



# Chapter 4 Compression Members

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## Chapter 4 – Tables for Members

- The **Manual** contains many useful tables for analysis and design.
- For compression members whose strength is governed by **flexural buckling** (that is, not **local buckling**), **Table 4-14** in Part 4 of the Manual, “Design of Compression Members,” can be used.
- This table gives values of  $\phi_c F_n$  (for **LRFD**) and  $F_n/\Omega_c$  (for **ASD**) as a function of  $L_c/r$  for various values of  $F_y$ .
- This table stops at the recommended upper limit of  $L_c/r = 200$ .

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**Table 4-14  
Available Nominal Stress for  
Compression Members**

$L_c/r$	$F_y = 35 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 36 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 46 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 65 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 70 \text{ ksi}$	
	$F_n/\Omega_c$		$F_n/\Omega_c$		$F_n/\Omega_c$		$F_n/\Omega_c$		$F_n/\Omega_c$		$F_n/\Omega_c$	
	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi	ksi
1	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD
2	21.0	31.5	21.6	32.4	27.5	41.4	29.9	45.0	38.9	58.5	41.9	63.0
3	20.9	31.5	21.5	32.4	27.5	41.4	29.9	44.9	38.9	58.4	41.9	62.9
4	20.9	31.5	21.5	32.4	27.5	41.3	29.9	44.9	38.8	58.4	41.8	62.8
5	20.9	31.4	21.5	32.3	27.5	41.3	29.9	44.9	38.8	58.3	41.8	62.8
6	20.9	31.4	21.5	32.3	27.5	41.3	29.8	44.8	38.7	58.2	41.7	62.7
7	20.9	31.4	21.5	32.3	27.4	41.2	29.8	44.8	38.7	58.1	41.6	62.6
8	20.9	31.4	21.5	32.3	27.4	41.2	29.8	44.7	38.6	58.1	41.6	62.5
9	20.9	31.3	21.4	32.2	27.4	41.1	29.7	44.7	38.6	57.9	41.5	62.4
10	20.8	31.3	21.4	32.2	27.3	41.1	29.7	44.6	38.5	57.8	41.4	62.2
11	20.8	31.3	21.4	32.2	27.3	41.0	29.6	44.5	38.4	57.7	41.3	62.1
12	20.8	31.2	21.4	32.1	27.2	40.9	29.6	44.4	38.3	57.6	41.2	61.9
13	20.7	31.2	21.3	32.1	27.2	40.9	29.5	44.4	38.2	57.4	41.1	61.7
14	20.7	31.1	21.3	32.0	27.1	40.8	29.5	44.3	38.1	57.3	41.0	61.6
15	20.7	31.1	21.3	32.0	27.1	40.7	29.4	44.2	38.0	57.1	40.8	61.4
16	20.7	31.0	21.2	31.9	27.0	40.6	29.3	44.1	37.9	56.9	40.7	61.2
17	20.6	31.0	21.2	31.9	27.0	40.5	29.2	43.9	37.7	56.7	40.5	60.9
18	20.6	31.0	21.2	31.9	27.0	40.5	29.2	43.9	37.7	56.7	40.5	60.9

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- The available strength tables, however, are the **most useful**.
- These tables, which we will refer to as the “**column load tables**,” give the available strengths of selected shapes, both  $\phi_c F_n$  (for **LRFD**) and  $F_n/\Omega_c$  (for **ASD**), as a function of the effective length  $L_c$ .
- There are three tables for **W-shapes**:
  - Table 4-1a** gives compressive strengths for  $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$ ,
  - Table 4-1b** is for  $F_y = 65 \text{ ksi}$ , and
  - Table 4-1c** is for  $F_y = 70 \text{ ksi}$ .

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**Table 4-1a  
Available Strength in  
Axial Compression, kips  
W-Shapes  
 $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$**

Shape	ASD		LRFD	
	$F_n/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_n$	$F_n/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_n$
Design	873	873	873	873
11	1000	1000	1000	1000
12	1100	1100	1100	1100
13	1200	1200	1200	1200
14	1300	1300	1300	1300
15	1400	1400	1400	1400
16	1500	1500	1500	1500
17	1600	1600	1600	1600
18	1700	1700	1700	1700
19	1800	1800	1800	1800
20	1900	1900	1900	1900
21	2000	2000	2000	2000
22	2100	2100	2100	2100
23	2200	2200	2200	2200
24	2300	2300	2300	2300
25	2400	2400	2400	2400
26	2500	2500	2500	2500
27	2600	2600	2600	2600
28	2700	2700	2700	2700
29	2800	2800	2800	2800
30	2900	2900	2900	2900
31	3000	3000	3000	3000
32	3100	3100	3100	3100
33	3200	3200	3200	3200
34	3300	3300	3300	3300
35	3400	3400	3400	3400
36	3500	3500	3500	3500
37	3600	3600	3600	3600
38	3700	3700	3700	3700
39	3800	3800	3800	3800
40	3900	3900	3900	3900
41	4000	4000	4000	4000
42	4100	4100	4100	4100
43	4200	4200	4200	4200
44	4300	4300	4300	4300
45	4400	4400	4400	4400
46	4500	4500	4500	4500
47	4600	4600	4600	4600
48	4700	4700	4700	4700
49	4800	4800	4800	4800
50	4900	4900	4900	4900

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**Table 4-1a  
Available Strength in  
Axial Compression, kips  
W-Shapes  
 $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$**

Shape	ASD		LRFD	
	$F_n/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_n$	$F_n/\Omega_c$	$\phi_c F_n$
Design	873	873	873	873
11	1000	1000	1000	1000
12	1100	1100	1100	1100
13	1200	1200	1200	1200
14	1300	1300	1300	1300
15	1400	1400	1400	1400
16	1500	1500	1500	1500
17	1600	1600	1600	1600
18	1700	1700	1700	1700
19	1800	1800	1800	1800
20	1900	1900	1900	1900
21	2000	2000	2000	2000
22	2100	2100	2100	2100
23	2200	2200	2200	2200
24	2300	2300	2300	2300
25	2400	2400	2400	2400
26	2500	2500	2500	2500
27	2600	2600	2600	2600
28	2700	2700	2700	2700
29	2800	2800	2800	2800
30	2900	2900	2900	2900
31	3000	3000	3000	3000
32	3100	3100	3100	3100
33	3200	3200	3200	3200
34	3300	3300	3300	3300
35	3400	3400	3400	3400
36	3500	3500	3500	3500
37	3600	3600	3600	3600
38	3700	3700	3700	3700
39	3800	3800	3800	3800
40	3900	3900	3900	3900
41	4000	4000	4000	4000
42	4100	4100	4100	4100
43	4200	4200	4200	4200
44	4300	4300	4300	4300
45	4400	4400	4400	4400
46	4500	4500	4500	4500
47	4600	4600	4600	4600
48	4700	4700	4700	4700
49	4800	4800	4800	4800
50	4900	4900	4900	4900

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**Table 4-1a**  
Available Strength in  
Axial Compression Members for Concentrated Forces<sup>a</sup>

$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$

Shape	Properties				LRFDP
	$A_g$	$I_x$	$I_y$	$r_x$	
W14	131	171	17.1	16.6	180
W12	131	125	15.7	15.4	142
W10	131	97	12.5	12.1	106
W8	131	69	9.2	8.8	78
W6	131	41	5.4	5.1	46
HP10	131	100	14.3	13.9	124
HP8	131	69	9.2	8.8	78
HP6	131	41	5.4	5.1	46
WT10	131	100	14.3	13.9	124
WT8	131	69	9.2	8.8	78
WT6	131	41	5.4	5.1	46
HP14	131	143	18.8	18.3	162
HP12	131	100	14.3	13.9	124
HP10	131	69	9.2	8.8	78
HP8	131	41	5.4	5.1	46
HP6	131	21	2.7	2.6	23
HP4	131	10	1.3	1.3	11
HP3	131	5	0.6	0.6	5
HP2	131	2	0.3	0.3	2
HP1	131	1	0.1	0.1	1

*Note: Flange thickness is greater than 2 in. Special requirements may apply per AISC Specification Section A3.1c.*

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➤ **Example 4-5:** Compute the available strength of the compression member of **Example 4.2** with the aid of **Table 4-14** from Part 4 of the *Manual*.

➤ A **W14 x 53** of **A992** steel ( $F_y=50 \text{ ksi}$  and  $F_u=65 \text{ ksi}$ ) has a length of **15 ft**, and the ends are pinned.

$$L_c = 1.0(15 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ in} / \text{ft}) = 180 \text{ in}$$

$$\frac{L_c}{r} = \frac{180 \text{ in}}{1.92 \text{ in}} = 93.75$$

$A_g = 15.6 \text{ in}^2$

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### Chapter 4 – Tables for Members

➤ **Example 4-5:** Compute the available strength of the compression member of **Example 4.2** with the aid of **Table 4-14** from Part 4 of the *Manual*.

➤ **LRFDP solution:**

$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 93.75$$

$$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$$

**Table 4-14 (continued)**  
Available Nominal Stress for  
Compression Members

$L_c/r$	$F_y = 35 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 40 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 46 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 55 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 65 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 70 \text{ ksi}$	
	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP
90	13.8	20.8	14.1	21.2	16.0	24.0	16.6	24.9	18.0	27.1	18.3	27.5	19.7	29.6	20.0	29.9
91	13.7	20.6	13.9	21.0	15.8	23.7	16.3	24.6	17.7	26.6	18.0	27.0	19.4	29.1	19.7	29.6
92	13.6	20.4	13.8	20.8	15.6	23.4	16.1	24.2	17.4	26.2	17.6	26.5	19.1	28.8	19.4	29.3
93	13.5	20.2	13.7	20.5	15.4	23.1	15.9	23.9	17.1	25.7	17.3	26.0	18.8	28.5	19.1	29.0
94	13.3	20.0	13.5	20.3	15.2	22.9	15.7	23.6	16.8	25.3	17.0	25.5	18.5	28.2	18.8	28.7
95	13.2	19.9	13.4	20.1	15.0	22.6	15.5	23.3	16.5	25.0	16.8	25.2	18.2	28.0	18.5	28.5
96	13.1	19.7	13.3	19.9	14.8	22.3	15.3	22.9	16.2	24.4	16.3	24.5	18.0	27.7	18.2	28.2
97	13.0	19.5	13.1	19.7	14.6	22.0	15.1	22.6	15.9	23.9	16.0	24.0	17.7	27.4	17.9	27.9
98	12.8	19.3	13.0	19.5	14.4	21.7	14.8	22.3	15.6	23.5	15.7	23.5	17.4	27.1	17.6	27.6
99	12.7	19.1	12.9	19.3	14.2	21.4	14.6	22.0	15.3	23.0	15.3	23.0	17.1	26.8	17.3	27.3
100	12.6	18.9	12.7	19.1	14.1	21.1	14.4	21.7	15.0	22.6	15.0	22.6	16.6	26.5	16.8	27.0

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➤ **Example 4-5:** For uniformity, we use interpolation in this course for all tables where it is valid unless otherwise indicated.

$$\frac{L_c}{r} = 93.75 \quad \therefore 23.9 + (23.6 - 23.9)0.75 = 23.68$$

$$\phi_c F_c = 23.68 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\phi_c P_n = \phi_c F_c A_g = 23.68 \text{ ksi} (15.6 \text{ in}^2) = 369.41 \text{ k}$$

**Table 4-14 (continued)**  
Available Nominal Stress for  
Compression Members

$L_c/r$	$F_y = 35 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 40 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 46 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 55 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 65 \text{ ksi}$		$F_y = 70 \text{ ksi}$	
	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP
90	13.8	20.8	14.1	21.2	16.0	24.0	16.6	24.9	18.0	27.1	18.3	27.5	19.7	29.6	20.0	29.9
91	13.7	20.6	13.9	21.0	15.8	23.7	16.3	24.6	17.7	26.6	18.0	27.0	19.4	29.1	19.7	29.6
92	13.6	20.4	13.8	20.8	15.6	23.4	16.1	24.2	17.4	26.2	17.6	26.5	19.1	28.8	19.4	29.3
93	13.5	20.2	13.7	20.5	15.4	23.1	15.9	23.9	17.1	25.7	17.3	26.0	18.8	28.5	19.1	29.0
94	13.3	20.0	13.5	20.3	15.2	22.9	15.7	23.6	16.8	25.3	17.0	25.5	18.5	28.2	18.8	28.7
95	13.2	19.9	13.4	20.1	15.0	22.6	15.5	23.3	16.5	25.0	16.8	25.2	18.2	28.0	18.5	28.5
96	13.1	19.7	13.3	19.9	14.8	22.3	15.3	22.9	16.2	24.4	16.3	24.5	18.0	27.7	18.2	28.2
97	13.0	19.5	13.1	19.7	14.6	22.0	15.1	22.6	15.9	23.9	16.0	24.0	17.7	27.4	17.9	27.9
98	12.8	19.3	13.0	19.5	14.4	21.7	14.8	22.3	15.6	23.5	15.7	23.5	17.4	27.1	17.6	27.6
99	12.7	19.1	12.9	19.3	14.2	21.4	14.6	22.0	15.3	23.0	15.3	23.0	17.1	26.8	17.3	27.3
100	12.6	18.9	12.7	19.1	14.1	21.1	14.4	21.7	15.0	22.6	15.0	22.6	16.6	26.5	16.8	27.0

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➤ The column load tables in **Part 4 of the Manual** give the available strength for selected **W**-, **HP**-, **single-angle**, **WT**-, **HSS**, **pipe**, and **double-angle** shapes.

➤ The tabular values for the **symmetrical shapes** (**W**, **HP**, **HSS**, and **pipe**) were calculated by using the **minimum radius of gyration** for each shape.

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➤ Recall **Example 4-2:** A **W14 x 53** of **A992** steel ( $F_y=50 \text{ ksi}$  and  $F_u=65 \text{ ksi}$ ) has a length of **15 ft**, and the ends are pinned.

➤ In this example,  $K = 1.0$ , so  $L_c = 1.0(15 \text{ ft}) = 15 \text{ ft}$

**Table 4-1a (continued)**  
Available Strength in  
Axial Compression, kips  
W-Shapes

Shape	W14s													
	82		74		66		61		53		48		43 <sup>1/2</sup>	
lb/ft	$P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$	$P_n$	$\phi_c P_n$
Design	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP	ASD	LRFDP
0	719	1089	853	981	599	900	538	805	467	762	422	634	374	562
6	676	1030	814	922	582	845	503	756	421	633	380	572	339	510
7	661	993	802	902	568	828	482	739	406	610	366	559	327	491
8	644	958	785	878	556	806	465	710	389	585	351	527	312	470
9	626	940	768	854	539	782	445	699	371	557	334	502	297	447
10	606	910	750	827	523	756	426	676	351	528	316	475	281	422
11	584	879	731	797	495	729	403	651	331	497	288	447	264	387
12	562	844	710	766	470	699	381	626	310	469	270	419	247	371
13	538	801	680	735	446	671	359	599	288	433	259	390	229	345
14	510	755	644	695	405	608	301	543	266	389	241	351	211	305
15	478	699	598	646	362	544	273	485	235	358	213	276	181	262
16	413	603	512	551	312	466	195	415	165	270	166	240	142	218
18	337	482	402	439	251	380	128	320	101	195	115	174	75	106

$\phi_c P_n = 369 \text{ k}$

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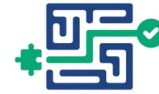
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- The values from **Table 4-14** are based on flexural buckling and **AISC Equations E3-2 and E3-3**.
- Thus, **local stability is assumed**, and width-thickness ratio limits must not be exceeded.
- Although some shapes in the column load tables exceed those limits (and they are identified with a “**c**” **footnote**), the tabulated strength has been computed according to the requirements of AISC Section E7, “Members with Slender Elements,” and no further reduction is needed.
- From a practical standpoint, if a compression member can be **found in the column load tables**, then these **tables should be used**.

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Let's work on some problems



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Any questions?



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