

Lesson 3 - Assignments

- **1.** Find a local structure under construction and try to identify the different materials used in construction.
 - Is there concrete trucks or mixing station on-site?
 - Identify if there is formwork with internal reinforcing placed inside.
 - Take note of any structural steel framing. Are the connections bolted or welded?
- **2.** Take a look at a building with exposed wood framing near the area where you live and find out the following.
 - The type of wood used in construction and the most common shapes and sizes.
 - What load-bearing elements of the structure are made of engineered wood.
 - The connections between wood members and the type of fasteners.
- **3.** Go stand in front of a masonry building where the units are visible on the outside.
 - What is the direction of the head and bed joints?
 - Are there lintels above doors and windows?
 - In the case of masonry lintels, that is the shape and orientation of the used units.

You can send your assignment answers to us at info@structuralengineeringbasics.com along with some pictures. You can also post parts of your assignments to the Structural Engineering Basics Course Facebook Group to share with everyone.