

shallow foundations and their types  
in today's video we shall focus on the  
concept of shallow foundation and their  
types

a shallow foundation is a type of  
foundation

in which the depth of the foundation is  
equal to or less than the width of the  
foundation

probably these foundations are  
constructed to a shallow depth up to 1.5  
meters

the shallow foundations are classified  
into strip footing

spread or isolated footing combined  
footing strap or cantilever footing  
and mat raft foundation

let us start with strip footing

a strip footing is a continuous strip of  
concrete that serves to spread the  
weight of a load-bearing wall across an  
area of soil

sometimes when a row of columns to be  
closely spaced in such a case

it is more economical to provide a strip  
footing than to provide a number of  
spread footings in one line

spread or isolated footing

a spread footing is also called isolated

footing or pad footing or individual footing constructed to support an individual column

a spread footing is constructed in a circular square or rectangular slab of uniform thickness

based on requirements spread footing is constructed either stepped or sloped to spread the load over a large area

combined footing a combined footing is constructed to support two columns it is generally constructed either in a rectangular or trapezoidal shape

these types of footings are adopted when the two columns are so close to each other where their individual footing would overlap

or when the property line is so close that spread footing would be subjected to eccentric load

strap or cantilever footing in this case two isolated footings are connected with a structural strap or a lever

making the footings behave as one unit

a strap is a rigid beam that helps to transfer the load acting on it safely

this type of footing is more economical than a combined footing when the

allowable soil pressure is relatively high and the distance between the columns is large

mat or raft foundation

a mat or raft foundation is a large slab supporting a number of columns and walls under the entire structure or a large part of the structure

a mat is required when the allowable soil pressure is low

and are useful in reducing the differential settlements on non-homogeneous soils we will see more on foundations in upcoming topics

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