



Load Factor Design (LFD) Formulas

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List of 28 Load Factor Design (LFD) Formulas

Load Factor Design (LFD) 🕑

Load and Resistance Factor for Bridge Columns 🕑

1) Buckling Stress for Q Factor Less than or Equal to 1 💪

fx
$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{cr}} = \left(1 - \left(rac{\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{factor}}}{2}
ight)
ight) \cdot \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{y}}$$

2) Buckling Stress given Maximum Strength 🕑

fx
$$F_{cr} = \frac{P_u}{0.85 \cdot A_g}$$
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ex $248MPa = \frac{1054kN}{0.85 \cdot 5000mm^2}$

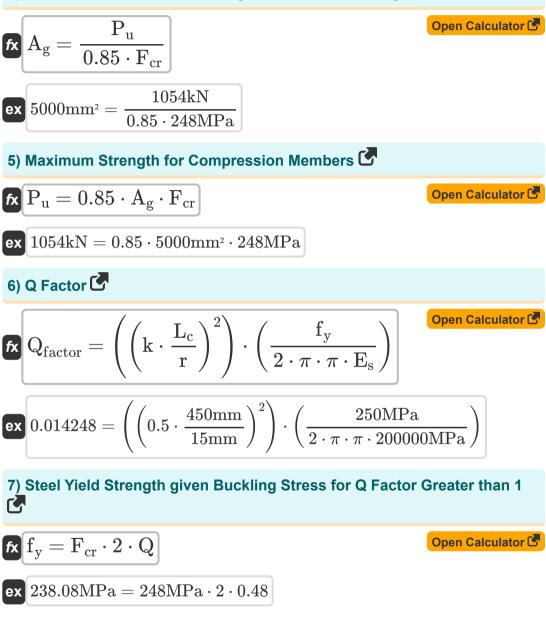
3) Buckling Stress when Q Factor is Greater than 1 🕑



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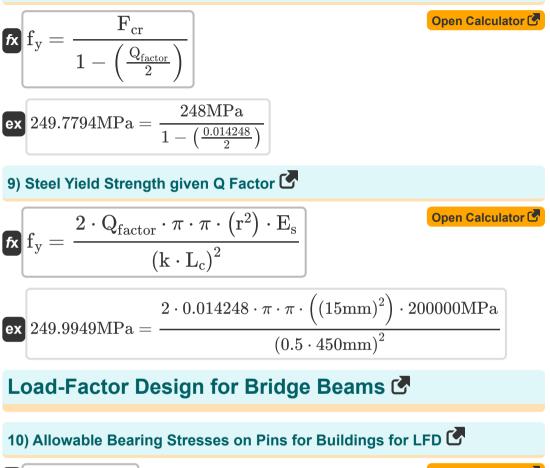
Calculator 🕑

4) Column Gross Effective Area given Maximum Strength 🕑





8) Steel Yield Strength given Buckling Stress for Q Factor Less than or Equal to 1



fx
$${f F}_{
m p}=0.9\cdot{f f}_{
m y}$$
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ex $225{
m MPa}=0.9\cdot250{
m MPa}$



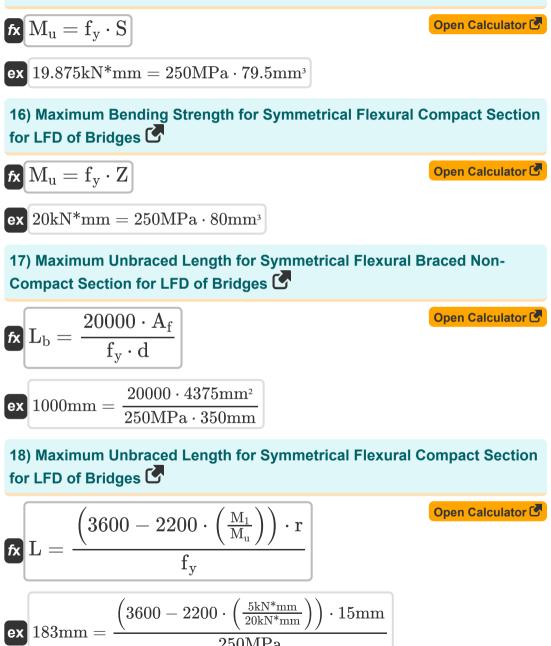
11) Allowable Bearing Stresses on Pins not Subject to Rotation for Bridges for LFD

$$\begin{split} & \fbox{F}_{p} = 0.80 \cdot f_{y} & \texttt{Open Calculator } \\ & \textcircled{S} 200MPa = 0.80 \cdot 250MPa \\ & \texttt{12) Allowable Bearing Stresses on Pins Subject to Rotation for Bridges for \\ & \texttt{LFD} \\ & \textcircled{S} \\ & \texttt{F}_{p} = 0.40 \cdot f_{y} & \texttt{Open Calculator } \\ & \textcircled{S} \\ & \texttt{100MPa} = 0.40 \cdot 250MPa \\ & \texttt{13) Area of Flange for Braced Non-Compact Section for LFD} \\ & \fbox{M}_{f} = \frac{L_{b} \cdot f_{y} \cdot d}{20000} & \texttt{Open Calculator } \\ & \textcircled{S} \\ & \texttt{4375mm}^{2} = \frac{1000mm \cdot 250MPa \cdot 350mm}{20000} \\ & \texttt{14) Depth of Section for Braced Non-Compact Section for LFD given Maximum Unbraced Length \\ & \textcircled{M} \\ & \textcircled{M} = \frac{20000 \cdot A_{f}}{f_{y} \cdot L_{b}} & \texttt{Open Calculator } \\ & \textcircled{M} \\ & \textcircled{M} = \frac{20000 \cdot A_{f}}{f_{y} \cdot L_{b}} & \texttt{Open Calculator } \\ & \textcircled{M} \\ &$$

ex
$$350 \text{mm} = \frac{20000 \cdot 4375 \text{mm}^2}{250 \text{MPa} \cdot 1000 \text{mm}}$$

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15) Maximum Bending Strength for Symmetrical Flexural Braced Non-Compacted Section for LFD of Bridges



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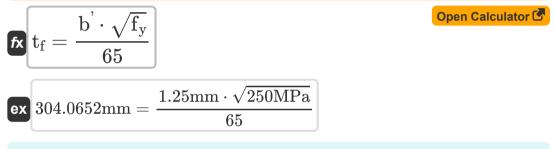
250 MPa

19) Minimum Flange Thickness for Symmetrical Flexural Braced Non-Compact Section for LFD of Bridges

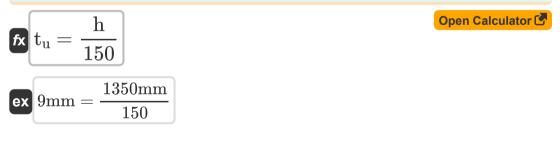
fx
$$t_{f} = rac{b^{'} \cdot \sqrt{f_{y}}}{69.6}$$
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ex
$$283.9689 \text{mm} = \frac{1.25 \text{mm} \cdot \sqrt{250 \text{MPa}}}{69.6}$$

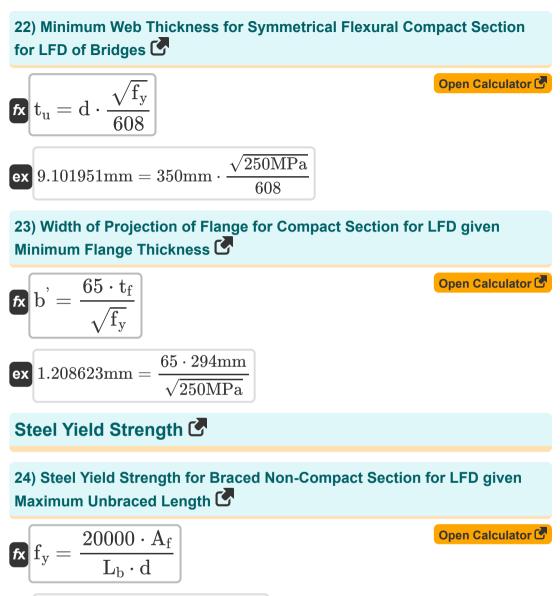
20) Minimum Flange Thickness for Symmetrical Flexural Compact Section for LFD of Bridges



21) Minimum Web Thickness for Symmetrical Flexural Braced Non-Compact Section for LFD of Bridges







ex
$$250 \text{MPa} = \frac{20000 \cdot 4375 \text{mm}^2}{1000 \text{mm} \cdot 350 \text{mm}}$$





fx $\left| {{{\mathbf{f}}_{y}} = \left({65 \cdot \frac{{{{\mathbf{t}}_{f}}}}{{{\mathbf{b}}^{'}}}}
ight)^2 }
ight|$

25) Steel Yield Strength for Compact Section for LFD given Minimum Flange Thickness

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$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \mathbf{ex} \end{array} 233.7229 \mathrm{MPa} = \left(65 \cdot \frac{294 \mathrm{mm}}{1.25 \mathrm{mm}} \right)^2 \end{array}$$

26) Steel Yield Strength on Pins for Buildings for LFD given Allowable Bearing Stress



0.90

fx
$$f_y = \frac{F_p}{0.80}$$
 Open Calculator
ex $218.75 MPa = \frac{175 MPa}{0.80}$



28) Steel Yield Strength on Pins subject to Rotation for Bridges for LFD given Pin Stress







Variables Used

- **A_f** Flange Area (Square Millimeter)
- Ag Gross Effective Area of Column (Square Millimeter)
- **b** Width of Projection of Flange (*Millimeter*)
- **d** Depth of Section (Millimeter)
- Es Modulus of Elasticity (Megapascal)
- Fcr Buckling Stress (Megapascal)
- Fp Allowable Bearing Stresses on Pins (Megapascal)
- fv Yield Strength of Steel (Megapascal)
- h Unsupported Distance between Flanges (Millimeter)
- k Effective Length Factor
- L Max Unbraced Length for Flexural Compact Section (Millimeter)
- Lb Maximum Unbraced Length (Millimeter)
- L_c Length of Member between Supports (*Millimeter*)
- M₁ Smaller Moment (Kilonewton Millimeter)
- Mu Maximum Bending Strength (Kilonewton Millimeter)
- **P**_u Strength of Column (*Kilonewton*)
- **Q** Q Factors
- Q_{factor} Factor Q
- **r** Radius of Gyration (Millimeter)
- S Section Modulus (Cubic Millimeter)
- **t**_f Flange Minimum Thickness (Millimeter)



- **t**_u Web Minimum Thickness (*Millimeter*)
- Z Plastic Section Modulus (Cubic Millimeter)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- Constant: pi, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288 Archimedes' constant
- Function: **sqrt**, sqrt(Number) Square root function
- Measurement: Length in Millimeter (mm) Length Unit Conversion
- Measurement: Volume in Cubic Millimeter (mm³) Volume Unit Conversion
- Measurement: Area in Square Millimeter (mm²) Area Unit Conversion
- Measurement: Pressure in Megapascal (MPa)
 Pressure Unit Conversion
- Measurement: Force in Kilonewton (kN)
 Force Unit Conversion
- Measurement: Moment of Force in Kilonewton Millimeter (kN*mm)
 Moment of Force Unit Conversion G
- Measurement: Stress in Megapascal (MPa)
 Stress Unit Conversion





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