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List of 18 Thermal Stress Formulas

Thermal Stress

Actual Stress and Strain

1) Actual Expansion when Support Yields

$$\text{fx } \Delta E = \alpha_L \cdot L_{\text{bar}} \cdot \Delta T - \delta$$

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$$\text{ex } 6\text{mm} = 0.0005\text{K}^{-1} \cdot 2000\text{mm} \cdot 10\text{K} - 4\text{mm}$$

2) Actual Strain given Support Yields for Value of Actual Expansion

$$\text{fx } \varepsilon_A = \frac{\Delta E}{L_{\text{bar}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.003 = \frac{6\text{mm}}{2000\text{mm}}$$

3) Actual Strain when Support Yields

$$\text{fx } \varepsilon_A = \frac{\alpha_L \cdot \Delta T \cdot L_{\text{bar}} - \delta}{L_{\text{bar}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.003 = \frac{0.0005\text{K}^{-1} \cdot 10\text{K} \cdot 2000\text{mm} - 4\text{mm}}{2000\text{mm}}$$



4) Actual Stress given Support Yields for Value of Actual Strain

$$fx \quad \sigma_a' = \varepsilon_A \cdot E_{bar}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.693MPa = 0.0033 \cdot 210MPa$$

5) Actual Stress when Support Yields

$$fx \quad \sigma_a' = \frac{(\alpha_L \cdot \Delta T \cdot L_{bar} - \delta) \cdot E_{bar}}{L_{bar}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.63MPa = \frac{(0.0005K^{-1} \cdot 10K \cdot 2000mm - 4mm) \cdot 210MPa}{2000mm}$$

Thermal Stress and Strain

6) Extension of Rod if Rod is Free to Extend

$$fx \quad \Delta L_{Bar} = l_0 \cdot \alpha_T \cdot \Delta T_{rise}$$

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$$ex \quad 7.225mm = 5000mm \cdot 17E^{-6} \text{ } ^\circ C^{-1} \cdot 85K$$

7) Thermal Strain

$$fx \quad \varepsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{l_0}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.2 = \frac{1000mm}{5000mm}$$



8) Thermal Strain given Coefficient of Linear Expansion 

$$fx \quad \varepsilon_c = \alpha_L \cdot \Delta T_{\text{rise}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.0425 = 0.0005K^{-1} \cdot 85K$$

9) Thermal Strain given Thermal Stress 

$$fx \quad \varepsilon_s = \frac{\sigma_{th}}{E}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.434783 = \frac{0.01MPa}{0.023MPa}$$

10) Thermal Stress given Coefficient of Linear Expansion 

$$fx \quad \sigma_c = \alpha_L \cdot \Delta T_{\text{rise}} \cdot E$$

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$$ex \quad 0.000978MPa = 0.0005K^{-1} \cdot 85K \cdot 0.023MPa$$

11) Thermal Stress given Thermal Strain 

$$fx \quad \sigma_s = \varepsilon \cdot E$$

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$$ex \quad 0.0046MPa = 0.2 \cdot 0.023MPa$$



Thermal Stress in Composite Bars

12) Actual Expansion of Copper

Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad \Delta E_c = \alpha_T \cdot \Delta T_{\text{rise}} \cdot L_{\text{bar}} - \frac{\sigma_c'}{E} \cdot L_{\text{bar}}$$

ex

$$-434779.718696\text{mm} = 17E^{-6} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \cdot 85\text{K} \cdot 2000\text{mm} - \frac{5\text{MPa}}{0.023\text{MPa}} \cdot 2000\text{mm}$$

13) Actual Expansion of Steel

Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad L = \alpha_T \cdot \Delta T_{\text{rise}} \cdot L_{\text{bar}} + \frac{\sigma_t}{E} \cdot L_{\text{bar}}$$

ex

$$15046.37\text{mm} = 17E^{-6} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \cdot 85\text{K} \cdot 2000\text{mm} + \frac{0.173000\text{MPa}}{0.023\text{MPa}} \cdot 2000\text{mm}$$

14) Contraction due to Compressive Stress Induced in Brass

Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad L_c = \frac{\sigma_c'}{E} \cdot L_{\text{bar}}$$

ex

$$434782.6\text{mm} = \frac{5\text{MPa}}{0.023\text{MPa}} \cdot 2000\text{mm}$$

15) Expansion due to tensile stress in steel


Open Calculator 

$$fx \quad \alpha_s = \frac{\sigma}{E} \cdot L_{\text{bar}}$$

ex

$$1043.478\text{mm} = \frac{0.012\text{MPa}}{0.023\text{MPa}} \cdot 2000\text{mm}$$




16) Free Expansion of Copper 

fx $\Delta L_{\text{Cu}} = \alpha_T \cdot \Delta T_{\text{rise}} \cdot L_{\text{bar}}$

Open Calculator 


ex $2.89\text{mm} = 17\text{E}^{-6} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \cdot 85\text{K} \cdot 2000\text{mm}$

17) Free Expansion of Steel 

fx $\Delta L_s = \alpha_T \cdot \Delta T_{\text{rise}} \cdot L_{\text{bar}}$

Open Calculator 

ex $2.89\text{mm} = 17\text{E}^{-6} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \cdot 85\text{K} \cdot 2000\text{mm}$

18) Load on Brass or Steel 

fx $W_{\text{load}} = \sigma \cdot A$

Open Calculator 

ex $0.768\text{kN} = 0.012\text{MPa} \cdot 64000\text{mm}^2$



Variables Used





- **A** Cross Sectional Area of Bar (Square Millimeter)
- **AE** Actual Expansion (Millimeter)
- **AE_C** Actual Expansion of Copper (Millimeter)
- **E** Young's Modulus Bar (Megapascal)
- **E_{bar}** Modulus of Elasticity of Bar (Megapascal)
- **L** Actual Expansion of Steel (Millimeter)
- **l₀** Initial Length (Millimeter)
- **L_{bar}** Length of Bar (Millimeter)
- **L_C** Contraction Due to Compressive Stress in Brass (Millimeter)
- **W_{load}** Load (Kilonewton)
- **α_L** Coefficient of Linear Expansion (Per Kelvin)
- **α_S** Expansion of Steel under Tensile Stress (Millimeter)
- **α_T** Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (Per Degree Celsius)
- **δ** Yield Amount (Length) (Millimeter)
- **ΔL** Prevented Extension (Millimeter)
- **ΔL_{Bar}** Increase in Bar Length (Millimeter)
- **ΔL_{cu}** Free Expansion of Copper (Millimeter)
- **ΔL_S** Free Expansion of Steel (Millimeter)
- **ΔT** Change in Temperature (Kelvin)
- **ΔT_{rise}** Temperature Rise (Kelvin)
- **ε** Thermal Strain
- **ε_A** Actual Strain
- **ε_C** Thermal Strain given Coef. of Linear Expansion



- ϵ_s Thermal Strain given Thermal Stress
- σ Stress in Bar (Megapascal)
- σ_a Actual Stress With Support Yield (Megapascal)
- σ_c Thermal Stress given Coef. of Linear Expansion (Megapascal)
- σ_c Compressive Stress on Bar (Megapascal)
- σ_s Thermal Stress Given Thermal Strain (Megapascal)
- σ_t Tensile Stress (Megapascal)
- σ_{th} Thermal Stress (Megapascal)












Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Length** in Millimeter (mm)
Length 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: Temperature Difference** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Difference Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Temperature Coefficient of Resistance** in Per Degree Celsius (°C⁻¹)
Temperature Coefficient of Resistance Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Coefficient of Linear Expansion** in Per Kelvin (K⁻¹)
Coefficient of Linear Expansion Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Stress** in Megapascal (MPa)
Stress Unit Conversion 



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