



UNIT I - PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION

Topic - 1: Structural systems: Load Bearing Structure, Framed Structure

| Load Bearing Structure | Framed Structure |
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| Construction Type: The walls bear the | Construction Type: The structure's load is |
| weight of the structure, including floors and | carried by a skeleton or frame, usually made of |
| roof. | steel or reinforced concrete. |
| Materials: Typically constructed with | Materials: Uses steel or reinforced concrete for |
| bricks or stones. | the frame, with non-load-bearing walls (curtain |
| | walls). |
| Load Distribution: Load is distributed | Load Distribution: Load is transferred |
| directly through the walls to the foundation. | through beams and columns to the foundation |
| Flexibility: Less flexible in terms of design | Flexibility: More flexible, allowing for open |
| and layout changes. | floor plans and easier modifications. |
| Construction Speed: Generally slower and | Construction Speed: Faster due to the |
| labor-intensive | prefabrication of materials and simpler |
| | assembly. |
| Cost: Typically lower initial cost but may | Cost: Typically higher initial cost but can offer |
| have higher maintenance costs over time. | long-term savings and greater durability. |
| Height Limitation: Suitable for low-rise | Height Limitation: Suitable for high-rise |
| buildings (up to 3-4 stories). | buildings. |

