

Important Suspension Geometry Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 24 Important Suspension Geometry Formulas

1) Anti Geometry of Independent Suspension Formulas

1.1) Angle between IC and Ground Formula

Formula

$$\Phi_R = \text{atan} \left(\frac{\text{SVSA}_h}{\text{SVSA}_l} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$18.4349^\circ = \text{atan} \left(\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

1.2) Camber Change Rate Formula

Formula

$$\theta = \text{atan} \left(\frac{1}{\text{fvsa}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$36.8974^\circ = \text{atan} \left(\frac{1}{1332 \text{ mm}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

1.3) Front View Swing Arm Formula

Formula

$$\text{fvsa} = \frac{\frac{a_{tw}}{2}}{1 - \text{RC}}$$

Example with Units

$$1332.6667 \text{ mm} = \frac{\frac{1999 \text{ mm}}{2}}{1 - 0.25}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.4) Height of Centre of Gravity from Road Surface from Percentage Anti Dive Formula

Formula

$$h = \frac{\left(\%B_f \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\text{SVSA}_h}{\text{SVSA}_l} \right) \cdot b_{\text{ind}}}{\%AD_f}$$

Example with Units

$$10000 \text{ mm} = \frac{\left(60 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}} \right) \cdot 1350 \text{ mm}}{2.7}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.5) Height of Centre of Gravity from Road Surface from Percentage Anti Lift Formula

Formula

$$h = \frac{\left(\%B_r \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\text{SVSA}_h}{\text{SVSA}_l} \right) \cdot b_{\text{ind}}}{\%AL_r}$$

Example with Units

$$10000.0002 \text{ mm} = \frac{\left(60.88889 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}} \right) \cdot 1350 \text{ mm}}{2.74}$$

Evaluate Formula



1.6) Percent Anti Squat Formula

Formula

$$\%AS = \left(\frac{\tan(\Phi_R)}{\frac{h}{b_{ind}}} \right) \cdot 100$$

Example with Units

$$4.4987 = \left(\frac{\tan(18.43^\circ)}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}} \right) \cdot 100$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.7) Percentage Anti Dive on Front Formula

Formula

$$\%AD_f = \left(\%B_f \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{SVSA_h}{SVSA_l}}{\frac{h}{b_{ind}}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.7 = (60) \cdot \frac{\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.8) Percentage Anti Lift Formula

Formula

$$\%AL_r = \left(\%B_f \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{SVSA_h}{SVSA_l}}{\frac{h}{b_{ind}}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.7 = (60) \cdot \frac{\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.9) Percentage Front Braking given Percentage Anti Dive Formula

Formula

$$\%B_f = \frac{\%AD_f}{\frac{\frac{SVSA_h}{SVSA_l}}{\frac{h}{b_{ind}}}}$$

Example with Units

$$60 = \frac{2.7}{\frac{\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.10) Percentage Rear Braking given Percentage Anti Lift Formula

Formula

$$\%B_r = \frac{\%AL_r}{\frac{\frac{SVSA_h}{SVSA_l}}{\frac{h}{b_{ind}}}}$$

Example with Units

$$60.8889 = \frac{2.74}{\frac{\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.11) Roll Camber Formula

Formula

$$RC = \frac{\theta_c}{RA}$$

Example with Units

$$0.25 = \frac{2^\circ}{8^\circ}$$

Evaluate Formula 



1.12) Side View Swing Arm Height given Percentage Anti Dive Formula

Formula

$$SVSA_h = \frac{\%AD_f}{\left(\%B_f \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{SVSA_l}}{\frac{h}{b_{ind}}}}$$

Example with Units

$$200 \text{ mm} = \frac{2.7}{\left(60 \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{600 \text{ mm}}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.13) Side View Swing Arm Height given Percentage Anti Lift Formula

Formula

$$SVSA_h = \frac{\%AL_r}{\left(\%B_r \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{SVSA_l}}{\frac{h}{b_{ind}}}}$$

Example with Units

$$200 \text{ mm} = \frac{2.74}{\left(60.88889 \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{600 \text{ mm}}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.14) Side View Swing Arm Length given Percentage Anti Dive Formula

Formula

$$SVSA_l = \frac{\left(\%B_f \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{SVSA_h}{h}}{b_{ind}}}{\%AD_f}$$

Example with Units

$$600 \text{ mm} = \frac{\left(60 \right) \cdot \frac{200 \text{ mm}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}}{2.7}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.15) Side View Swing Arm Length given Percentage Anti Lift Formula

Formula

$$SVSA_l = \frac{\left(\%B_r \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{SVSA_h}{h}}{b_{ind}}}{\%AL_r}$$

Example with Units

$$600 \text{ mm} = \frac{\left(60.88889 \right) \cdot \frac{200 \text{ mm}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}}{2.74}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.16) Wheelbase of Vehicle from Percentage Anti Dive Formula

Formula

$$b_{ind} = \frac{\%AD_f}{\left(\%B_f \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{SVSA_h}{h}}{\frac{SVSA_l}{b_{ind}}}}$$

Example with Units

$$1350 \text{ mm} = \frac{2.7}{\left(60 \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.17) Wheelbase of Vehicle from Percentage Anti Lift Formula

Formula

$$b_{ind} = \frac{\%AL_r}{\left(\%B_f \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{SVSA_h}{h}}{\frac{SVSA_l}{b_{ind}}}}$$

Example with Units

$$1370 \text{ mm} = \frac{2.74}{\left(60 \right) \cdot \frac{\frac{200 \text{ mm}}{600 \text{ mm}}}{\frac{10000 \text{ mm}}{1350 \text{ mm}}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



2) Forces on Suspension Formulas

2.1) Centre of Gravity Position Distance from Front Wheels Formula

Formula

$$a = \frac{W_f \cdot b}{m}$$

Example with Units

$$3570 \text{ mm} = \frac{210 \text{ kg} \cdot 1955 \text{ mm}}{115 \text{ kg}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.2) Centre of Gravity Position Distance from Rear Wheels Formula

Formula

$$c = \frac{W_f \cdot b}{m}$$

Example with Units

$$2210 \text{ mm} = \frac{130 \text{ kg} \cdot 1955 \text{ mm}}{115 \text{ kg}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.3) Force Applied by Coil Spring Formula

Formula

$$F_{\text{coil}} = k \cdot x$$

Example with Units

$$15 \text{ N} = 100 \text{ N/m} \cdot 150 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.4) Installation Ratio given Motion Ratio Formula

Formula

$$IR = \sqrt{\text{M.R.}}$$

Example

$$0.6 = \sqrt{0.36}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.5) Mass on front axle given position of COG Formula

Formula

$$W_f = \frac{c}{\frac{b}{m}}$$

Example with Units

$$130 \text{ kg} = \frac{2210 \text{ mm}}{\frac{1955 \text{ mm}}{115 \text{ kg}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.6) Motion Ratio given Installation Ratio Formula

Formula

$$\text{M.R.} = IR^2$$

Example

$$0.36 = 0.6^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.7) Wheel Base of Vehicle given COG Position from Rear Axle Formula

Formula

$$b = \frac{c}{\frac{W_f}{m}}$$

Example with Units

$$1955 \text{ mm} = \frac{2210 \text{ mm}}{\frac{130 \text{ kg}}{115 \text{ kg}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Suspension Geometry Formulas above

- **%AD_f** Percentage Anti Dive Front
- **%AL_r** Percentage Anti Lift
- **%AS** Percentage Anti Squat
- **%B_f** Percentage Front Braking
- **%B_r** Percentage Rear Braking
- **a** Horizontal Distance of C.G. from Front Axle (Millimeter)
- **a_{tw}** Track Width of Vehicle (Millimeter)
- **b** Wheelbase of Vehicle (Millimeter)
- **b_{ind}** Independent Wheelbase of Vehicle (Millimeter)
- **c** Horizontal Distance of C.G. from Rear Axle (Millimeter)
- **F_{coil}** Force Coil Spring (Newton)
- **fvsa** Front View Swing Arm (Millimeter)
- **h** Height of CG above Road (Millimeter)
- **IR** Installation Ratio
- **k** Coil Spring Stiffness (Newton per Meter)
- **m** Mass of Vehicle (Kilogram)
- **M.R.** Motion Ratio in Suspension
- **RA** Roll Angle (Degree)
- **RC** Roll Camber
- **SVSA_h** Side View Swing Arm Height (Millimeter)
- **SVSA_l** Side View Swing Arm Length (Millimeter)
- **W_f** Mass on Front Axle (Kilogram)
- **W_r** Mass on Rear Axle (Kilogram)
- **x** Maximum Compression in Spring (Millimeter)
- **θ** Camber Change Rate (Degree)
- **θ_c** Camber Angle (Degree)
- **ΦR** Angle between IC and Ground (Degree)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Suspension Geometry Formulas above

- **Functions:** **atan**, atan(Number)
Inverse tan is used to calculate the angle by applying the tangent ratio of the angle, which is the opposite side divided by the adjacent side of the right triangle.
- **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.
- **Functions:** **tan**, tan(Angle)
The tangent of an angle is a trigonometric ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle to the length of the side adjacent to an angle in a right triangle.
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Weight** in Kilogram (kg)
Weight Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree (°)
Angle Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Surface Tension** in Newton per Meter (N/m)
Surface Tension Unit Conversion 



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