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We are now releasing the December 2012 issue of the IBRACON Structures and Materials Journal (Volume 5 Number 6). The first article focuses on the analysis of the mechanical performance of concrete deep beams, with a non linear orthotropic model using the finite element method. The next article describes the application of the Pull Off Test to evaluate the compressive strength of concrete as an alternative to Brazilian standard techniques. The shear strength of reinforced concrete beams with circular cross section is addressed in the third article. The fourth article approaches the concrete behavior when time for casting exceeds the limits specified by Brazilian standard NBR 7212. A comparative study of codes for the seismic design of structures is presented in the fifth article, where a simple building structure is analyzed considering the criteria from several standards. Another article discusses the design of compression reinforcement in reinforced concrete membrane. And the issue closes with an experimental study on the behavior of beam-column connections in precast concrete structures.

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