



Lifts Requirements in Buildings

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Size of Lift

- The lift load depends on its usage, load limitation should be set with warning system for safety consideration.
- $0.2 \text{ m}^2/\text{person}$ in normal situation and usage
- Considerations: VIP, the old, the ill, ...etc
- Clearances with walls:
- 230mm clearance on the side.
- 150 mm clearance on front for double doors sets.
- 300 mm clearance on the back for counter balance weight. Depends on the manufactured lifts.



Doors Opening in lifts

- One direction
- Two direction
- More than two but require special solutions:
 - 1- Linear (up to 4 lifts)
 - 2- facing (4-8 lifts)
 - 3- Functional Growing (operating theatre)





Lifts or Elevators

- All building are classified, in terms of lifts requirements as either :
- a-Office Buildings
- b-Residential buildings
- In (a) the traffic served is assumed to be 75% of the population. (G+1st floors they require no lift service generally in period of 30 minutes.
- The size of the lift is decided by the designer
- The Round Trip Time is given by the manufacturer R.T.T





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Estimation of Number of Lifts

No of passengers discharged by one lift :

$$= \frac{30 \text{ minutes} \times \text{Lift capacity}}{\text{R.T.T}}$$

Number of lifts required after approximated:

$$= \frac{\text{Calculated No. of Passengers}}{\text{Number of passengers per lift}}$$

R.T.T is the time taken by the lift to complete one cycle with stops as programmed.

- In residential buildings, the traffic served is assumed to be 6% of total population on the second floor and above in a period of 5 minutes.
- Then No. of passengers / 1 lift car is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{5 \text{ minutes} \times \text{Lift Capacity}}{\text{R.T.T}} \\
 \text{No. of Lifts required} &= \frac{\text{calculated number of passengers}}{\text{No. of passengers per 1 lift car}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Lift Usage and waiting Intervals

- Number of lifts required depends on:
- **a-Disabled usage**, furniture movements, patients..etc..
- **b-waiting interval** should be 30- 60 sec. Office Building, and 90 to 120 seconds in residential buildings.
- **c-loading conditions** number of persons should be stated 340 kg/m^2

Example 1

- How many lifts required in a 15 story office building . If each floor is occupied by 50 person and lift car capacity is 10 person with R.T.T of 3 minutes?
- No. of persons requiring lift service= $(15-2) \times 50 \times 0.75 = 487.5$ Persons
- No. of persons per lift = $30 \times 10 / 3 = 100$ persons
- No. of lifts calculated = $487.5 / 100 = 5$ lifts

EXAMPLE 2

- If same building is used as residential , how many lifts required?
- No. of persons required lift service= $(15-2) \times 50 \times 6\% = 30$
- No of person per lift= $5 \times 10 / 3 = 16.5$ persons.
- No of lifts calculated = $39 / 16.5 = 3$ lifts

Tutorial

- **Each student:**
- **Class work :**

Refer to your design project to estimate the number of lifts required to serve your building.