

# Important Bearing, Stresses, Plate Girders & Ponding Considerations Formulas PDF



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**Important Bearing, Stresses, Plate Girders & Ponding Considerations Formulas**

### 1) Bearing on Milled Surfaces Formulas

#### 1.1) Allowable Bearing Stress for Milled Surface Including Bearing Stiffeners Formula

Formula

$$F_p = 0.9 \cdot F_y$$

Example with Units

$$225 \text{ MPa} = 0.9 \cdot 250 \text{ MPa}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 1.2) Allowable Bearing Stress for Rollers and Rockers Formula

Formula

$$F_p = \left( \frac{F_y - 13}{20} \right) \cdot (0.66 \cdot d_r)$$

Example with Units

$$9.9 \text{ MPa} = \left( \frac{250 \text{ MPa} - 13}{20} \right) \cdot (0.66 \cdot 1200 \text{ mm})$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 1.3) Diameter of Roller or Rocker given Allowable Bearing Stress Formula

Formula

$$d_r = \frac{F_p \cdot \left( \frac{20}{F_y - 13} \right)}{0.66}$$

Example with Units

$$1187.8788 \text{ mm} = \frac{9.8 \text{ MPa} \cdot \left( \frac{20}{250 \text{ MPa} - 13} \right)}{0.66}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2) Plate Girders in Buildings Formulas

#### 2.1) Allowable Bending Stress in Compression Flange Formula

Formula

$$F_{b'} = F_b \cdot R_{pg} \cdot R_e$$

Example with Units

$$1.8841 \text{ MPa} = 3 \text{ MPa} \cdot 0.640 \cdot 0.9813$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 2.2) Depth to Thickness Ratio of Girder with Transverse Stiffeners Formula

Formula

$$ht = \frac{2000}{\sqrt{F_y}}$$

Example with Units

$$126.4911 = \frac{2000}{\sqrt{250 \text{ MPa}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 2.3) Hybrid Girder Factor Formula

Formula

$$R_e = \frac{12 + \left( \beta \cdot \left( 3 \cdot \alpha - \alpha^3 \right) \right)}{12 + 2 \cdot \beta}$$

Example

$$0.9813 = \frac{12 + \left( 3 \cdot \left( 3 \cdot 0.8 - 0.8^3 \right) \right)}{12 + 2 \cdot 3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2.4) Maximum Depth to Thickness Ratio for Unstiffened Web Formula

Formula

$$ht = \frac{14000}{\sqrt{F_y \cdot (F_y + 16.5)}}$$

Example with Units

$$54.2387 = \frac{14000}{\sqrt{250 \text{ MPa} \cdot (250 \text{ MPa} + 16.5)}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2.5) Plate Girder Stress Reduction Factor Formula

Formula

$$R_{pg} = \left( 1 - 0.0005 \cdot \left( \frac{A_{web}}{A_f} \right) \cdot \left( ht - \left( \frac{760}{\sqrt{F_b}} \right) \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.6403 = \left( 1 - 0.0005 \cdot \left( \frac{80 \text{ mm}^2}{10 \text{ mm}^2} \right) \cdot \left( 90.365 - \left( \frac{760}{\sqrt{3 \text{ MPa}}} \right) \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 3) Ponding Considerations in Buildings Formulas

### 3.1) Capacity Spectrum Formula

Formula

$$C_s = \frac{32 \cdot S \cdot I_s^4}{10^7 \cdot I_s}$$

Example with Units

$$5.5556 = \frac{32 \cdot 2.5 \text{ m} \cdot 0.5 \text{ m}^4}{10^7 \cdot 90 \text{ mm}^4/\text{mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.2) Collapse Prevention Level Formula

Formula

$$C_p = \frac{32 \cdot L_p^4 \cdot L_s}{10^7 \cdot I_p}$$

Example with Units

$$95.2941 = \frac{32 \cdot 1.5 \text{ m}^4 \cdot 0.5 \text{ m}}{10^7 \cdot 85 \text{ mm}^4/\text{mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



### 3.3) Length of Primary Member using Collapse Prevention Level Formula

Formula

$$L_p = \left( \frac{C_p \cdot 10^7 \cdot I_p}{32 \cdot L_s} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Example with Units

$$1.5_m = \left( \frac{95.29 \cdot 10^7 \cdot 85 \text{ mm}^4/\text{mm}}{32 \cdot 0.5_m} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.4) Length of Secondary Member given Capacity Spectrum Formula

Formula

$$L_s = \left( C_s \cdot 10^7 \cdot \frac{I_s}{32 \cdot S} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.4999_m = \left( 5.55 \cdot 10^7 \cdot \frac{90 \text{ mm}^4/\text{mm}}{32 \cdot 2.5_m} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.5) Length of Secondary Member using Collapse Prevention Level Formula

Formula

$$L_s = \frac{C_p \cdot 10^7 \cdot I_p}{32 \cdot L_p^4}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5_m = \frac{95.29 \cdot 10^7 \cdot 85 \text{ mm}^4/\text{mm}}{32 \cdot 1.5_m^4}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.6) Moment of Inertia of Primary Member using Collapse Prevention Level Formula

Formula

$$I_p = \frac{32 \cdot L_p^4 \cdot L_s}{10^7 \cdot C_p}$$

Example with Units

$$85.0037 \text{ mm}^4/\text{mm} = \frac{32 \cdot 1.5_m^4 \cdot 0.5_m}{10^7 \cdot 95.29}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.7) Moment of Inertia of Secondary Member given Capacity Spectrum Formula

Formula

$$I_s = \frac{32 \cdot S \cdot L_s^4}{10^7 \cdot C_s}$$

Example with Units

$$90.0901 \text{ mm}^4/\text{mm} = \frac{32 \cdot 2.5_m \cdot 0.5_m^4}{10^7 \cdot 5.55}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 4) Stresses in Thin Shells Formulas

### 4.1) Central Shear given Shearing Stress Formula

Formula

$$T = \left( v_{xy} - \left( \frac{D \cdot z \cdot 12}{t^3} \right) \right) \cdot t$$

Example with Units

$$50 \text{ kN/m} = \left( 3.55 \text{ MPa} - \left( \frac{110 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \cdot 0.02 \text{ m} \cdot 12}{200 \text{ mm}^3} \right) \right) \cdot 200 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula 



#### 4.2) Distance from Middle Surface given Normal Shearing Stress Formula

Formula

$$z = \sqrt{\left(\frac{t^2}{4}\right) - \left(\frac{v_{xz} \cdot t^3}{6 \cdot V}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.02\text{ m} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{200\text{ mm}^2}{4}\right) - \left(\frac{0.72\text{ MPa} \cdot 200\text{ mm}^3}{6 \cdot 100\text{ kN}}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 4.3) Distance from Middle Surface given Normal Stress in Thin Shells Formula

Formula

$$z = \left(\frac{t^2}{12 \cdot M_x}\right) \cdot \left(\left(f_x \cdot t\right) - \left(N_x\right)\right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.02\text{ m} = \left(\frac{200\text{ mm}^2}{12 \cdot 90\text{ kN*m}}\right) \cdot \left(\left(2.7\text{ MPa} \cdot 200\text{ mm}\right) - \left(15\text{ N}\right)\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 4.4) Normal Shearing Stresses Formula

Formula

$$v_{xz} = \left(\frac{6 \cdot V}{t^3}\right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{t^2}{4}\right) - \left(z^2\right)\right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.72\text{ MPa} = \left(\frac{6 \cdot 100\text{ kN}}{200\text{ mm}^3}\right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{200\text{ mm}^2}{4}\right) - \left(0.02\text{ m}^2\right)\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 4.5) Normal Stress in Thin Shells Formula

Formula

$$f_x = \left(\frac{N_x}{t}\right) + \left(\frac{M_x \cdot z}{\frac{t^3}{12}}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$2.7001\text{ MPa} = \left(\frac{15\text{ N}}{200\text{ mm}}\right) + \left(\frac{90\text{ kN*m} \cdot 0.02\text{ m}}{\frac{200\text{ mm}^3}{12}}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 



#### 4.6) Shearing Stresses on Shells Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$v_{xy} = \left( \left( \frac{T}{t} \right) + \left( \frac{D \cdot z \cdot 12}{t^3} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$3.55 \text{ MPa} = \left( \left( \frac{50 \text{ kN/m}}{200 \text{ mm}} \right) + \left( \frac{110 \text{ kN*m} \cdot 0.02 \text{ m} \cdot 12}{200 \text{ mm}^3} \right) \right)$$

#### 4.7) Twisting Moments given Shearing Stress Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$D = \frac{\left( (v_{xy} \cdot t) - T \right) \cdot t^2}{12 \cdot z}$$

$$110 \text{ kN*m} = \frac{\left( (3.55 \text{ MPa} \cdot 200 \text{ mm}) - 50 \text{ kN/m} \right) \cdot 200 \text{ mm}^2}{12 \cdot 0.02 \text{ m}}$$



## Variables used in list of Bearing, Stresses, Plate Girders & Ponding Considerations Formulas above

- **A<sub>f</sub>** Area of Flange (Square Millimeter)
- **A<sub>web</sub>** Web Area (Square Millimeter)
- **C<sub>p</sub>** Collapse Prevention Level
- **C<sub>s</sub>** Capacity Spectrum
- **D** Twisting Moments on Shells (Kilonewton Meter)
- **d<sub>r</sub>** Diameter of Rollers and Rockers (Millimeter)
- **F<sub>b</sub>** Allowable Bending Stress (Megapascal)
- **F<sub>b</sub>** Reduced Allowable Bending Stress (Megapascal)
- **F<sub>p</sub>** Allowable Bearing Stress (Megapascal)
- **f<sub>x</sub>** Normal Stress on Thin Shells (Megapascal)
- **F<sub>y</sub>** Yield Stress of Steel (Megapascal)
- **ht** Depth to Thickness Ratio
- **I<sub>p</sub>** Moment of Inertia of Primary Member (Millimeter<sup>4</sup> per Millimeter)
- **I<sub>s</sub>** Moment of Inertia of Secondary Member (Millimeter<sup>4</sup> per Millimeter)
- **L<sub>p</sub>** Length of Primary Member (Meter)
- **L<sub>s</sub>** Length of Secondary Member (Meter)
- **M<sub>x</sub>** Unit Bending Moment (Kilonewton Meter)
- **N<sub>x</sub>** Unit Normal Force (Newton)
- **R<sub>e</sub>** Hybrid Girder Factor
- **R<sub>pg</sub>** Plate Girder Strength Reduction Factor
- **S** Spacing of Secondary Members (Meter)
- **t** Shell Thickness (Millimeter)
- **T** Central Shear (Kilonewton per Meter)
- **V** Unit Shear Force (Kilonewton)
- **v<sub>xy</sub>** Shearing Stress on Shells (Megapascal)
- **v<sub>xz</sub>** Normal Shearing Stress (Megapascal)
- **z** Distance from Middle Surface (Meter)
- **α** Ratio of Yield Stress
- **β** Ratio of Web Area to Flange Area

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Bearing, Stresses, Plate Girders & Ponding Considerations Formulas above

- **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:** **Area** in Square Millimeter (mm<sup>2</sup>)  
[Area Unit Conversion](#) ↪
- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Megapascal (MPa)  
[Pressure Unit Conversion](#) ↪
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Kilonewton (kN), Newton (N)  
[Force Unit Conversion](#) ↪
- **Measurement:** **Surface Tension** in Kilonewton per Meter (kN/m)  
[Surface Tension Unit Conversion](#) ↪
- **Measurement:** **Moment of Force** in Kilonewton Meter (kN\*m)  
[Moment of Force Unit Conversion](#) ↪
- **Measurement:** **Moment of Inertia per Unit Length** in Millimeter<sup>4</sup> per Millimeter (mm<sup>4</sup>/mm)  
[Moment of Inertia per Unit Length Unit Conversion](#) ↪
- **Measurement:** **Stress** in Megapascal (MPa)  
[Stress Unit Conversion](#) ↪





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