Bending Behavior of Steel-Concrete Composite Girder with Perfobond Shear Connector Using Super-light Weight Concrete with Steel Fiber Reinforcement

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Abstract

Recently, the development of the light-weight concrete with short fiber reinforcement is done to simplify the reduction and the structure section of the self-weight. It is possible of lightening about 30 percent using super-light weight concrete compared with normal concrete. On the other hand, there is a reinforcement method of usually having material strength equal with normal concrete by mixing steel short fiber. This study aims at clarify shear strength evaluation of perfobond shear connectors (PBL) using super-light weight concrete with steel short fiber. In this study, it was carried out push-out test and bending test of composite girder using super-light weight concrete with steel short fiber to clarify the presence of a concrete kind and the fiber mixing.

As a result, it was clarified such as: (1) the shear behavior and shear strength evaluation of PBL and (2) applicability of the PBL in composite girder which using super-light weight concrete with steel short fiber.

Keywords: Bending behavior, Shear strength evaluation, Perfobond shear connectors, Super-light weight concrete, Composite girder

1. Introduction

Recenthy, high-raised buildings and big-size infra-structures using reinforced concrete have been. Therefore high strength and lightweight materials are needed. Moreover, weight saving have beneficial effects on environmental problems. Regarding to lightweight material, a super-light weight concrete (SL) using artificial lightweight aggregate could be a good solution. Specific gravity of super-light weight concrete is less

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than 1.6. It is expected that use of SL concrete could increase the seismic resistance and economical efficiency by reducing the excessive weight of structures. However, it is weak points against tensile strength and shear strength compared to normal weight concrete. In order to overcome those weak points, adding short fibers into super-light weight concrete was examined. This method was based on the idea that short fibers could increase the tensile strength of concrete.

The short fiber could demonstrate the performances of various each externals steel fiber, vinylon fiber, PVA fiber, etc. In this study, the steel fiber with especially high effect of the strength improvement is targeted.

Moreover, as a connect method of steel and concrete with high slip rigidity, excellent fatigue strength¹⁾ and workability, PBL is paid to attention. However, it has been researched on shear strength evaluation of perfobond shear connectors using super-light weight concrete with steel short fiber reinforcement. In this study, push-out test and bending test of composite girder using super-light weight concrete with steel short fiber was carried out to clarify the presence of a concrete kind and the fiber mixing was carried out. Based on those test results, the shear behavior and shear strength evaluation of PBL; applicability of the composite girder with PBL using super-light weight concrete with steel short fiber reinforcement was clarified.

2. Push-out Test on PBL Connectors

2.1 Evaluation of shear strength in past research

Shear strength evaluation of PBL have been proposed by Leonhardt²⁾, Hosaka³⁾. In this study, the structure of PBL with a reinforce bar through the aperture is targeted. **Eq. (1)** is formulated basically with the push-out test by Hosaka which parameters; apertures number, steel board thickness and reinforcing bar through the hold or not of PBL in normal concrete (N). Moreover, **Eq. (2)**⁴⁾ is a lower bound type of **Eq. (1)**.

On the other hand, push-out test used light-weight concrete by Suzuki⁵⁾ confirmed the shear destruction of PBL is influenced by the kind of aggregate and it is necessary to consider the reduction factor to the equation of normal concrete for evaluate light-weight concrete. Eq. (3) evaluates it by multiplying reduction factor 0.7 to $(d^2 - 2) \cdot f'_{cu}$ shows in Eq. (1).

2.2 Definition of shear strength

There are two definitions of the shear strength by the past research as **Fig.1**. The frist is defined shear strength of the PBL with the maximum load (defined as V_{max}) in push-out test and the second is defined with the load up to the relative displacement 10mm (defined as V_{10mm}). V_{max} has possible to ends the test before V_{max} appears by the convenience of test or the penetrated reinforce bar is broken after contact with the steel board of PBL. On the other hand, **Eq. (1)** is formulated basically by many data with V_{10mm} . Moreover, because the penetrated reinforce bar doesn't contact with the steel board of PBL in usual if the relative displacement under 10mm, the shear strength of PBL is evaluated in V_{10mm} in this study.

$$Q_{u} = 1.45 \left\{ \left(d^{2} - \phi^{2} \right) \cdot f_{cu}' + \phi^{2} \cdot f_{st} \right\} - 26.1 \times 10^{3}$$
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⁽²⁾

$$Q_u = 1.45 \left\{ 0.7 \left(d^2 - \phi^2 \right) \cdot f'_{cu} + \phi^2 \cdot f_{st} \right\} - 26.1 \times 10^3$$
(3)

 Q_u : Shear strength per PBL (N)

 f'_{cu} : Compressive strength of concrete (N/mm²)

: diameter of aperture (mm)

: diameter of the penetrated reinforce bar (mm)

 f_{st} : Tensile strength of the penetrated reinforce bar (N/mm²)



Fig. 1 Definition of shear strength.

2.3 Material test

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In the material test (Compressive, Tensile, Flexural, Shear strength), the fiber mixing rate (0%, 1.2%) was assumed to be a parameter to normal concrete and super-light weight concrete. **Table 1** shows material type used in super-light weight concrete and **Table 2** shows the proportion of concrete. Concrete strength and Young's modulus of all kinds of specimens are shown in **Table 3**. As for compressive strength, the effect the fiber mixing between N, SL is hardly seen from this table. However, in tensile, flexural and shear strength, it is tends to improve by the fiber mixing remarkably.

2.4 Outline of specimens and push-out test

The parameters of the specimen in push-out test are concrete kind (N, SL), presence (0%, 1.2%) of the steel fiber mixing, and aperture (35mm, 50mm) of PBL as shown in **Table 3**. Here in after, loading test is carried out for three same specimens by the six kinds of specimens. The size of the specimens and the test methods were mainly following "Push-out Test for Handed Stud (Draft)"⁶⁾ show in **Fig.3**. Moreover, penetrated reinforce bar D13 SD295 (tensile strength 570N/mm²) was arranged in all specimens. The relative displacement between H steel and the concrete block at the penetrated

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reinforce bar position was measured. The strain gage was patched on the penetrated reinforce bar at 31mm and 125mm away from center two pieces respectively. The loading was repeated by 0.1mm with the relative displacement increment up to relative displacement be in 1mm, 0.5mm up to 10mm, and 5mm after that. No.3 of N00-35 was increased the load monotonically and the evaluation of date not included it. The setup of specimen is shown in **Fig.4**.

Material Type	Detail	Code	Property
Cement	Ordinary portland cement	С	Density: 3.16g/cm ³
Normal fine aggregate	-	Normal S	Surface-dry density: 2.55g/cm ³ Water-absorbing ratio: 1.92%
Normal coarse aggregate	-	Normal G	Surface-dry density: 2.90g/cm ³ Water-absorbing ratio: 1.92%
Artificial lightweight fine aggregate		Light S	Density: 1.89g/cm ³ Water-absorbing ratio: 16.65%
Artificial lightweight coarse aggregate	ASANO Light	Light G	Density: 1.32g/cm ³ Water-absorbing ratio: 10.92%
Chemical	High-performance AE water-reducing admixture	SP	SF500S Polycarvone oxidation compound
auminture	AE auxiliaries	AE	AE-4
	Thickener	В	Bioporil
Steel fiber	Dramix	F	Density: 7.85g/cm ³

Table 2 Pr	oportion of	concrete.
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Tuna	water-cement	kg/m ³								
Type	ratio (W/C)	W	С	S	G	SP	AE	В	F	
N00 35	50.0	213	427	870	862	1 0.9	1.00	0	0	
100-33	30.0			(Nomal)	(Nomal)	1.08			0	
N12 25	12.25 50.0		422	860	852	2 40	0	0	04.0	
N12-33	30.0	211	422	(Nomal)	(Nomal)	2.40	0	0	94.0	
SL00-35	17 5	222	400	542	408	0	0	1 00	0	
SL00-50	47.5	233	490	(Light)	(Light)	0	0	1.00	0	
SL12-35	17 5	110	180	531	400	1 95	0	1 00	04.0	
SL12-50	47.3	220	480	(Light)	(Light)	4.83	0	1.00	94.0	

 Table 3 Specimen type and material strength of concrete.

Туре	Concrete type	Fiver mix rate	Aperture diameter
(n=3)	Concrete type	(%)	(mm)
N00-35	Normal	0	
N12-35	(N)	1.2	25
SL00-35		0	55
SL12-35	Super-Light weight	1.2	
SL00-50	(SL)	0	50
SL12-50		1.2	50

(a) Specimen type.

(b) Material	strength	of	concrete.
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Tuna	Compressive	Tensile	Flexural	Shear	Young's
(n-2)	Strength	Strength	Strength	Strength	Modulus
(1-3)	(N/mm^2)	(N/mm^2)	(N/mm^2)	(N/mm^2)	(kN/mm^2)
N00-35	39.8	3.07	5.30	4.68	28.1
N12-35	32.5	3.73	8.28	6.15	26.0
SL00-35	40.2	2.11	3.53	3.42	15.2
SL12-35	41.0	4.37	8.86	5.37	17.4
SL00-50	37.7	2.07	3.23	3.25	14.4
SL12-50	36.1	4.29	6.75	5.01	16.0





Fig. 3 Push-out specimen. (Unit: mm)



Fig. 4 Setup of specimen.

2.5 Shear strength and slip stiffness

The test result is shown in **Table 4**. The shear strength is converted by one aperture and shown. It is clarified that the difference obviously in the same specimen of the aperture 35mm from the comparison between shear strength V_{10mm} and V_{max} of each type shown in **Fig.5**. Therefore, V_{10mm} is considered as follows. The load keeps increasing with which specimen of the aperture 50mm since V_{10mm} . However, the loading was discontinued because H steel came to contact testing machine before the loading decrease. The maximum load decreases by lightening from SL for aperture 35mm in V_{10mm} was 0.60 times and 0.53 times as N which with the fiber reinforcement or none respectively. Moreover, it is clarified that the effect of the fiber reinforcement is not remarkable like 1.20 times in N and 1.06 times in SL from the comparison with the fiber reinforcement or none. The effect of the fiber reinforcement was hardly seen even in case of the aperture 50mm etc.

Shear strength and slip stiffness (K_{10mm}) are shown in **Table 4**. The slip stiffness is an initial tangent rigidity of the $V_{10mm}/3$ load point in action shear force-relative

Туре	No.	Aperture diameter (mm)	f' _{cu} (N/mm ²)	V _{10mm} (kN)	V _{max} (kN)	K _{10mm} (kN/mm)	Calculated value(Eq.1) (kN)	V _{10mm} / Calculated value	V _{max} / Calculated value
	1	()		97.2	145	450	()	0.56	0.83
	2			108	153	216		0.62	0.87
N00-35	3	35	39.8		_	_	175	_	_
	Avg.	-		103	149	333		0.59	0.85
	1			104	174	647		0.64	1.06
210.05	2		22.5	112	195	241	1.(2)	0.69	1.19
N12-35	3	35	32.5	131	178	400	163	0.80	1.09
	Avg.			116	182	429		0.71	1.11
	1			63.2	102	141		0.36	0.58
ST 00 25	2	25	10.0	65.8	103	404	175	0.38	0.59
SL00-35	3	33	40.2	58.4	97	1868		0.33	0.56
	Avg.			62.4	101	804		0.36	0.58
	1			62.2	121	460		0.35	0.68
GT 10 25	2	25	41.0	72.3	120	2240	176	0.41	0.68
SL12-35	3	35	41.0	66.3	149	2120		0.38	0.84
	Avg.			66.9	130	1607		0.38	0.74
	1			79.2	_	90.4		0.33	_
GI 00 50	2	50	277	83.1	_	88.3	2.4.1	0.34	_
SL00-50	3	50	37.7	85.8	_	117	241	0.36	_
	Avg.			82.7	_	98.5		0.34	_
	1			79.4	_	160		0.34	_
ST 12 50	2	50	26.1	69.5	_	181	226	0.29	_
SL12-50	3	50	30.1	99.0	_	128	230	0.42	—
	Avg.			82.6		156		0.35	—

Table 4 Results of push-out test.

displacement relation. The result of the slip stiffness from this study and Hosaka³⁾ that also used the specimen with penetrated reinforce bar diameter 13mm and aperture 35mm is shown in **Fig.6**. There was a difference in the result, and a clear correlation by super-light weight concrete and fiber mixing was not obtained. K_{10mm} is from 80 to 2300 kN/mm according to the test result. Moreover, the test result is less than the data by Hosaka.

2.6 Load-relative displacement relation

Load-relative displacement relation is shown in **Fig.7**. As for N00-35 and N12-35, it is shown that the load does a continuation increase from **Fig.7** (a) and (b). Moreover, the load of N00-35-03 and N12-35-03 increases rapidly by the relative displacement about 9mm. It is safe to assume that the penetrated reinforce bar came in contact with the steel board of PBL. The load decrease of SL is remarkably seen from **Fig.7** (c) in the relative displacement about 2mm. On the other hand, the difference in the curve by presence of fiber mixing with both N and SL was hardly seen, and a clear effect of the fiber reinforcement was not achieved.

2.7 Failure mode of concrete in-aperture

The concrete failure mode inside aperture is shown in **Fig.8**. In the test, the loading was continued until the penetrated reinforce bar came in contact the steel board of PBL. Firstly, concrete upper of the reinforce bar is collapsed with the load increase and became disintegration. Finally, the reinforce bar has come to contact the steel board of PBL as shown in the photograph. Moreover, it is able to confirm that there was coarse aggregate in the aperture from the photograph of aperture 50mm.

There is little difference by the fiber reinforcement in V_{10mm} . It may be attributable of the penetrated reinforce bar. The fracture mechanism of the concrete inside-aperture without penetrated reinforce bar is shown in **Fig.9**. There is evident that concrete on both sides of the aperture does the shear destruction without penetrated reinforce bar. Therefore, it is clarified that the shear strength of PBL improves as well as shear strength like the material testing value when the fiber is mixed and the penetrated reinforce bar is none though it doesn't clarify by the examination this time. However, when there is a



penetrated reinforce bar set, shear force that the concrete inside-aperture and both sides of the aperture receives will distribute by the penetrated reinforce bar. In this time, no the shear fracture but the compressive fracture of concrete upper the penetrated reinforce bar is caused previously.



Fig. 7 Load-relative displacement relation.

2.8 Evaluation of shear strength

Fig.10 shows the relation between shear strength and $(d^2 \cdot 2) \cdot f'_{cu} + 2 \cdot f_{st}$ per aperture. This data is the radical of test result in **Eq. (1)**. The Figure below is a close up in the above figure. Here, because the data of **Eq. (1)** was mixed by V_{10mm} and V_{max} , **Eq. (4)** (all data by V_{10mm}) which only by V_{10mm} data was divided from it and compare to the test result. Moreover, the data of **Eq. (4)** include the data not only from **Eq. (1)** and this study but also past research^{7), 8), 9), 10).}

Normal concrete (all data of V_{10mm})

$$Q_{u} = 1.26 \left\{ \left(d^{2} - \phi^{2} \right) \cdot f_{cu}' + \phi^{2} \cdot f_{st} \right\} - 28.3 \times 10^{3}$$
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(d) SL12-35



(e) SL00-50

Fig. 8 Failure mode.



(f) SL12-50



(a) Without penetrated reinforce bar. (b) With penetrated reinforce bar.

Fig. 9 Concrete fracture mechanism in aperture.

Table 4 shows the value of test/calculation value of N00-35 (V_{10mm} , No.1 and 2) is 0.56, 0.62. It proves **Eq. (1)** is not appreciable the test result of super-light weight concrete with steel fiber reinforcement. However, the test result of N00-35 can be say appropriate because it more than the lower bound type of **Eq. (4)** (Refer to explanatory notes of **Fig.10**) though it is less than **Eq. (4)** a little. It greatly falls below **Eq. (4)** for SL by both the aperture 35mm and 50mm, and it is thought that it is necessary to multiply the reduction factor by **Eq. (4)** to evaluate it.





Fig. 13 Evaluation of shear strength.

The relation between the load and the relative displacement when the penetrated reinforce bar yielded is shown in **Fig.11**. As for the relative displacement in this figure, it is clarified that N is less than SL though the yield load is same. Moreover, it is clarified that as the larger mixing of the fiber and the aperture are, the relative displacement will be smaller. This is shown that the degree of monolithically with concrete and the penetrated reinforce bar around the aperture. Because it is surmisable that concrete like SL with small material strength is made disintegration by the low stress easily. When disintegration happens, the force at penetrated reinforce bar becomes small, too. Moreover, to aperture 35mm and 50mm, it is clarified that the reason is that a lot of coarse aggregate enters in the aperture, and concrete strength grew like the confirmation by Fig.8. Next, the yield displacement of 1.2% is less than 0% is the influence of material strength by fiber reinforcement. From N and SL like this, it is clarified that the shear strength of PBL used super-light weight concrete with steel fiber reinforcement could not only evaluates by paragraphs of concrete, but also multiply the reduction factor to the penetrated reinforce bar. Then, it proposes the expression to multiply reduction factor β_1 and β_2 by $(d^2 - f'_{cu}) \circ f'_{cu}$ of concrete and $f'_{cu} \circ f'_{cu}$ of penetrated reinforce bar in this study respectively. Because the effect of the fiber reinforcement was not seen in the result of this study, the average of V_{10mm} with N00-35 and N12-35 is assumed to be an average of N here. The value of β_1 and β_2 equal the calculation value by examination value/proposal type of SL and examination value/calculation value by Eq. (4) of N respectively.

The relation between β_1 and β_2 is shown in **Fig.12**. Four segments of SL00-35, SL12-35, SL00-50, and SL12-50 can be shown from the result of this study. β_1 and β_2 concentrates on about 0.7 and 0.5 of intersection in these lines respectively. Because the smallest value of intersection by line SL00-35 and SL00-50 among four segments is (0.50,0.74), it is assumed the reduction factor of super-light weight concrete as $\beta_1 = 0.50$ and $\beta_2 = 0.74$. The shear strength equation evaluated with V_{10mm} of normal and super-light weight concrete is shown as follows.

For super-light weight concrete

$$Q_{u} = 1.26 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(d^{2} - \phi^{2} \right) \cdot f_{cu}' + \left({}_{2}\phi^{2} \cdot f_{st} \right) \right\} - 28.3 \times 10^{3} \\ \beta_{1} = 0.50 \ , \ \beta_{2} = 0.74 \end{array}$$
(5)

The calculation result (SL00-35, SL12-35, SL00-50, SL12-50) by Eq. (5) is shown in Fig.13. In this figure, the calculation value of SL00-35 and SL12-35 move from horizontal axis about 140 to about 90; SL00-50 and SL12-50 move from horizontal axis about 180 to about 120 within the range of Eq. (4) lower bound type. It shows that the shear strength of PBL with super-light weight concrete could appreciable by Eq. (5) as well as normal concrete by Eq. (4)

3. Bending Test on Composite Girder

3.1 Outline of specimens and bending test

To confirm the applicability of the proposal valuation Eq. (5), bending test of composite girder with super-light weight concrete and steel short fiber reinforcement was carried out.

Parameter of the specimen is aperture interval (70mm, 140mm two type) of PBL as shown in **Fig.14** and **15**. Because the effect of fiber reinforcement is not remarkable by the above-mentioned, the steel fiber mixing presence of specimen in bending test is only in 1.2%. The material factor by material test of concrete and steel are shown in **Table 5**. In this test the steel girder ($200 \times 200 \times 8 \times 12$ mm, SS400) is be used. The material factor of the steel girder and reinforce bar (D13, SD295) are also shown in **Table 5**. The loading situation is shown in **Fig.16**.

3.2 Design value

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The calculation result of the shear strength with the composite used the data of push-out test above-mentioned is shown in **Table 6**. In this calculation, the material strength of concrete and steel was defined in 30N/mm² (compressive strength) and 400N/mm² (yield strength of steel girder and bar). To satisfy the horizontal shear force *Ha* between slab and steel beam at design load, the aperture interval of PBL was designed with 70mm. Moreover, aperture interval of Type 2 was designed in twice of Type 1 with 140mm for test the completeness.

Design load was calculated by Design Code foe Steel Structural (Part B Composite structure)¹¹⁾ as **Eq.6**.



Fig. 14 Details of composite girder. (mm)



Fig. 15 Details of steel girder. (mm)

 Table 5 Material strength.

	Compressive	Yield	Tensile	Flexural	Shear	Young's
Material	strength	strength	strength	strength	strength	modulus
	(N/mm^2)	(N/mm^2)	(N/mm^2)	(N/mm^2)	(N/mm^2)	(kN/mm^2)
Steel	-	349	-	-	-	210
Bar(D13, SD295)	-	329	487	-	-	210
Concrete	44.5	-	4.52	7.70	6.82	15.6

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Fig. 16 Setup of specimen.

Table 6	Calculation	result	based	on	Eq.	6
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		Specimen	Allowable load of	Yield load of	Ultimate load of
		type	steel girder: Pd	steel girder: <i>Py</i>	steel girder: Pu
Chaar	Design by	Type 1	172	-	414
strength	expectation value	Type 2	86.2	-	207
by PBL	Design by	Type 1	231	-	361
(KN)	material strength	Type 2	116	-	180
Moment	Design by expectation value	-	168	294	348
strength (kN)	Design by material strength	-	160	391	487
	Test regult	Type 1	172	397	461
	rest result	Type 2	171	390	441

$$H_F = a_c \cdot A_c \cdot S_v / I$$
 (kN/mm)

 H_F : Horizontal shear force between slab and steel beam at design load. (kN/mm)

- a_c : Distance between centroids of slab and composite girder. (mm)
- A c : Effective cross-sectional area of slab. (conversed in steel). (mm²)
- I : Second moment of area. (conversed in steel) (mm⁴)

 S_v : Shear force. (kN)

3.3 Test results

3.3.1 Load-deflection relation

Load-deflection curve obtained from test and calculation is shown in **Fig.17**, and the moment strength of each stage by calculated and the test is shown in **Table 5**. The deflection is a value measured in the steel girder bottom flange at the center of composite girder span, and the calculation was calculated as a complete composite beam by Design Code foe Steel Structural (Part B Composite structure)¹¹). From **Fig.17** and **Table 5**, the rigidity and moment strength of both types are almost corresponding to the calculation value, and the rigidity of Type 2 was able to be confirmed be on the decrease than Type 1 with an increase of the load but enough. Moreover, the maximum moment strength of

(6)

Type1 and Type2 are 0.95 and 0.91 times than the ultimate load of the calculation respectively, and able to confirmed that both types had yield strength enough.

3.3.2 Load-relative displacement relation

Fig.18 shows the position of relative dislocation is measured. Moreover, the data of the measurement position of No.4-7 is shown in **Fig.19**. From this figure, it confirms that the relative dislocation by maximum strength of Type2 is 4.4 times of Type2 as 0.5mm and 2.2mm respectively and the effect of PBL of the slip resistance is remarkable.

Fig.20 show the relative dislocation distribution of the distance from center of composite girder span. It is confirmed that almost the same value of relative dislocation at each measurement position on composite beam span.

3.3.3 Strain distribution

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The strain distribution in specimen span central section is shown in **Fig. 21**. From **Fig. 21**, it is confirmed that as the load comes to about 400kN, Type 2 tends to be non composite by the progress of slip between the concrete slab and the steel beam, but the same tendency is not seen in type 1. It is clarified that type 1 can be treated as a complete composite beam.



Fig.17 Load-deflection curve.



Fig. 18 Measure position of relative dislocation



Fig. 20 Relative displacement distribution



Fig. 21 Strain distribution

4. Conclusion

The following conclusions were clarified in this study.

- (1) The shear strength of PBL with super-light weight concrete decreases more than that uses normal concrete by about 40 percent regardless of the fiber mixing or none.
- (2) The improvement of the shear strength by the fiber mixing could hardly be expected regardless of a concrete kind. It is verified that there is the compressive fracture of concrete upper the penetrated reinforce concrete but not shear fracture cause the shear fracture of PBL by the influence of penetrated reinforce bar.
- (3) The shear strength of PBL used super-light weight concrete with steel fiber reinforcement was evaluated adequately by multiplied the reduction factor which considered the maximum shearing force of relative displacement 10mm to paragraph of concrete and penetrated reinforce bar.
- (4) The bending strength evaluation method existing can be applicable with good accuracy to the composite girder by PBL used super-light weight concrete with steel short fiber reinforcement clarified by bending test.

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