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# List of 37 Short Columns Formulas

## Short Columns

### Design of Short Column in Compression with Uniaxial Bending

### Modes of Failure in Eccentric Compression

#### 1) Area of Cross Section of Column given Crushing Stress

$$\text{fx } A_{\text{sectional}} = \frac{P_c}{\sigma_{\text{crushing}}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 6.25\text{m}^2 = \frac{1500\text{kN}}{0.24\text{MPa}}$$

#### 2) Area of Cross-Section given Compressive Stress Induced during Failure of Short Column

$$\text{fx } A_{\text{sectional}} = \frac{P_{\text{compressive}}}{\sigma_c}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 6.25\text{m}^2 = \frac{0.4\text{kN}}{0.000064\text{MPa}}$$



### 3) Area of Cross-Section given Stress due to Direct Load for Long Column

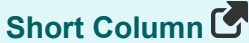


$$fx \quad A_{\text{sectional}} = \frac{P_{\text{compressive}}}{\sigma}$$

[Open Calculator](#)

$$ex \quad 6.666667m^2 = \frac{0.4kN}{0.00006MPa}$$

### 4) Compressive Load given Compressive Stress Induced during Failure of Short Column



$$fx \quad P_{\text{compressive}} = A_{\text{sectional}} \cdot \sigma_c$$

[Open Calculator](#)

$$ex \quad 0.4kN = 6.25m^2 \cdot 0.000064MPa$$

### 5) Compressive Load given Stress Due to Direct Load for Long Column



$$fx \quad P_{\text{compressive}} = A_{\text{sectional}} \cdot \sigma$$

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$$ex \quad 0.375kN = 6.25m^2 \cdot 0.00006MPa$$

### 6) Compressive Stress Induced during Failure of Short Column



$$fx \quad \sigma_c = \frac{P_{\text{compressive}}}{A_{\text{sectional}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 6.4E^{-5}MPa = \frac{0.4kN}{6.25m^2}$$



## 7) Crushing Load for Short Column

$$fx \quad P_c = A_{\text{sectional}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{crushing}}$$

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$$ex \quad 1500\text{kN} = 6.25\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.24\text{MPa}$$

## 8) Crushing Stress for Short Column

$$fx \quad \sigma_{\text{crushing}} = \frac{P_c}{A_{\text{sectional}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.24\text{MPa} = \frac{1500\text{kN}}{6.25\text{m}^2}$$

## 9) Maximum Stress for Failure of Long Column

$$fx \quad \sigma_{\text{max}} = \sigma + \sigma_b$$

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$$ex \quad 0.00506\text{MPa} = 0.00006\text{MPa} + 0.005\text{MPa}$$

## 10) Minimum Stress for Failure of Long Column

$$fx \quad \sigma_{\text{min}} = \sigma + \sigma_b$$

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$$ex \quad 0.00506\text{MPa} = 0.00006\text{MPa} + 0.005\text{MPa}$$



### 11) Section Modulus about Axis of Bending for Long Column

$$fx \quad S = \frac{P_{\text{compressive}} \cdot e}{\sigma_b}$$

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$$ex \quad 320000\text{mm}^3 = \frac{0.4\text{kN} \cdot 4\text{mm}}{0.005\text{MPa}}$$

### 12) Stress Due to Bending at Center of Column given Maximum Stress for Failure of Long Column

$$fx \quad \sigma_b = \sigma_{\text{max}} - \sigma$$

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$$ex \quad 0.005\text{MPa} = 0.00506\text{MPa} - 0.00006\text{MPa}$$

### 13) Stress Due to Bending at Center of Column given Minimum Stress for Failure of Long Column

$$fx \quad \sigma_b = \sigma_{\text{min}} - \sigma$$

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$$ex \quad 0.00094\text{MPa} = 0.001\text{MPa} - 0.00006\text{MPa}$$

### 14) Stress Due to Direct Load for Long Column

$$fx \quad \sigma = \frac{P_{\text{compressive}}}{A_{\text{sectional}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 6.4\text{E}^{-5}\text{MPa} = \frac{0.4\text{kN}}{6.25\text{m}^2}$$



## 15) Stress Due to Direct Load given Maximum Stress for Failure of Long Column

$$fx \quad \sigma = \sigma_{\max} - \sigma_b$$

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$$ex \quad 6E^{-5}MPa = 0.00506MPa - 0.005MPa$$

## Design of Short Column under Axial Compression

### 16) Allowable Bond Stress for Horizontal Tension Bars of Sizes and Deformations Conforming to ASTM A 408

$$fx \quad S_b = 2.1 \cdot \sqrt{f'_c}$$

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$$ex \quad 18.78297N/m^2 = 2.1 \cdot \sqrt{80Pa}$$

### 17) Allowable Bond Stress for Other Tension Bars of Sizes and Deformations Conforming to ASTM A 408

$$fx \quad S_b = 3 \cdot \sqrt{f'_c}$$

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$$ex \quad 26.83282N/m^2 = 3 \cdot \sqrt{80Pa}$$



## 18) Allowable Stress in Vertical Concrete Reinforcing given Total Allowable Axial Load

$$f'_s = \frac{\frac{P_{\text{allow}}}{A_g} - 0.25 \cdot f'_c}{p_g}$$

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$$\text{ex } 3.995006\text{N/mm}^2 = \frac{\frac{16.00001\text{kN}}{500\text{mm}^2} - 0.25 \cdot 80\text{Pa}}{8.01}$$

## 19) Concrete Compressive Strength given Total Allowable Axial Load

$$f_{ck} = \frac{\left(\frac{P_T}{A_g}\right) - (f'_s \cdot p_g)}{0.25}$$

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$$\text{ex } 19.80796\text{MPa} = \frac{\left(\frac{18.5\text{N}}{500\text{mm}^2}\right) - (4.001\text{N/mm}^2 \cdot 8.01)}{0.25}$$


## 20) Gross Cross-Sectional Area of Column given Total Allowable Axial Load

$$A_g = \frac{P_{\text{allow}}}{0.25 \cdot f'_c + f'_s \cdot p_g}$$

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$$\text{ex } 499.251\text{mm}^2 = \frac{16.00001\text{kN}}{0.25 \cdot 80\text{Pa} + 4.001\text{N/mm}^2 \cdot 8.01}$$



21) Spiral Volume to Concrete-Core Volume Ratio 

$$fx \quad p_s = 0.45 \cdot \left( \frac{A_g}{A_c} - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{f'_c}{f_{y_{steel}}}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 0.045474 = 0.45 \cdot \left( \frac{500\text{mm}^2}{380\text{mm}^2} - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{80\text{Pa}}{250\text{MPa}}$$

22) Total Allowable Axial Load for Short Columns 

$$fx \quad P_{allow} = A_g \cdot (0.25 \cdot f'_c + f'_s \cdot p_g)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 16.02402\text{kN} = 500\text{mm}^2 \cdot (0.25 \cdot 80\text{Pa} + 4.001\text{N}/\text{mm}^2 \cdot 8.01)$$

Design Under Axial Compression with Biaxial Bending 23) Axial Load at Balanced Condition 

$$fx \quad N_b = \frac{M_b}{e_b}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.666733\text{N} = \frac{10.001\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{15\text{m}}$$

24) Axial Moment at Balanced Condition 

$$fx \quad M_b = N_b \cdot e_b$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 9.9\text{N} \cdot \text{m} = 0.66\text{N} \cdot 15\text{m}$$





## 25) Bending Moment for Spiral Columns

$$fx \quad M = 0.12 \cdot A_{st} \cdot f_y \cdot D_b$$

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$$ex \quad 12.38121kN^*m = 0.12 \cdot 8m^2 \cdot 9.99MPa \cdot 1.291m$$

## 26) Bending Moment for Tied Columns

$$fx \quad M = 0.40 \cdot A \cdot f_y \cdot (d - d')$$

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$$ex \quad 419.62kN^*m = 0.40 \cdot 10m^2 \cdot 9.99MPa \cdot (20.001mm - 9.5mm)$$

## 27) Circle Diameter given Maximum Permissible Eccentricity for Spiral Columns

$$fx \quad D = \frac{e_b - 0.14 \cdot t}{0.43 \cdot p_g \cdot m}$$

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$$ex \quad 9.744626m = \frac{15m - 0.14 \cdot 8.85m}{0.43 \cdot 8.01 \cdot 0.41}$$

## 28) Column Diameter given Maximum Permissible Eccentricity for Spiral Columns

$$fx \quad t = \frac{e_b - 0.43 \cdot p_g \cdot m \cdot D}{0.14}$$

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$$ex \quad 6.173203m = \frac{15m - 0.43 \cdot 8.01 \cdot 0.41 \cdot 10.01m}{0.14}$$



### 29) Maximum Permissible Eccentricity for Spiral Columns

$$f_x \quad e_b = 0.43 \cdot p_g \cdot m \cdot D + 0.14 \cdot t$$

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$$ex \quad 15.37475m = 0.43 \cdot 8.01 \cdot 0.41 \cdot 10.01m + 0.14 \cdot 8.85m$$

### 30) Maximum Permissible Eccentricity for Tied Columns

$$f_x \quad e_b = (0.67 \cdot p_g \cdot m \cdot D + 0.17) \cdot d$$

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$$ex \quad 44.05655m = (0.67 \cdot 8.01 \cdot 0.41 \cdot 10.01m + 0.17) \cdot 20.001mm$$

### 31) Reinforcement Yield Strength given Axial Load for Tied Columns

$$f_x \quad f_y = \frac{M}{0.40 \cdot A \cdot (d - d')}$$

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$$ex \quad 9.522903MPa = \frac{400kN \cdot m}{0.40 \cdot 10m^2 \cdot (20.001mm - 9.5mm)}$$

### 32) Tension Reinforcement Area given Axial Load for Tied Columns

$$f_x \quad A = \frac{M}{0.40 \cdot f_y \cdot (d - d')}$$

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$$ex \quad 9.532435m^2 = \frac{400kN \cdot m}{0.40 \cdot 9.99MPa \cdot (20.001mm - 9.5mm)}$$



## Slender Columns

### 33) Load Reduction Factor for Column with Fixed Ends

$$\text{fx } R = 1.32 - \left( 0.006 \cdot \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.292727 = 1.32 - \left( 0.006 \cdot \frac{5000\text{mm}}{1.1\text{m}} \right)$$

### 34) Load Reduction Factor for Member Bent in Single Curvature

$$\text{fx } R = 1.07 - \left( 0.008 \cdot \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.033636 = 1.07 - \left( 0.008 \cdot \frac{5000\text{mm}}{1.1\text{m}} \right)$$

### 35) Radius of Gyration for Fixed End Columns using Load Reduction Factor

$$\text{fx } r = 1.32 - \left( 0.006 \cdot \frac{1}{R} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.290958\text{m} = 1.32 - \left( 0.006 \cdot \frac{5000\text{mm}}{1.033} \right)$$



### 36) Radius of Gyration for Single Curvature Bent Member using Load Reduction Factor

$$\text{fx } r = 1.07 - \left( 0.008 \cdot \frac{1}{R} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.031278\text{m} = 1.07 - \left( 0.008 \cdot \frac{5000\text{mm}}{1.033} \right)$$

### 37) Unsupported Column Length for Single Curvature Bent Member given Load Reduction Factor

$$\text{fx } l = (1.07 - R) \cdot \frac{r}{0.008}$$

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$$\text{ex } 5087.5\text{mm} = (1.07 - 1.033) \cdot \frac{1.1\text{m}}{0.008}$$



## Variables Used








- **A** Area of Tension Reinforcement (*Square Meter*)
- **A<sub>c</sub>** Cross Sectional Area of Column (*Square Millimeter*)
- **A<sub>g</sub>** Gross Area of Column (*Square Millimeter*)
- **A<sub>sectional</sub>** Column Cross Sectional Area (*Square Meter*)
- **A<sub>st</sub>** Total Area (*Square Meter*)
- **d** Distance from Compression to Tensile Reinforcement (*Millimeter*)
- **d'** Distance Compression to Centroid Reinforcement (*Millimeter*)
- **D** Column Diameter (*Meter*)
- **D<sub>b</sub>** Bar Diameter (*Meter*)
- **e** Column Maximum Bending (*Millimeter*)
- **e<sub>b</sub>** Maximum Permissible Eccentricity (*Meter*)
- **f'<sub>c</sub>** Specified Compressive Strength at 28 Days (*Pascal*)
- **f'<sub>s</sub>** Allowable Stress in Vertical Reinforcement (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- **f<sub>y</sub>** Yield Strength of Reinforcement (*Megapascal*)
- **fck** Characteristic Compressive Strength (*Megapascal*)
- **f<sub>ysteel</sub>** Yield Strength of Steel (*Megapascal*)
- **l** Length of Column (*Millimeter*)
- **m** Force Ratio of Strengths of Reinforcements
- **M** Bending Moment (*Kilonewton Meter*)
- **M<sub>b</sub>** Moment at Balanced Condition (*Newton Meter*)
- **N<sub>b</sub>** Axial Load at Balanced Condition (*Newton*)



- $P_{\text{allow}}$  Allowable Load (Kilonewton)
- $P_c$  Crushing load (Kilonewton)
- $P_{\text{compressive}}$  Column Compressive Load (Kilonewton)
- $p_g$  Area Ratio of Cross Sectional Area to Gross Area
- $p_s$  Ratio of Spiral to Concrete Core Volume
- $p_T$  Total Allowable Load (Newton)
- $r$  Radius of Gyration of Gross Concrete Area (Meter)
- $R$  Long Column Load Reduction Factor
- $S$  Section Modulus (Cubic Millimeter)
- $S_b$  Allowable Bond Stress (Newton per Square Meter)
- $t$  Overall Depth of Column (Meter)
- $\sigma$  Direct Stress (Megapascal)
- $\sigma_b$  Column Bending Stress (Megapascal)
- $\sigma_c$  Column Compressive Stress (Megapascal)
- $\sigma_{\text{crushing}}$  Column Crushing Stress (Megapascal)
- $\sigma_{\text{max}}$  Maximum Stress (Megapascal)
- $\sigma_{\text{min}}$  Minimum Stress Value (Megapascal)



## Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** **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:** **Volume** in Cubic Millimeter ( $\text{mm}^3$ )  
*Volume Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter ( $\text{m}^2$ ), Square Millimeter ( $\text{mm}^2$ )  
*Area Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Megapascal (MPa), Newton per Square Meter ( $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$ ), Pascal (Pa), Newton per Square Millimeter ( $\text{N}/\text{mm}^2$ )  
*Pressure Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Kilonewton (kN), Newton (N)  
*Force Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Moment of Force** in Newton Meter ( $\text{N}\cdot\text{m}$ ), Kilonewton Meter ( $\text{kN}\cdot\text{m}$ )  
*Moment of Force Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Stress** in Megapascal (MPa)  
*Stress Unit Conversion* 



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