

W-, S-, C-, and MC-Shapes



Basic

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Design Values

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Condition	ASD		LRFD	Related Info
Tension	$0.6F_yA_g \leq 0.5F_uA_e$		$0.9F_yA_g \leq 0.75F_uA_e$	For A_e , see AISC Specification Equation D3-1.
Bending	Major Axis	$L_b \leq L_p$	$0.66F_yS_x$	$0.99F_yS_x$
		$L_p < L_b \leq L_r$	Use linear interpolation between L_p and L_r .	
		$L_b = L_r$	$0.42F_yS_x$	$0.63F_yS_x$
	Minor Axis	$0.9F_yS_y$		$1.35F_yS_y$ See Note 1.1. L_r and strength when $L_b > L_r$ are given in the AISC Manual.
Shear (in major axis)	$0.4F_yA_w$		$0.6F_yA_w$	See Note 1.2.
Compression	$L_c/r \leq 800/\sqrt{F_y}$		$0.6F_yA_g(0.658)^P$	$0.9F_yA_g(0.658)^P$
	$L_c/r > 800/\sqrt{F_y}$		$\frac{150,000A_g}{(L_c/r)^2}$	$\frac{226,000A_g}{(L_c/r)^2}$ $P = \frac{F_y(L_c/r)^2}{286,000}$ See Note 1.3.

Notes

- Multiply equations given for strong axis with $L_b \leq L_p$, or weak axis, by values in parentheses for W21×48 (0.99), W14×90 (0.97), W12×65 (0.98), W10×12 (0.99), W8×10 (0.99), W6×15 (0.94), and W6×8.5 (0.98).
- Multiply equations given by 0.9 for W44×230, W40×149, W36×135, W33×118, W30×90, W24×55, W16×26, and W12×14 and all C- and MC-shapes. In weak axis, equations can be adapted by using $A_w = 1.8b_ft_f$.
- Not applicable to slender shapes. For slender shapes, use A_e from AISC Specification Section E7 in place of A_g . For C- and MC- shapes, see AISC Specification Section E4.

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Connected Parts

Bolts	Group 120 (ASTM F3125/F3125M Grades A325 and F1852) Group 144 (ASTM F3148) Group 150 (ASTM F3125/F3125M Grades A490 and F2280) Group 200 (ASTM F3043 and F3111)	$F_{ub} = 120 \text{ ksi}$ $F_{ub} = 144 \text{ ksi}$ $F_{ub} = 150 \text{ ksi}$ $F_{ub} = 200 \text{ ksi}$
Welds		$F_{EXX} = 70 \text{ ksi}$

F_{ub} represents F_u of bolt material on this card.

Condition		ASD	LRFD	Related Info
Bolts	Tension	$0.38F_{ub}A_b$	$0.56F_{ub}A_b$	—
	Shear (N bolts, per shear plane)	$0.23F_{ub}A_b$	$0.34F_{ub}A_b$	Multiply by 1.25 for X bolts.
	Slip Resistance (Class A, STD holes)	$0.12F_{ub}A_b$	$0.18F_{ub}A_b$	Per slip plane. See Note 2.1.
	Bearing	$1.2d_b t F_u$	$1.8d_b t F_u$	See Note 2.2.
	Tearout	$0.6l_c t F_u$	$0.9l_c t F_u$	
Welds	Shear (all welds except CJP)	$0.3F_{EXX}A_{we} \leq 0.3F_u A_{BM}$	$0.45F_{EXX}A_{we} \leq 0.45F_u A_{BM}$	See Note 2.3.
	PJP Tension	$0.32F_{EXX}A_w \leq 0.5F_u A_{BM}$	$0.48F_{EXX}A_w \leq 0.75F_u A_{BM}$	See AISC Specification Section J2.1a.
	Groove Welds Compression (joint not finished to bear)	$0.48F_{EXX}A_w \leq 0.6F_y A_{BM}$	$0.72F_{EXX}A_w \leq 0.9F_y A_{BM}$	
	CJP Groove Welds	Strength equal to base metal.		—
Connected Parts	Tension	$0.6F_y A_g \leq 0.5F_u A_e$	$0.9F_y A_g \leq 0.75F_u A_e$	For A_e , see AISC Specification Equation D3-1.
	Shear	$0.4F_y A_g \leq 0.3F_u A_n$	$0.6F_y A_g \leq 0.45F_u A_n$	—
	Block Shear	$0.3F_u A_{nv} + 0.5U_{bs}F_u A_{nt}$	$0.45F_u A_{nv} + 0.75U_{bs}F_u A_{nt}$	See Note 2.4.
	Compression	$L_c/r \leq 25$ $0.6F_y A_g$	$0.9F_y A_g$	—
		$L_c/r > 25$ Same as for W-shapes.		

Notes

- 2.1 For Class B multiply by 1.67. Multiply by values in parentheses for SSL perpendicular to load direction (1.0), OVS or SSL parallel to load direction (0.85), and LSL holes (0.70). Multiply by 0.85 if multiple fillers are used within grip.
- 2.2 For LSL holes perpendicular to load direction, multiply by 0.83.
- 2.3 For fillet welds, multiply by 1.5 for transverse loading (90-degree load angle) if strain compatibility of the various weld elements is considered. For other load angles, see AISC Specification Section J2.
- 2.4 For calculation purposes, $F_u A_{nv}$ cannot exceed $F_y A_{gv}$. $U_{bs} = 1.0$ for a uniform tension stress; 0.5 for non-uniform tension stress.

Analysis and Design

Simplified Method (see Note 4.1)

- Step 1** Perform first-order elastic analysis. Use 0.002 times the total story gravity load as lateral load in gravity-only combinations.
- Step 2** Establish the design story drift limit and determine the lateral load that produces that drift.
- Step 3** Determine the ratio of the total story gravity load, P_{story} , to the lateral load, H , determined in Step 2 and divide by R_M . [$\alpha = 1.0$ (LRFD); $\alpha = 1.6$ (ASD)].
- Step 4** Multiply first-order results by B_2 (i.e., the tabular value). $K = 1$, except for moment frames when the tabular value is greater than 1.1. Ensure the target drift limit in Step 2 is not exceeded.

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Δ_H	$\frac{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}{R_M H}$										
	5	10	20	25	30	40	50	60	80	100	120
$L/100$	1.05	1.11	1.25	1.33	1.43						
$L/200$	1.03	1.05	1.11	1.14	1.18	1.25	1.33	1.43			$B_2 > 1.50$
$L/300$	1.02	1.03	1.07	1.09	1.11	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.36	1.50	
$L/400$	1.01	1.03	1.05	1.07	1.08	1.11	1.14	1.18	1.25	1.33	1.43
$L/500$	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.19	1.25	1.32

Note Interpolation between values in the table may produce an incorrect result.

Elastic Methods	Effective Length	Forces and Moments	Limitations	Specification References
First-Order Analysis Method —second-order effects captured from effects of additional lateral load	$K = 1$ for all frames (see Note 4.2)	From analysis	$\Delta_{2\text{nd}}/\Delta_{1\text{st}} \leq 1.5$; axial load limited	Appendix 7, Section 7.3
Effective Length Method —second-order analysis with 0.2% of total gravity load as lateral load in gravity-only combinations (see Note 4.3)	$K = 1$, except for moment frames with $\Delta_{2\text{nd}}/\Delta_{1\text{st}} > 1.1$	From analysis (see Note 4.3)	$\Delta_{2\text{nd}}/\Delta_{1\text{st}} \leq 1.5$	Appendix 7, Section 7.2
Direct Analysis Method —second-order analysis with nominal lateral load and reduced EI and AE (see Note 4.3)	$K = 1$ for all frames	From analysis (see Note 4.3)	None	Chapter C

Notes

$\Delta_{2\text{nd}}/\Delta_{1\text{st}}$ is the ratio of the second-order drift to first-order drift, which is also represented by B_2 .

4.1 Derived from the effective length method, using B_1 - B_2 approximation with B_1 taken equal to B_2 . B_1 must not exceed B_2 and B_2 must not exceed 1.5. See AISC Manual Part 2 for discussion of limitations and additional details.

4.2 An additional amplification for member curvature effects is required for beam-columns.

4.3 The B_1 - B_2 approximation (Appendix 8) can be used to accomplish a second-order analysis.

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HSS Members

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		Round	Rectangular
HSS	ASTM A500/A500M Grade C ASTM A1085/A1085M Grade A	$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$ $F_u = 62 \text{ ksi}$	$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$ $F_u = 62 \text{ ksi}$
Pipe	ASTM A53 Grade B	$F_y = 35 \text{ ksi}$ $F_u = 60 \text{ ksi}$	— —

Condition		ASD	LRFD	Related Info
Tension		$0.6F_yA_g \leq 0.5F_uA_e$	$0.9F_yA_g \leq 0.75F_uA_e$	For A_e , see AISC Specification Equation D3-1.
Bending	Rectangular HSS	$0.66F_yS$	$0.99F_yS$	See Note 3.1.
	Round HSS and Pipe	$0.78F_yS$	$1.17F_yS$	See Note 3.2.
Shear	Rectangular HSS	$0.36F_yA_w$	$0.54F_yA_w$	See Note 3.3.
	Round HSS and Pipe	$0.18F_yA_g$	$0.27F_yA_g$	See Note 3.4.
Compression	$L_c/r \leq 800/\sqrt{F_y}$	$0.6F_yA_g(0.658)^P$	$0.9F_yA_g(0.658)^P$	$P = \frac{F_y (L_c/r)^2}{286,000}$ See Note 3.5.
	$L_c/r > 800/\sqrt{F_y}$	$\frac{150,000A_g}{(L_c/r)^2}$	$\frac{226,000A_g}{(L_c/r)^2}$	

Table 3.1. Size Limits for Rectangular HSS, in.*

Nom. Wall Thickness, in.	1	7/8	3/4	5/8	1/2	3/8	5/16	1/4	3/16	1/8
Bending	Flange	24	24	20	16	12	10	8	6	5
	Web	34	34	34	34	24	20	16	14	10
Shear		34	34	34	34	24	20	18	14	10
Compression		34	24	24	20	16	12	10	8	6

*Table only covers up to 88-in. periphery

Notes

- 3.1 Not applicable if size limit from Table 3.1 at left is exceeded (see Section F7).
- 3.2 Not applicable if $D/t > 2,030/F_y$ (see Section F8).
- 3.3 Not applicable if size limit from Table 3.1 at left is exceeded (see Section G4).
- 3.4 Equations provided for shear yielding. See AISC Specification Section G5 for shear buckling provisions.
- 3.5 For rectangular HSS, if size limit from Table 3.1 at left is exceeded use A_e from AISC Specification Section E7 in place of A_g . For round HSS and Pipe where $D/t > 3,190/F_y$, use A_e from AISC Specification Section E7 in place of A_g .



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