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# List of 15 Elastic Flexural Buckling of Columns Formulas

## Elastic Flexural Buckling of Columns ↗

### 1) Axial Buckling Load for Warped Section ↗

**fx**

$$P_{\text{Buckling Load}} = \left( \frac{A}{I_p} \right) \cdot \left( G \cdot J + \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot C_w}{L^2} \right)$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)
**ex**

$$5.000001N = \left( \frac{700mm^2}{322000mm^4} \right) \cdot \left( 230MPa \cdot 10.0 + \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 50MPa \cdot 10kg \cdot m^2}{(3000mm)^2} \right)$$

### 2) Cross-Sectional Area given Axial Buckling Load for Warped Section ↗

**fx**

$$A = \frac{P_{\text{Buckling Load}} \cdot I_p}{G \cdot J + \left( \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot C_w}{L^2} \right)}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**

$$699.9998mm^2 = \frac{5N \cdot 322000mm^4}{230MPa \cdot 10.0 + \left( \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 50MPa \cdot 10kg \cdot m^2}{(3000mm)^2} \right)}$$



### 3) Cross-Sectional Area given Torsional Buckling Load for Pin Ended Columns

$$fx \quad A = \frac{P_{\text{Buckling Load}} \cdot I_p}{G \cdot J}$$

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$$ex \quad 700\text{mm}^2 = \frac{5\text{N} \cdot 322000\text{mm}^4}{230\text{MPa} \cdot 10.0}$$

### 4) Polar Moment of Inertia for Axial Buckling Load for Warped Section

$$fx \quad I_p = \frac{A}{P_{\text{Buckling Load}}} \cdot \left( G \cdot J + \left( \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot C_w}{L^2} \right) \right)$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

ex

$$322000.1\text{mm}^4 = \frac{700\text{mm}^2}{5\text{N}} \cdot \left( 230\text{MPa} \cdot 10.0 + \left( \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 50\text{MPa} \cdot 10\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{(3000\text{mm})^2} \right) \right)$$

### 5) Polar Moment of Inertia for Pin Ended Columns

$$fx \quad I_p = \frac{G \cdot J \cdot A}{P_{\text{Buckling Load}}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 322000\text{mm}^4 = \frac{230\text{MPa} \cdot 10.0 \cdot 700\text{mm}^2}{5\text{N}}$$



## 6) Shear Modulus of Elasticity given Torsional Buckling Load for Pin Ended Columns

**fx** 
$$G = \frac{P_{\text{Buckling Load}} \cdot I_p}{J \cdot A}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex** 
$$230 \text{ MPa} = \frac{5 \text{ N} \cdot 322000 \text{ mm}^4}{10.0 \cdot 700 \text{ mm}^2}$$

## 7) Torsional Buckling Load for Pin Ended Columns

**fx** 
$$P_{\text{Buckling Load}} = \frac{G \cdot J \cdot A}{I_p}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex** 
$$5 \text{ N} = \frac{230 \text{ MPa} \cdot 10.0 \cdot 700 \text{ mm}^2}{322000 \text{ mm}^4}$$

## Pin-Ended Columns

### 8) Critical Buckling Load for Pin Ended Columns by Euler's Formula

**fx** 
$$P_{\text{Buckling Load}} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot A}{\left( \frac{L}{r_{\text{gyration}}} \right)^2}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex** 
$$25.94609 \text{ N} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 50 \text{ MPa} \cdot 700 \text{ mm}^2}{\left( \frac{3000 \text{ mm}}{26 \text{ mm}} \right)^2}$$



## 9) Cross-Sectional Area given Critical Buckling Load for Pin Ended Columns by Euler's Formula ↗

$$fx \quad A = \frac{P_{\text{Buckling Load}} \cdot \left( \frac{L}{r_{\text{gyration}}} \right)^2}{\pi^2 \cdot E}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 134.8951 \text{mm}^2 = \frac{5 \text{N} \cdot \left( \frac{3000 \text{mm}}{26 \text{mm}} \right)^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 50 \text{MPa}}$$

## 10) Radius of Gyration given Critical Buckling Load for Pin Ended Columns by Euler's Formula ↗

$$fx \quad r_{\text{gyration}} = \sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{Buckling Load}} \cdot L^2}{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot A}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 11.41359 \text{mm} = \sqrt{\frac{5 \text{N} \cdot (3000 \text{mm})^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 50 \text{MPa} \cdot 700 \text{mm}^2}}$$

## 11) Slenderness Ratio given Critical Buckling Load for Pin Ended Columns by Euler's Formula ↗

$$fx \quad \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot A}{P_{\text{Buckling Load}}}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 262.8445 = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 \cdot 50 \text{MPa} \cdot 700 \text{mm}^2}{5 \text{N}}}$$



## Slender Columns ↗

### 12) Cross-Sectional Area given Elastic Critical Buckling Load ↗

$$fx \quad A = \frac{P_{\text{Buckling Load}} \cdot \left( \frac{L}{r_{\text{gyration}}} \right)^2}{\pi^2 \cdot E}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 134.8951 \text{mm}^2 = \frac{5 \text{N} \cdot \left( \frac{3000 \text{mm}}{26 \text{mm}} \right)^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 50 \text{MPa}}$$

### 13) Elastic Critical Buckling Load ↗

$$fx \quad P_{\text{Buckling Load}} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot A}{\left( \frac{L}{r_{\text{gyration}}} \right)^2}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 25.94609 \text{N} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 50 \text{MPa} \cdot 700 \text{mm}^2}{\left( \frac{3000 \text{mm}}{26 \text{mm}} \right)^2}$$

### 14) Radius of Gyration of Column given Elastic Critical Buckling Load ↗

$$fx \quad r_{\text{gyration}} = \sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{Buckling Load}} \cdot L^2}{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot A}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 11.41359 \text{mm} = \sqrt{\frac{5 \text{N} \cdot (3000 \text{mm})^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 50 \text{MPa} \cdot 700 \text{mm}^2}}$$



**15) Slenderness Ratio given Elastic Critical Buckling Load** **Open Calculator** 


$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot A}{P_{\text{Buckling Load}}}}$$


$$262.8445 = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 \cdot 50\text{MPa} \cdot 700\text{mm}^2}{5\text{N}}}$$



## Variables Used

- **A** Column Cross-Sectional Area (*Square Millimeter*)
- **C<sub>w</sub>** Warping Constant (*Kilogram Square Meter*)
- **E** Modulus of Elasticity (*Megapascal*)
- **G** Shear Modulus of Elasticity (*Megapascal*)
- **I<sub>p</sub>** Polar Moment of Inertia (*Millimeter<sup>4</sup>*)
- **J** Torsional Constant
- **L** Effective Length of Column (*Millimeter*)
- **P** Buckling Load Buckling Load (*Newton*)
- **r<sub>gyration</sub>** Radius of Gyration of Column (*Millimeter*)
- **λ** Slenderness Ratio



# 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: **Area** in Square Millimeter (mm<sup>2</sup>)  
*Area Unit Conversion* ↗
- Measurement: **Force** in Newton (N)  
*Force Unit Conversion* ↗
- Measurement: **Moment of Inertia** in Kilogram Square Meter (kg·m<sup>2</sup>)  
*Moment of Inertia Unit Conversion* ↗
- Measurement: **Second Moment of Area** in Millimeter<sup>4</sup> (mm<sup>4</sup>)  
*Second Moment of Area Unit Conversion* ↗
- Measurement: **Stress** in Megapascal (MPa)  
*Stress Unit Conversion* ↗



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