

# Compression Member Design

- Column Types:
  - Simple Solid Wood Columns
  - Spaced Columns, Connector Joined
  - Built-up Columns
- Use net section if net section occurs in critical buckling region
- Use gross section if net section does not occur in critical buckling region

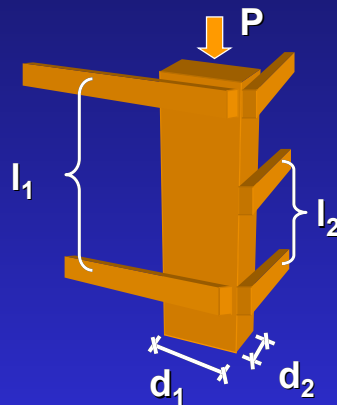


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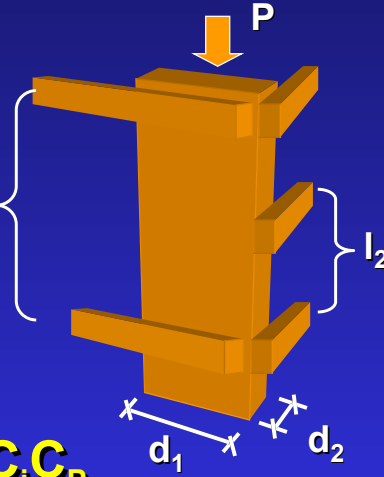
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- Column Failure Modes:
  - Short Columns (small  $l/d$  ratios) – fail by crushing
  - Intermediate Columns – fail by combination of crushing and buckling
  - Long Columns (high  $l/d$  ratios) – behave as Euler columns and fail by lateral buckling



- Compression design equations:

$$f_c = \frac{P}{d_1 d_2} \leq F_c' \quad l_1$$



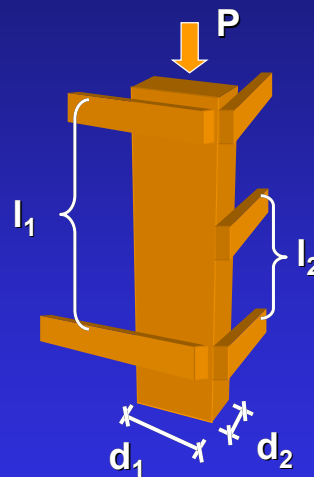
$$F_c' = F_c C_D C_M C_t C_F C_i C_P$$

- Column stability factor,  $C_p$ :

- when column is fully supported to prevent lateral displacement,  $C_p = 1$
- find unsupported length,  $l_1$  and  $l_2$
- then find effective length,  $l_e$ , from Appendix G

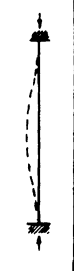
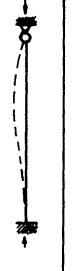
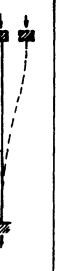

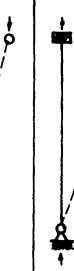





$$l_e = (K_e)(l)$$

- find maximum slenderness ratio from  $l_{e1}/d_1$  or  $l_{e2}/d_2$





## Buckling Length Coefficients, $K_e$

Buckling modes						
Theoretical $K_e$ value	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Recommended design $K_e$ when ideal conditions approximated	0.65	0.80	1.2	1.0	2.10	2.4
End condition code						
	Rotation fixed, translation fixed Rotation free, translation fixed Rotation fixed, translation free Rotation free, translation free					

**Found in Appendix G of NDS (p. 156)**

- Column stability factor,  $C_p$ :
  - calculate slenderness ratio
  - $l_e/d < 50$  permanently or  $l_e/d < 75$  during construction
  - calculate  $C_p$  by:

$$C_p = \frac{1 + \left( \frac{F_{cE}}{F_c^*} \right)}{2c} - \sqrt{\left[ \frac{1 + \left( \frac{F_{cE}}{F_c^*} \right)}{2c} \right]^2 - \left( \frac{F_{cE}}{F_c^*} \right) \frac{1}{c}}$$

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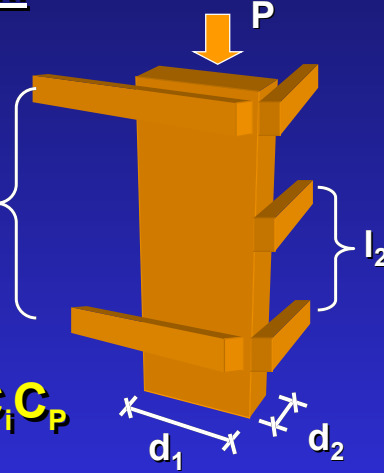
- $F_c^*$  is tabulated compression parallel-to-grain design value multiplied by all adjustments except  $C_p$

$$F_{cE} = \frac{K_{cE} E'}{\left( \frac{l_e}{d} \right)^2}$$

	$K_{cE}$	$c$
Visually graded lumber	0.3	0.8
MEL	0.384	0.85
MSR	0.418	0.9

- Compression check:

$$f_c = \frac{P}{d_1 d_2} \leq F_c'$$

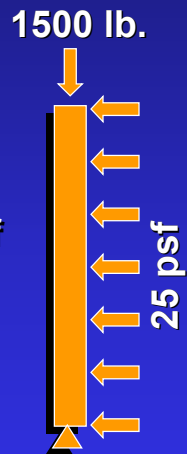


$$F_c' = F_c C_D C_M C_t C_F C_I C_P$$

## Beam-Column Design Example

- Given:

- 10-ft-long Wall Studs
- No. 1 Douglas fir - Larch 2x4 spaced 16 in. OC
- Axial loads of 1000 lb. Snow and 500 lb. Dead; side loads of 25 psf from Wind.
- Wall sheathing provides lateral support for width (1.5 in. dimension)





- Find:
  - Is beam-column sized properly?
- Assume:
  - Dry conditions
  - Normal temperatures
  - Full lateral support for width of stud (1.5 in. dimension)
  - Column is pinned at each end

Solution:

- Check load combinations from Standard Building Code
  - for bending:  $D + W$
  - for compression:  $D + S$
  - for combined bending and compression:
    - $D + S + 1/2W$

Design Data: No. 1 Douglas fir Larch 2x4

$$A = 5.25 \text{ in}^2$$

$$S_{xx} = 3.063 \text{ in}^3$$

$$I_{xx} = 5.359 \text{ in}^4$$

$$F_b = 1000 \text{ psi}$$

$$F_c = 1500 \text{ psi}$$

$$E = 1.7 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

Design Data: No. 1 Douglas fir Larch 2x4

$C_D = 1.15$  for snow load, 1.6 for wind load

$C_M = 1.0$

$C_t = 1.0$

$C_L = 1.0$  (full lateral support by wall sheathing)

$C_p = ?$  (to be determined)

$C_F = 1.5$  for  $F_b$

$C_F = 1.15$  for  $F_c$

$C_r = 1.15$  (16 in. spacing with sheathing)

- Column Stability Factor,  $C_p$

- Effective length for column pinned at each end

$$l_e = K \ell = (1.0)(120 \text{ in.}) = 120 \text{ in.}$$

- Slenderness Ratio,  $l_e/d$

$$\frac{l_e}{d} = \frac{120 \text{ in.}}{3.5 \text{ in.}} = 34.3$$

- Column Stability Factor,  $C_p$

$$C_p = \frac{1 + \left( \frac{F_{cE}}{F_c^*} \right)}{2c} - \sqrt{\left[ \frac{1 + \left( \frac{F_{cE}}{F_c^*} \right)}{2c} \right]^2 - \frac{\left( \frac{F_{cE}}{F_c^*} \right)}{c}}$$

$$F_{cE} = \frac{K_{cE} E'}{\left( \frac{l_e}{d} \right)^2}$$

$$F_c^* = F_c C_D C_M C_t C_F C_i$$

- Column Stability Factor,  $C_p$

$$E' = E C_M C_t C_i C_T = 1.7 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

$$F_{cE} = \frac{K_{cE} E'}{\left( \frac{l_e}{d} \right)^2} = \frac{(0.3)(1.7 \times 10^6 \text{ psi})}{(34.3)^2} = 433 \text{ psi}$$

$$F_c^* = F_c C_D C_F = (1500 \text{ psi})(1.15)(1.15) = 1984 \text{ psi}$$

- Column Stability Factor,  $C_p$

$$C_p = \frac{1 + \left( \frac{433 \text{ psi}}{1984 \text{ psi}} \right)}{2(0.8)}$$

$$\sqrt{\left[ \frac{1 + \left( \frac{433 \text{ psi}}{1984 \text{ psi}} \right)}{2(0.8)} \right]^2 - \left( \frac{433 \text{ psi}}{1984 \text{ psi}} \right) \frac{0.8}{0.8}}$$

$$C_p = 0.207$$

- Check Compression Stress:

$$f_c = \frac{P}{A} \leq F_c'$$

$$f_c = \frac{(1500 \text{ lb.})}{(5.25 \text{ in}^2)}$$

$$f_c = 286 \text{ psi}$$

- Check Compression Stress:

$$F_c' = F_c C_D C_P C_F$$

$$F_c' = (1500 \text{ psi})(1.15)(0.207)(1.15)$$

$$F_c' = 411 \text{ psi}$$

$$f_c = 286 \text{ psi} < F_c' = 411 \text{ psi}$$

Conclusion: stud is acceptable in compression stress only, we still need to check combined bending and compression later