RAM® Steel
RAM Structural System’s Productivity Application for Gravity Analysis and Design of Steel Structures

RAM Steel is versatile special-purpose software to analyze and design steel building structures, including commercial, institutional, residential, and industrial buildings. As part of the RAM Structural System, RAM Steel accurately computes tributary loads, reduces live loads in accordance with applicable building codes, and designs steel and steel composite beams and girders, steel joists and joist girders, steel columns, and base plates for each level of a structure.

The CONNECT Edition
The SELECT® CONNECT Edition includes SELECT CONNECT services, new Azure-based services that provide comprehensive learning, mobility, and collaboration benefits to every Bentley application subscriber. Adaptive Learning Services helps users master use of Bentley applications through CONNECT Advisor, a new in-application service that provides contextual and personalized learning. Personal Mobility Services provides unlimited access to Bentley apps, ensuring users have access to the right project information when and where they need it. ProjectWise® Connection Services allow users to securely share application and project information, to manage and resolve issues, and to create, send, and receive transmittals, submittals, and RFIs.

Design Expertise
RAM Steel is developed, tested, and supported by structural and professional engineers with extensive industry experience. That expertise in building codes, construction techniques, materials, and the design process is embodied in the program. Careful consideration has been given to your needs to design steel structures and to execute project design. In addition, an extensive set of design criteria is available that allows you to customize the designs in accordance with office standards and local practices.

Enhanced Productivity
RAM Steel automates virtually every step of the design process. By automating these tedious and time-consuming tasks, the engineer can quickly obtain an accurate design. Alternative framing configurations can be examined in a short time resulting in a more economically feasible design for your client.

A CAD software interface allows rapid generation of framing plans, saving significant drafting time and reducing the errors associated with manual information transfer. This frees the engineer from mundane and repetitious tasks. RAM Steel lets you be more productive and have more confidence in the resulting design.

Advanced Modeling Capabilities
The RAM Modeler provides for the creation of a 3D model of the entire structure, including roof and floor loads; beam, column, brace, and walls; and slab properties, openings, and edges. The software provides you with easy-to-use graphical model generation features. These capabilities allow complex floor and building systems to be modeled in a short time, while quickly accommodating changes.

Steel Beam Design
RAM Steel provides designs of composite and noncomposite beams and girders, steel joists and joist girders, and cellular and castellated beams. In addition to automatically optimizing beam sizes, RAM Steel enables existing designs to be checked. (Moreover, alternate sizes can be investigated and replaced with the optimized size.) RAM Steel automatically calculates tributary loads from surface, line and point loads, loads on girders from beams, live load reduction factors, and effective flange widths. Design considerations such as depth restrictions and camber limits can be specified. Floor framing can be checked for vibration based on the procedures of AISC/CISC Design Guide #11 and SCI Publication P354.

Steel Column Design
RAM Steel designs columns and base plates, and automatically calculates axial loads, unbalanced moments due to pattern loading and connection eccentricity, live load reductions, and bracing conditions. Optimum sizes can be obtained and existing designs can be analyzed.
**RAM Steel At-A-Glance**

### Modeling and Analysis
- Special-purpose commands to quickly model complex floors and roofs
- Changes can be made easily and quickly
- Orthogonal, radial, skewed, and rotated grid systems; moving or rotating grids allows associated members to move accordingly
- Model includes all beams, columns, braces, walls, decks, and openings
- Model includes surface loads of any complexity, line loads, and concentrated loads
- Snow and snow-drift loads
- Database of common deck types
- Design loads are automatically and accurately calculated from model floor and roof loads, with live loads automatically reduced per IBC, UBC, BOCA, NBC of Canada, BS 6399, AS/NZS 1170.1, China GB 50009, Hong Kong, Eurocode, and NBC of India
- Automatically includes self weight of slabs, decks, beams, columns, and walls
- Fully interactive design investigation gives you control over the final beam

### Beam Design Features
- Design of composite and noncomposite steel beams per AISC 360 ASD and LRFD, AISC ASD 9th Edition with Supplement #1, AISC LRFD 3rd Edition, BS 5950, CAN/CSA S16, AS 4100, AS 2327.1, Eurocode, and IS800
- Automatically calculates composite beam effective flange widths
- A selection of steel joists, including K-, LH-, DLH-, and KCS series joists, and designates joist girders
- Designs composite and non-composite castellated and cellular beams and Westok beams
- Precomposite condition checked using construction dead and live loads
- Shored or unshored
- Optimization based on code requirements and extensive user-specified criteria, and allows investigation and assignment of user-specified sizes
- Automatically calculates camber and includes deflection calculation, with user-specified settings to suppress or control the amount and increments of camber

### Column Design Features
- Design of columns and baseplates per AISC 360 ASD and LRFD, AISC ASD 9th with Supplement #1, AISC LRFD 3rd, BS 5950, CAN/CSA S16, AS 4100 Eurocode, and IS800
- Optimization based on code requirements and extensive user-specified criteria
- Automatically calculates moments induced by beam-to-column connection eccentricity and includes the effects of pattern loading the live load around the column

### Integration
- As part of the RAM Structural System, RAM Steel is completely integrated with RAM Concrete, RAM Frame, and RAM Foundation
- Link to RAM Connection for connection design
- CIS/2 CIMsteel file
- Two-way link with Bentley’s ISM
- Two-way link with Autodesk Revit and Tekla
- RAM DataAccess API provides third-party programs with direct access to model data and design results

### Output and Drawing
- Comprehensive set of reports, including detailed design reports and concise summary reports
- All reports can be viewed on screen, printed, or saved in spreadsheet file format
- Comprehensive material takeoff, including piece count, steel tonnage, and stud count allows for comparison of various design schemes
- Automatically generates of CAD DXF floor plans, including beam size, studs, camber and reactions, and column schedules

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