



Beam Design

1. Beam Data

Load Type: Uniform Dist. Load
 Support: Simple Beam
 Beam Type: Sawn Lumber
 Species: Southern Pine
 Grade: SP DSS
 Size: 2 x 6
 Design Span (L): 6.00 ft.
 Clear Span: 5.85 ft.
 Total Span: 6.15 ft.
 Bearing (l_b): 1.75 in.
 Quantity (N): 2

2. Design Loads

Live Load: 320 plf
 Dead Load: 80 plf
 Selfweight: 26.5 lbs
 Dist. Selfweight: 4.42 plf
 Total Weight: 27.2 lbs

3. Design Options

Lateral Support: unbraced
 Defl. Limits: 360|240
 Load Duration: 1.00
 Exposure: wet
 Temperature: T ≤ 100°F
 Orientation: Vertical
 Incised Lumber: No
 Rep. Members: No

4. Design Assumptions and Notes

Code Standard: IBC 2015, NDS 2015
 Bending Stress: Parallel to Grain
 Notes:

5. Adjustment Factors

Factor	Description	F _b	F _t	F _v	F _c	F _{c⊥}	E/E _{min}
C _D	Load Duration Factor	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	-
C _M	Wet Service Factor	0.85 ^b	1	0.97	0.8 ^c	0.67	0.9
C _t	Temperature Factor	1	1	1	1	1	1
C _L	Beam Stability Factor	0.986	-	-	-	-	-
C _F	Size Factor	1	1	-	1	-	-
C _{fu}	Flat Use Factor	1.15 ^d	-	-	-	-	-
C _i	Incising Factor	1	1	1	1	1	1
C _r	Repetitive Member Factor	1	-	-	-	-	-

a) Adjustment factors per AWC NDS 2015 and NDS 2015 Supplement.

b) When $(F_b)(C_F) \leq 1,150$ psi, C_M = 1.0.

c) When $(F_c)(C_F) \leq 750$ psi, C_M = 1.0.

d) Only applies when sawn lumber or glulam beams are loaded in bending about the y-y axis.

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6. Beam Calculations

Determine reference design values, sectional properties and self weight of beam:

$$A = b \times d$$

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where:

b = Breadth of rectangular beam in bending (in.)

d = Depth of rectangular beam in bending (in.)

A = Cross sectional area of beam (in.²)

S_x = Section modulus about the X-X axis (in.³)

S_y = Section modulus about the Y-Y axis (in.³)

I_x = Moment of inertia about the X-X axis (in.⁴)

I_y = Moment of inertia about the Y-Y axis (in.⁴)

$$b = 1.500 \text{ in.}$$

$$d = 5.500 \text{ in.}$$

$$A = 1.500 \times 5.500 = 8.25 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$S_x = (1.500)(5.500)^2/6 = 7.56 \text{ in.}^3$$

$$S_y = (1.500)^2(5.500)/6 = 2.06 \text{ in.}^3$$

$$I_x = (1.500)(5.500)^3/12 = 20.80 \text{ in.}^4$$

$$I_y = (1.500)^3(5.500)/12 = 1.55 \text{ in.}^4$$

Reference Design Values from Table 4B NDS Supplement (Reference Design Values for Visually Graded Southern Pine Dimension Lumber, 2" - 4" thick). Values per March 2013 Addendum

Species & Grade	F _b	F _t	F _v	F _{c⊥}	F _c	E	E _{min}	G
SP DSS	2400	1650	175	660	1900	1900000	690000	0.55

The following formula shall be used to determine the density of wood (lbs/ft³). (NDS Supplement Sec. 3.1.3)

where:

ρ_w = Density of wood (lbs/ft³)

G = Specific gravity of wood (dimensionless)

m.c. = Moisture content of wood (percentile)

$$G = 0.55$$

$$\text{m.c.} = 28 \% \text{ (Estimated moisture content at wet service conditions)}$$

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$$= 38.58 \text{ lbs/ft}^3$$

$$\text{Volume}_{\text{total}} = N[A \times (L + l_b)] = 2 \times [8.25 \times (72.00 + 1.75)] \times (12 \text{ in./ft.})^3 = 0.70 \text{ ft}^3$$

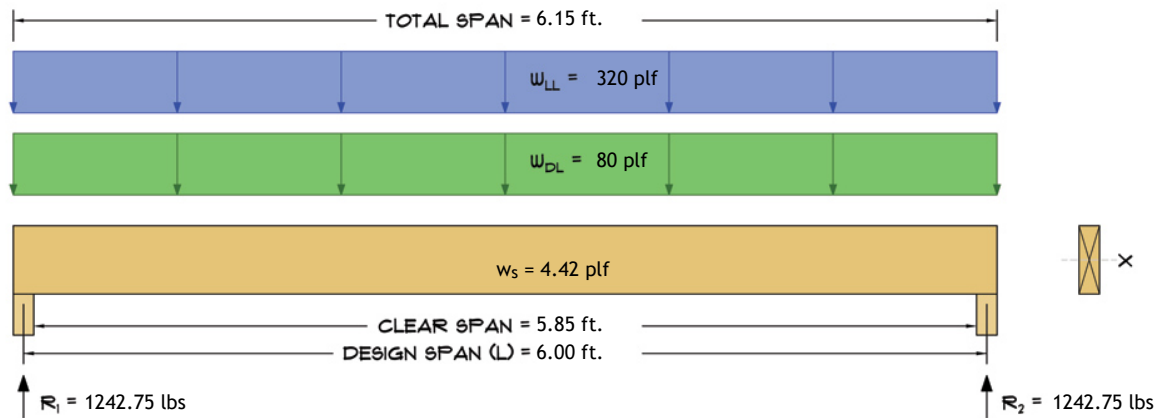
$$\text{Volume}_{\text{span}} = N[A \times L] = 2 \times [8.25 \times 72.00] \times (12 \text{ in./ft.})^3 = 0.69 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$\text{Total Weight } (W_T) = \rho_w \times \text{Volume}_{\text{total}} = 38.58 \times 0.70 = 27.2 \text{ lbs}$$

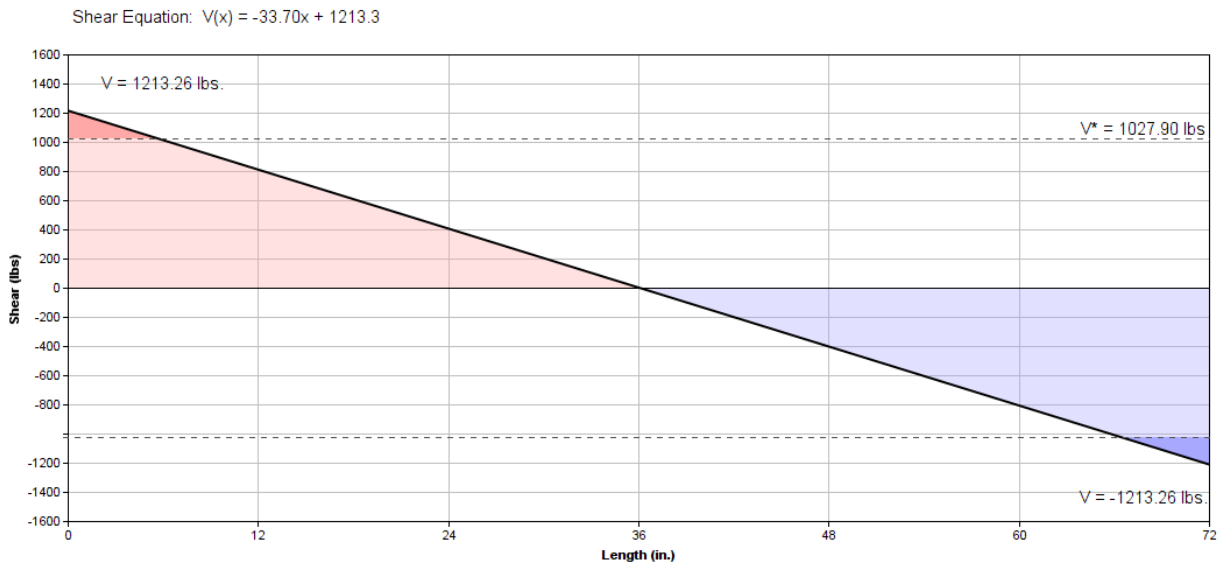
$$\text{Self Weight } (W_S) = \rho_w \times \text{Volume}_{\text{span}} = 38.58 \times 0.69 = 26.5 \text{ lbs}$$

$$\text{Distributed Self Weight } (w_s) = 4.42 \text{ plf}$$

Load, Shear and Moment Diagrams:



Beam - Shear Diagram

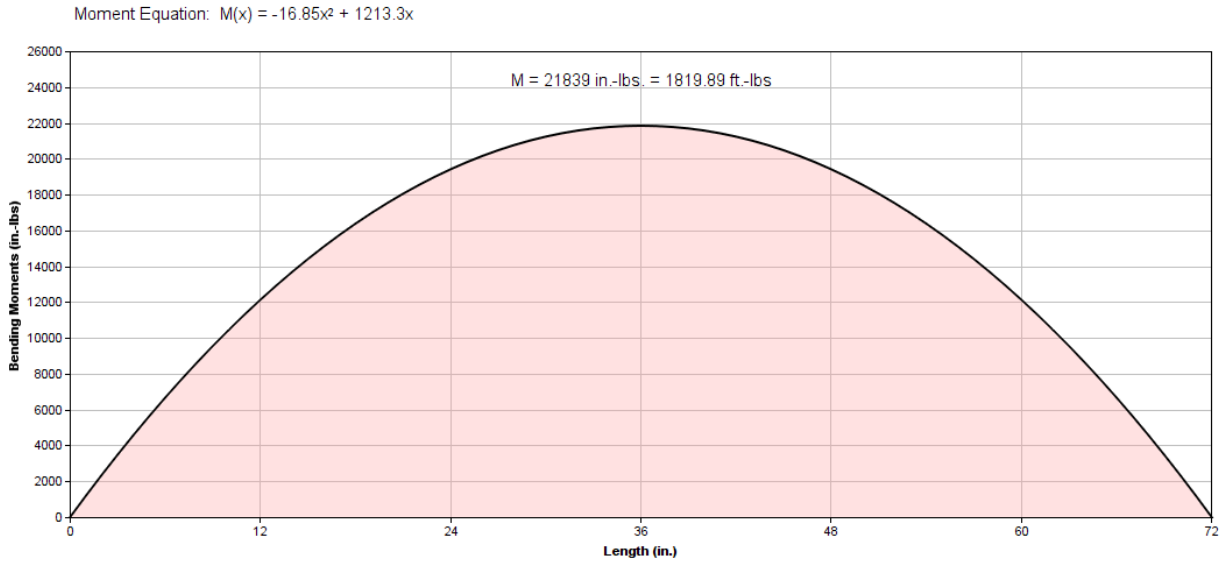


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Beam - Moment Diagram



1.) Bending:

Members subject to bending stresses shall be proportioned so that the actual bending stress or moment shall not exceed the adjusted bending design value:

$$f_b \leq F_b' \text{ (NDS Sec. 3.3.1)}$$

where:

$$f_b = M / S$$

$$F_b' = F_b(C_D)(C_M)(C_t)(C_L)(C_F)(C_i)(C_r)$$

Beam is unbraced along its compression edge, lateral stability is considered below:

Slenderness Ratio for bending member RB:

$$l_u = \text{Unbraced Length} = 6 \text{ ft.}$$

$$l_u/d = 13.09$$

$$l_e = 1.63l_u + 3d = 1.63(72.0) + 3(5.5) = 133.86 \text{ in.} = 11.15 \text{ ft. (NDS Table 3.3.3)}$$

$$R_b = 9.04$$

$$R_b = 9.04 < 50 \text{ ? OK}$$

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Euler-based ASD critical buckling value for bending members:

$$E_{\min y'} = E_{\min y}(C_M)(C_t)(C_i) = 690000(0.9)(1)(1) = 621000 \text{ psi}$$

$$F_{bE} = = 9109.65 \text{ psi}$$

$$F_{bx}^* = F_{bx}(C_D)(C_M)(C_t)(C_F)(C_i)(C_r) = (2400)(1.00)(0.85)(1)(1)(1)(1) = 2040.00 \text{ psi}$$

Beam stability factor:

$$C_L = = 0.986$$

$$F_{bx}' = (2400)(1.00)(0.85)(1)(0.986)(1)(1)(1) = 2011.5 \text{ psi}$$

$$f_b = = 1443.9 \text{ psi}$$

$$f_b = 1443.9 \text{ psi} < F_{bx}' = 2011.5 \text{ psi} \text{ (CSI} = 0.72) \text{ ? OK}$$

2.) Shear:

Members subject to shear stresses shall be proportioned so that the actual shear stress parallel to grain or shear force at any cross section of the bending member shall not exceed the adjusted shear design value:

$$f_v \leq F_v' \text{ (NDS Sec. 3.4.1)}$$

where:

$$f_v =$$

$$F_v' = F_v(C_D)(C_M)(C_t)(C_i)$$

$$F_{vx}' = (175)(1.00)(0.97)(1)(1) = 169.75 \text{ psi}$$

Shear Reduction: Uniformly distributed loads within a distance, d, from supports equal to the depth of the bending member shall be permitted to be ignored. Concentrated loads within a distance equal to the depth of the bending member from supports shall be permitted to be multiplied by x/d where x is the distance from the beam support face to the load. See NDS 2015, Figure 3C.

$$f_v^* = = 93.45 \text{ psi}$$

$$f_v^* = 93.45 \text{ psi} < F_{vx}' = 169.75 \text{ psi} \text{ (CSI} = 0.55) \text{ ? OK}$$

No Reduction in Shear (conservative):

$$f_v = = 110.30 \text{ psi}$$

$$f_v = 110.30 \text{ psi} < F_{vx}' = 169.75 \text{ psi} \text{ (CSI} = 0.65) \text{ ? OK}$$

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3.) Deflection:

Bending deflections calculated per standard method of engineering mechanics for live load and total load:

LL Allowable: $L/360$

TL Allowable: $L/240$

$$E_x' = E_x(C_M)(C_t)(C_i) = 1900000(0.9)(1)(1) = 1710000 \text{ psi}$$

$$\Delta_{LL} = = 0.13 \text{ in.}$$

$$(L/d)_{LL} = 72.00 / 0.13 = 549$$

$$\Delta_{LL} = 0.13 \text{ in} = L/549 < L/360 \quad ? \text{ OK}$$

$$\Delta_{TL} = = 0.17 \text{ in.}$$

$$(L/d)_{TL} = 72.00 / 0.17 = 434$$

$$\Delta_{TL} = 0.17 \text{ in} = L/434 < L/240 \quad ? \text{ OK}$$

4.) Bearing:

Members subject to bearing stresses perpendicular to the grain shall be proportioned so that the actual compressive stress perpendicular to grain shall be based on the net bearing area and shall not exceed the adjusted compression design value perpendicular to grain:

$$f_{c \perp} \leq F_{c \perp}' \quad (\text{NDS Sec. 3.10.2})$$

where:

$$f_{c \perp} =$$

$$F_{c \perp}' = F_{c \perp}(C_M)(C_t)(C_i)$$

$$F_{c \perp x}' = (660)(0.67)(1)(1) = 442.20 \text{ psi}$$

$$A_b = b \times l_b = 1.5 \times 1.75 = 2.63 \text{ in}^2$$

$$f_{c \perp} = = 236.7 \text{ psi}$$

$$f_{c \perp} = 236.7 \text{ psi} < F_{c \perp x}' = 442.20 \text{ psi} \quad (\text{CSI} = 0.54) \quad ? \text{ OK}$$

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