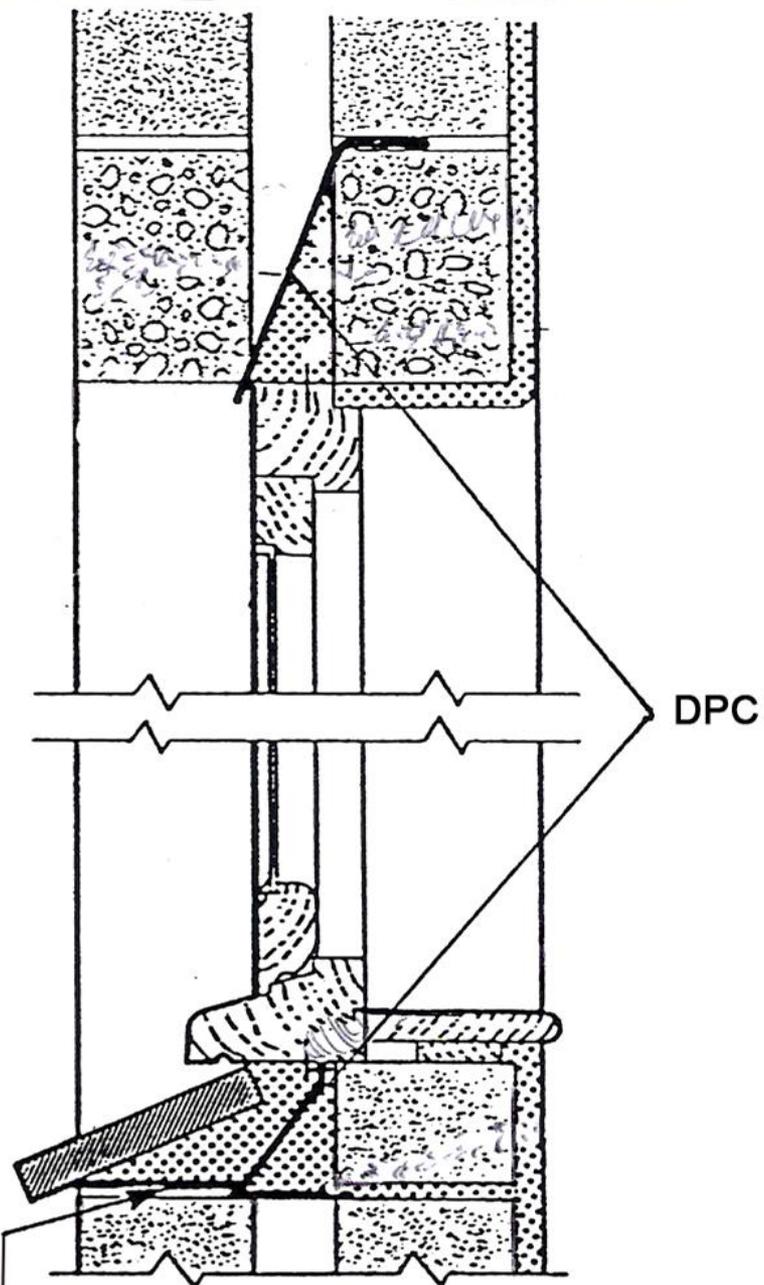
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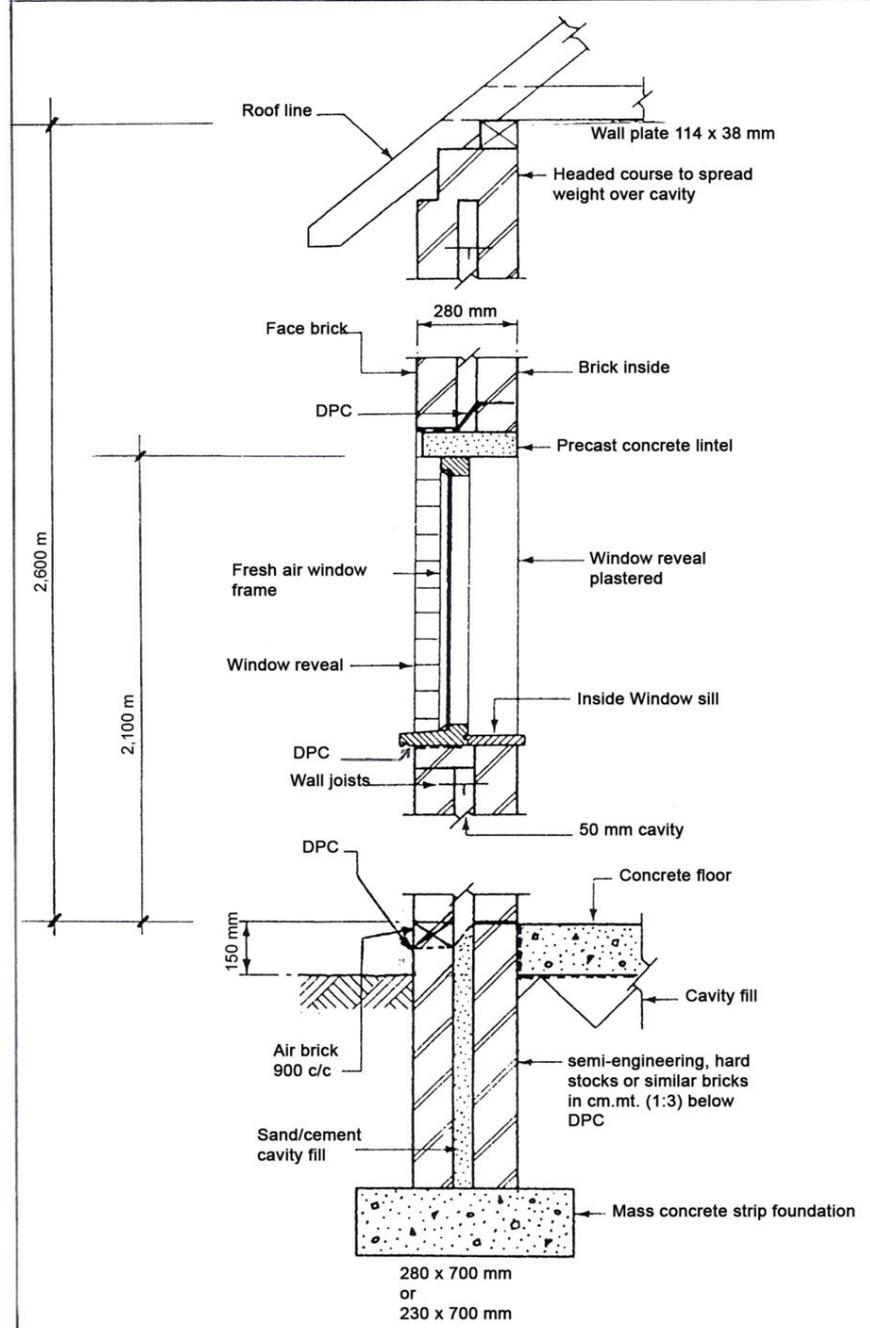
Cavity wall on concrete slab

# DPC





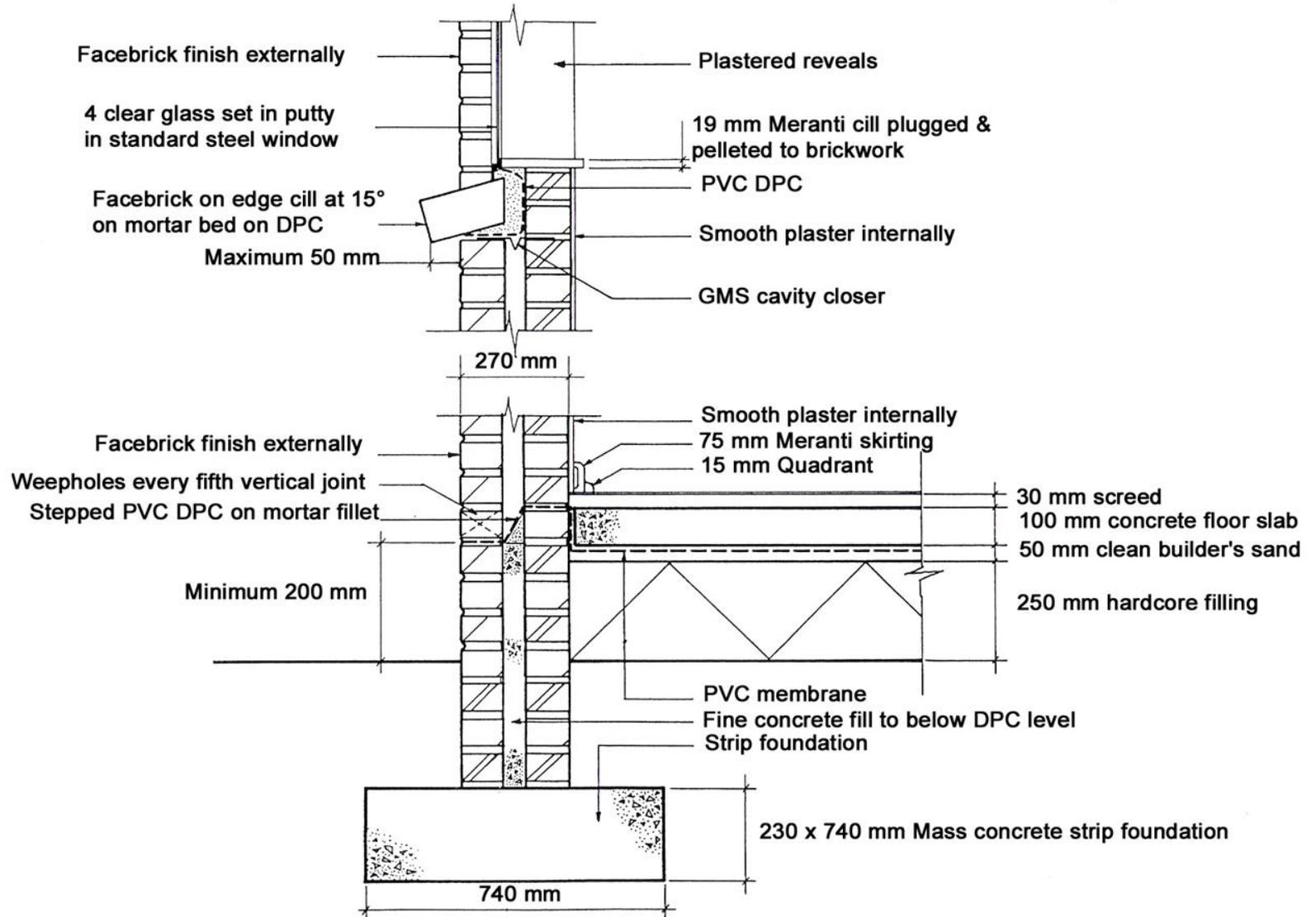
Window frame in cavity wall

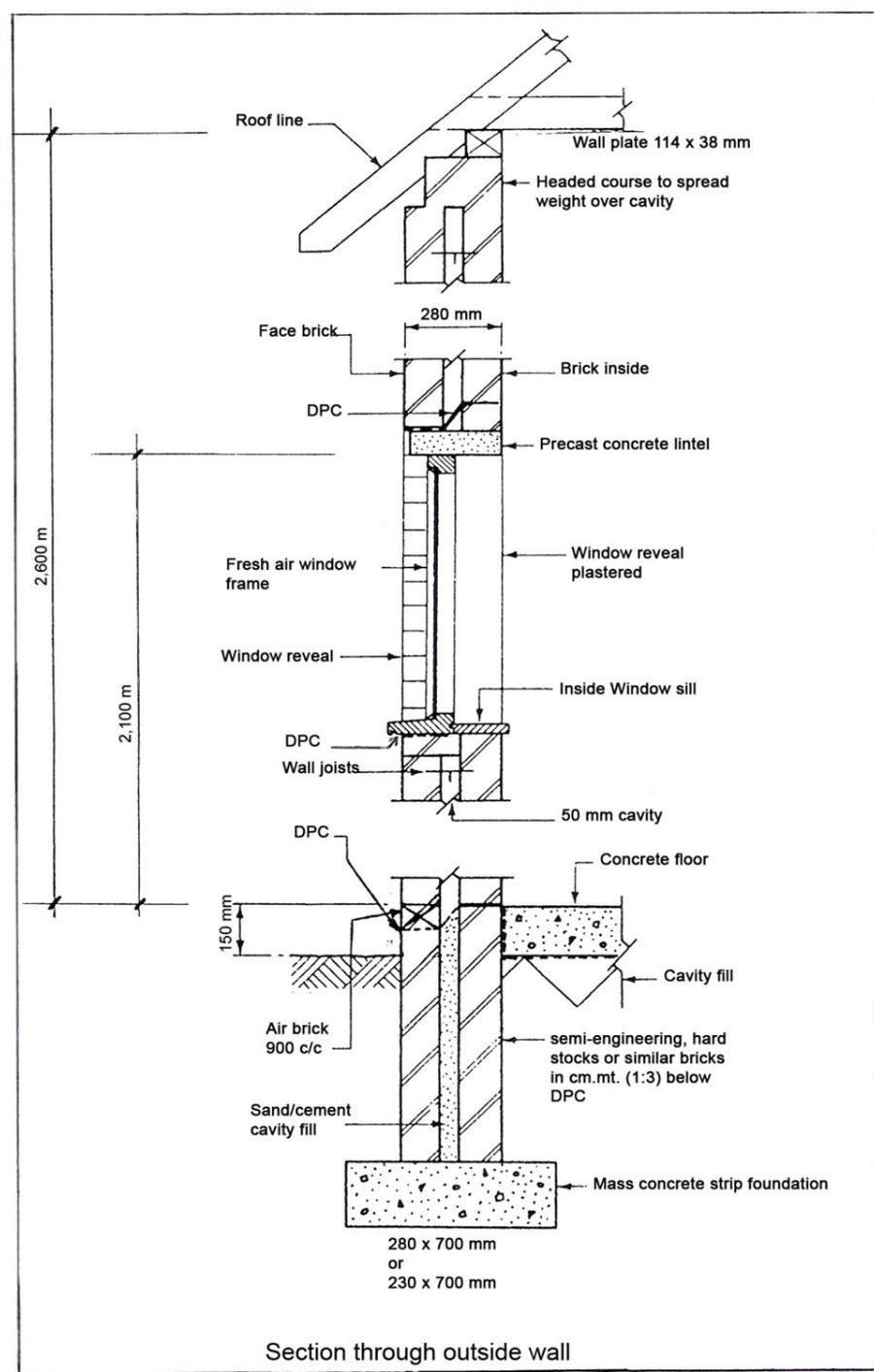


Section through outside wall

# DPC

## Methods for DPC

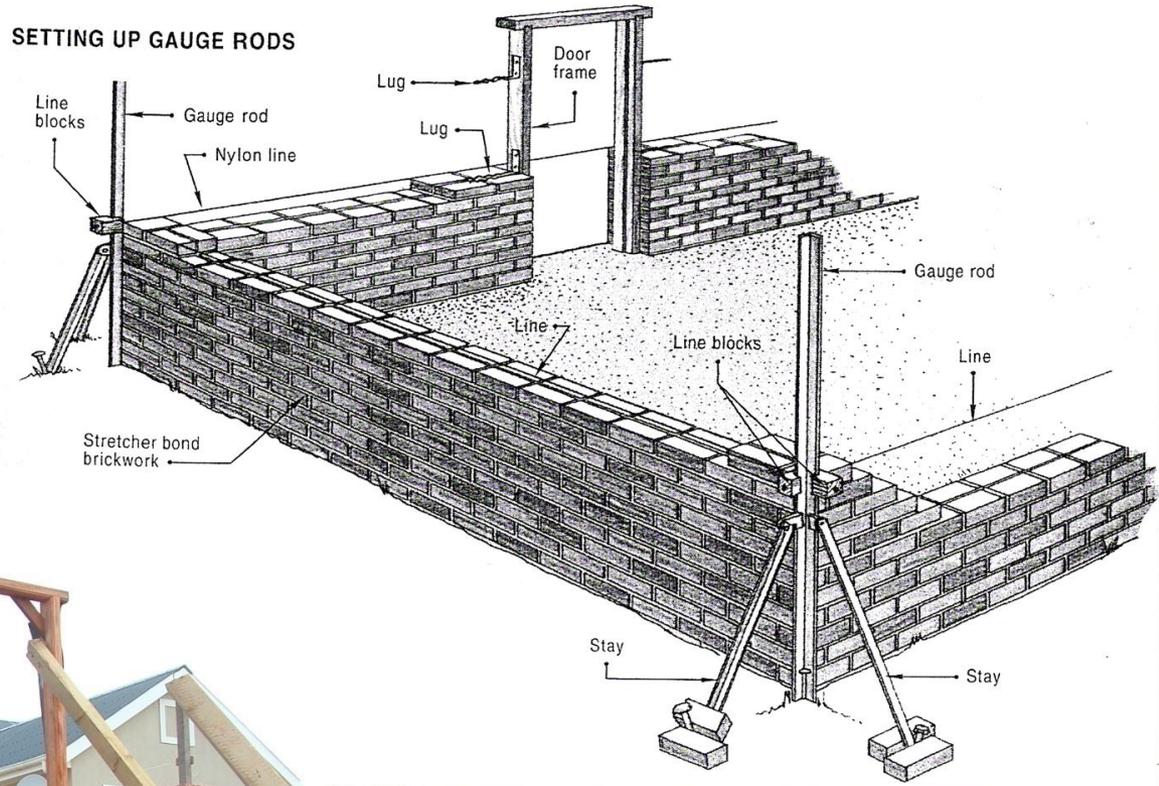




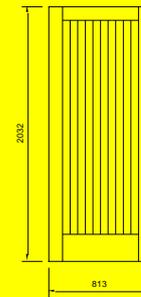
# DOORS

Door and window frames are normally built in as the work proceeds. If the built-in method is used, hoop iron pieces (*ties*) are fixed to the sides of the frames in line with the horizontal brick joints. These ties are then built in as the brickwork proceeds. In addition to the ties, door frames are anchored to the floor by means of steel pins at the bottom ends of frame styles. The steel pins are imbedded in the concrete floor.

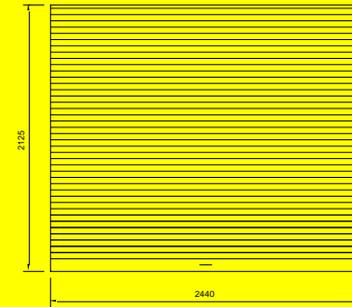
SETTING UP GAUGE RODS



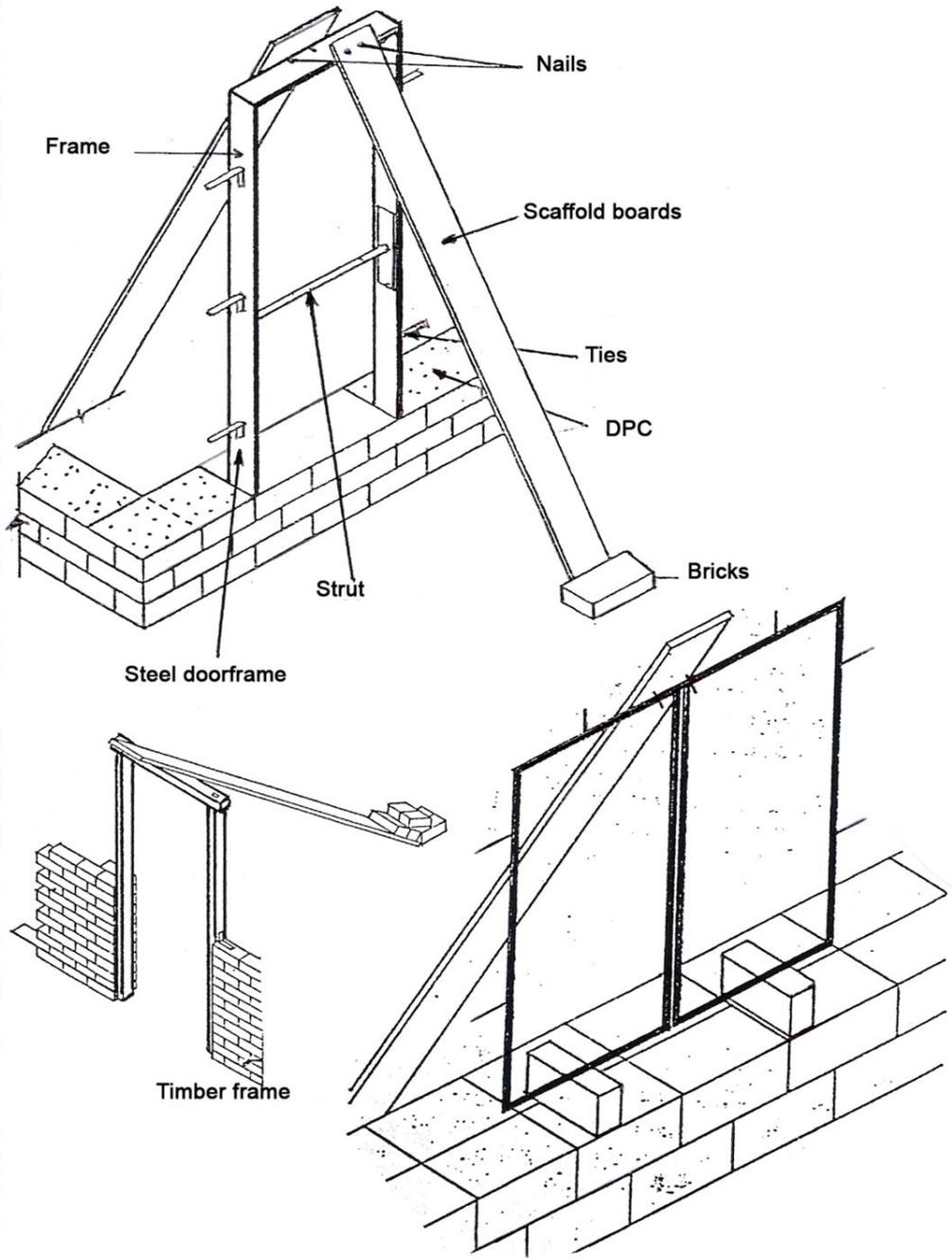
**STANDARD  
WOODEN  
DOOR**



**STANDARD  
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DOOR**

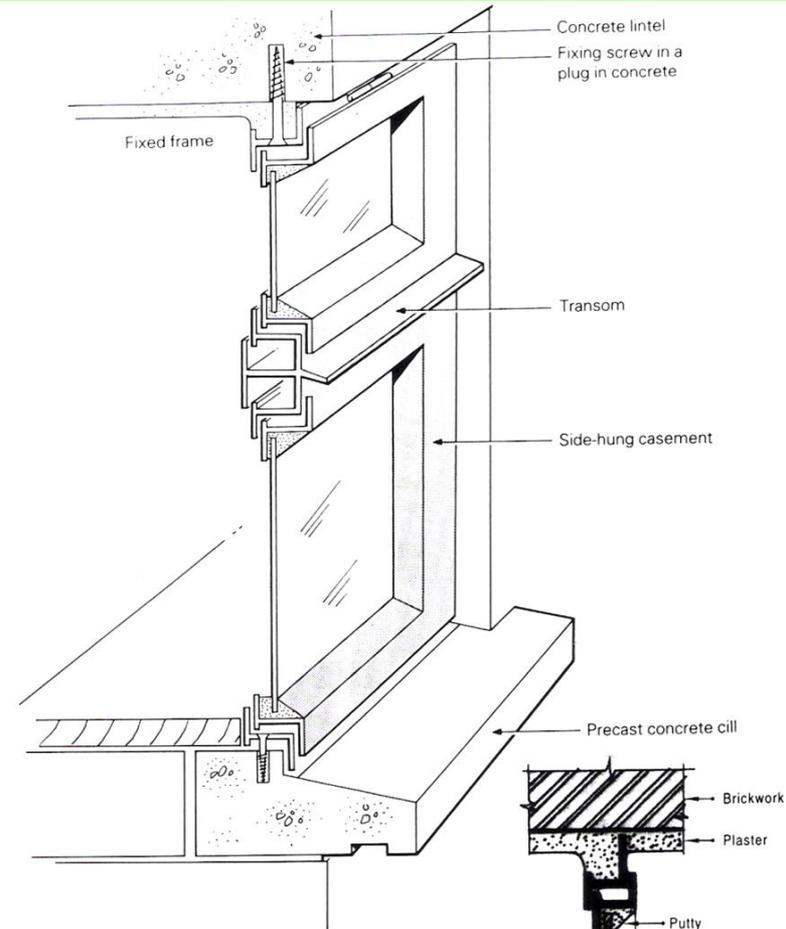


# Mounting and fixing of frames



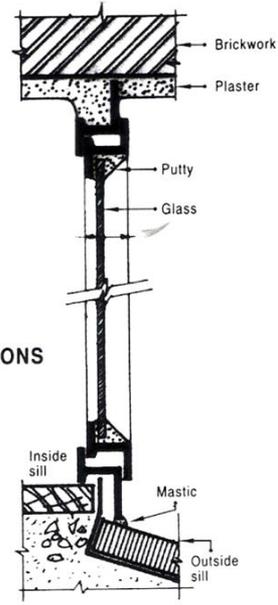
# WINDOWS

- A window is a frame, built into a wall, which can be opened or closed in order to let in light and air.
- Windows let light in through the glass, but to provide ventilation they have to be opened.
- Thus a window consists essentially of a frame into which a smaller frame fits, known as a casement.



**Fixing windows to openings**

## RESIDENTIAL WINDOW SECTIONS

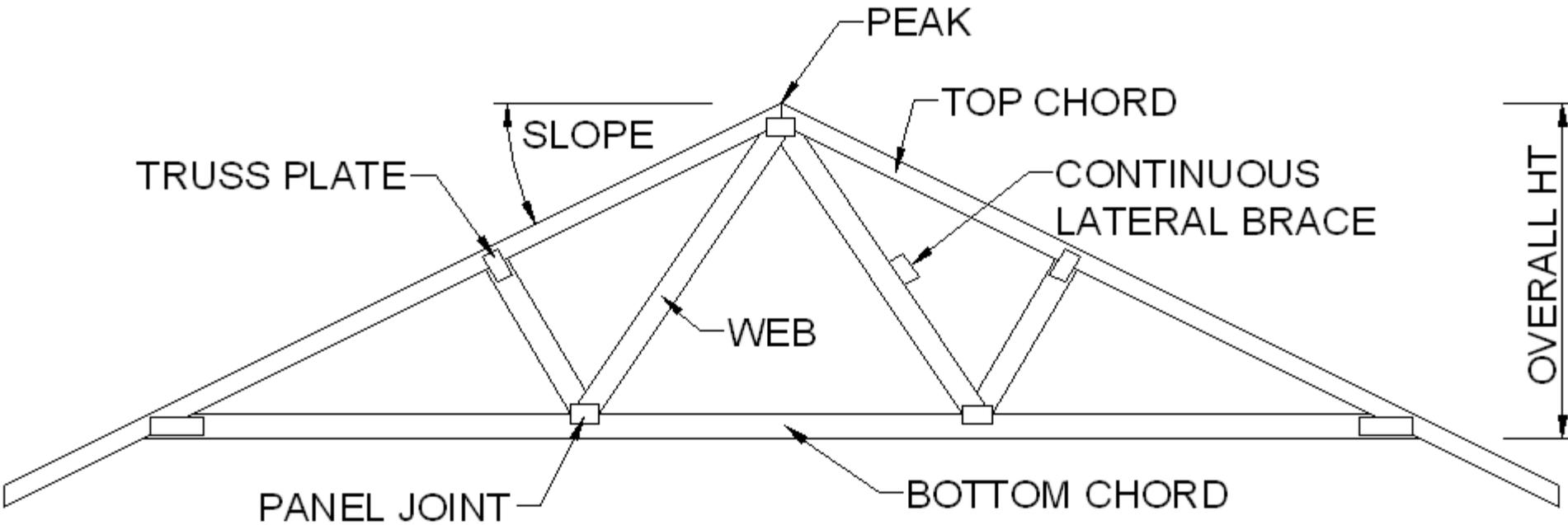




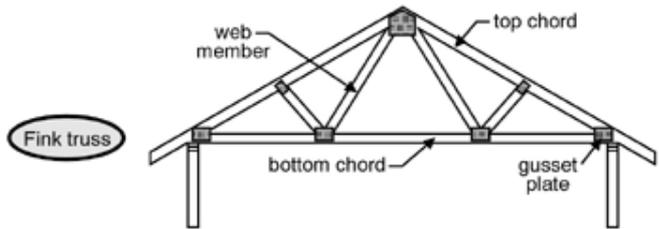
1. Wall plates are placed and nailed into position.
2. Roof trusses are placed in position and nailed to the wall plates.
3. Roof trusses are then tied and secured to the wall plates.
4. Damp proofing is placed over the the trusses.
5. Battens/Purlins are then nailed into position.
6. Roof covering is then placed on battens or purlins .
7. Ridge covers are placed in position with mortar.
8. Barge and fascia boards are secured in position.
9. Rainwater goods are then placed and secured into position.

# ROOF TRUSSES

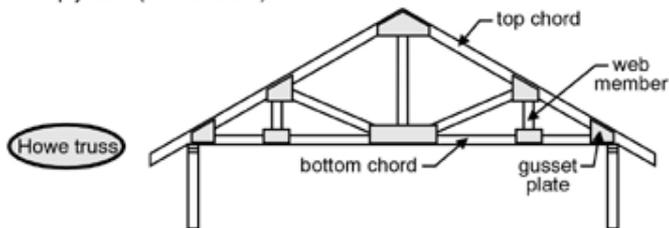
## A TYPICAL ROOF TRUSS



### Roof trusses - overview

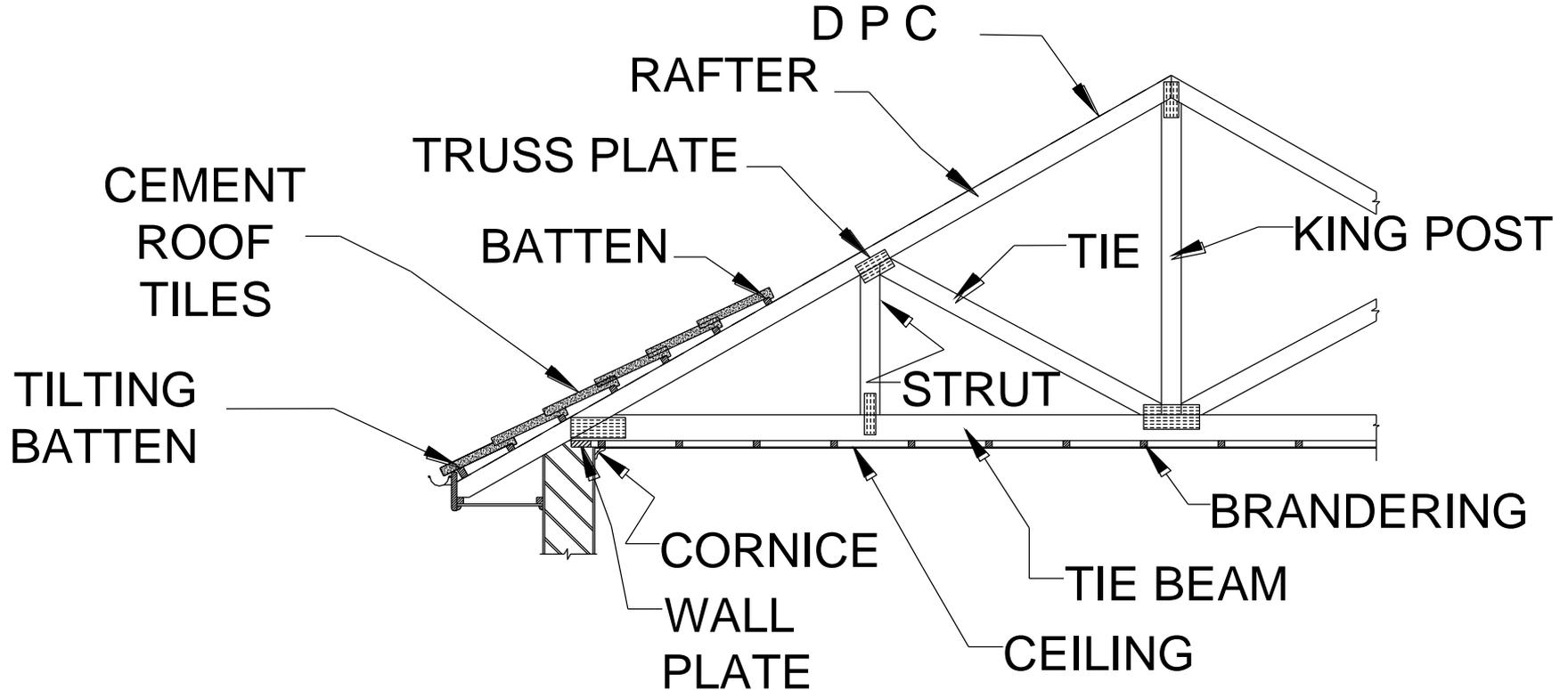


gusset plates can be metal (shown above)  
or plywood (shown below)



Roof trusses are structural assemblies that support and hold up roofs and ceilings. It is the frame of the roof. Roof trusses are strong due to the triangular geometrical shape. A series of triangular shapes are fastened together using truss plates or gussets. The outside members are called chords/rafters/beams while the inside members are called webs/ties/beams.

# ROOF TRUSSES



**DPC** - Damp Proof Course (Waterproofing for the roof)

**Rafter** – A beam for roof structure

**Truss Plate** – A metal plate that joins rafters & beams

**Batten** – A wooden beam used to nail roof tiles

**Cement Roof Tiles** – a type of roof covering

**King Post** – The main centre beam/rafter of a truss

**Tie** – a beam used for strengthening the truss

**Strut** – a strengthening beam/rafter

**Branding** – wooden battens for nailing the ceiling

**Tie Beam** – a main beam which tie beams are joined to

**Ceiling** – the inside covering of the roof/truss

**Cornice** – the neatening of the wall and ceiling join

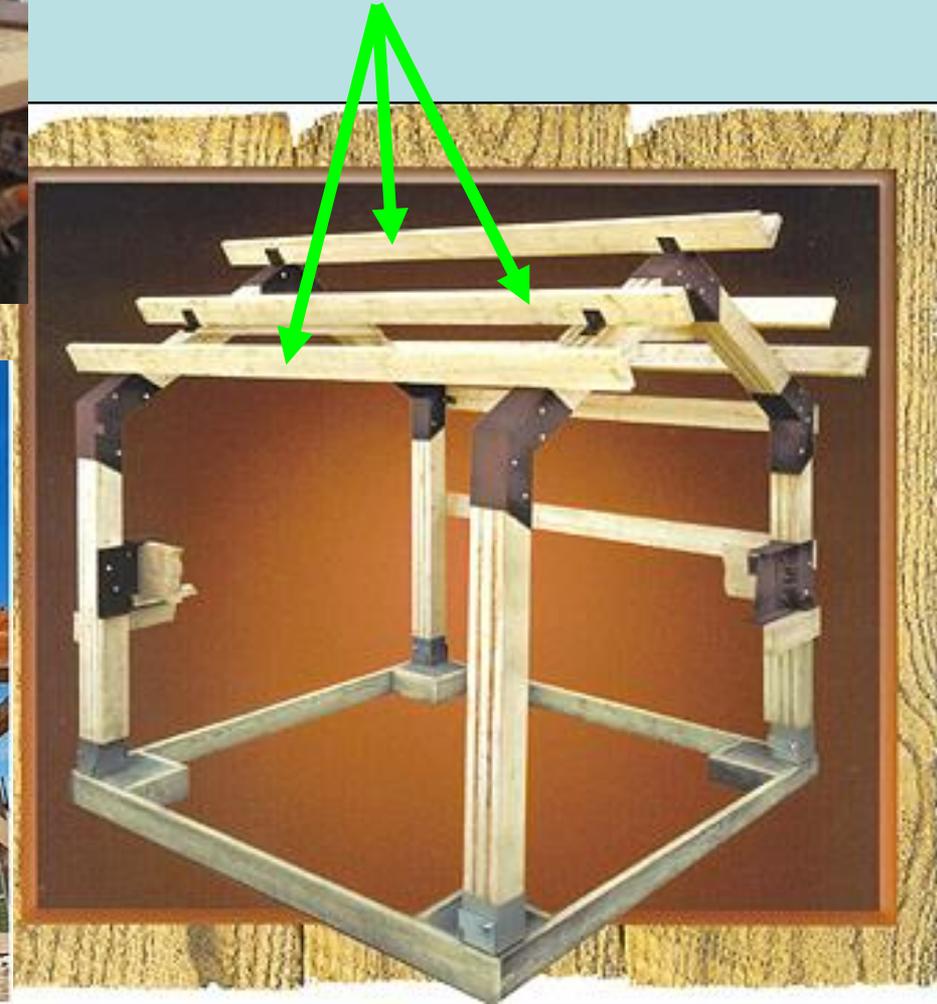
**Wall Plate** – a wooden beam used to level out the truss

# ROOF TRUSSES

Trusses are mass produced and wood is the common material.

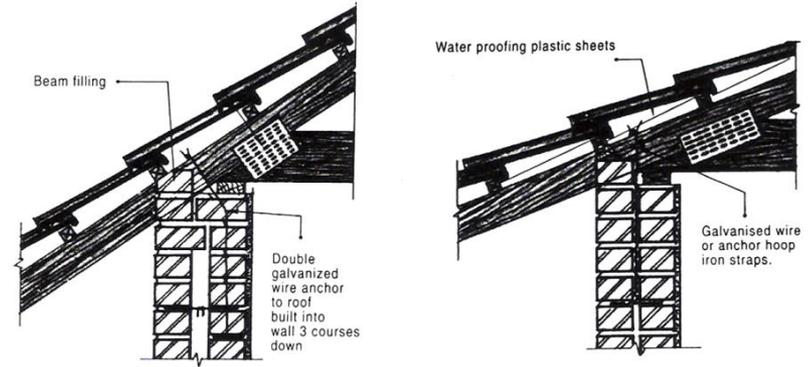
Trusses can be customized according to the style of the house.

Roof tiles are nailed onto wooden battens. These battens are nailed to the trusses.

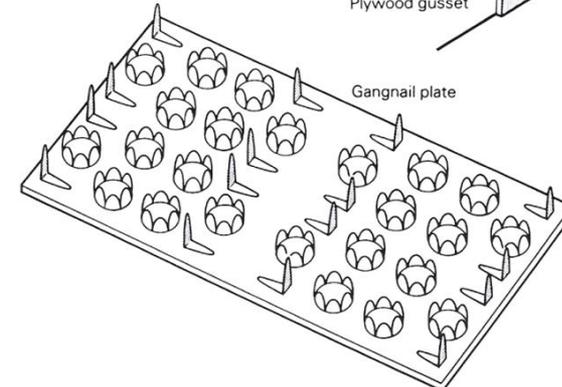
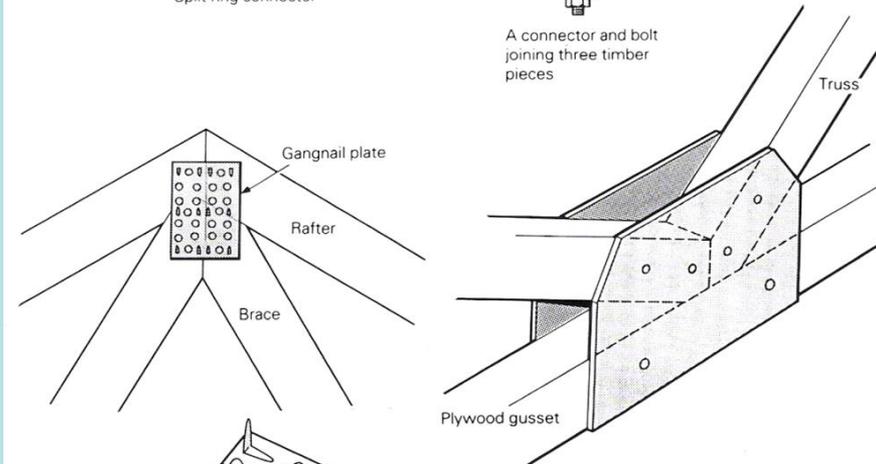
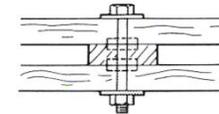


# ROOF

- The structure supporting the roof waterproofing and the waterproofing membrane must be capable of resisting the forces which are likely to be applied.
- The roof structure must be designed to carry its own weight, the waterproofing material and ceiling and any additional loads – such as water-tanks etc. (*dead loads*) and other loads such as workmen and to resist wind pressures.
- Truss constructions are often inadequate and excessive deflection and distortion of the roof structure may occur.



Truss connections.

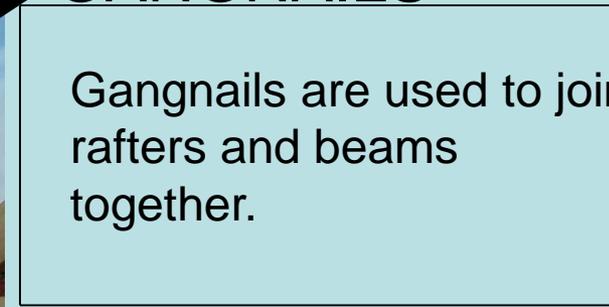


**ROOF BATTENS**



**GANGNAILS**

Gangnails are used to join rafters and beams together.



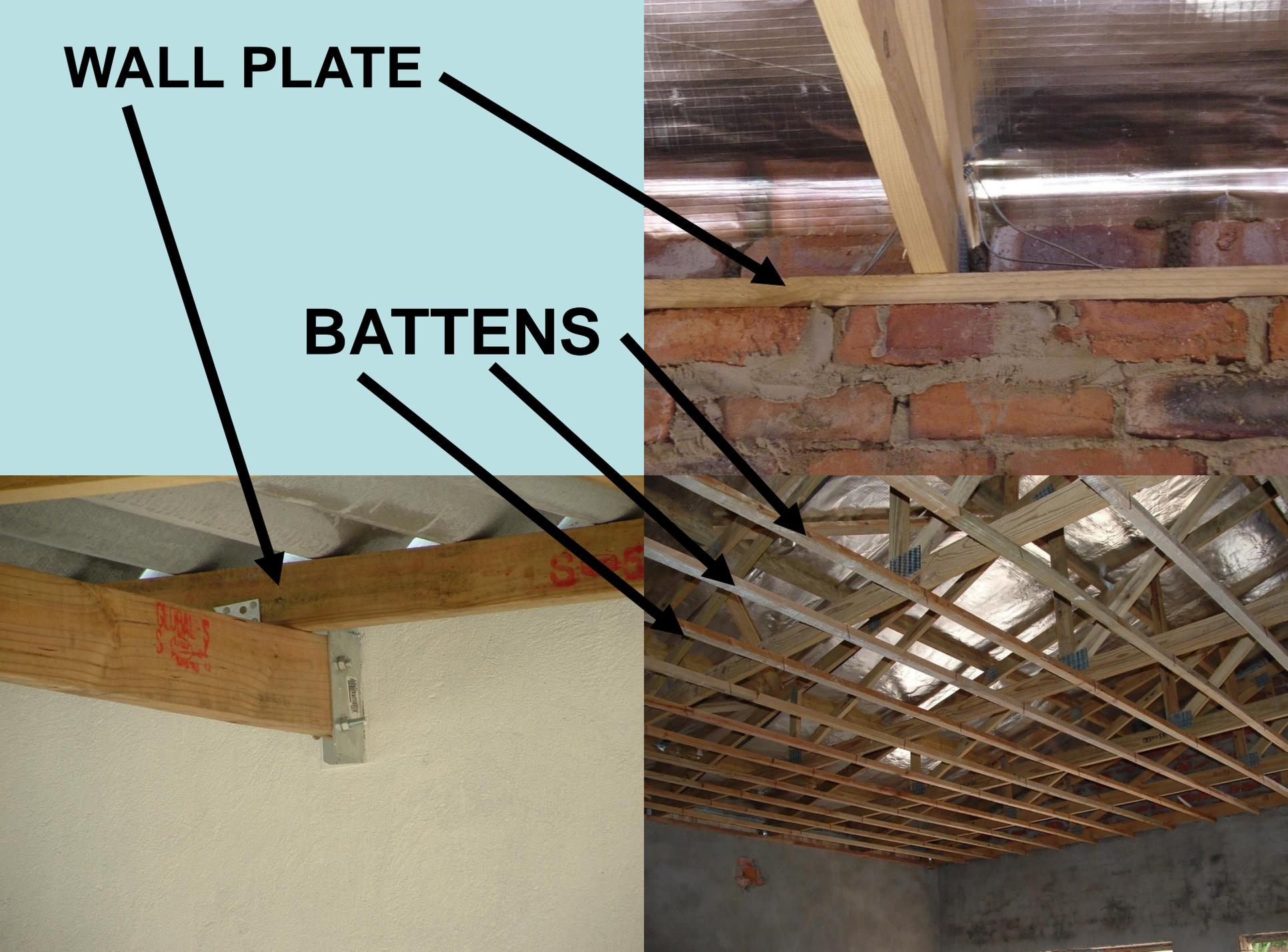
**WALL PLATE**

Wall Plates level out the trusses. Without wall plates, the trusses will all be uneven.



**WALL PLATE**

**BATTENS**

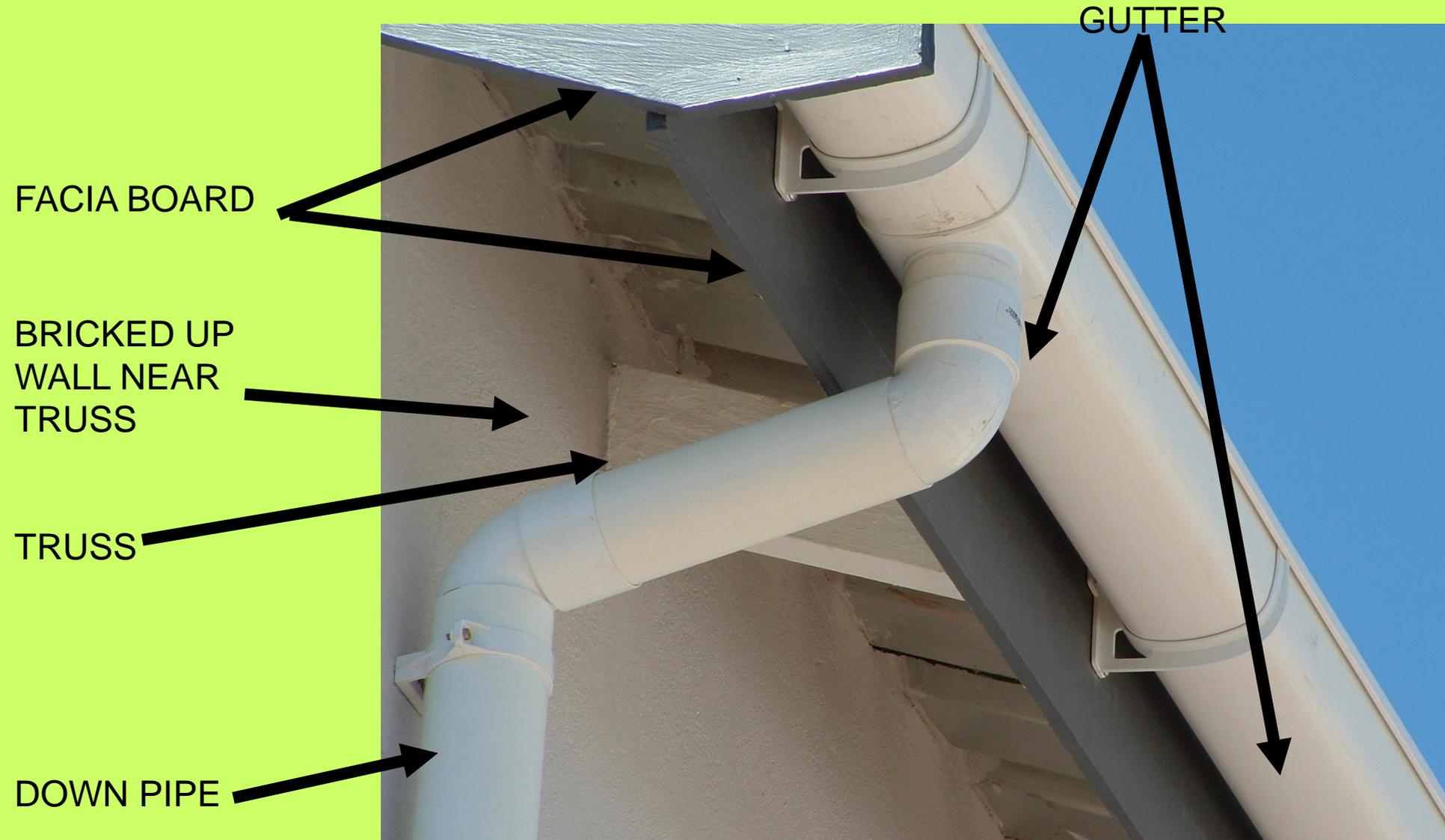




**Open and closed eaves**

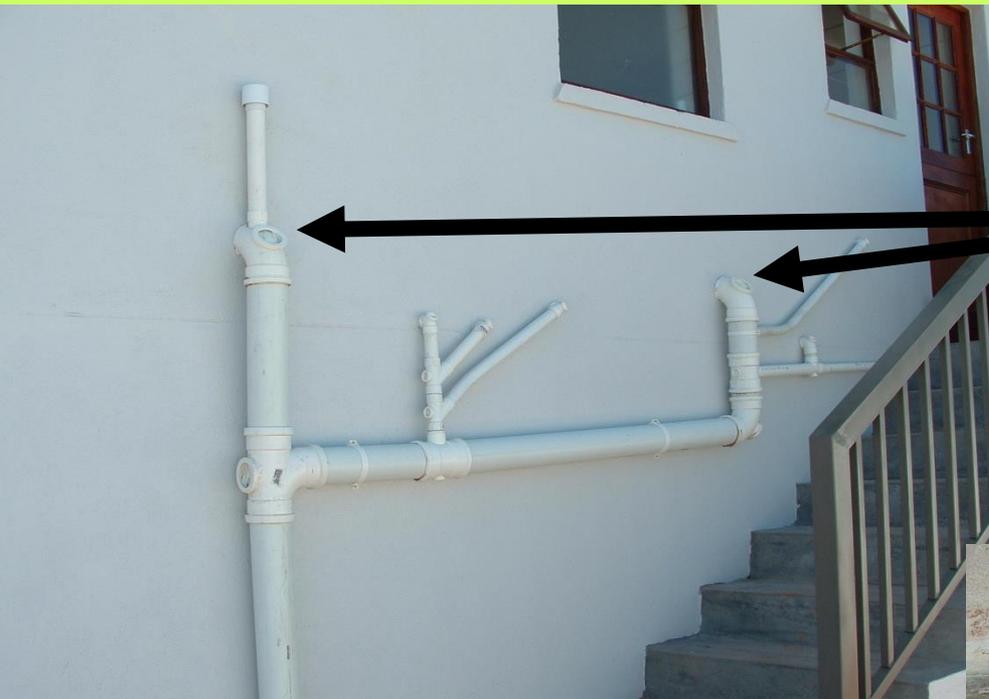


# PLUMBING





# SEWERAGE FITTINGS



**INSPECTION EYES**



**RODDING EYE**

# HEATING, COOLING AND INSULATION

Although South Africa's climate is generally benign, some areas have harsh temperature extremes, most suffer the occasional very cold snap, and all are subject to oven-like weather at times. By and large, however, insufficient attention is paid in this country to the cooling and heating of the home. Good insulation not only adds immeasurably to domestic comfort but also saves substantially on fuel and electricity costs over the long term. Preventing heat loss in winter and creating summer coolness are easily attainable objectives - if they are carefully considered at the planning stage.

Some roof coverings have better insulation properties than others. Thatch is probably the best, corrugated iron the worst.

Fibre-glass insulation in the ceiling is a simple and relatively inexpensive way of reducing heat loss through the roof and keeping a house cool in summer.

Solar heating systems significantly reduce electricity bills and are a sensible long-term investment.

Wide eaves help to reduce sunlight penetration of the house in summer but don't shade the windows in winter when the sun is at a lower angle. Awnings over north and west facing windows serve much the same function.

In the hotter and more humid parts of the country, air conditioning units are almost a necessity.

Double glazing is generally unnecessary in South Africa, but might be worth considering in areas with very cold winters. If the gap is wide enough, the windows also act as noise insulators.

Cavity walls are recommended in areas that experience very heavy rainfall (e.g. the south-western Cape). Filling the cavity with insulating material substantially reduces heat loss through the walls.

Under-floor heating is expensive to install and operate, but is one of the more effective ways of heating a house.

The under-floor PVC membrane insulates against damp.

A thick carpet with underfelt helps greatly to prevent heat loss through the floor.

Of all the many types of electric heater available, wall-mounted convector heaters are safe and efficient.

Open fires are a popular form of heating, but in so-called 'smokeless zones' they are subject to various restrictions. If you don't use your fireplace in winter, the chimney should be blocked to prevent an up-draught.

Draught excluders fitted to outside doors reduce heat loss.

Ceramic tile floors are cool in summer but tend to be uncomfortably cold in winter unless there is under-floor heating.

Louvre windows provide ventilation without draughts.

Stove hoods and extractor fans reduce condensation and remove cooking odours. Some models incorporate heaters.

