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List of 22 Important Load, Stress and Fasteners Formulas

1) Additional Bridge Column Formulas Formulas ↻

1.1) Allowable Load for Bridges using Structural Carbon Steel Formula ↻

Formula

$$Q = \left(15000 - \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \cdot L|r^2 \right) \cdot A$$

Example with Units

$$527.8054 \text{ lbs} = \left(15000 - \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \cdot 140^2 \right) \cdot 81 \text{ in}^2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

1.2) Allowable Load for Bridges using Structural Carbon Steel when Column Ends are Pinned Formula ↻

Formula

$$Q = \left(15000 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \cdot L|r^2 \right) \cdot A$$

Example with Units

$$442.4507 \text{ lbs} = \left(15000 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \cdot 140^2 \right) \cdot 81 \text{ in}^2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

1.3) Allowable Unit Load for Bridges using Structural Carbon Steel Formula ↻

Formula

$$Q = \frac{\frac{S_y}{F_s}}{1 + \left(0.25 \cdot \sec \left(0.375 \cdot L|r \right) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{I_s \cdot P}{E \cdot A}} \right)} \cdot A$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

Example with Units

$$592.0573 \text{ lbs} = \frac{\frac{32000 \text{ lbf/in}^2}{3}}{1 + \left(0.25 \cdot \sec \left(0.375 \cdot 140 \right) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3 \cdot 10.5 \text{ kN}}{29000000 \text{ lbf/in}^2 \cdot 81 \text{ in}^2}} \right)} \cdot 81 \text{ in}^2$$

1.4) Ultimate Load for Bridges using Structural Carbon Steel Formula ↻

Formula

$$P_u = \left(26500 - 0.425 \cdot L|r^2 \right) \cdot A$$

Example with Units

$$949.5271 \text{ lbs} = \left(26500 - 0.425 \cdot 140^2 \right) \cdot 81 \text{ in}^2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



1.5) Ultimate Load for Bridges using Structural Carbon Steel when Columns are Pinned

Formula

Formula

$$P_u = (25600 - 0.566 \cdot L|r^2) \cdot A$$

Example with Units

$$758.0749 \text{ lbs} = (25600 - 0.566 \cdot 140^2) \cdot 81 \text{ in}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.6) Ultimate Unit Load for Bridges using Structural Carbon Steel Formula

Formula

$$P_u = \left(\frac{S_y}{1 + 0.25 \cdot \sec \left(0.375 \cdot l \cdot \sqrt{\frac{P_{cs}}{\epsilon \cdot A}} \right)} \right) \cdot A$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$960.2793 \text{ lbs} = \left(\frac{32000 \text{ lbf/in}^2}{1 + 0.25 \cdot \sec \left(0.375 \cdot 120 \text{ in} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{520 \text{ kN}}{29000000 \text{ lbf/in}^2 \cdot 81 \text{ in}^2}} \right)} \right) \cdot 81 \text{ in}^2$$

2) Allowable Stress Design for Bridges Formulas

2.1) Allowable Stress Design for Bridge Beams Formulas

2.1.1) Allowable Unit Stress in Bending Formula

Formula

$$F_b = 0.55 \cdot f_y$$

Example with Units

$$137500 \text{ kN} = 0.55 \cdot 250 \text{ MPa}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.1.2) Moment Gradient Factor given Smaller and Larger Beam End Moment Formula

Formula

$$C_b = 1.75 + 1.05 \cdot \left(\frac{M^1}{M^2} \right) + 0.3 \cdot \left(\frac{M^1}{M^2} \right)^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$2.218 = 1.75 + 1.05 \cdot \left(\frac{4 \text{ N}^* \text{m}}{10 \text{ N}^* \text{m}} \right) + 0.3 \cdot \left(\frac{4 \text{ N}^* \text{m}}{10 \text{ N}^* \text{m}} \right)^2$$

2.1.3) Steel Yield Strength given Allowable Unit Stress in Bending Formula

Formula

$$f_y = \frac{F_b}{0.55}$$

Example with Units

$$250 \text{ MPa} = \frac{137500 \text{ kN}}{0.55}$$

Evaluate Formula 



2.2) Allowable Stress Design for Bridge Columns Formulas

2.2.1) Allowable Stress when Slenderness Ratio is Less than Cc Formula

Formula

$$F_a = \left(\frac{f_y}{2.12} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\left(k \cdot \frac{L}{r} \right)^2}{2 \cdot C_c^2} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$103.184 \text{ MPa} = \left(\frac{250 \text{ MPa}}{2.12} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\left(0.5 \cdot \frac{3 \text{ m}}{15 \text{ mm}} \right)^2}{2 \cdot 200^2} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.2.2) Allowable Stresses in Concentrically Loaded Columns based on AASHTO Bridge Design Specifications Formula

Formula

$$F_a = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E}{2.12 \cdot \left(k \cdot \frac{L}{r} \right)^2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0233 \text{ MPa} = \frac{3.1416^2 \cdot 50 \text{ MPa}}{2.12 \cdot \left(0.5 \cdot \frac{3 \text{ m}}{15 \text{ mm}} \right)^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.3) Allowable Stress Design for Shear in Bridges Formulas

2.3.1) Allowable Shear Stress in Bridges Formula

Formula

$$\tau = f_y \cdot \frac{C}{3}$$

Example with Units

$$75 \text{ MPa} = 250 \text{ MPa} \cdot \frac{0.90}{3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.3.2) Shear Buckling Coefficient given Allowable Shear Stress for Flexural Members in Bridges Formula

Formula

$$C = 3 \cdot \frac{\tau}{f_y}$$

Example with Units

$$0.9 = 3 \cdot \frac{75 \text{ MPa}}{250 \text{ MPa}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.3.3) Steel Yield Strength using Allowable Shear Stress for Flexural Members in Bridges Formula

Formula

$$f_y = 3 \cdot \frac{\tau}{C}$$

Example with Units

$$250 \text{ MPa} = 3 \cdot \frac{75 \text{ MPa}}{0.90}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Bearing on Milled Surfaces and Bridge Fasteners Formulas

3.1) Allowable Bearing Stress for High Strength Bolts Formula

Formula

$$F_p = 1.35 \cdot F_u$$

Example with Units

$$137.7 \text{ MPa} = 1.35 \cdot 102 \text{ MPa}$$

Evaluate Formula 



3.2) Allowable Bearing Stress on Milled Stiffeners and other Steel Parts Formula

Formula

$$F_p = 0.80 \cdot F_u$$

Example with Units

$$81.6 \text{ MPa} = 0.80 \cdot 102 \text{ MPa}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.3) Allowable Stress for Expansion Rollers and Rockers where Diameter is from 635 mm to 3175 mm Formula

Formula

$$p = \left(\frac{f_y - 13}{20} \right) \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{d}$$

Example with Units

$$895.8318 \text{ kN/mm} = \left(\frac{250 \text{ MPa} - 13}{20} \right) \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{635 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.4) Allowable Stress for Expansion Rollers and Rockers where Diameter is up to 635 mm Formula

Formula

$$p = \left(\frac{f_y - 13}{20} \right) \cdot 0.6 \cdot d$$

Example with Units

$$4514.85 \text{ kN/mm} = \left(\frac{250 \text{ MPa} - 13}{20} \right) \cdot 0.6 \cdot 635 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.5) Diameter of Roller or Rocker for d from 635 to 3125mm Formula

Formula

$$d = \left(\frac{p}{\left(\frac{f_y - 13}{20} \right) \cdot 3} \right)^2$$

Example with Units

$$5791.0816 \text{ mm} = \left(\frac{2705.325 \text{ kN/mm}}{\left(\frac{250 \text{ MPa} - 13}{20} \right) \cdot 3} \right)^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.6) Diameter of Roller or Rocker for d up to 635 mm Formula

Formula

$$d = \frac{p}{\left(\frac{f_y}{20} \right) \cdot 0.6}$$

Example with Units

$$360.71 \text{ mm} = \frac{2705.325 \text{ kN/mm}}{\left(\frac{250 \text{ MPa}}{20} \right) \cdot 0.6}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.7) Tensile Strength of Connected Part given Allowable Bearing Stress for High Strength Bolts Formula

Formula

$$F_u = \frac{F_p}{1.35}$$


Example with Units

$$79.2593 \text{ MPa} = \frac{107 \text{ MPa}}{1.35}$$

Evaluate Formula 



3.8) Tensile Strength of Connected Part given Allowable Bearing Stress on Milled Stiffeners

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$F_u = \frac{F_p}{0.80}$$

Example with Units








$$133.75 \text{ MPa} = \frac{107 \text{ MPa}}{0.80}$$



Variables used in list of Load, Stress and Fasteners Formulas above






- **A** Section Area of Column (Square Inch)
- **C** Shear Buckling Coefficient C
- **C_b** Moment Gradient Factor for Bridge Beams
- **C_c** Slenderness Ratio Cc
- **d** Diameter of Roller or Rocker (Millimeter)
- **E** Modulus of Elasticity (Megapascal)
- **F_a** Allowable Stresses in Columns (Megapascal)
- **F_b** Allowable Unit Tensile Stress in bending (Kilonewton)
- **F_p** Allowable Bearing Stress (Megapascal)
- **f_s** Factor of Safety for Bridge Column
- **F_u** Tensile Strength of connected part (Megapascal)
- **f_y** Yield Strength of Steel (Megapascal)
- **k** Effective Length Factor
- **l** Column Length (Inch)
- **L** Length of Bridge Column (Meter)
- **L/r** Critical Slenderness Ratio
- **M¹** Smaller Moment (Newton Meter)
- **M²** Larger Beam End Moment (Newton Meter)
- **p** Allowable Stress (Kilonewton per Millimeter)
- **P** Total Allowable Load for Bridges (Kilonewton)
- **P_{CS}** Ultimate Crushing Load for Columns (Kilonewton)
- **P_u** Ultimate Load (Pound)
- **Q** Allowable Load (Pound)
- **r** Radius of Gyration (Millimeter)
- **S_y** Yield Point of Material (Pound-Force per Square Inch)
- **ε** Modulus of Elasticity of Material (Pound-Force per Square Inch)
- **τ** Shear Stress for Flexural Members (Megapascal)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Load, Stress and Fasteners Formulas above

- **constant(s):** pi, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Functions:** sec, sec(Angle)
Secant is a trigonometric function that is defined ratio of the hypotenuse to the shorter side adjacent to an acute angle (in a right-angled triangle); the reciprocal of a cosine.
- **Functions:** sqrt, sqrt(Number)
A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.
- **Measurement:** Length in Inch (in), Meter (m), Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** Weight in Pound (lbs)
Weight Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** Area in Square Inch (in²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** Force in Kilonewton (kN)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** Torque in Newton Meter (N*m)
Torque Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** Stress in Pound-Force per Square Inch (lbf/in²), Megapascal (MPa)
Stress Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** Shear Range in Kilonewton per Millimeter (kN/mm)
Shear Range Unit Conversion 



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