

Important Sheet Metal Operations Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 26 Important Sheet Metal Operations Formulas

1) Bending Operation Formulas

1.1) Bend Allowance Formula

Formula

$$B_{al} = \theta \cdot (r_c + \lambda \cdot t_{bar})$$

Example with Units

$$0.0261 \text{ mm} = 3.14 \text{ rad} \cdot (0.007 \text{ mm} + 0.44 \cdot 0.003 \text{ mm})$$

Evaluate Formula

1.2) Bending Force Formula

Formula

$$F_B = \frac{K_{bd} \cdot L_b \cdot \sigma_{ut} \cdot t_{blank}^2}{w}$$

Example with Units

$$32.5425 \text{ N} = \frac{0.031 \cdot 1.01 \text{ mm} \cdot 450 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 8.99 \text{ mm}^2}{34.991620 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.3) Clearance between Two Shears Formula

Formula

$$C_s = 0.0032 \cdot t_b \cdot (\tau)^{0.5}$$

Example with Units

$$51.138 \text{ mm} = 0.0032 \cdot 1.13 \text{ mm} \cdot (200 \text{ N/mm}^2)^{0.5}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.4) Length of Bent Part in Bending Operation Formula

Formula

$$L_b = \frac{F_B \cdot w}{K_{bd} \cdot \sigma_{ut} \cdot t_{stk}^2}$$

Example with Units

$$1.0078 \text{ mm} = \frac{32.5425 \text{ N} \cdot 34.991620 \text{ mm}}{0.031 \cdot 450 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 9 \text{ mm}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.5) Stock Thickness used in Bending Operation Formula

Formula

$$t_{stk} = \sqrt{\frac{F_B \cdot w}{K_{bd} \cdot L_b \cdot \sigma_{ut}}}$$

Example with Units

$$8.99 \text{ mm} = \sqrt{\frac{32.5425 \text{ N} \cdot 34.991620 \text{ mm}}{0.031 \cdot 1.01 \text{ mm} \cdot 450 \text{ N/mm}^2}}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.6) Width between Contact Points during Bending Formula

Formula

$$w = \frac{K_{bd} \cdot L_b \cdot \sigma_{ut} \cdot t_{blank}^2}{F_B}$$

Example with Units

$$34.9916 \text{ mm} = \frac{0.031 \cdot 1.01 \text{ mm} \cdot 450 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 8.99 \text{ mm}^2}{32.5425 \text{ N}}$$

Evaluate Formula



2) Drawing Operation Formulas

2.1) Blank Diameter from Percent Reduction Formula

Formula

$$D_b = d_s \cdot \left(1 - \frac{PR_{\%}}{100}\right)^{-1}$$

Example with Units

$$84.2105 \text{ mm} = 80 \text{ mm} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{5}{100}\right)^{-1}$$

Evaluate Formula

2.2) Blank Size for Drawing Operation Formula

Formula

$$D_b = \sqrt{d_s^2 + 4 \cdot d_s \cdot h_{shl}}$$

Example with Units

$$84.1903 \text{ mm} = \sqrt{80 \text{ mm}^2 + 4 \cdot 80 \text{ mm} \cdot 2.15 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula

2.3) Drawing Force for Cylindrical Shells Formula

Formula

$$P_d = \pi \cdot d_s \cdot t_b \cdot \sigma_y \cdot \left(\frac{D_b}{d_s} - C_f\right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.0045 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 3.1416 \cdot 80 \text{ mm} \cdot 1.13 \text{ mm} \cdot 35 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{84.2 \text{ mm}}{80 \text{ mm}} - 0.6\right)$$

Evaluate Formula

2.4) Percent Reduction after Drawing Formula

Formula

$$PR_{\%} = 100 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{d_s}{D_b}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$4.9881 = 100 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{80 \text{ mm}}{84.2 \text{ mm}}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula

2.5) Shell Diameter from Percent Reduction Formula

Formula

$$d_s = D_b \cdot \left(1 - \frac{PR_{\%}}{100}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$79.99 \text{ mm} = 84.2 \text{ mm} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{5}{100}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula

3) Ironing Operation Formulas

3.1) Average of Tensile Strength before and after Ironing Formula

Formula

$$S_{\text{avg}} = \frac{F}{\pi \cdot d_1 \cdot t_f \cdot \ln\left(\frac{t_0}{t_f}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.1819 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{8.01 \text{ N}}{3.1416 \cdot 2.5 \text{ mm} \cdot 13 \text{ mm} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{20.01 \text{ mm}}{13 \text{ mm}}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula



3.2) Ironing Force after Drawing Formula

Formula

$$F = \pi \cdot d_1 \cdot t_f \cdot S_{avg} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{t_0}{t_f}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$8.0093 \text{ N} = 3.1416 \cdot 2.5 \text{ mm} \cdot 13 \text{ mm} \cdot 0.181886 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{20.01 \text{ mm}}{13 \text{ mm}}\right)$$

3.3) Mean Diameter of Shell after Ironing Formula

Formula

$$d_1 = \frac{F}{\pi \cdot S_{avg} \cdot t_f \cdot \ln\left(\frac{t_0}{t_f}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$2.5002 \text{ mm} = \frac{8.01 \text{ N}}{3.1416 \cdot 0.181886 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 13 \text{ mm} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{20.01 \text{ mm}}{13 \text{ mm}}\right)}$$

3.4) Thickness of Shell before Ironing Formula

Formula

$$t_0 = t_f \cdot \exp\left(\frac{F}{\pi \cdot d_1 \cdot t_f \cdot S_{avg}}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$20.0108 \text{ mm} = 13 \text{ mm} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{8.01 \text{ N}}{3.1416 \cdot 2.5 \text{ mm} \cdot 13 \text{ mm} \cdot 0.181886 \text{ N/mm}^2}\right)$$

4) Punch Operation Formulas

4.1) Blank Size when there is Corner Radius on Punch Formula

Formula

$$d_{bl} = \sqrt{d_s^2 + 4 \cdot d_s \cdot h_{shl} - 0.5 \cdot r_{cn}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$84.1813 \text{ mm} = \sqrt{80 \text{ mm}^2 + 4 \cdot 80 \text{ mm} \cdot 2.15 \text{ mm} - 0.5 \cdot 0.003001 \text{ mm}}$$



4.2) Maximum Shear Force given Shear Applied to Punch or Die Formula

Formula

$$F_s = L_{ct} \cdot t_{stk} \cdot \frac{t_{stk} \cdot p}{t_{sh}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0156 \text{ N} = 615.66 \text{ m} \cdot 9 \text{ mm} \cdot \frac{9 \text{ mm} \cdot 0.499985 \text{ mm}}{1.599984 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.3) Penetration of Punch as Fraction Formula

Formula

$$p = \frac{F_s \cdot t_{sh}}{L_{ct} \cdot t_{stk}^2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.4996 \text{ mm} = \frac{0.015571 \text{ N} \cdot 1.599984 \text{ mm}}{615.66 \text{ m} \cdot 9 \text{ mm}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.4) Perimeter of Cut when Shear is Applied Formula

Formula

$$L_{ct} = \frac{F_s \cdot t_{sh}}{p \cdot t_{stk}^2}$$

Example with Units

$$615.1629 \text{ m} = \frac{0.015571 \text{ N} \cdot 1.599984 \text{ mm}}{0.499985 \text{ mm} \cdot 9 \text{ mm}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.5) Punch Load Formula

Formula

$$L_p = L_{ct} \cdot t_{bar} \cdot S_c$$

Example with Units

$$16.8306 \text{ N} = 615.66 \text{ m} \cdot 0.003 \text{ mm} \cdot 9112.5$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.6) Punching Force for Holes Smaller than Sheet Thickness Formula

Formula

$$P = \frac{d_{rm} \cdot t_b \cdot \varepsilon}{\left(\frac{d_{rm}}{t_b}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

Example with Units

$$178.3896 \text{ N} = \frac{13.3 \text{ mm} \cdot 1.13 \text{ mm} \cdot 27 \text{ N/mm}^2}{\left(\frac{13.3 \text{ mm}}{1.13 \text{ mm}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.7) Shear on Punch or Die Formula

Formula

$$t_{sh} = L_{ct} \cdot t_{stk} \cdot \frac{t_{stk} \cdot p}{F_s}$$

Example with Units

$$1.6013 \text{ mm} = 615.66 \text{ m} \cdot 9 \text{ mm} \cdot \frac{9 \text{ mm} \cdot 0.499985 \text{ mm}}{0.015571 \text{ N}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.8) Stock Thickness when Shear used on Punch Formula

Formula

$$t_{stk} = \sqrt{\frac{F_s \cdot t_{sh}}{L_{ct} \cdot p}}$$

Example with Units

$$8.9964 \text{ mm} = \sqrt{\frac{0.015571 \text{ N} \cdot 1.599984 \text{ mm}}{615.66 \text{ m} \cdot 0.499985 \text{ mm}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



5) Stripping Operation Formulas

5.1) Perimeter of Cut given Stripper Force Formula

Formula

$$L_{\text{cut}} = \frac{P_s}{K \cdot t_{\text{blank}}}$$

Example with Units

$$617.3526 \text{ mm} = \frac{0.000111 \text{ N}}{0.02 \cdot 8.99 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.2) Stripping Force Formula

Formula

$$P_s = K \cdot L_{\text{cut}} \cdot t_{\text{blank}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0001 \text{ N} = 0.02 \cdot 616.6667 \text{ mm} \cdot 8.99 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.3) Thickness of Stock given Stripper Force Formula

Formula

$$t_{\text{blank}} = \frac{P_s}{K \cdot L_{\text{cut}}}$$

Example with Units

$$9 \text{ mm} = \frac{0.000111 \text{ N}}{0.02 \cdot 616.6667 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Sheet Metal Operations Formulas above

- **B_{al}** Bend Allowance (Millimeter)
- **C_f** Cover Friction Constant
- **C_s** Clearance between Two Shears (Millimeter)
- **d₁** Mean Shell Diameter after Ironing (Millimeter)
- **D_b** Sheet Diameter (Millimeter)
- **d_{bl}** Blank Diameter (Millimeter)
- **d_{rm}** Punch or Ram Diameter (Millimeter)
- **d_s** Outer Diameter of Shell (Millimeter)
- **F** Ironing Force (Newton)
- **F_B** Bending Force (Newton)
- **F_S** Maximum Shear Force (Newton)
- **h_{shl}** Shell Height (Millimeter)
- **K** Stripping Constant
- **K_{bd}** Bending Die Constant
- **L_b** Bent Part Length (Millimeter)
- **L_{ct}** Cutting Perimeter (Meter)
- **L_{cut}** Perimeter of Cut (Millimeter)
- **L_p** Punch Load (Newton)
- **p** Punch Penetration (Millimeter)
- **P** Punching Force or Load (Newton)
- **P_d** Drawing Force (Newton per Square Millimeter)
- **P_s** Stripper Force (Newton)
- **PR_%** Percent Reduction after Drawing
- **r_c** Radius (Millimeter)
- **r_{cn}** Corner Radius on Punch (Millimeter)
- **S_{avg}** Average Tensile Strength Before & After Ironing (Newton per Square Millimeter)
- **S_c** Strength Coefficient
- **t₀** Shell Thickness before Ironing (Millimeter)
- **t_b** Sheet Thickness (Millimeter)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Sheet Metal Operations Formulas above

- **constant(s): pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Functions: exp**, exp(Number)
n an exponential function, the value of the function changes by a constant factor for every unit change in the independent variable.
- **Functions: ln**, ln(Number)
The natural logarithm, also known as the logarithm to the base e, is the inverse function of the natural exponential function.
- **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 Millimeter (mm), Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Newton per Square Millimeter (N/mm²)
Pressure Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Angle** in Radian (rad)
Angle Unit Conversion ↻






- t_{bar} Bar Thickness (Millimeter)
- t_{blank} Blank Thickness (Millimeter)
- t_f Shell Thickness after Ironing (Millimeter)
- t_{sh} Shear on Punch (Millimeter)
- t_{stk} Thickness of Stock (Millimeter)
- w Width between Contact Points (Millimeter)
- ϵ Tensile Strength (Newton per Square Millimeter)
- θ Subtended Angle in Radians (Radian)
- λ Stretch Factor
- σ_{ut} Ultimate Tensile Strength (Newton per Square Millimeter)
- σ_y Yield Strength (Newton per Square Millimeter)
- T Shear Strength of Material (Newton per Square Millimeter)



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