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List of 15 Power Plant Operational Factors Formulas

Power Plant Operational Factors

1) Average Load

$$\text{fx } \text{Avg Load} = \text{Max Demand} \cdot \text{Load Factor}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1105\text{kW} = 1700\text{kW} \cdot 0.65$$

2) Average Load for Load Curve

$$\text{fx } \text{Avg Load} = \frac{A_L}{24}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1105.5\text{kW} = \frac{7.37\text{kW} \cdot \text{h}}{24}$$

3) Coincidence Factor

$$\text{fx } \text{CIF} = \frac{1}{\text{Diversity Factor}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.70922 = \frac{1}{1.41}$$



4) Demand Factor

$$\text{fx Demand Factor} = \frac{\text{Max Demand}}{\text{Connected Load}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.472222 = \frac{1700\text{kW}}{3600\text{kW}}$$

5) Diversity Factor

$$\text{fx Diversity Factor} = \frac{S}{\text{Max Demand}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.411765 = \frac{2400\text{kW}}{1700\text{kW}}$$

6) Load Factor given Average Load and Maximum Demand

$$\text{fx Load Factor} = \frac{\text{Avg Load}}{\text{Max Demand}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.65 = \frac{1105\text{kW}}{1700\text{kW}}$$

7) Maximum Demand given Load Factor

$$\text{fx Max Demand} = \frac{\text{Avg Load}}{\text{Load Factor}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1700\text{kW} = \frac{1105\text{kW}}{0.65}$$




8) Maximum Demand using Demand Factor 

fx

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$$\text{Max Demand} = \text{Demand Factor} \cdot \text{Connected Load}$$

$$\text{ex } 1692\text{kW} = 0.47 \cdot 3600\text{kW}$$

9) Operation Factor 

fx

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$$\text{OF} = \frac{T}{T_t}$$

ex

$$0.6 = \frac{6\text{h}}{10\text{h}}$$

10) Plant Capacity Factor 

fx

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$$\text{Capacity Factor} = \frac{\text{Avg Demand}}{\text{Plant Capacity}}$$

ex

$$0.438261 = \frac{1260\text{kW}}{2875\text{kW}}$$

11) Plant Use Factor 

fx

Open Calculator 

$$\text{Plant Factor} = \frac{\text{Max Demand}}{\text{Plant Capacity}}$$

ex

$$0.591304 = \frac{1700\text{kW}}{2875\text{kW}}$$



12) Reserve Capacity

fx

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$$\text{Reserve Capacity} = \text{Plant Capacity} - \text{Max Demand}$$

$$\text{ex } 1175\text{kW} = 2875\text{kW} - 1700\text{kW}$$

13) Unit Generated per Annum

fx

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$$P_g = \text{Max Demand} \cdot \text{Load Factor} \cdot 8760$$

$$\text{ex } 2688.833\text{kW}\cdot\text{h} = 1700\text{kW} \cdot 0.65 \cdot 8760$$

14) Utilisation Factor of Plant

fx

Open Calculator 

$$UF = \frac{\text{Max Demand}}{\text{Plant Capacity}}$$

$$\text{ex } 0.591304 = \frac{1700\text{kW}}{2875\text{kW}}$$

15) Wind Power

fx

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$$P_{\text{wind}} = 0.5 \cdot \eta \cdot \rho_{\text{air}} \cdot A_{\text{blade}} \cdot V_{\text{wind}}^3$$

$$\text{ex } 170170.9\text{kW} = 0.5 \cdot 75 \cdot 1.225\text{kg}/\text{m}^3 \cdot 50\text{m}^2 \cdot (42\text{m}/\text{s})^3$$



Variables Used







- **$\% \eta$** Plant Efficiency
- **A_{blade}** Blade Area (Square Meter)
- **A_L** Load Curve Area (Kilowatt-Hour)
- **Avg Demand** Average Demand (Kilowatt)
- **Avg Load** Average Load (Kilowatt)
- **Capacity Factor** Capacity Factor
- **CIF** Coincidence Factor
- **Connected Load** Connected Load (Kilowatt)
- **Demand Factor** Demand Factor
- **Diversity Factor** Diversity Factor
- **Load Factor** Load Factor
- **Max Demand** Maximum Demand (Kilowatt)
- **OF** Operation Factor
- **P_g** Units Generated (Kilowatt-Hour)
- **P_{wind}** Wind Power (Kilowatt)
- **Plant Capacity** Plant Capacity (Kilowatt)
- **Plant Factor** Plant Use Factor
- **Reserve Capacity** Reserve Capacity (Kilowatt)
- **S** Combined Demand (Kilowatt)
- **T** Working Time (Hour)
- **T_t** Total Time (Hour)
- **UF** Utilisation Factor
- **V_{wind}** Wind Speed (Meter per Second)



- **P_{air}** Air Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)





Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Time** in Hour (h)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m^2)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Energy** in Kilowatt-Hour (kW*h)
Energy Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Power** in Kilowatt (kW)
Power Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m^3)
Density Unit Conversion 



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