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## HOUSING REPORT Precast RC frame buildings (Sandino)

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## **General Information**

<b>Building Type:</b>	Precast RC frame buildings (Sandino)
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<b>Last Updated:</b>	01/26/2016
<b>Regions Where Found:</b>	Santiago de Cuba
<b>Summary:</b>	Precast RC frames
<b>Length of time practiced:</b>	25-60 years
<b>Still Practiced:</b>	Yes
<b>In practice as of:</b>	~1970-1980
<b>Building Occupancy:</b>	Residential, 2 units
<b>Typical number of stories:</b>	1-2
<b>Terrain-Flat:</b>	
<b>Terrain-Sloped:</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>	

## **Features**

<b>Plan Shape</b>	Rectangular, solid
<b>Additional comments on plan shape</b>	
<b>Typical plan length</b>	

<b>(meters)</b>	
<b>Typical plan width (meters)</b>	
<b>Typical story height (meters)</b>	
<b>Type of Structural System</b>	Other
<b>Additional comments on structural system</b>	Gravity: Precast RC slabs, transferring the gravity loads to the beams and columns and finally to the footings Lateral: Precast simple concrete shear walls give stiffness to the structure and control lateral drift; the columns and beams provide confinement to the precast walls
<b>Gravity load-bearing &amp; lateral load-resisting systems</b>	Precast dual system; the structural system comprises square columns with transversal section of 0.11 x 0.11 m; precast simple concrete wall panels while beams are cast-in-situ
<b>Typical wall densities in direction 1</b>	>20%
<b>Typical wall densities in direction 2</b>	>20%
<b>Additional comments on typical wall densities</b>	
<b>Wall Openings</b>	
<b>Is it typical for buildings of this type to have common walls with adjacent buildings?</b>	
<b>Modifications of buildings</b>	
<b>Type of Foundation</b>	Other Foundation
<b>Additional comments on foundation</b>	Shallow foundation; the foundation solution is through vessels to the columns and spread footings supported in these, usually precast
<b>Type of Floor System</b>	Concrete floor, unknown
<b>Additional comments on floor system</b>	RC slabs
<b>Type of Roof System</b>	Concrete roof, unknown Wooden structure with light roof covering
<b>Additional comments on</b>	RC slabs with terracotta tiles, zinc plates,

**roof system**

corrugated asbestos boards or fiber tiles

**Additional comments  
section 2**



## **Building Materials and Construction Process**

### **Description of Building Materials**

<b>Structural Element</b>	<b>Building Material (s)</b>	<b>Comment (s)</b>
Wall/Frame		
Foundations		
Floors		
Roof		
Other		

### **Design Process**

<b>Who is involved with the design process?</b>	Owner
<b>Roles of those involved in the design process</b>	
<b>Expertise of those involved in the design process</b>	

## Construction Process

<b>Who typically builds this construction type?</b>	Other
<b>Roles of those involved in the building process</b>	
<b>Expertise of those involved in building process</b>	
<b>Construction process and phasing</b>	
<b>Construction issues</b>	

## Building Codes and Standards

<b>Is this construction type address by codes/standards?</b>	Yes
<b>Applicable codes or standards</b>	NC 53-114:84
<b>Process for building code enforcement</b>	

## Building Permits and Development Control Rules

<b>Are building permits required?</b>	
<b>Is this typically informal construction?</b>	
<b>Is this construction typically authorized as per development control rules?</b>	
<b>Additional comments on building permits and development control rules</b>	

## Building Maintenance and Condition

<b>Typical problems associated with this type of construction</b>	
<b>Who typically maintains</b>	

<b>who typically maintains buildings of this type?</b>	Other
<b>Additional comments on maintenance and building condition</b>	

### **Construction Economics**

<b>Unit construction cost</b>	8 CUC/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Labor requirements</b>	
<b>Additional comments section 3</b>	

### **Socio-Economic Issues**

<b>Patterns of occupancy</b>	
<b>Number of inhabitants in a typical building of this construction type during the day</b>	Other
<b>Number of inhabitants in a typical building of this construction type during the evening/night</b>	5-10
<b>Additional comments on number of inhabitants</b>	Day: >5
<b>Economic level of inhabitants</b>	Low-income class (poor)
<b>Additional comments on economic level of inhabitants</b>	
<b>Typical Source of Financing</b>	Other
<b>Additional comments on financing</b>	
<b>Type of Ownership</b>	Other
<b>Additional comments on ownership</b>	
<b>Is earthquake insurance for this construction type</b>	No

<b>typically available?</b>	
<b>What does earthquake insurance typically cover/cost</b>	
<b>Are premium discounts or higher coverages available for seismically strengthened buildings or new buildings built to incorporate seismically resistant features?</b>	
<b>Additional comments on premium discounts</b>	
<b>Additional comments section 4</b>	

## Earthquakes

### Past Earthquakes in the country which affected buildings of this type

<b>Year</b>	<b>Earthquake Epicenter</b>

### Past Earthquakes

<b>Damage patterns observed in past earthquakes for this construction type</b>	Some damage was also observed during moderate earthquake action; the main damage patterns consisted of fine cracks in precast simple concrete walls, mainly starting from corners of openings, vertical fine cracks at wall corners and damage to structural elements.
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**Additional comments on earthquake damage patterns**

### Structural and Architectural Features for Seismic Resistance

The main reference publication used in developing the statements used in this table is FEMA 310 "Handbook for the Seismic Evaluation of Buildings-A Pre-standard", Federal

Emergency Management Agency, Washington, D.C., 1998.

The total width of door and window openings in a wall is: For brick masonry construction in cement mortar : less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the distance between the adjacent cross walls; For adobe masonry, stone masonry and brick masonry in mud mortar: less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the distance between the adjacent cross walls; For precast concrete wall structures: less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the length of a perimeter wall.

<b>Structural/Architectural Feature</b>	<b>Statement</b>	<b>Seismic Resistance</b>
Lateral load path	The structure contains a complete load path for seismic force effects from any horizontal direction that serves to transfer inertial forces from the building to the foundation.	
Building Configuration-Vertical	The building is regular with regards to the elevation. (Specify in 5.4.1)	
Building Configuration-Horizontal	The building is regular with regards to the plan. (Specify in 5.4.2)	
Roof Construction	The roof diaphragm is considered to be rigid and it is expected that the roof structure will maintain its integrity, i.e. shape and form, during an earthquake of intensity expected in this area.	
Floor Construction	The floor diaphragm(s) are considered to be rigid and it is expected that the floor structure(s) will maintain its integrity during an earthquake of intensity expected in this area.	
Foundation Performance	There is no evidence of excessive foundation movement (e.g. settlement) that would affect the integrity or performance of the structure in an	

earthquake.

Wall and Frame Structures-Redundancy	The number of lines of walls or frames in each principal direction is greater than or equal to 2.	
Wall Proportions	Height-to-thickness ratio of the shear walls at each floor level is: Less than 25 (concrete walls); Less than 30 (reinforced masonry walls); Less than 13 (unreinforced masonry walls);	
Foundation-Wall Connection	Vertical load-bearing elements (columns, walls) are attached to the foundations; concrete columns and walls are doveled into the foundation.	
Wall-Roof Connections	Exterior walls are anchored for out-of-plane seismic effects at each diaphragm level with metal anchors or straps.	
Wall Openings		
Quality of Building Materials	Quality of building materials is considered to be adequate per the requirements of national codes and standards (an estimate).	
Quality of Workmanship	Quality of workmanship (based on visual inspection of a few typical buildings) is considered to be good (per local construction standards).	
Maintenance	Buildings of this type are generally well maintained and there are no visible signs of deterioration of building elements (concrete,	

steel, timber).

## Building Irregularities

<b>Additional comments on structural and architectural features for seismic resistance</b>	
<b>Vertical irregularities typically found in this construction type</b>	Other
<b>Horizontal irregularities typically found in this construction type</b>	Other
<b>Seismic deficiency in walls</b>	The panel-panel joints and panels-columns joints are mechanical and are sealed with mortar..
<b>Earthquake-resilient features in walls</b>	
<b>Seismic deficiency in frames</b>	
<b>Earthquake-resilient features in frame</b>	
<b>Seismic deficiency in roof and floors</b>	
<b>Earthquake resilient features in roof and floors</b>	
<b>Seismic deficiency in foundation</b>	Unknown deficiencies
<b>Earthquake-resilient features in foundation</b>	

## Seismic Vulnerability Rating

For information about how seismic vulnerability ratings were selected see the [Seismic Vulnerability Guidelines](#)

	High vulnerability		Medium vulnerability		Low vulnerability	
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Seismic vulnerability class	-					

## **Retrofit Information**

### **Description of Seismic Strengthening Provisions**

<b>Structural Deficiency</b>	<b>Seismic Strengthening</b>
<b>Additional comments on seismic strengthening provisions</b>	
<b>Has seismic strengthening described in the above table been performed?</b>	
<b>Was the work done as a mitigation effort on an undamaged building or as a repair following earthquake damages?</b>	
<b>Was the construction inspected in the same manner as new construction?</b>	
<b>Who performed the construction: a contractor or owner/user? Was an architect or engineer involved?</b>	
<b>What has been the performance of retrofitted buildings of this type in subsequent earthquakes?</b>	
<b>Additional comments section 6</b>	

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