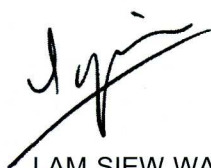


It is vital that Singapore's construction industry upgrades its technology and practice to meet the increasing customer expectations and new legislative requirements. The legislation of Buildable Design, which will be enforced in 2001, will quicken the pace of change.

To prepare the industry, BCA has organised a comprehensive promotion and training programme in buildability. Several design aids have also been published by the Authority. This Reference Guide is the fifth in the series of publications to encourage the industry to use more prefabricated components to improve construction efficiency. It is a follow-up on the recommendation made in the fourth publication, *Architecture In Precast Concrete* to use standard dimensions for various commonly used prefabricated building components.

This Reference Guide put together design details of prefabricated building components that are commonly used by the industry. I hope it will help to simplify the design and construction process and encourage more designers to incorporate prefabricated standard components in their building designs to help them achieve higher buildability.



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