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## Terzaghi bearing capacity factors table

Figure 1.1: Shear tensions based on Terzaghi soil bearing capacity theory According to the Terzaghi bearing capacity theory, column load  $P$  resists shear stresses at the edges of three zones under foot and overloaded pressure,  $q (=gD)$  above the base. The first term of the equation concerns soil cohesion. The second term concerns the depth of the legs and the excessive pressure. The third term refers to the width of the base and the length of the stress area. Bearing volume factors,  $N_c$ ,  $N_q$ ,  $N_g$ , is a function of the inner friction angle,  $f$ . Terzaghi's bearing capacity equation: Strip of foot  $q_u = c(Nc + g D Nq + 0.5 g B Ng) [1.1]$  Square paws:  $q_u = 1.3 c Nc + g D Nq + 0.4 g B 20000Ng [1.2]$  Round surfaces:  $q_u = 1.3 c Nc + g D Nq + 0.3 g B Ng [1.3]$  Where:  $C$ : soil cohesion,  $g$  : soil unit weight,  $D$ : base depth,  $B$ : base width  $N_c$ ,  $N_q$ ,  $N_g$ : The volume factors of the terzaghi bearings depend on the angle of soil friction,  $f$ .  $N_c = \cot(f(Nq - 1)) [1.4]$   $Nq = e^{2(3p/4-f/2)\tan(f)} / [2 \cos^2(45+f/2)] [1.5]$   $Ng = (1/2) \tan(f(Kpr / \cos^2 f - 1)) [1.6]$   $Kpr$ =passive pressure. (Note: from Boweles, foundation analysis and design, Terzaghi never explained.. how it got the Kpr used to calculate Ng) Table 1: Terzaghi bearing capacity factors  $f$   $Nc$   $Nq$   $No$  0 5.7 1 0.5 7.3 1.6 10 9.6 2.7 1.2 15 12.9 4.4 2.5 20 17.7 7.4 5 25 25.1 12.7 9.7 30 37.2 22.5 19.7 35 57.8 41.4 42.4 44 95.7 81.3 100.4 Figure 2. Cohesion: 0 (abandoned) Friction angle: 30 degrees Soil unit weight: 100 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> Expected base dimensions: 3-foot wide strip base, bottom of base 2 feet below ground level Safety factor: 3 Requirement: Determine the permissible capacity of soil bearing according to the Terzaghi equation. Solution: From Figure 1 or Figure 1,  $N_c = 37.2$ ,  $N_q = 22.5$ ,  $No = 19.7$   $f = 30$  degrees Set maximum bearing capacity using terzaghi bearing capacity equation for base respect  $q_u = c Nc + g D Nq + 0.5 g B Ng = 0 + 100 \times 2 \times 22.5 + 0.5 \times 100 \times 6 \times 19.7 = 10410$  lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Permissible bearing capacity,  $Q_a = q_u / F.S. = 10410 / 3 = 3470$  lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> @ 3500 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>/ft<sup>2</sup> Example 2: Square base on clay soil Taking into account: Type: Clay soil characteristics: Cohesion:2000 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Friction angle: 0 (ignored) Soil unit weight: 120 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> Expected base dimensions: 6 feet to 6 ft square base, bottom of base 2 feet below ground Safety factor: 3 Requirement: Set permissible soil bearing capacity using Terzaghi equation. Solution: From Figure 1 or Figure 1,  $N_c = 5.7$ ,  $N_q = 1.0$ ,  $No = 0$  degree Set maximum soil bearing capacity using Terzaghi capacity equation for square legs  $q_u = 1.3 c Nc + g D Nq + 0.4 g B Ng = 1.3 \times 1000 \times 5.7 + 120 \times 2^2 + 0 = 7650$  lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Permissible bearing capacity,  $Q_a = q_u / F.S. = 7650 / 3 = 2550$  lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> @ 2500 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>/ft<sup>2</sup> Example 3: Round base on sand clay Taking into account: Soil characteristics: Soil type: sand clay cohesion: 500 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Friction Angle: 25 degrees soil unit weight: 100 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> Expected base dimensions: 10 ft diameter round base for round tank, base bottom 2 feet below ground level Safety factor: 3 Requirement: Determine the permissible soil bearing capacity according to the Terzaghi equation. Solution: From Figure 1 or Figure 1  $N_c = 17.7$ ,  $N_q = 7.4$ ,  $No = 5.0$   $f = 20$  degrees Set maximum bearing capacity using Terzaghi bearing equation for round  $q_u = 1.3 c Nc + g D Nq + 0.3 g B Ng = 1.0 \times 500 \times 17.7$

+100x2x7.4+0.3x100x10x5.0 = 17,985 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Permissible bearing capacity,  $Q_a = Qu / F.S. = 17985 / 3 = 5995 \text{ lbs/ft}^2$  @ 6000 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Preparing for FE or exams? Get 15% discount on PPI2PASS products with code CIVEB for a limited period of time. Use advertising or read more. Courses &gt; Foundation for Analysis and Design &gt; Bearing Capacity Shallow Funds &gt; Terzaghis Method of Geotechnical Engineering, bearing is the capacity of the soil to support loads on the ground. The capacity of soil bearings is the maximum average contact pressure between the foundation and the soil, which should not lead to shear insufficiency in the soil. 'Final bearing capacity ( $q_f$ )' means the theoretical maximum pressure that can be secured without failure; the permissible bearing capacity ( $q_a$ ) is the final bearing capacity divided by the safety factor. Sometimes in soft areas of the soil, large settlements can appear under the loaded foundations without an actual shear failure; in such cases, the permissible bearing shall be based on the maximum permissible settlement. » Try our powerful bearing capacity online calculator «There are three ways of failure limiting bearing capacity: total shear failure, local shear failure and shear failure. Mechanism of failure of concepts and formulas: Figure 1 The shrapnel emphasizes the theory based on Terzaghi's soil bearing capacity. Zone I: The relatively unformed soil wedge under the foundation forms an active rank area with corners ( $45^\circ + f/2$ ). Zone II: transitional zones are spiral fans. Zone III: The wedge pushes the soil outwards, so passive rankine zones form in corners ( $45^\circ - f/2$ ). Terzaghi bearing capacity theory: According to The Terzaghi Bearing Capacity Theory, column load  $P$  resists shear stresses at the edges of three zones under foot and overloaded pressure,  $q (=gD)$  above the base. The first term of the equation concerns soil cohesion. The second term concerns the depth of the legs and the excessive pressure. The third term refers to the width of the base and the length of the stress area. Bearing volume factors,  $N_c$ ,  $N_q$ ,  $N_g$ , is a function of the inner friction angle,  $f$ . Terzaghi's bearing capacity equations: surfaces:  $Qu = c N_c + g D N_q + 0.5 g B N_g$  square basis:  $Qu = 1.3 c N_c + g D N_q + 0.4 g B N_g$  Round surfaces:  $Qu = 1.3 c N_c + g D N_q + 0.3 g B N_g$  Where: C: Soil cohesion (apparent cohesion takeover); (g): weight of soil unit; D: foot depth (insertion depth); B: width and depth of the base;  $N_c$ ,  $N_q$ ,  $N_g$ : The capacity factors for terzaghi bearing depend on the angle of soil friction,  $f$ ;  $K_p$ =passive pressure factor. (Note: an analysis of the Bowles Foundation and the design book Terzaghi never explained.. how he got  $K_p$  used to calculate) Table 1. Terzaghi's Bearing Capacity Factors.  $f N_c N_q N_g$  0.5 7.1 0 5 7.3 1.6 0.5 10 9.6 2.7 1.2 15 1 2.9 4.4 2.5 20 17.7 7.4 5 25 25.1 12.7 9.7 30 3.7.2 22.5 19.7 35 57.8 41.4 42.40 95.7 81.3 100.4 45 172.3 173.3 297.5 48 258.3 287.9 780.1 Figure 2 Terzaghi bearing capacity factors. Watch videos Demonstration of soil bearing capacity insufficiency Solved sample problems Example 1: Strip base without cohesion soil (British units) In: Soil characteristics: Soil type: unstructured soil. Cohesion: 0 (abandoned) Friction angle: 30 degrees Soil unit weight: 100 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> Expected base dimensions: 3 ft wide strip base, bottom of base 2 feet below ground level Requirement: Determine the permissible capacity of soil bearings according to the Terzaghi equation. Spredimas: iš 1 arba 1 paveikslas  $N_c = 37.2$ ,  $N_q = 22.5$ ,  $N_r = 19.7 f = 30$  laipsniai. Nustatykite didžiausią dirvožemio guliu talpa naudodamis Terzaghi gulių talpos lygtį juostų kojomis  $Qu = c N_c + g D N_q + 0.5 g B N_g = 0 + 100 \times 2 \times 22.5 + 0.5 \times 100 \times 6 \times 19.7 = 10410 \text{ lbs/ft}^2$  Leistinas gulių guliis,  $Qu = Qu / F.S. = 10410 / 3 = 3470 \text{ lbs/ft}^2$  @ 3500 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Pavysdys 2: Kvadratinis pagrindas ant molio dirvožemio (Britų vienetai) Pateikta: Dirvožemio tipas: Molio dirvožemio savybės: Sanglauda: 2000 lb / ft<sup>2</sup> Trinties kampas: 0 (nepaisoma) Dirvožemio vieneto svoris: 120 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> Numatomai pagrindu matmenys: 6 pedos iki 6 pėdų kvadratinis pėdų pagrindo, pagrindo apatūčia 2 pėdomis žemiau žemės lygio Reikalavimas: Nustatyti leistiną dirvožemio gulių talpa pagal Terzaghi lygtį. Solution: From Table 1 or Figure 1  $N_c = 5.7$ ,  $N_q = 1.0$ ,  $N_r = 0$   $f =$  the final final bearing capacity using terzaghi bearing capacity equation for square base  $Qu = 1.3 c N_c + g D N_q + 0.4 g B N_g = 1.3 \times 1000 \times 5.7 + 120 \times 2^2 \times 1 + 0 = 7650 \text{ lbs/ft}^2$  Permissible bearing capacity,  $Q_a = Qu / F.S. = 7650 / 3 = 2550 \text{ lbs/ft}^2$  @ 2500 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Example 3: Round base on sand clay (British units) In: Soil Characteristics: Soil Type: Sand Clay Cohesion: 500 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Friction angle: 25 degrees Set maximum bearing capacity using Terzaghi bearing equation for round  $Qu = 1.3 c N_c + g D N_q + 0.3 g B N_g = 1.0 \cdot 3 \times 500 \times 17.7 + 100 \times 2 \times 7.4 + 0.3 \times 100 \times 10 \times 5.0 = 17985 \text{ lbs/ft}^2$  Permissible bearing capacity,  $Q_a = Qu / F.S. = 17985 / 3 = 5995 \text{ lbs/ft}^2$  @ 6000 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> Download files No files for this topic. Offer one! 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