



Design Aid Columns in Multi-Storey Construction

Design Tables According to EN 1993-1-1 and
Nomograms for the Fire Situation According to EN 1993

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A | Design tables for flexural buckling

A.1 | Introduction

The aim of this publication is to make tables available which will enable the user to quickly read off the loadability of storey-high columns as a function of the storey height. In structural engineering the storey height is usually also the same as the relevant buckling length. Even when the buckling length does not correspond to the storey height, for example because of fixed supports at the end of the bars, the flexural buckling resistance for the actual buckling length can be taken from the tables.

The design tables are also generally valid for compression members, e.g. posts, struts and flanges of trusses with their relevant buckling lengths.

All tables in Section A are based on the design concept of EN 1993-1-1 [1].

The design tables are based on the **flexural buckling resistances** for the following variables:

Cross-sections of rolled sections	HEA, HEB, HEM or HD
Steel grade:	S355 or S460M
Buckling length:	2 m to 14 m

For the German version of the publication, the nominal values of the yield stress f_y and the tensile strength f_u for nominal thicknesses up to 80 mm were taken from Table 1 of EN 1993-1-1 [1] in accordance with EN 1993-1-1/NA [2]. For nominal thicknesses over 80 mm, Table 2 applies correspondingly in accordance with EN 10025-2 [9] and EN 10025-4 [11].

The flexural buckling resistances of the German version of the publication were calculated using the partial safety factor for the loadability at loss of stability $\gamma_{M1}=1,1$ according to EN 1993-1-1/NA [2].

This publication uses Table 2 for the mechanical properties according to EN 1993-1-1 and the partial safety factor $\gamma_{M1}=1,0$ recommended value according to EN 1993-1-1). For each European country, the material properties have to be taken into consideration according to Table 1 or Table 2 and the partial safety factors γ_{M1} , as regulated in the respective National Annexes to EN 1993-1-1.

Additional bending moments and, if applicable, the resultant interaction verifications were not considered.

The flexural buckling resistances given in the tables do not replace verification of the load-carrying capacity and serviceability compliant with the standards.

A.1.1 | Flexural buckling resistances of HEA sections in steel grade S355 with $\gamma_{M1}=1,1$

Standards: EN 1993-1-1:2010-12 and EN 1993-1-1/NA:2010-12
Material values: according to Table 3.1 of EN 1993-1-1:2010-12
Steel grade: S355

$M1=1,1$

Section	Axis	Flexural buckling resistances $N_{b,y,Rd}$ and $N_{b,z,Rd}$ [kN] for different buckling lengths L_{cr} [m]													
		2,00	3,00	4,00	5,00	6,00	7,00	8,00	9,00	10,00	11,00	12,00	13,00	14,00	
HEA 1000	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	9.846	9.846	9.846	9.846	9.846	9.813	9.746	9.678	9.608	9.535	9.460	9.383	9.301	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	9.171	8.341	7.297	6.092	4.930	3.963	3.210	2.634	2.193	1.850	1.580	1.364	1.189	
HEA 900	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	9.379	9.379	9.379	9.379	9.379	9.366	9.295	9.223	9.148	9.071	8.990	8.906	8.817	8.724
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	8.747	7.967	6.985	5.849	4.746	3.820	3.097	2.544	2.118	1.788	1.527	1.318	1.149	
HEA 800	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	8.557	8.557	8.557	8.557	8.497	8.422	8.345	8.266	8.182	8.094	8.001	7.901	7.794	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	7.995	7.295	6.417	5.395	4.392	3.544	2.877	2.365	1.971	1.664	1.422	1.228	1.070	
HEA 700	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	8.025	8.025	8.025	7.986	7.906	7.823	7.737	7.645	7.548	7.444	7.331	7.207	7.072	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	7.514	6.871	6.066	5.125	4.191	3.391	2.758	2.270	1.893	1.599	1.366	1.180	1.029	
HEA 650	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	7.490	7.490	7.490	7.427	7.346	7.262	7.173	7.079	6.977	6.866	6.744	6.610	6.462	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	7.029	6.443	5.712	4.852	3.986	3.237	2.638	2.174	1.814	1.533	1.311	1.133	988	
HEA 600	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	7.106	7.106	7.095	7.014	6.929	6.840	6.745	6.642	6.530	6.406	6.269	6.115	5.943	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	6.675	6.125	5.440	4.631	3.814	3.101	2.530	2.086	1.742	1.472	1.259	1.088	949	
HEA 550	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	6.723	6.723	6.684	6.599	6.509	6.414	6.310	6.196	6.070	5.928	5.768	5.588	5.385	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	6.322	5.807	5.167	4.411	3.640	2.965	2.422	1.998	1.669	1.411	1.207	1.043	910	
HEA 500	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	6.374	6.374	6.304	6.213	6.115	6.010	5.893	5.763	5.614	5.445	5.251	5.032	4.789	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	5.999	5.515	4.913	4.202	3.474	2.833	2.316	1.911	1.597	1.351	1.156	999	872	
HEA 450	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.745	5.735	5.646	5.552	5.450	5.337	5.209	5.062	4.892	4.695	4.470	4.219	3.950	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	5.412	4.979	4.443	3.808	3.155	2.576	2.108	1.741	1.455	1.231	1.054	911	795	
HEA 400	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.131	5.094	5.003	4.904	4.795	4.669	4.523	4.351	4.148	3.914	3.654	3.378	3.100	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	4.839	4.456	3.983	3.420	2.840	2.323	1.902	1.572	1.314	1.112	952	823	719	
HEA 360	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.609	4.513	4.368	4.212	4.042	3.853	3.643	3.413	3.166	2.911	2.659	2.418	2.194	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	4.251	3.811	3.327	2.820	2.340	1.928	1.594	1.330	1.121	955	822	714	626	
HEA 340	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.308	4.197	4.051	3.894	3.721	3.527	3.310	3.074	2.824	2.573	2.331	2.104	1.898	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.977	3.569	3.118	2.646	2.199	1.813	1.500	1.252	1.055	899	774	673	590	
HEA 320	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.015	3.886	3.741	3.582	3.404	3.203	2.979	2.738	2.489	2.245	2.016	1.807	1.621	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.709	3.330	2.913	2.474	2.058	1.699	1.406	1.174	990	844	726	631	553	
HEA 300	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	3.624	3.489	3.346	3.188	3.009	2.806	2.581	2.343	2.105	1.879	1.673	1.489	1.329	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.354	3.011	2.633	2.237	1.860	1.535	1.271	1.060	894	762	656	570	500	
HEA 280	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	3.117	2.991	2.855	2.702	2.526	2.327	2.110	1.887	1.673	1.477	1.303	1.153	1.023	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.860	2.538	2.181	1.816	1.484	1.209	991	822	690	587	504	437	383	
HEA 260	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.763	2.640	2.505	2.350	2.170	1.968	1.754	1.544	1.350	1.180	1.033	908	803	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.510	2.193	1.846	1.502	1.205	969	788	650	543	460	395	342	299	
HEA 240	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.425	2.305	2.169	2.009	1.824	1.621	1.415	1.224	1.056	913	794	695	611	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.177	1.866	1.530	1.214	956	759	613	503	419	354	303	262	228	
HEA 220	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.012	1.898	1.767	1.610	1.430	1.241	1.060	902	769	660	570	496	436	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.778	1.488	1.182	913	706	555	445	363	302	254	217	187	163	
HEA 200	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.664	1.555	1.425	1.269	1.094	923	772	647	546	465	400	347	303	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.439	1.163	888	666	506	393	313	254	210	177	151	130	113	
HEA 180	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.381	1.275	1.143	986	823	675	554	458	384	325	278	241	210	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.166	905	664	485	363	280	222	180	148	124	106	91	79	
HEA 160	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.160	1.049	909	750	602	481	388	318	264	222	190	164	143	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	940	687	479	341	252	192	152	122	101	84	72	62	53	
HEA 140	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	915	803	662	518	400	313	249	202	167	141	120	103	90	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	707	483	323	225	164	125	98	79	65	54	46	39	34	
HEA 120	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	709	590	452	334	250	192	152	122	101	84	72	61	53	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	507	318	204	139	101	76	59	48	39	33	28	24	21	
HEA 100	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	557	423	295	208	152	115	90	72	59	50	42	36	31	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	353	202	125	84	60	45	35	28	23	19	16	14	12	

A.1.2 | Flexural buckling resistances of HEA sections in steel grade S460M with $\gamma_{M1}=1,1$

Standarts: EN 1993-1-1:2010-12 and EN 1993-1-1/NA:2010-12
 Material values: according to Table 3.1 of EN 1993-1-1:2010-12
 Steel grade: S460M

M1=1,1

Section	Axis	Flexural buckling resistances $N_{b,y,Rd}$ and $N_{b,z,Rd}$ [kN] for different buckling lengths L_{cr} [m]												
		2,00	3,00	4,00	5,00	6,00	7,00	8,00	9,00	10,00	11,00	12,00	13,00	14,00
HEA 1000	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	12.351	12.351	12.351	12.351	12.340	12.282	12.221	12.159	12.095	12.026	11.955	11.878	11.796
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	11.911	11.280	10.097	8.179	6.254	4.799	3.762	3.017	2.470	2.057	1.738	1.488	1.288
HEA 900	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	11.790	11.790	11.790	11.790	11.740	11.677	11.610	11.541	11.468	11.390	11.306	11.215	11.116
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	11.377	10.784	9.680	7.876	6.038	4.638	3.638	2.918	2.389	1.990	1.682	1.440	1.246
HEA 800	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	10.784	10.784	10.784	10.759	10.694	10.626	10.555	10.479	10.397	10.308	10.210	10.102	9.980
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	10.414	9.885	8.907	7.292	5.611	4.317	3.388	2.719	2.226	1.855	1.568	1.342	1.162
HEA 700	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	10.140	10.140	10.140	10.070	9.997	9.920	9.837	9.747	9.646	9.534	9.406	9.258	9.087
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	9.801	9.318	8.434	6.958	5.381	4.148	3.259	2.617	2.143	1.785	1.510	1.293	1.119
HEA 650	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	9.484	9.484	9.465	9.395	9.320	9.240	9.153	9.057	8.948	8.824	8.679	8.510	8.310
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	9.177	8.740	7.951	6.617	5.147	3.977	3.129	2.513	2.059	1.716	1.451	1.243	1.076
HEA 600	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	9.013	9.013	8.973	8.899	8.819	8.733	8.637	8.528	8.403	8.257	8.082	7.874	7.623
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	8.726	8.316	7.580	6.331	4.937	3.819	3.005	2.415	1.979	1.649	1.395	1.195	1.034
HEA 550	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	8.544	8.544	8.480	8.401	8.315	8.220	8.111	7.986	7.836	7.656	7.436	7.169	6.850
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	8.275	7.892	7.209	6.044	4.726	3.661	2.882	2.317	1.899	1.583	1.339	1.147	993
HEA 500	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	8.075	8.063	7.984	7.899	7.804	7.696	7.570	7.418	7.230	6.998	6.710	6.361	5.961
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	7.825	7.468	6.837	5.756	4.515	3.502	2.759	2.219	1.819	1.516	1.282	1.098	951
HEA 450	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	7.444	7.407	7.322	7.229	7.123	6.997	6.842	6.647	6.398	6.083	5.699	5.265	4.812
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	7.210	6.878	6.287	5.277	4.130	3.201	2.521	2.026	1.661	1.384	1.171	1.003	868
HEA 400	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	6.649	6.589	6.501	6.401	6.281	6.132	5.939	5.686	5.357	4.955	4.507	4.055	3.629
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	6.444	6.151	5.634	4.747	3.726	2.891	2.278	1.832	1.502	1.252	1.059	907	785
HEA 360	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.972	5.846	5.703	5.539	5.343	5.104	4.809	4.458	4.064	3.656	3.263	2.903	2.585
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	5.688	5.312	4.745	3.965	3.155	2.486	1.982	1.607	1.325	1.110	942	810	703
HEA 340	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.574	5.444	5.299	5.130	4.924	4.668	4.352	3.982	3.581	3.184	2.816	2.490	2.206
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	5.320	4.971	4.447	3.723	2.967	2.340	1.867	1.514	1.249	1.046	888	763	662
HEA 320	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.180	5.049	4.902	4.726	4.507	4.232	3.893	3.508	3.110	2.734	2.398	2.108	1.860
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	4.960	4.637	4.153	3.484	2.781	2.195	1.752	1.421	1.172	982	834	716	622
HEA 300	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.669	4.541	4.394	4.214	3.985	3.693	3.341	2.959	2.586	2.249	1.959	1.713	1.506
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	4.485	4.193	3.755	3.149	2.513	1.983	1.583	1.284	1.059	887	753	647	562
HEA 280	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.023	3.901	3.757	3.576	3.340	3.040	2.693	2.339	2.015	1.736	1.501	1.307	1.145
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.849	3.559	3.112	2.524	1.966	1.532	1.214	981	807	675	573	492	427
HEA 260	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	3.572	3.451	3.304	3.112	2.857	2.541	2.198	1.874	1.594	1.362	1.172	1.016	888
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.400	3.098	2.624	2.051	1.562	1.204	949	764	628	524	444	381	330
HEA 240	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	3.142	3.021	2.867	2.658	2.380	2.054	1.732	1.451	1.221	1.036	887	767	669
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.972	2.653	2.155	1.622	1.212	926	726	583	478	399	338	289	251
HEA 220	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.613	2.496	2.340	2.121	1.838	1.535	1.266	1.046	873	737	629	542	472
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.450	2.123	1.638	1.191	876	664	519	416	340	284	240	205	178
HEA 200	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.167	2.051	1.886	1.652	1.373	1.111	899	735	609	512	435	375	326
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.004	1.656	1.198	843	612	461	359	287	235	195	165	141	122
HEA 180	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.805	1.686	1.507	1.260	1.003	791	630	511	422	353	300	258	224
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.640	1.275	871	599	431	323	251	200	164	136	115	98	85
HEA 160	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.522	1.390	1.183	929	710	548	432	348	286	239	202	174	151
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.337	943	607	409	292	218	169	135	110	91	77	66	57
HEA 140	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.206	1.060	838	619	458	348	273	219	179	149	126	108	94
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.009	641	396	264	187	139	108	86	70	58	49	42	36
HEA 120	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	938	767	549	384	279	210	163	130	107	89	75	64	56
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	714	403	242	159	113	84	65	51	42	35	29	25	22
HEA 100	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	737	528	342	231	165	123	96	76	62	52	44	37	32
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	478	245	144	94	66	49	38	30	24	20	17	15	13

A.1.3 | Flexural buckling resistances of HEB sections in steel grade S355 with $\gamma_{M1}=1,1$

Standarts: EN 1993-1-1:2010-12 and EN 1993-1-1/NA:2010-12
 Material values: according to Table 3.1 of EN 1993-1-1:2010-12
 Steel grade: S355

M1=1,1

Section	Axis	Flexural buckling resistances $N_{b,y,Rd}$ and $N_{b,z,Rd}$ [kN] for different buckling lengths L_{cr} [m]													
		2,00	3,00	4,00	5,00	6,00	7,00	8,00	9,00	10,00	11,00	12,00	13,00	14,00	
HEB 1000	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	11.773	11.773	11.773	11.773	11.773	11.726	11.645	11.562	11.476	11.388	11.297	11.202	11.103	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	10.940	9.926	8.647	7.182	5.788	4.639	3.751	3.075	2.558	2.157	1.841	1.589	1.385	
HEB 900	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	11.243	11.243	11.243	11.243	11.222	11.136	11.047	10.956	10.862	10.764	10.661	10.553	10.438	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	10.463	9.508	8.304	6.920	5.591	4.489	3.634	2.981	2.481	2.093	1.787	1.542	1.344	
HEB 800	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	10.341	10.341	10.341	10.341	10.262	10.171	10.077	9.979	9.877	9.769	9.654	9.531	9.399	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	9.642	8.780	7.695	6.441	5.223	4.204	3.408	2.798	2.330	1.966	1.679	1.450	1.264	
HEB 700	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	9.726	9.726	9.726	9.674	9.576	9.475	9.369	9.258	9.138	9.010	8.870	8.718	8.551	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	9.090	8.298	7.304	6.147	5.008	4.043	3.284	2.700	2.250	1.900	1.623	1.402	1.222	
HEB 650	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	9.240	9.240	9.240	9.155	9.054	8.949	8.837	8.718	8.589	8.449	8.295	8.125	7.936	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	8.649	7.907	6.978	5.892	4.816	3.896	3.168	2.607	2.173	1.836	1.569	1.355	1.182	
HEB 600	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	8.714	8.714	8.698	8.598	8.493	8.383	8.265	8.138	7.999	7.845	7.674	7.482	7.269	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	8.173	7.487	6.630	5.624	4.616	3.744	3.050	2.513	2.097	1.772	1.515	1.309	1.141	
HEB 550	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	8.201	8.201	8.154	8.050	7.941	7.824	7.698	7.559	7.405	7.233	7.038	6.818	6.572	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	7.707	7.074	6.287	5.358	4.416	3.593	2.933	2.419	2.020	1.708	1.461	1.262	1.101	
HEB 500	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	7.700	7.700	7.620	7.511	7.395	7.270	7.132	6.977	6.801	6.601	6.373	6.115	5.828	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	7.251	6.669	5.948	5.092	4.215	3.441	2.814	2.323	1.942	1.643	1.406	1.215	1.060	
HEB 450	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	7.035	7.028	6.920	6.807	6.684	6.549	6.396	6.220	6.017	5.783	5.515	5.215	4.892	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	6.633	6.108	5.458	4.686	3.889	3.180	2.604	2.152	1.799	1.523	1.303	1.127	984	
HEB 400	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	6.384	6.341	6.230	6.110	5.977	5.825	5.649	5.442	5.198	4.917	4.602	4.265	3.924	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	6.026	5.556	4.975	4.283	3.565	2.921	2.395	1.981	1.657	1.403	1.201	1.039	907	
HEB 360	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.828	5.717	5.536	5.343	5.133	4.901	4.642	4.358	4.054	3.738	3.422	3.119	2.835	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	5.384	4.835	4.229	3.592	2.988	2.466	2.041	1.704	1.437	1.225	1.055	917	803	
HEB 340	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.515	5.381	5.199	5.003	4.787	4.545	4.276	3.981	3.669	3.353	3.044	2.754	2.489	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	5.100	4.583	4.013	3.414	2.843	2.349	1.946	1.625	1.371	1.169	1.006	875	767	
HEB 320	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.206	5.049	4.864	4.663	4.439	4.187	3.906	3.601	3.285	2.972	2.675	2.403	2.159	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	4.818	4.333	3.799	3.236	2.699	2.232	1.850	1.546	1.305	1.113	958	833	730	
HEB 300	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.809	4.635	4.451	4.247	4.017	3.757	3.469	3.161	2.851	2.552	2.278	2.032	1.816	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	4.455	4.007	3.515	2.995	2.499	2.067	1.714	1.432	1.209	1.031	888	772	677	
HEB 280	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.216	4.050	3.872	3.672	3.443	3.184	2.900	2.606	2.319	2.054	1.817	1.610	1.431	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.873	3.444	2.970	2.482	2.035	1.661	1.365	1.133	952	809	696	604	528	
HEB 260	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	3.776	3.613	3.435	3.231	2.996	2.730	2.446	2.163	1.899	1.664	1.460	1.286	1.138	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.434	3.010	2.542	2.077	1.671	1.347	1.097	906	758	642	551	477	417	
HEB 240	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	3.355	3.194	3.013	2.802	2.558	2.286	2.008	1.745	1.511	1.310	1.141	1.000	881	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.014	2.594	2.136	1.701	1.344	1.069	864	709	591	500	428	370	323	
HEB 220	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.855	2.700	2.523	2.312	2.068	1.807	1.554	1.328	1.136	977	845	737	647	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.527	2.124	1.696	1.316	1.020	803	644	526	437	369	315	272	237	
HEB 200	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.424	2.273	2.093	1.878	1.635	1.391	1.170	984	833	711	612	532	466	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.101	1.708	1.312	988	753	586	467	380	315	265	225	194	169	
HEB 180	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.999	1.852	1.671	1.455	1.225	1.012	835	693	581	493	422	366	319	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.689	1.317	970	711	533	412	326	264	218	183	156	134	117	
HEB 160	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.632	1.485	1.299	1.084	878	705	571	469	390	329	281	243	212	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.327	977	686	490	362	277	218	176	145	121	103	89	77	
HEB 140	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.262	1.116	932	739	576	452	361	294	243	204	174	150	130	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	978	673	453	317	231	176	138	111	91	76	65	56	48	
HEB 120	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	961	809	629	470	353	272	215	174	143	120	102	87	76	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	688	434	279	191	138	104	82	65	54	45	38	33	28	
HEB 100	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	690	531	375	266	195	148	116	93	76	64	54	46	40	
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	438	251	156	105	75	57	44	35	29	24	20	17	15	

A.1.4 | Flexural buckling resistances of HEB sections in steel grade S460M with $\gamma_{M1}=1,1$

Standarts: EN 1993-1-1:2010-12 and EN 1993-1-1/NA:2010-12
 Material values: according to Table 3.1 of EN 1993-1-1:2010-12
 Steel grade: S460M

M1=1,1

Section	Axis	Flexural buckling resistances $N_{b,y,Rd}$ and $N_{b,z,Rd}$ [kN] for different buckling lengths L_{cr} [m]												
		2,00	3,00	4,00	5,00	6,00	7,00	8,00	9,00	10,00	11,00	12,00	13,00	14,00
HEB 1000	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	14.761	14.761	14.761	14.761	14.743	14.672	14.599	14.523	14.445	14.362	14.274	14.180	14.079
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	14.219	13.440	11.961	9.605	7.308	5.596	4.384	3.514	2.875	2.394	2.023	1.732	1.499
HEB 900	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	14.134	14.134	14.134	14.134	14.068	13.991	13.910	13.826	13.736	13.641	13.538	13.426	13.304
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	13.623	12.890	11.508	9.285	7.083	5.430	4.255	3.412	2.792	2.325	1.965	1.682	1.456
HEB 800	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	13.037	13.037	13.037	13.002	12.922	12.839	12.752	12.658	12.558	12.448	12.327	12.192	12.040
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	12.577	11.917	10.685	8.679	6.646	5.103	4.002	3.210	2.627	2.188	1.850	1.584	1.371
HEB 700	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	12.302	12.302	12.299	12.214	12.124	12.030	11.928	11.816	11.692	11.553	11.395	11.211	10.998
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	11.880	11.278	10.165	8.326	6.408	4.931	3.870	3.106	2.543	2.119	1.791	1.534	1.328
HEB 650	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	11.583	11.583	11.557	11.470	11.378	11.279	11.171	11.052	10.917	10.762	10.582	10.370	10.119
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	11.198	10.649	9.648	7.971	6.170	4.758	3.739	3.002	2.459	2.049	1.732	1.483	1.284
HEB 600	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	11.058	11.058	11.006	10.914	10.815	10.708	10.589	10.454	10.298	10.115	9.897	9.635	9.322
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	10.696	10.180	9.245	7.671	5.954	4.597	3.615	2.903	2.378	1.982	1.676	1.435	1.243
HEB 550	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	10.626	10.626	10.543	10.443	10.335	10.215	10.078	9.918	9.727	9.497	9.216	8.873	8.464
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	10.281	9.788	8.899	7.397	5.749	4.441	3.493	2.806	2.299	1.915	1.620	1.387	1.201
HEB 500	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	9.978	9.963	9.865	9.759	9.642	9.509	9.352	9.163	8.931	8.643	8.285	7.853	7.357
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	9.663	9.215	8.416	7.053	5.514	4.270	3.362	2.703	2.215	1.846	1.561	1.337	1.158
HEB 450	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	9.116	9.075	8.973	8.861	8.733	8.583	8.399	8.168	7.875	7.504	7.050	6.532	5.984
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	8.834	8.432	7.721	6.502	5.102	3.957	3.118	2.507	2.055	1.713	1.449	1.241	1.075
HEB 400	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	8.272	8.201	8.094	7.972	7.827	7.648	7.419	7.118	6.728	6.246	5.703	5.145	4.616
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	8.021	7.663	7.035	5.955	4.691	3.645	2.874	2.312	1.896	1.581	1.337	1.145	992
HEB 360	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	7.552	7.402	7.225	7.023	6.783	6.491	6.133	5.704	5.219	4.712	4.217	3.760	3.352
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	7.200	6.732	6.030	5.058	4.037	3.187	2.543	2.063	1.702	1.426	1.211	1.040	903
HEB 340	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	7.141	6.977	6.796	6.586	6.332	6.018	5.630	5.172	4.671	4.168	3.696	3.273	2.904
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	6.817	6.378	5.722	4.811	3.846	3.040	2.427	1.969	1.625	1.362	1.156	993	863
HEB 320	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	6.722	6.556	6.370	6.150	5.878	5.536	5.115	4.631	4.124	3.637	3.198	2.815	2.487
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	6.438	6.027	5.415	4.564	3.656	2.893	2.311	1.876	1.548	1.297	1.102	947	822
HEB 300	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	6.195	6.029	5.840	5.611	5.321	4.952	4.505	4.011	3.520	3.071	2.680	2.347	2.066
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	5.952	5.573	5.009	4.224	3.386	2.680	2.141	1.738	1.435	1.202	1.021	877	762
HEB 280	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	5.439	5.279	5.092	4.858	4.556	4.170	3.718	3.248	2.809	2.426	2.103	1.833	1.608
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	5.205	4.824	4.239	3.460	2.705	2.113	1.676	1.356	1.116	934	792	680	590
HEB 260	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.879	4.720	4.528	4.279	3.950	3.538	3.082	2.642	2.255	1.931	1.663	1.444	1.263
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	4.646	4.246	3.618	2.847	2.176	1.680	1.325	1.068	877	733	621	533	462
HEB 240	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	4.344	4.183	3.981	3.709	3.347	2.914	2.474	2.083	1.757	1.493	1.280	1.108	967
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	4.111	3.683	3.014	2.282	1.710	1.308	1.026	825	676	564	478	409	355
HEB 220	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	3.705	3.547	3.339	3.050	2.670	2.253	1.869	1.550	1.296	1.095	936	807	703
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	3.477	3.029	2.357	1.722	1.269	964	753	604	494	412	348	298	259
HEB 200	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	3.154	2.994	2.772	2.456	2.067	1.688	1.372	1.125	934	786	669	576	501
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.921	2.434	1.780	1.257	914	690	537	430	351	292	247	212	183
HEB 180	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.610	2.447	2.207	1.870	1.505	1.194	955	776	641	537	456	392	340
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	2.373	1.859	1.278	880	634	476	370	295	241	200	169	145	125
HEB 160	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	2.139	1.966	1.697	1.354	1.044	809	639	516	424	355	301	258	224
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.885	1.346	873	589	421	314	244	194	158	132	111	95	82
HEB 140	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.660	1.476	1.189	890	663	506	396	318	261	218	184	158	137
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	1.396	898	558	372	264	197	152	121	99	82	69	59	51
HEB 120	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	1.270	1.056	770	543	395	298	232	185	152	126	107	91	79
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	971	553	332	219	155	115	89	70	57	48	40	34	30
HEB 100	$N_{b,y,Rd}$	913	667	437	296	212	159	123	98	80	66	56	48	41
	$N_{b,z,Rd}$	594	305	179	117	83	61	47	37	30	25	21	18	16

Columns in Multi-Storey Construction

1 | Introduction and general preliminary remarks

Columns serve not only to transfer the load vertically but also represent an important design element of a building. In doing so the columns in the outside area, such as façade columns or free-standing foyer columns, are often of greater significance from a design point of view than the internal columns. The façade columns should create as filigree an effect and the largest transparency as possible and allow a high level of incident daylight into the building interior. However, even highly stressed interior columns can be executed with highly efficient and compact cross-sections thanks to the steel construction.

Columns are mainly subjected to compressive forces. If the load is applied axially, which is desirable, bending moments do not occur and it is only necessary to provide verification of flexural buckling. As columns can buckle in both directions, the so-called 'weak' axis is decisive for the calculation when the buckling length is the same for both axes. It is therefore recommended to use cross-sections that exhibit equally large flexural buckling resistance in both directions, such as the hot-rolled wide-flange beams of the HE and HD series. HEA sections are suitable for smaller loads, while HEB, HEM and HD sections are worth considering for larger loads. HD sections are particularly well suited for very large loads. All of these sections have a favourable material price per tonne. More important, though, is that structurally they allow simple, easily accessible and thus very economic connections to be made. In addition, it is possible to install them vertically inside the columns without difficulty.

It is beneficial that the outside dimensions of the columns remain almost unchanged over the height of the building, for example in order to allow standardised elements to be installed. The columns of a section series (HE or HD) with the same nominal height usually have the same internal dimensions. With the external dimensions, HEA sections are somewhat shorter than HEB sections, which in turn are somewhat shorter and thinner than HEM sections. In between there may be smaller HD sections (Fig. 1). HE sections are limited to a section width of some 300 mm whereas large HD sections reach section widths of well over 400 mm.

In order to match the dimensions of the columns storey-wise to the loads and to thus use them optimally, it is recommended to graduate the column sections over the height of the building from HEA in the upper floors via HEB through to HD or HEM sections. Besides the section cross-section, varying the steel grade can also lead to better utilisation of the columns (Fig. 2).

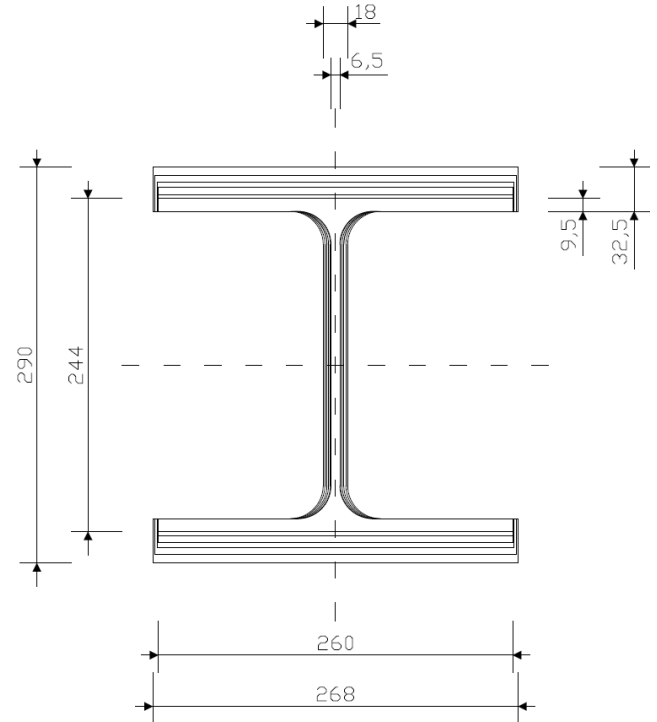


Bild 1: Comparison of internal and external dimensions of the HE and HD section series for a nominal height of 260 mm

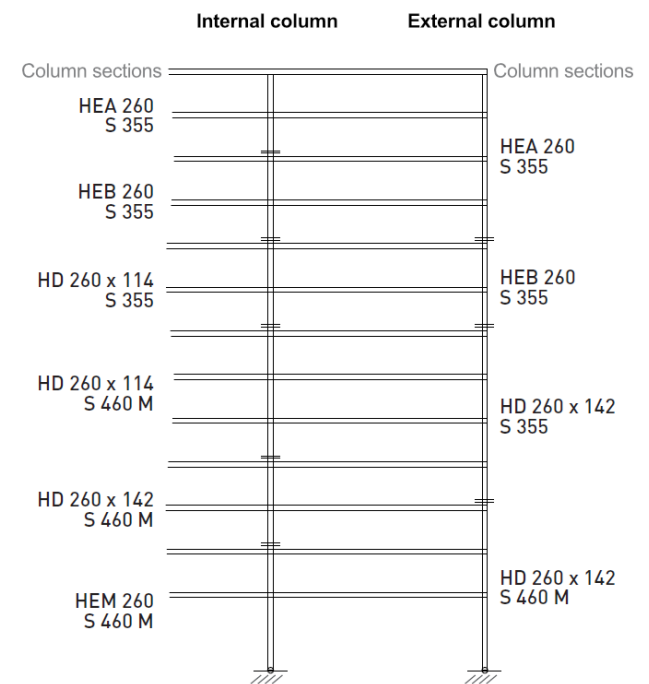


Bild 2: Various possibilities for optimising the column cross-section over the height of the building

1.1 | Choice of cross-section and steel grade

S235, which was once the most widely used steel grade, is increasingly proving to be less economical and thus less appropriate for multi-storey buildings especially for columns made from hot-rolled sections. It is particularly economical to use the standard grade S355 and often a further optimisation of the high-strength steel S460.

A high yield stress enables the cross-section to be reduced and consequently material to be saved. In addition to savings in material and material costs there are also savings in processing costs as a result of a reduced welding volume, smaller areas to be coated and often more favourable transport.

As an example, the increase in the flexural buckling resistance about the weak axis in both of the steel grades mentioned previously is shown in Diagram 1 for different buckling lengths and sections. At larger buckling lengths, the increase in the flexural buckling resistance due to the use of higher steel grades is less in percentage terms because the specific slenderness ratio is linearly dependent on the buckling length but only on the square root of the

yield stress and there are small differences between the relevant buckling curves for large specific slenderness ratios than for medium-sized ratios (see Section 2.2).

The dependence of the flexural buckling resistance for the HE and HD section series for the S355 and S460M steel grades and a buckling length of 4,0 m is shown in Diagram 2. For reasons of clarity, only sections with a self-weight up to 400 kg/m are shown.

The ‘kinks’ in the curves result on the one hand from a change in the correlation with the buckling curves from EN 1993-1-1 (Table 7) at $h/b > 1,2$ and on the other to the reduction in the yield stress in accordance with Table 1.

It can be clearly seen that if the same steel grade is used, the HEA sections offer the most favourable options for implementation from a material consumption point of view up to 125 kg/m (HEA 400). From 134 kg/m (HD360x134), the HD sections are the most favourable.

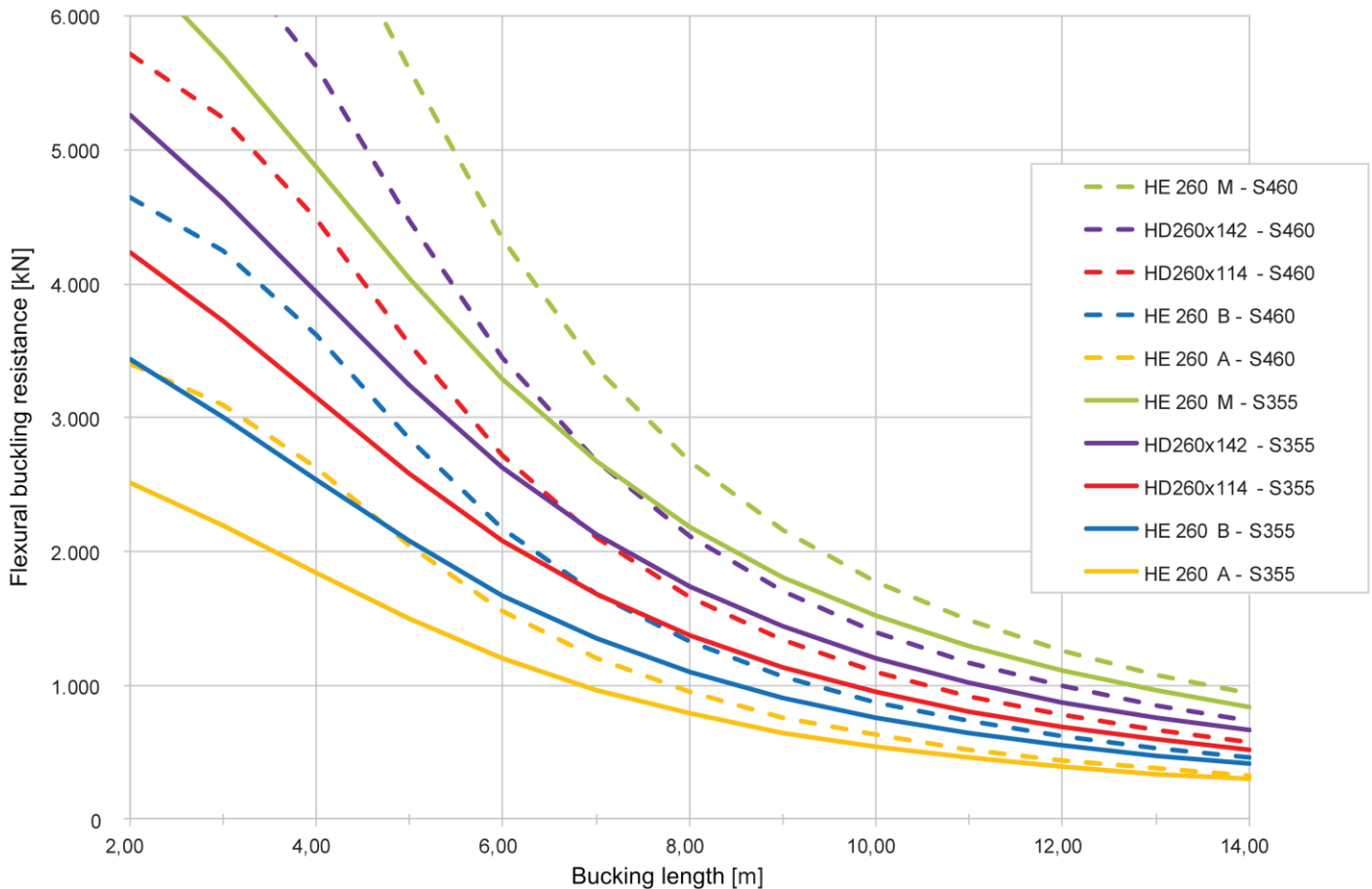


Diagram 1: Flexural buckling resistances of the sections in Fig. 1 for S355 and S460M (intermediate values interpolated)

Flexural buckling resistances of rolled sections, buckling length 4,00 m

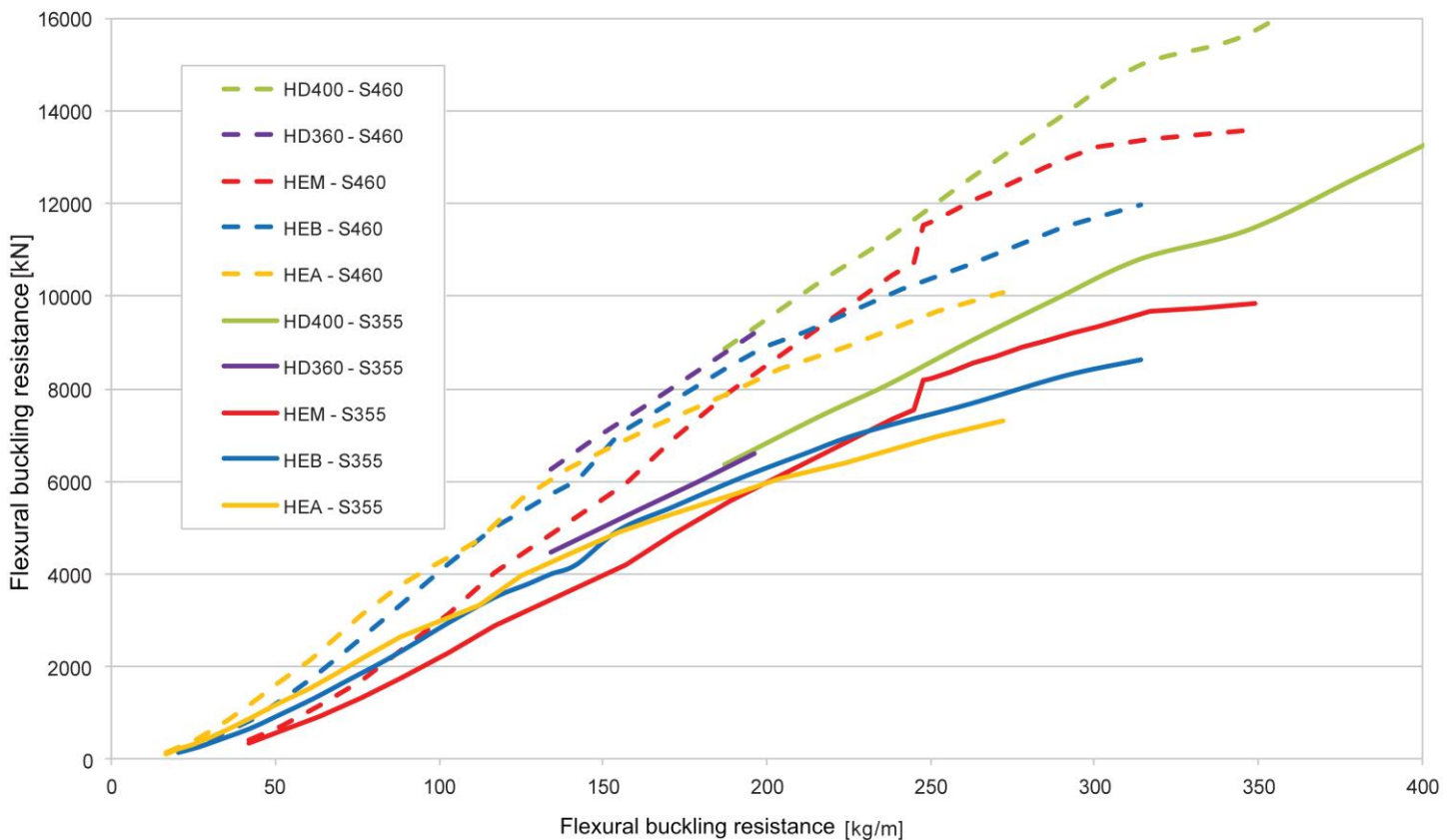


Diagram 2: V Flexural buckling resistances as a function of the section series and the steel grade (intermediate values interpolated)

Only HD400 sections are available for the load range from above approx. 10.000 kN (S355) or 14.000 kN (S460M) up to more than 50.000 kN (Tables A.1.7 and A.1.8). In addition, because the HD360 and HD400 section series always have the same inside dimensions they have the advantage that column joints can be carried out easily [22]

At a constant flexural buckling resistance and a constant buckling length of 4,0 m, the optimisation can be explained as follows:

For the section chosen as an example, HEM320 in S355 with mass $G = 245 \text{ kg/m}$, the cross-sectional area $A = 312 \text{ cm}^2$ and the radius of gyration $i_z = \sqrt{I_z/A} = 7,95 \text{ cm}$, one can say: $N_{b,Rd} = 7553 \text{ kN}$ (Diagram 2 and Table A.1.5).

Approximately the same flexural buckling resistance $N_{b,Rd} = 7583 \text{ kN}$ applies for the section HD360x162 in S460M with $G = 162 \text{ kg/m}$, $A = 206,3 \text{ cm}^2$ and $i_z = \sqrt{I_z/A} = 9,49 \text{ cm}$ (Diagram 2 and Table A.1.8).

Thus in this example there is a material saving of 34% as a result of optimising the cross-section and using high-strength steel S460M.

In Diagram 3, the flexural buckling resistances of sections from different section series with approximately the same cross-sectional area of 200 cm^2 (HEA500, HEB400, HEM240 and HD360x162) are compared because both the cross-sectional area and the yield stress are included in the calculation of the specific slenderness ratio and thus in the reduction factor, as well as directly in the calculation of the flexural buckling resistance.

The following variables are important for determining the specific slenderness and thus the flexural buckling resistance:

- The **buckling length** L_{cr} of the compression member.
- The **radii of gyration** i about the respective cross-section axis (here shown about the design-relevant weak axis z): sections with larger radii of gyration (here i_z) exhibit a significantly greater flexural buckling resistance for the same cross-sectional area. This is very clearly apparent with the HD sections, as indicated by the statically favourable material distribution for loads about the weak axis.
- The **steel grade** together with the corresponding nominal value of the **yield stress** f_y and, depending on this, its allocation to a buckling curve in Diagram 5.

The increase in the load-carrying capacity for a similar cross-sectional area and a constant buckling length of 4,0 m can be explained as follows:

For the section chosen as an example, HEM240 in S355 with $G = 157 \text{ kg/m}$, $A = 199.6 \text{ cm}^2$ and $i_z = \sqrt{I_z/A} = 6,39 \text{ cm}$ one can say: $N_{b,Rd} = 4188 \text{ kN}$ (Diagram 2, Diagram 3 and Table A.1.5).

For a similar cross-sectional area and a similar weight, a flexural buckling resistance of $N_{b,Rd} = 7583 \text{ kN}$ (Diagram 2, Diagram 3 and Table A.1.8) applies for the HD360x162 section in S460M with $G = 162 \text{ kg/m}$, $A = 206,3 \text{ cm}^2$ and $i_z = \sqrt{I_z/A} = 9,49 \text{ cm}$.

Thus for this example an increase there is an increase in load-carrying capacity of 81% as a result of optimising the cross-section and using the high-strength steel S460M.

The columns are investigated for flexural buckling or torsional-flexural buckling stability according to EN 1993-1-1, item 6.3.1 [1] under the influence of the sole action of an axial force. Under the influence of additional bending moments resulting from eccentric application of the load, the effects of bracing or wind loading, columns have to be verified using the interaction equations on the equivalent member according to [1], item 6.3.3.

2.1 | Design criteria

Before the stability verification can be carried out, the steel grade and the cross-section must first be selected (Section 1.1).

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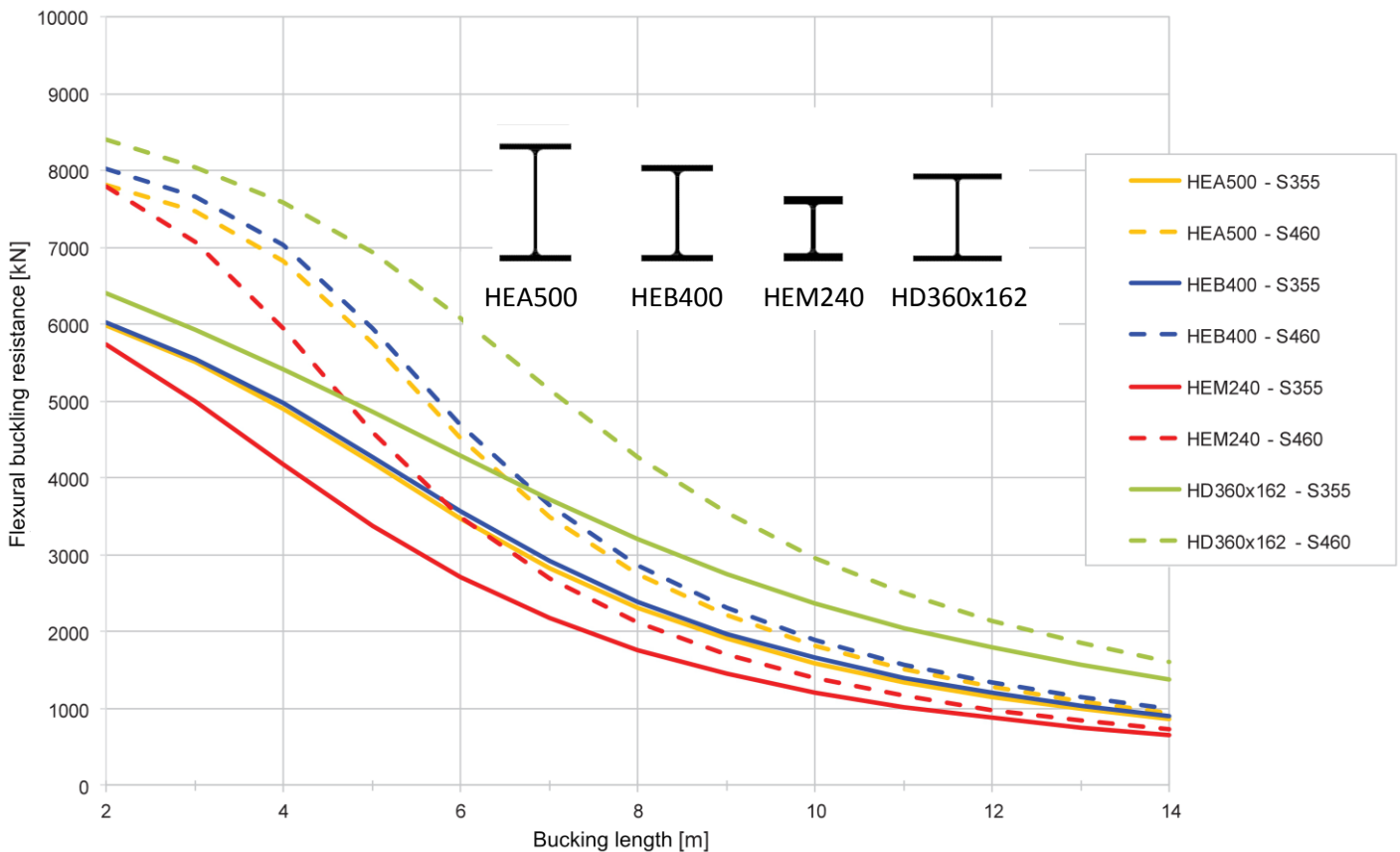


Diagramm 3: Dependence of the flexural buckling resistance of the section and the steel grade for similar cross-sectional areas (intermediate values interpolated)

2.1.1 | Materials

The choice of steel grade determines the mechanical properties of the basis material, i.e. the nominal values of the yield stress f_y and the tensile strength f_u . Table 1 presents a selection from Table 3.1 of EN 1993-1-1 [1] for the steels used in this publication.

Table 2 contains the nominal values of the yield stress f_y of the steels being considered in accordance with the corresponding product standards that may be used alternatively according to [1] and [2].

It can be seen from Tables 1 and 2 that with increasing nominal thickness the nominal value of the yield stress f_y decreases. This has to be taken into consideration accordingly in the design.

For sections with material thicknesses over 80 mm, the material properties according to the product standards EN 10025-2 for S355 and EN 10025-4 for S460M (Table 2 for $t > 80$ mm) were used to prepare the design tables.

All tables in Section A contain the reductions in the design yield stress in accordance with the standards [1] and [2].

Table 1: Nominal values of the yield stress f_y for hot-rolled structural steel in accordance with EN 1993-1-1, Table 3.1 [1]

Stahlgüte*	Erzeugnisdicke t*	
	t ≤ 40 mm	40 mm < t ≤ 80 mm
	f _y in N/mm ²	
S355	355	335
S460M/ML	460	430

* The steel grade corresponds to the steel type and product thickness of the nominal thickness of the structural steel plate or here of the section flange

Table 2: Nominal values of the yield stress f_y for hot-rolled structural steel according to the product standards [9], [11]

Werkstoffnorm	Stahlgüte*	Nenndicke t					
		t ≤ 16 mm	16 mm < t ≤ 40 mm	40 mm < t ≤ 63 mm	63 mm < t ≤ 80 mm	80 mm < t ≤ 100 mm	100 mm < t ≤ 150 mm
		f _y in N/mm ²					
EN 10025-2 [9]	S355	355	345	335	325	315	295
EN 10025-4 [11]	S460 M/ML	460	440	430	410	400	385

The elements of the cross-section in compression are relevant for the classification of the cross-

2.1.2 | Classification of cross-sections

Once the cross-section has been defined, a cross-section classification is carried out in accordance with EN 1993-1-1, Section 5.5 [1]. The classification of the cross-sections covers limiting the loadability and the rotational capacity due to local buckling.

The suitability of a cross-section to elastic or plastic cross-sectional verification is expressed by its **cross-section classification**. EN 1993-1-1 [1] defines four cross-section classifications whose moment-rotation behaviour are shown in Diagram 4.

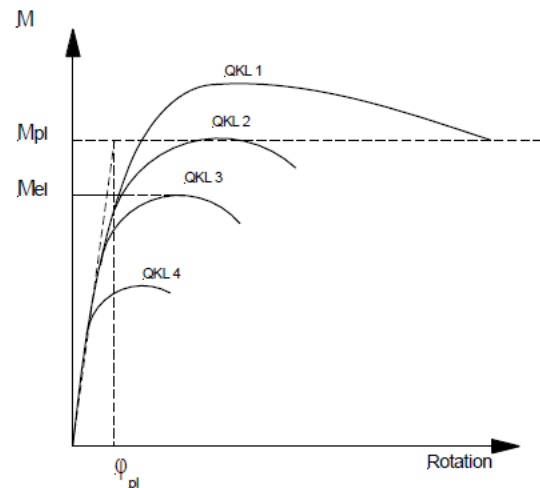


Diagram 4: Moment-rotation behaviour of the different cross-section classifications (Class 1-4)

- **Class 1** – Plastic hinges that can form and have adequate moment capacity and rotational capacity according to the plastic analysis.
- **Class 2** – The plastic moment resistance is reached at limited rotational capacity.
- **Class 3** – The yield stress is reached in the extreme fibres, however as a result of localised buckling there is no usable plastic moment resistance.
- **Class 4** – Localised buckling occurs before the yield stress is reached. The determination of the effective values of the cross-section can be carried out according to EN 1993-1-5 [3].

sections in accordance with EN 1993-1-1 Table 5.2, whereby delimitation is by means of the maximum

slendernesses of the c/t ratios of the individual cross-section elements in compression. Here, c is the width or height and t is the material thickness of a cross-section element; ϵ is the specific yield stress, which depends on the steel grade (Table 4). There is a differentiation between pure compression, pure bending and combined compression and bending.

The classification is first carried out separately for the web and the flange. The total cross-section is defined by the highest and at the same time the most unfavourable class of its cross-section elements.

Table 3 summarises the classification criteria for the web as a cross-section element supported on both sides and for the flange as one supported on one side.

According to Para. 6.2.6 (6) of EN 1993-1-1, for column cross-sections with unstiffened web plate subjected to lateral forces and

$$\frac{h_w}{t_w} > 72 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{\eta}$$

verification of resistance to shear buckling according to EN 1993-1-5 is additionally required. To be on the safe side, it is recommended to use $\eta = 1,2$ for steel grades up to S460, and $\eta = 1,0$ for higher steel grades. In general, the shear buckling criterion is

only of significance for very tall supports with low web thicknesses, which are rarely used for compressively loaded columns. Verification of resistance to shear buckling according to EN 1993-1-5 is additionally required. To be on the safe side, it is recommended to use $\eta = 1,2$ for steel grades up to S460, and $\eta = 1,0$ for higher steel grades. In general, the shear buckling criterion is only of significance for very tall supports with low web thicknesses, which are rarely used for compressively loaded columns.

Columns in pure compression remain free from lateral forces, whereby the shear buckling criterion is not to be used for this case.

For information, Table 4 contains the evaluation of the criterion for shear buckling. Geometrically, the ratio h_w/t_w in Table 4 corresponds to the ratio c/t for the web in Table 3.

Another criterion that limits the slenderness of the web d_c/t_w is defined in EN 1993-1-8 [4]. For the structural element method, the slenderness of the web is limited to $d_c/t_w \leq 69 \epsilon$ for the basic structural element 1 – column web under shear stress – so that a risk of buckling is excluded. As this criterion is much higher than the most unfavourable criterion for the classification of the web in compression, it is not relevant here.

Table 3: Maximum c/t ratios of the stressed cross-section elements

Class	Cross-Section Elements Supported on Both Sides (Web)		Cross-Section Elements Supported on One Side (Flange)
	Pure compression	Pure bending	Pure compression
1	$c/t \leq 33\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 72\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 9\epsilon$
2	$c/t \leq 38\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 83\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 10\epsilon$
3	$c/t \leq 42\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 124\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 14\epsilon$
4	$c/t > 42\epsilon$	$c/t > 124\epsilon$	$c/t > 14\epsilon$

Table 4: Specific yield stress ϵ and criterion for shear buckling as a function of the steel grade

	f_y [N/mm ²]				
	235	275	355	420	460
$\epsilon = \sqrt{235/f_y}$	1	0,92	0,81	0,75	0,71
$72 \epsilon / \eta = 60 \epsilon$	60	55,2	48,6	45	42,5

Classifications of the cross-section elements are given in Table 5 for the sections considered in this publication: **HEA100 to HEA1000; HEB100 to HEB1000; HEM100 to HEM1000 and HD260x54,1 to HD400x1299**. Only pure compression is considered for both the web and the flange because it is rele-

vant for the design tables. The resultant classification, which is relevant for the dimensioning of the whole cross-section, is shown in Table 6. The classifications are given for the steel grades **S355 and S460M**.

Table 5: Classification of the cross-section elements for the HEA, HEB, HEM and HD section series in steel grade S355

Steel Grade	Class	Cross-Section Elements Supported on Both Sides (Web)		Cross-Section Elements Supported on One Side (Flange)	
			Sections		Sections
S355 ($\varepsilon = 0,81$)	1	$c/t \leq 33 \quad \varepsilon = 26,73$	HEA100 – HEA360 HEB100 – HEB450 HEM100 – HEM650 HD260x68,2 – HD260x299 HD320x97,6 – HD320x300 HD360x134 – HD360x196 HD400x187 – HD400x1299	$c/t \leq 9 \quad \varepsilon = 7,29$	HEA100 - HEA160 HEA340 – HEA1000 HEB100 – HEB1000 HEM100 – HEM1000 HD260x93 – HD260x299 HD320x127 – HD320x300 HD360x179 – HD360x196 HD400x187 – HD400x1299
	2	$c/t \leq 38 \quad \varepsilon = 30,78$	HEA400 – HEA450 HEB500 – HEB550 HEM700 HD260x54,1 HD320x74,2	$c/t \leq 10 \quad \varepsilon = 8,1$	HEA180 – HEA240 HEA320 HD320x97,6 HD360x162
	3	$c/t \leq 42 \quad \varepsilon = 34,02$	HEA500 HEB600 – HEB650 HEM800	$c/t \leq 14 \quad \varepsilon = 11,34$	HEA260 – HEA300 HD260x54,1 – HD260x68,2 HD320x74,2 HD360x134 – HD360x147
	4	$c/t > 42 \quad \varepsilon = 34,02$	HEA550 – HEA1000 HEB700 – HEB1000 HEM900 – HEM1000	$c/t > 14 \quad \varepsilon = 11,34$	

Table 5 (continued): Classification of the cross-section elements for the HEA, HEB, HEM and HD section series in steel grade S460M

Steel Grade	Class	Cross-Section Elements Supported on Both Sides (Web)		Cross-Section Elements Supported on One Side (Flange)	
			Sections		Sections
S460M ($\epsilon = 0,71$)	1	$c/t \leq 33 \epsilon = 23,43$	HEA100 – HEA240 HEB100 – HEB400 HEM100 – HEM600 HD260x93 – HD260x299 HD320x127 – HD320x300 HD360x162 – HD360x196 HD400x187 – HD400x1299	$c/t \leq 9 \epsilon = 6,39$	HEA100 – HEA120 HEA400 – HEA1000 HEB100 – HEB1000 HEM100 – HEM1000 HD260x93 – HD260x299 HD320x127 – HD320x300 HD360x196 HD400x216 – HD400x1299
	2	$c/t \leq 38 \epsilon = 26,98$	HEA260 – HEA400 HEB450 – HEB500 HEM650 HD260x68,2 HD320x97,6 HD360x134 – HD360x147	$c/t \leq 10 \epsilon = 7,1$	HEA140 – HEA160 HEA360 HD360x179
	3	$c/t \leq 42 \epsilon = 29,82$	HEA450 HEB550 HEM700 HD260x54,1 HD320x74,2	$c/t \leq 14 \epsilon = 9,94$	HEA180 – HEA340 HD260x68,2 HD320x97,6 HD360x134 – HD360x162 HD400x187
	4	$c/t > 42 \epsilon = 29,82$	HEA500 – HEA1000 HEB600 – HEB1000 HEM800 – HEM1000	$c/t > 14 \epsilon = 9,94$	HD260x54,1 HD320x74,2

Table 6: Classification of the whole cross-section for the HEA, HEB, HEM and HD section series in steel grades S355 and S460M

Sections	Steel Grade		Sections	Steel Grade		Sections	Steel Grade	
	S355	S460M		S355	S460M		S355	S460M
HEA100	1	1	HEB100	1	1	HEM100	1	1
HEA120	1	1	HEB120	1	1	HEM120	1	1
HEA140	1	2	HEB140	1	1	HEM140	1	1
HEA160	1	2	HEB160	1	1	HEM160	1	1
HEA180	2	3	HEB180	1	1	HEM180	1	1
HEA200	2	3	HEB200	1	1	HEM200	1	1
HEA220	2	3	HEB220	1	1	HEM220	1	1
HEA240	2	3	HEB240	1	1	HEM240	1	1
HEA260	3	3	HEB260	1	1	HEM260	1	1
HEA280	3	3	HEB280	1	1	HEM280	1	1
HEA300	3	3	HEB300	1	1	HEM300	1	1
HEA320	2	3	HEB320	1	1	HEM320	1	1
HEA340	1	3	HEB340	1	1	HEM340	1	1
HEA360	1	2	HEB360	1	1	HEM360	1	1
HEA400	2	2	HEB400	1	1	HEM400	1	1
HEA450	2	3	HEB450	1	2	HEM450	1	1
HEA500	3	4	HEB500	2	2	HEM500	1	1
HEA550	4	4	HEB550	2	3	HEM550	1	1
HEA600	4	4	HEB600	3	4	HEM600	1	1
HEA650	4	4	HEB650	3	4	HEM650	1	2
HEA700	4	4	HEB700	4	4	HEM700	2	3
HEA800	4	4	HEB800	4	4	HEM800	3	4
HEA900	4	4	HEB900	4	4	HEM900	4	4
HEA1000	4	4	HEB1000	4	4	HEM1000	4	4
Sections	Steel Grade		Sections	Steel Grade				
	S355	S460M		S355	S460M			
HD260x54.1	3	4	HD400x187	1	3			
HD260x68.2	3	3	HD400x216	1	1			
HD260x93.0	1	1	HD400x237	1	1			
HD260x114	1	1	HD400x262	1	1			
HD260x142	1	1	HD400x287	1	1			
HD260x172	1	1	HD400x314	1	1			
HD260x225	1	1	HD400x347	1	1			
HD260x299	1	1	HD400x382	1	1			
			HD400x421	1	1			
HD320x74.2	3	4	HD400x463	1	1			
HD320x97.6	2	3	HD400x509	1	1			
HD320x127	1	1	HD400x551	1	1			
HD320x158	1	1	HD400x592	1	1			
HD320x198	1	1	HD400x634	1	1			
HD320x245	1	1	HD400x677	1	1			
HD320x300	1	1	HD400x744	1	1			
			HD400x818	1	1			
HD360x134	3	3	HD400x900	1	1			
HD360x147	3	3	HD400x990	1	1			
HD360x162	2	3	HD400x1086	1	1			
HD360x179	1	2	HD400x1202	1	1			
HD360x196	1	1	HD400x1299	1	1			

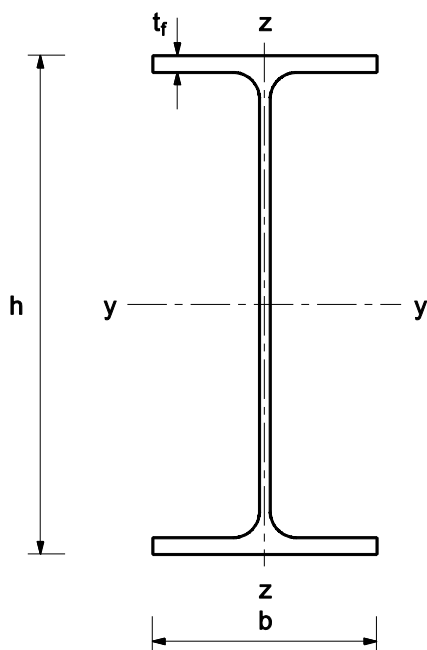
2.1.3 | Categorisation using the buckling curve

For verification of the resistance to flexural buckling, the selected cross-section is categorised using the buckling curves according to Table 6.2 of EN 1993-1-1; a selection of rolled, doubly symmetric cross-sections is given in Table 7.

The buckling curve to be used depends on the cross-section geometry and steel grade. This is because of the effect of imperfections that due to the use of the relevant buckling curve or the imperfection factor α are incorporated in the dimensioning. One differentiates between geometric and structural imperfections. With respect to the yield stress, high-strength steels have lower residual stresses and thus smaller structural imperfections, and are thus categorised according to more favourable buckling curves.

For S355, sections with dimensional ratios $h/b > 1,2$ and plate thicknesses $t_f > 100$ mm, such as HD400x900 to HD400x1299, are according to the buckling curve b for flexural buckling about the strong axis and to the buckling curve c for flexural buckling about the weak axis. For S460M, such sections are according to the buckling curve a for flexural buckling about the strong axis and buckling curve b for flexural buckling about the weak axis. This categorisation is based on the results of a research project conducted at TU Eindhoven [23].

Table 7: Categorisation using the buckling curve



Limits		Displacement at right angles to axis	Buckling curve	
			S 235 S 275 S 355 S 420	S 460
$h/b > 1,2$	$t_f \leq 40$ mm	y-y	a	a ₀
	40 mm $\leq t_f \leq 100$ mm	z-z	b	a ₀
$h/b \leq 1,2$		$t_f \leq 100$ mm	y-y	b
	z-z		c	a
	$t_f > 100$ mm	y-y	d	c
		z-z	d	c

2.2 | Verification of uniform structural elements with designed axial compression (flexural buckling) according to EN 1993-1-1, item 6.3.1

The verification is fulfilled if the design value of the action N_{Ed} does not exceed the design value of the flexural buckling resistance $N_{b,Rd}$.

$$\frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} \leq 1,0 \quad \text{mit} \quad N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi A f_y}{\gamma_{M1}}$$

$N_{b,Rd}$ is the design value of the resistance to flexural buckling. For Classes 1 to 3, this is calculated using the gross cross-sectional area A ; for Class 4 the effective cross-sectional area A_{eff} determined in accordance with EN 1993-1-5 is used.

Here, f_y is the yield stress and γ_{M1} the partial safety factor. The recommended partial safety factor according to EN 1993-1-1 is $\gamma_{M1} = 1,0$; by contrast, according to EN 1993-1-1/NA [2] $\gamma_{M1} = 1,1$ applies to all stability cases in Germany.

The reduction factor χ for the relevant flexural buckling:

$$\chi = \frac{1}{\phi + \sqrt{\phi^2 - \bar{\lambda}^2}} \quad \text{aber } \chi \leq 1,0$$

$$\text{whereby: } \phi = 0,5 \cdot [1 + \alpha \cdot (\bar{\lambda} - 0,2) + \bar{\lambda}^2]$$

α is the imperfection factor for the relevant buckling curve in Table 8.

Tabelle 8: Imperfection factor α

Bending curve	a ₀	a	b	c	d
Imperfection factor α	0,13	0,21	0,34	0,49	0,76

The specific slenderness ratio for flexural buckling $\bar{\lambda}$ has to be calculated as follows:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{A \cdot f_y}{N_{cr}}} = \frac{L_{cr}}{\pi} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{A \cdot f_y}{I \cdot E}}$$

($A=A_{brutto}$ for Classes 1 to 3, $A=A_{eff}$ for Class 4)

whereby N_{cr} represents the ideal elastic critical buckling load for the relevant bend direction. It is determined for the four Euler directions for flexural buckling using:

$$N_{cr} = \left(\frac{\pi}{\beta \cdot L} \right)^2 \cdot E \cdot I$$

In Diagram 5, the reduction factor χ is plotted as a function of the slenderness ratio $\bar{\lambda}$. Verification of resistance to flexural buckling is not required if $\bar{\lambda} \leq 0,2$ or $N_{ed} / N_{cr} \leq 0,04$.

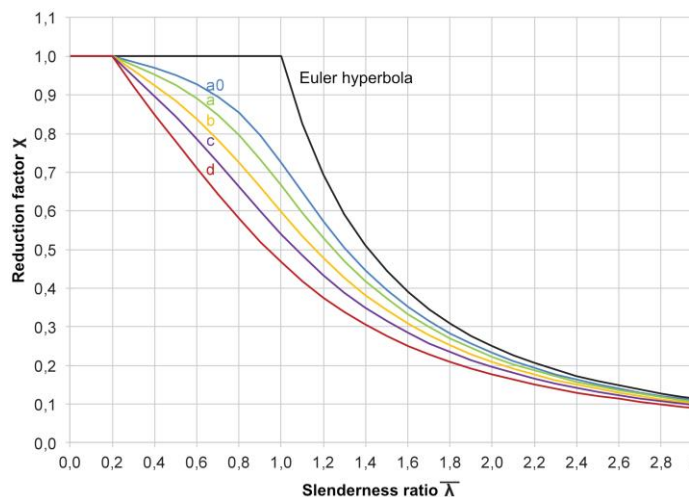


Diagram 5: Reduction factor χ as a function of the slenderness ratio $\bar{\lambda}$ in accordance with EN 1993-1-1 [1]

Based on this approach, design tables containing the flexural buckling resistances were prepared (Section A). The parameters cross-section (HEA, HEB, HEM and HD), steel grade (S355 and S460M) and buckling length (2,0 m to 14,0 m) were varied. The relevant buckling length $L_{cr} = \beta \cdot L$ for reading off the flexural buckling resistance can be determined independently of the existing static system (Euler cases 1 to 4, Fig. 3). When preparing the design tables, the full cross-sectional area was taken into account for the Classes 1 to 3. For Class 4 cross-sections, the effective cross-sectional area A_{eff} was considered in accordance with [3].

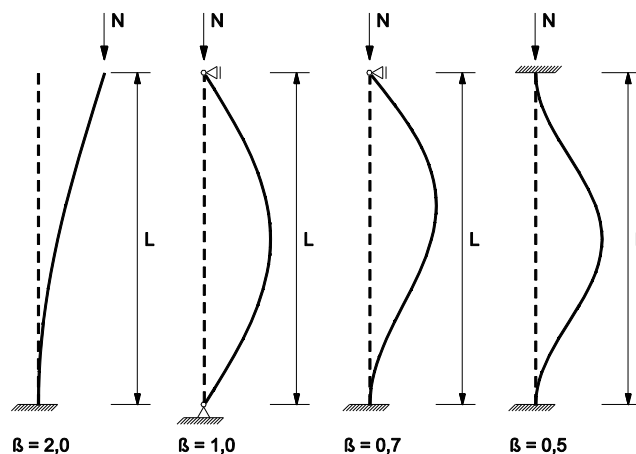


Bild 3: Euler cases 1 to 4 with delineation of the first eigenform where $L_{cr} = \beta L$

2.3|Verification of uniform structural elements with bending about the main axis (torsional-flexural buckling) according to EN 1993-1-1, item 6.3.2

As columns are often subjected to a bending stress, even when it is small, the dimensioning principles for additional stability analyses will be given.

A verification for torsional-flexural buckling as a result of bending stress must be carried out if necessary, followed by an interaction verification for flexural buckling and torsional-flexural buckling.

The verification of resistance to torsional-flexural buckling is given if:

$$\frac{M_{Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} \leq 1,0$$

The design value of the flexural buckling resistance $M_{b,Rd}$ is calculated as:

$$M_{b,Rd} = \chi_{LT} W_y \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M1}}$$

whereby: $W_y = W_{pl,y}$ for Classes 1 and 2; $W_y = W_{el,y}$ for lass 3, $W_y = W_{eff,y}$ for Class 4

EN 1993-1-1 [1] differentiates at this point between two cases: a 'general case' for all cross-sections and a 'special case' for doubly symmetric rolled and welded cross-sections of similar type.

2.3.1|General case for torsional-flexural buckling according to EN 1993-1-1, item 6.3.2.2

The reduction factor for torsional-flexural buckling χ_{LT} in the so-called general case is determined as:

$$\chi_{LT} = \frac{1}{\phi_{LT} + \sqrt{\phi_{LT}^2 - \bar{\lambda}_{LT}^2}} \text{ jedoch } \chi_{LT} \leq 1,0$$

with $\phi_{LT} = 0,5 \cdot [1 + \alpha_{LT}(\bar{\lambda}_{LT} - 0,2) + \bar{\lambda}_{LT}^2]$ and

$$\bar{\lambda}_{LT} = \sqrt{\frac{W_y f_y}{M_{cr}}}$$

Here, M_{cr} is the ideal torsional-flexural buckling moment, which can be determined using solutions from the literature or with the help of dimensioning software.

In the so-called general case, the reduction factor χ_{LT} is determined using the imperfection factor α_{LT} for torsional-flexural buckling. According to Table 8, the values of α_{LT} and α for flexural buckling are quantitatively identical. Categorisation using the relevant buckling curve is carried out independently of the method of manufacture of the section (welded/rolled) and the geometric ratio of the height to the width (h/b). Table 9 contains the classification of the section according to these criteria.

Table 9: Recommended buckling curves for torsional-flexural buckling

Cross-section	Limits	Buckling curves
Rolled I-section	$h/b \leq 2$	a
	$h/b > 2$	b
Welded I-section	$h/b \leq 2$	c
	$h/b > 2$	d
Other cross-sections	-	d

2.3.2|Special case for torsional-flexural buckling – rolled cross-sections or similar welded cross-sections – according to EN 1993-1-1, item 6.3.2.3

For the special case that there are rolled or welded sections of similar type, one may use more favourable torsional-flexural buckling curves for the calculation. To determine the reduction factor for torsional-flexural buckling χ_{LT} , a plateau value $\bar{\lambda}_{LT,0}$ and a factor β are used for this special case.

$$\chi_{LT} = \frac{1}{\phi_{LT} + \sqrt{\phi_{LT}^2 - \beta \cdot \bar{\lambda}_{LT}^2}}$$

where: $\phi_{LT} = 0,5 \cdot [1 + \alpha_{LT}(\bar{\lambda}_{LT} - \bar{\lambda}_{LT,0}) + \beta \cdot \bar{\lambda}_{LT}^2]$

According to EN 1993-1-1 [1], $\bar{\lambda}_{LT,0} = 0,4$ (highest value) and $\beta = 0,75$ (lowest value) should be used. The categorisation of the sections to the 'torsional-flexural buckling curves' is summarised in Table 10.

Table 10: Recommended torsional-flexural buckling curves

Cross-Section	Limits	Torsional-Flexural Buckling Curves
Rolled I-section	$h/b \leq 2$	b
	$h/b > 2$	c
Welded I-section	$h/b \leq 2$	c
	$h/b > 2$	d

Buckling and torsional-flexural buckling curves are compared in Diagram 6. It is apparent that the plateau with $\chi_{LT} = 1$ for the rolled or welded sections of similar type is extended from 0,2 to 0,4 and the corresponding torsional-flexural buckling curves for the special case are raised significantly compared with the buckling curves for the general case. For the special case, verification of the resistance to torsional-flexural buckling does not apply for slendernesses smaller than 0,4 and in the general case for slendernesses smaller than 0,2. This means a verification for resistance to torsional-flexural buckling for rolled or welded sections of similar type is not necessary if $\bar{\lambda}_{LT} \leq 0,4$ or converted $M_{ed} / M_{cr} \leq 0,16$ applies.

To take the load-dependent moment distribution between the lateral supports into consideration, the reduction factor χ_{LT} may be modified as follows:

$$\chi_{LT,mod} = \frac{\chi_{LT}}{f} \quad \text{jedoch} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \chi_{LT,mod} \leq 1 \\ \chi_{LT,mod} \leq \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{LT}^2} \end{array} \right.$$

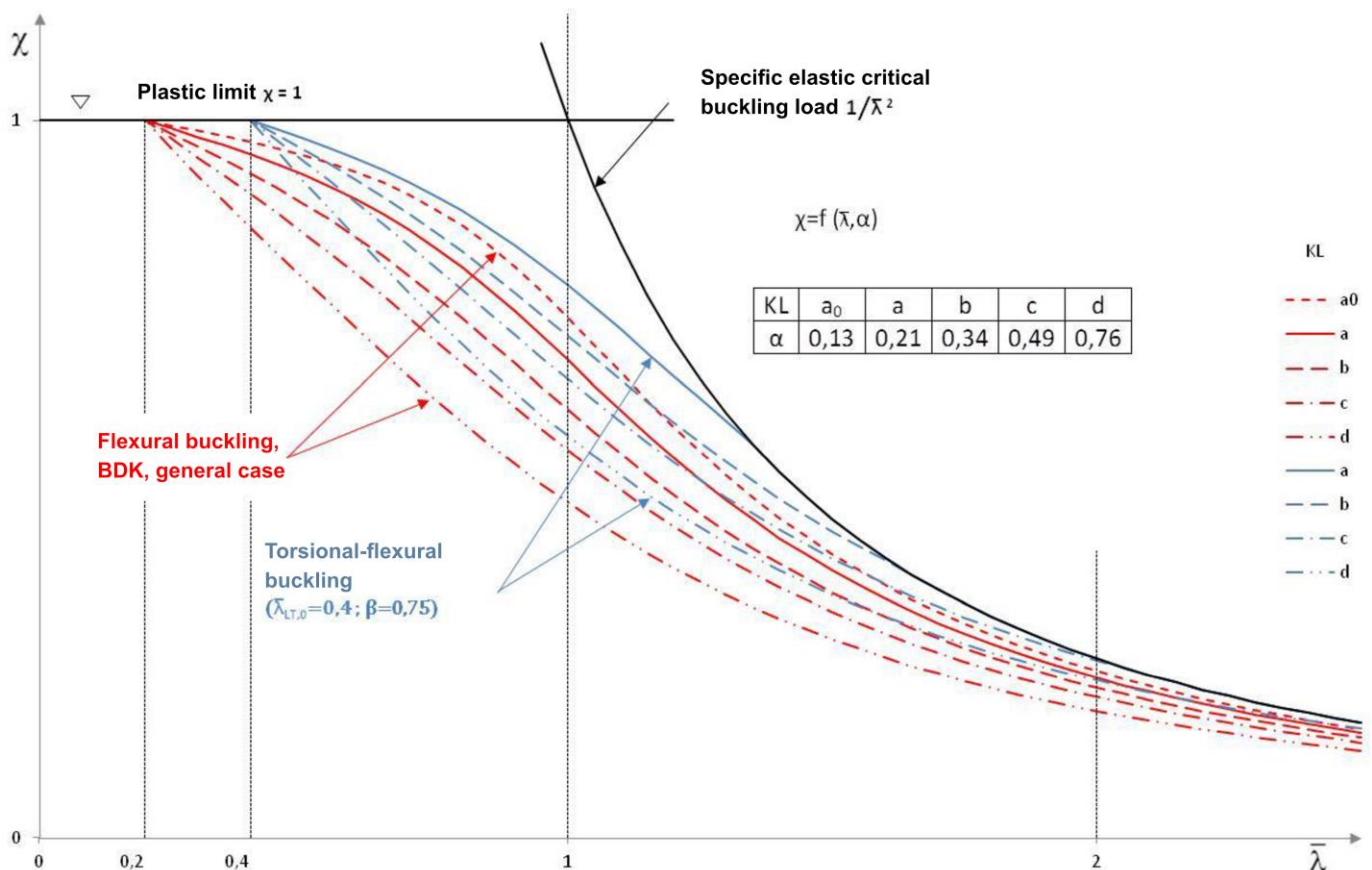


Diagram 6: Flexural and torsional-flexural buckling curves


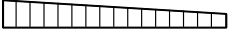
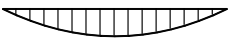

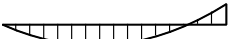
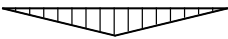

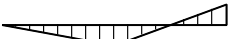
$$f = 1 - 0,5 \cdot (1 - k_c) \cdot \left[1 - 2,0 \cdot (\bar{\lambda}_{LT} - 0,8)^2 \right] \leq 1,0$$

k_c is a correction factor according to Table 11 or may be calculated as:

$$k_c = \sqrt{\frac{1}{C_1}}$$

C_1 corresponds exactly to the moment coefficient ζ for the fork bearing at the ends of the rods according to DIN 18800, Part 2, depending on the moment gradient.

Table 11: Recommended correction factors k_c according to [1]

Moment Distribution	k_c
 $\psi = 1$	1
 $-1 \leq \psi \leq 1$	$\frac{1}{1,33 - 0,33 \cdot \psi}$
	0,940
	0,897
	0,910
	0,860
	0,763
	0,816

2.4 | Interaction verifications for uniform structural elements subjected to bending and compression according to EN 1993-1-1, item 6.3.3

Structural elements loaded in compression and bending have to satisfy the requirements of the following interaction verifications:

$$\frac{N_{Ed}}{\chi_y N_{Rk}} + k_{yy} \frac{M_{y,Ed} + \Delta M_{y,Ed}}{\chi_{LT} \frac{M_{y,Rk}}{\gamma_{M1}}} + k_{yz} \frac{M_{z,Ed} + \Delta M_{z,Ed}}{\frac{M_{z,Rk}}{\gamma_{M1}}} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{N_{Ed}}{\chi_z N_{Rk}} + k_{zy} \frac{M_{y,Ed} + \Delta M_{y,Ed}}{\chi_{LT} \frac{M_{y,Rk}}{\gamma_{M1}}} + k_{zz} \frac{M_{z,Ed} + \Delta M_{z,Ed}}{\frac{M_{z,Rk}}{\gamma_{M1}}} \leq 1$$

With these verifications, consideration is given to the mutual interaction of the flexural buckling about both cross-section axes, the torsional-flexural buckling resulting from the bending moment M_y and the bending moment M_z . There are two methods available in [1] for determining the interaction factors k_{yy} , k_{yz} , k_{zy} and k_{zz} :

- Alternative Method 1 according to Annex A
- Alternative Method 2 according to Annex B

Practical application shows that Method 1 is better suited to computer-aided evaluation, whereas Method 2 is better for calculation by hand.

2.5 | Sample calculation for a column with designed axial compression (flexural buckling) according to EN 1993-1-1, cf. Table A.1.1

Given situation: Column HEA320 in S355, both sides simply supported with a length of 5 m ($\beta = 1,0$).

Required: Flexural buckling resistance about the y and z axes

Step 1:

Determine cross-section classification (Classes 1-4) HEA320 according to Table 6 → Class 2

Step 2:

Categorisation using the buckling curve
 $h/b = 310/300 = 1,033 < 1,2$ and $t_f = 15,5 \text{ mm} < 100 \text{ mm}$ → for S355: displacement at right angles to the y-axis = buckling curve b, at right angles to the z-axis = buckling curve c

Step 3:

Imperfection factor α (cf. Table 8)

$\alpha = 0,34$ for the y-axis or

$\alpha = 0,49$ for the z-axis

Step 4:

Calculation of the flexural buckling resistance about the strong y-axis:

$$N_{cr,y} = \left(\frac{\pi}{\beta \cdot L} \right)^2 \cdot E \cdot I_y = \left(\frac{3,14}{1 \cdot 500} \right)^2 \cdot 21000 \cdot 22929$$

$$= 18990 \text{ kN}$$

$$\bar{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{A f_y}{N_{cr}}} = \sqrt{\frac{124,4 \cdot 35,5}{18990}} = 0,482$$

$$\phi = 0,5 \cdot [1 + \alpha \cdot (\bar{\lambda} - 0,2) + \bar{\lambda}^2]$$

$$= 0,5 \cdot [1 + 0,34 \cdot (0,482 - 0,2) + 0,482^2]$$

$$= 0,664$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{\phi + \sqrt{\phi^2 - \bar{\lambda}^2}} = \frac{1}{0,664 + \sqrt{0,664^2 - 0,482^2}}$$

$$= 0,892$$

$$N_{b,Rd,y} = \frac{\chi A f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0,892 \cdot 124,4 \cdot 35,5}{1,1} = 3581 \text{ kN}$$

Step 5:

Calculation of the flexural buckling resistance about the weak z-axis:

$$N_{cr,z} = \left(\frac{\pi}{\beta \cdot L} \right)^2 \cdot E \cdot I_z = \left(\frac{3,14}{1 \cdot 500} \right)^2 \cdot 21000 \cdot 6985$$

$$= 5785 \text{ kN}$$

$$\bar{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{A f_y}{N_{cr}}} = \sqrt{\frac{124,4 \cdot 35,5}{5785}} = 0,874$$

$$\phi = 0,5 \cdot [1 + \alpha \cdot (\bar{\lambda} - 0,2) + \bar{\lambda}^2]$$

$$= 0,5 \cdot [1 + 0,49 \cdot (0,874 - 0,2) + 0,874^2]$$

$$= 1,047$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{\phi + \sqrt{\phi^2 - \bar{\lambda}^2}} = \frac{1}{1,047 + \sqrt{1,047^2 - 0,874^2}}$$

$$= 0,616$$

$$N_{b,Rd,z} = \frac{\chi A f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0,616 \cdot 124,4 \cdot 35,5}{1,1} = 2473 \text{ kN}$$

3 | Fire protection

Fire protection is a further and important aspect for designing and dimensioning columns in multi-storey construction.

Steel is an inorganic construction material and without any verification is classified as being non-inflammable. However, the load-carrying capacity of unprotected steel structures decreases significantly on heating above about 500°C. Nevertheless, it is possible to achieve any required fire resistance rating, defined by the so-called fire resistance class, by using appropriate fire protection measures. For this, a fire protection concept can be adapted to the use of the building.

Various fire protection measures are available to protect columns in the fire situation and thus achieve the required fire resistance rating:

- **Sprayed plaster coverings** with a coarse sprayed surface, mainly used for less important rooms with low aesthetic requirements.
- **Coating** - coatings that form an insulating layer where the steel construction remains visible and a protective foam forms in the fire situation
- **Encasement** - covering the column cross-section with boards, blankets or shaped elements. The surfaces of the encasements are smooth and already prepared for the application of paint. The pre-fabricated boards can be bonded, clamped, bolted or nailed. The joints and seams are carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Hot design** - dimensioning of the unprotected steel column under the effect of temperature as a result of the fire
- **Composite cross-section with concrete** - concrete-filled hollow composite columns, concrete-encased I-section columns, columns with concrete cores
- **Water cooling** - filling with water, used mainly with hollow section columns, prevents excessive heating of the steel

An overview of the possible ways of providing fire protection for steel columns, their boundary conditions and execution is given in [20].

3.1 | Basis of calculation

The necessary fire resistance of structural elements – expressed in terms of the classifications R30, R60, R90, etc. – is specified in state building codes or special building codes. The number of storeys, occupancy rate and use are usually considered in combination with the existing fire loads. The measures for plant-related fire protection, such as fire-alarm systems, fire-extinguishing systems (e.g. sprinklers) and/or smoke- or heat-extraction systems, have a beneficial effect on defining the fire resistance class.

The fire resistance classification of structural elements is carried out using standardised fire tests or is based on a structural fire design. In this publication, verification procedures based on calculation for internal, storey-high, hot-rolled, structural steel columns that are unprotected or protected by fire-protection materials are described on the basis of the simple method of calculation in accordance with EN 1993-1-2:2010-12, Section 4.2 [5], evaluated in nomograms [21] and documented with examples.

3.1.1 | Load-carrying capacity in the fire situation

The point in time at which the steel structural elements can fail in the fire situation depends on

- **the critical temperature $\theta_{a,cr}$:** the properties of structural steel are temperature-dependent (cf. Diagram 7). When the critical temperature is reached, the load-bearing capacity is just equal to the actions for the exceptional design situation according to EN 1990:2010-12 [6]. There is then a danger of failure. The critical temperature is determined by the utilisation grade in the fire situation μ_0 :

$$\mu_0 = E_{fi,d}/R_{fi,d,0}$$

$E_{fi,d}$: design value of the loading in the fire situation according to EN 1991-1-2:2010-12 [7]

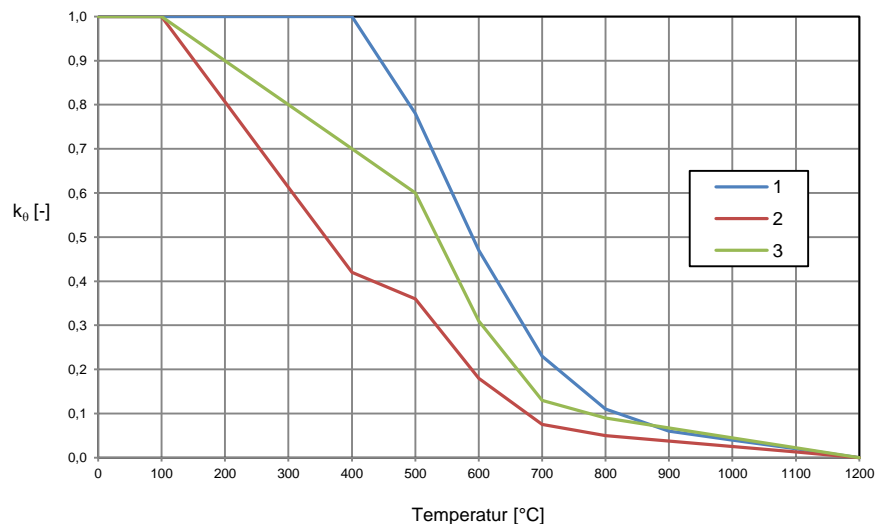
$R_{fi,d,0}$: design value of the loadability of the steel structural element at the point in time $t = 0$ (i.e. room temperature) with the partial safety factor for exceptional design situations $\gamma_{M0} = \gamma_{M,fi} = 1,0$.

- **the development of the steel temperature** for which the following parameters are important:
 - section factor $P = A_m/V$, which results from the ratio of the surface exposed to fire to the volume of a steel section. The calculation of the section factor is shown in Section 3.2.2.
 - thickness of the fire protection boards d_p and
 - thermal properties of the fire-protection coverings that are usually present:
 - ◆ density ρ_p [kg/m³]
 - ◆ thermal conductivity λ_p [W/(m·K)]
 - ◆ thermal capacity c_p [J/(kg·K)]

The thermal properties for different fire protection materials are given in Section 3.1.3.

Diagram 7: Reduction factors due to temperature for:

- 1 - the effective offset limit $k_{y,\theta} = f_{y,\theta}/f_y$
- 2 - the proportional limit $k_{p,\theta} = f_{p,\theta}/f_y$
- 3 - the elastic modulus $k_{E,\theta} = E_{a,\theta}/E_a$



3.1.2 | Boundary conditions

Storey-high columns with designed axial compression in the fire situation are calculated using the method of calculation in EN 1993-1-2:2010-12 [5]. Columns that are in danger of torsional-flexural buckling or designed to be subjected to compression and bending are excluded. The method of verification is applicable for the following boundary conditions:

- **structural steel grades** according to EN 10025 (all parts)
- **sections** of the cross-section classes 1, 2 and 3 (with $A_m/V > 10 \text{ m}^{-1}$) according to [1]; for Class 4 cf. Section 3.2.3
- a **temperature rise** in the fire area in accordance with the uniform temperature-time curve (UTTC) of ISO 834-1 [informative]
- **mechanical actions** that are constant during the whole of the fire duration. The effects of thermal strains in the long axis of the structural element are ignored.
- a **uniform temperature distribution** in the structural element
- a **classification of the cross-sections** as at normal temperatures, however with a reduced ε value

$$\varepsilon = 0,85 \cdot \sqrt{235/f_y} \quad \text{and } f_y = \text{yield stress at } 20^\circ\text{C}$$

- a **simplified determination of the loads in the fire situation** $E_{fi,d}$ according to [5], item 2.4.2(2) from the loads at room temperature

$$E_d: \quad E_{fi,d} = \eta_{fi} \cdot E_d$$
 with the reduction factor η_{fi} according to Diagram 8 from item 2.4.2 (3) [5] or according to Table 12 from [21].

Table 12: Reduction factors η_{fi} for vertical loads in the fire situation as a function of the ratio $Q_{k,1}/G_k$

Category		Q_k	$Q_{k,i}/G_k$	0,5	1,0	2,0
		kN/m^2	$\psi_{2,i}$	η_{fi}		
A:	Residential building	2,00	0,3	0,55	0,46	0,37
B:	Office building	3,00	0,3	0,55	0,46	0,37
C:	Assembly areas	5,00	0,6	0,62	0,56	0,51
D:	Sales areas	5,00	0,6	0,62	0,56	0,51
E:	Storage areas	7,50	0,8	0,67	0,63	0,60
F:	Vehicles < 30 kN	2,50	0,6	0,62	0,56	0,51
G:	Vehicles 30 – 160 kN	5,00	0,3	0,55	0,46	0,37
H:	Roofs	0,75	0,0	0,48	0,35	0,23

For simplification $\eta_{fi} = 0,7$ can be assumed for actions of the category E and $\eta_{fi} = 0,65$ in all other cases .

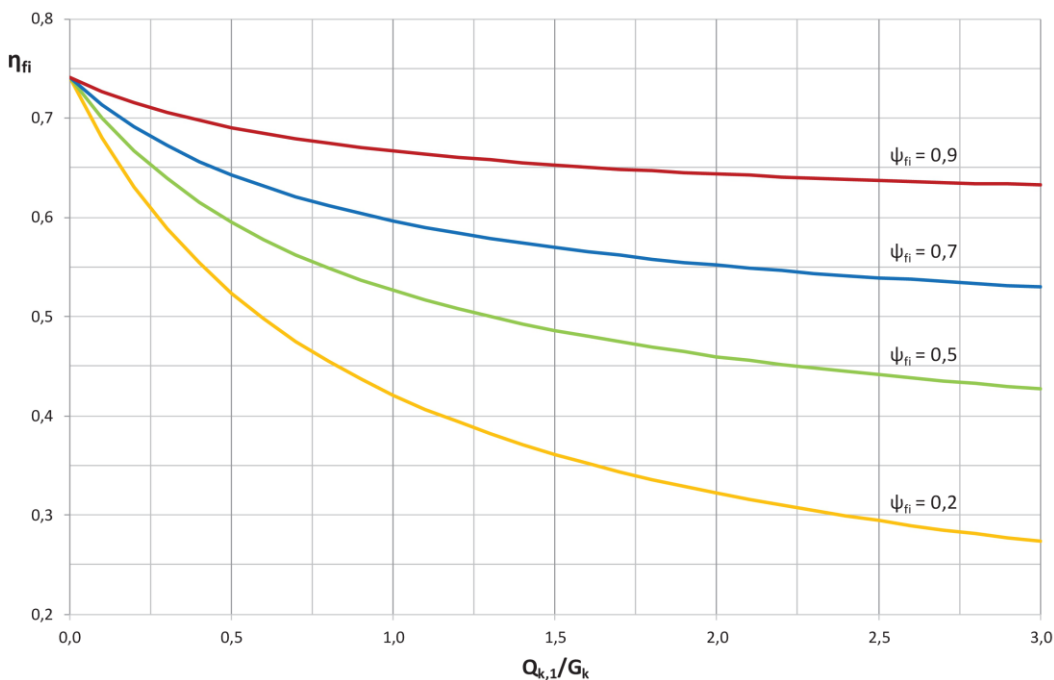


Diagram 8: According to item 2.4.2(3) in [5]

3.1.3 | Fire protection materials

The properties of the fire protection materials (cf. Table 13) used in the method of calculation usually have to be determined in accordance with the respective test procedure of CEN/TS 13381-1, ENV 13381-2 and -4 [informative].

These standards include the requirement that fire protection material must remain intact during the decisive fire exposure and may not become detached from the structural element.

Table 13: Thermal properties of coverings

Material of the fire-protection covering	ρ_p [kg/m ³]	λ_p W/(m·K)]	c_p [J/(kg·K)]
Machine-sprayed plaster			
- Mineral fibres	300	0,12	1200
- Vermiculite or perlite	350	0,12	1200
Special plaster			
- Vermiculite/perlite + cement	550	0,12	1100
- Vermiculite/perlite + gypsum	650	0,12	1100
Boards			
- Vermiculite/perlite + cement	800	0,20	1200
- Fibre silicate or fibre calcium silicate	600	0,15	1200
- Fibre-cement	800	0,15	1200
- Plaster board	800	0,20	1700
Blankets			
- Mineral or rock wool	150	0,20	1200
Dämmschichtbildner	0	≤ 0,012	0

3.2 | Method of calculation

3.2.1 | Critical temperature

The critical temperature of hot-rolled structural steel $\theta_{a,cr}$ at time t as a function of the utilisation grade μ_0 is determined using the function (4.22) in EN 1993-1-2, item 4.2.4 [5]. In the nomograms B.2 and B.3, this function is evaluated dependent on the slenderness ratio of the column for steel grades S355 and S460M.

Verification of compressively loaded columns in the fire situation is carried out with the help of nomograms using the following steps:

Step 1:

Calculation of the utilisation grade μ_0

$$\mu_0 = |N_{fi,Ed}| / (f_y \cdot A)$$

Step 2:

Calculation of the specific slenderness ratio at the point in time $t = 0$:

$$\bar{\lambda}_{\theta,0} = \frac{\beta_{fi}}{\beta} \cdot \bar{\lambda} = \beta_{fi} \cdot \frac{L}{i_{min} \cdot \pi} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{E_a}}$$

β_{fi}	Effective length factor according to [5] item 4.2.3.2 (4)
0,5	for columns in an internal storey
0,7	for columns in the uppermost storey
β	in all other cases, as for room temperature

Step 3:

Read off the critical temperature from the nomograms B.2 and B.3 as a function of the steel grade of the structural element.

3.2.2 | Fire resistance rating

In the fire situation, the temperature rise $\Delta\theta_{a,t}$ in a steel structural element during the time period Δt is calculated. The calculation is in accordance with EN 1993-1-2, item 4.2.5.1 [5] for unprotected, internal, steel structural elements and item 4.2.5.2 for protected, internal, steel structural elements. A significant variable for the heating up is the section factor P , which is defined as the ratio of the fire-exposed surface area to the volume of the steel structural element. The larger this factor, the quicker the structural element heats up das Bauteil.

The fire resistance rating of a structural element is read off from Nomogram B.1 based on further steps.

Step 4:

Calculation of the section factor P

$$P = A_m/V$$

where A_m is the circumference exposed to fire and V is the cross-sectional area. For unprotected and box-shaped covered H-sections, the contour of the rectangle circumscribing the cross-section can be taken to be A_m (cf. Table 14). For profile protection of constant thickness, P should be calculated as the quotient of the cross-section circumference and the cross-sectional area.

Step 5:

Correction of the section factor P for unprotected structural elements

For unprotected structural elements with I or H cross-sections, the section factor given in Table 14 has to be multiplied by 0,9.

Section factors that have already been determined for profile protected or box protected sections of the HEA, HEB, HEM and HD series exposed to fire on three or four sides are presented in Table 15.

Table 15: should not exceed $h/4$





HEA..				
100	217	264	138	185
120	220	267	137	185
140	208	253	129	174
160	192	234	120	161
180	187	226	115	155
200	174	211	108	145
220	161	195	99	134
240	147	178	91	122
260	141	171	88	117
280	136	165	84	113
300	126	153	78	105
320	117	141	74	98
340	112	134	72	94
360	107	128	70	91
400	101	120	68	87
450	96	113	66	83
500	92	107	65	80
550	90	104	65	79
600	89	102	65	79
650	87	100	65	78
700	85	96	64	76
800	84	94	66	76
900	81	90	65	74
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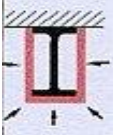

Table 14 : Examples of the calculation of section factors


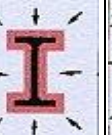


Unprotected I- and H-sections heated on four sides	I- and H-sections with box protection heated on four sides ¹⁾	I- and H-sections with profile protection heated on four sides
$P = 0,9 \cdot (2b + 2h)/A_a$	$P = (2b + 2h)/A_a$	$P = U/A_a$
Unprotected I- and H-sections heated on three sides	I- and H-sections with box protection heated on three sides ¹⁾	I- and H-sections with profile protection heated on three sides
$P = 0,9 \cdot (b + 2h)/A_a$	$P = (b + 2h)/A_a$	$P = (U - b)/A_a$

¹⁾ The air gaps c_1 and c_2 should not exceed $h/4$.

Table 15 (continuation): Section factors for sections of the HEA, HEB, HEM and HD series

HEB..				
100	180	218	115	154
120	167	202	106	141
140	155	187	98	130
160	140	169	88	118
180	131	159	83	110
200	122	147	77	102
220	115	140	72	97
240	108	131	68	91
260	105	127	66	88
280	102	123	64	85
300	96	116	60	80
320	91	110	58	77
340	88	106	57	75
360	86	102	56	73
400	82	97	56	71
450	79	93	55	69
500	76	89	54	67
550	76	88	55	67
600	75	86	56	67
650	74	85	56	66
700	72	82	55	65
800	72	81	57	66
900	70	78	57	65
1000	70	78	57	65

HEM..				
100	96	116	65	85
120	92	111	61	80
140	88	106	58	76
160	83	100	54	71
180	80	96	52	68
200	76	92	49	65
220	73	88	47	62
240	61	73	39	52
260	59	72	39	51
280	59	71	38	50
300	50	60	33	43
320	50	60	33	43
340	50	60	34	43
360	51	61	34	44
400	52	62	36	45
450	53	62	38	47
500	55	63	39	48
550	56	64	41	50
600	57	65	42	51
650	58	66	44	52
700	59	67	45	53
800	60	68	48	55
900	70	78	57	65
1000	64	70	52	59

HD..				
HD 260 x 54,1	176	214	108	146
HD 260 x 68,2	141	171	88	117
HD 260 x 93	105	127	66	88
HD 260 x 114	86	104	55	73
HD 260 x 142	71	86	46	60
HD 260 x 172	59	72	39	51
HD 320 x 74,2	152	184	95	127
HD 320 x 97,6	117	141	74	98
HD 320 x 127	91	110	58	77
HD 320 x 158	74	89	48	63
HD 320 x 198	60	72	39	51
HD 320 x 245	50	60	33	43
HD 320 x 300	42	50	28	36
HD 360 x 134	104	125	63	85
HD 360 x 147	95	114	58	78
HD 360 x 162	87	105	53	71
HD 360 x 179	79	95	49	65
HD 360 x 196	72	87	45	60
HD 400 x 187	78	94	47	64
HD 400 x 216	68	82	42	56
HD 400 x 237	63	76	38	52
HD 400 x 262	57	69	35	47
HD 400 x 287	52	63	32	43
HD 400 x 314	48	58	30	40
HD 400 x 347	44	53	28	37
HD 400 x 382	40	49	25	34
HD 400 x 421	37	45	23	31
HD 400 x 463	34	41	22	29
HD 400 x 509	31	38	20	27
HD 400 x 551	29	35	19	25
HD 400 x 592	28	33	18	23
HD 400 x 634	26	31	17	22
HD 400 x 677	25	30	16	21
HD 400 x 744	23	27	15	20
HD 400 x 818	21	25	14	18
HD 400 x 900	19	23	13	17
HD 400 x 990	18	22	12	16
HD 400 x 1086	17	20	11	15
HD 400 x 1202	15	18	11	14
HD 400 x 1299	15	17	10	13

For covered structural elements, heating up should be calculated using a thermal section factor TP:

$$TP = \frac{A_p}{V} \cdot \frac{\lambda_p}{d_p} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \phi/3} \quad \text{und} \quad \phi = \frac{\rho_p \cdot c_p}{\rho_a \cdot c_a} \cdot d_p \cdot \frac{A_p}{V}$$

where A_p is the internal execution of the fire protection covering (cf. Table 14).

The parameter ϕ covers the inertia of the fire-protection system, ρ_a is the density and c_a the thermal capacity of structural steel, which are taken to be constant as 7850 kg/m³ and 600 J/(kg·K) respectively. For simplification, ϕ can also be ignored, i.e. taken to be 0. The time-temperature curves for covered structural elements in Nomogram B.1 were determined without using the thermal inertia ϕ .

Step 6:

Read off the fire resistance rating (time) from the time-temperature Nomogram B.1, both for a protected and an unprotected structural element.

3.2.3 | Structural elements with cross-sections of the Class 4

According to EN 1993-1-2, item 4.2.3.6 [5], the verification for structural elements of Class 4 is deemed to have been provided as long as the steel temperature θ_a does not exceed the critical temperature θ_{crit} of 350°C. For the design operation using the nomograms it follows that the required thermal section factor can be read off from Nomogram B.1 for $\theta_{crit} = 350^\circ\text{C}$ and the necessary fire resistance rating in order to determine the thickness for suitable fire protection covering.

3.3 | Sample calculations

3.3.1 | Example 1 – protected storey-high column

Given situation: Continuous HEB200 column in S355 in an office building. There are five storeys above the column and a 3 m-high internal column will be investigated. The fire protection covering comprises box-shaped, 20 mm thick, sandwich type plaster boards.

Required: Fire resistance rating

Step 1: Utilisation grade

Assumption: The column supports $5 \cdot 2 = 10$ girders with a total load in the fire situation of

$$N_{fi,ED} = 500 \text{ kN}$$

Classification of the cross-section in the fire situation:

$$\varepsilon = 0,85 \cdot \sqrt{235/f_y} = 069 \quad \rightarrow \text{limit for Class 1 } c/t \leq 22,77$$

For HEB200: vorh. $c/t = 14,9 \leq 22,77 \rightarrow$ cross-section is Class 1!

The utilisation grade is

$$\mu_0 = \frac{500}{78,08 \cdot 35,5} = 0,18$$

Step 2: Specific slenderness ratio for $t = 0$

The effective length factor for the fire situation is $\beta_{fi} = 0,5$ (internal storey).

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\lambda}_{\theta,0} &= \beta_{fi} \cdot \frac{L}{i_{min} \cdot \pi} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{E_a}} \\ &= 0,5 \cdot \frac{300}{5,065 \cdot 3,14} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{355}{210000}} \\ &= 0,388 \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: From Nomogram B.2 it follows that approximately $\theta_{a,cr} = 690^\circ\text{C}$

Step 4: Calculation of the section factor according to Table 14 or reading it off from Table 15

$$P = \frac{2b + 2h}{A_a} = \frac{2 \cdot 20 + 2 \cdot 20}{78,08} = 1,024 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 102 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

Step 5: Correction of the section factor

$$\phi = \frac{\rho_p \cdot c_p}{\rho_a \cdot c_a} \cdot d_p \cdot \frac{A_p}{V} = \frac{800 \cdot 1700}{7850 \cdot 600} \cdot 0,02 \cdot 102 = 0,59$$

$$\begin{aligned} TP &= \frac{A_p}{V} \cdot \frac{\lambda_p}{d_p} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \phi/3} = \frac{102 \cdot 0,2}{0,02 \cdot (1 + \frac{0,59}{3})} \\ &= 852 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{K}} \end{aligned}$$

Step 6: Fire resistance rating

$t > 120$ minutes is read off from Nomogram B.1. The column fulfils the classification R 90!

3.3.2 | Example 2 – Unprotected storey-high column

Given situation: HEA200 column in S355 for the top storey of the office building considered previously. The column does not have any fire protection covering. For simplification, it will be assumed that the actions are the same as in Section 3.3.1 (conservative).

Required: Check whether the column can be classified as R 30

Step 1: Utilisation grade

Acting axial force – for simplification the deck is taken to be the deck of one storey.

$$N_{fi,ED} = 500/5 = 100 \text{ kN}$$

The utilisation grade is

$$\mu_0 = \frac{100}{53,83 \cdot 35,5} = 0,052$$

Step 2: Specific slenderness ratio for $t = 0$

The effective length factor for the fire situation is $\beta_{fi} = 0,7$.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\lambda}_{\theta,0} &= \beta_{fi} \cdot \frac{L}{i_{min} \cdot \pi} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{E_a}} = 0,7 \cdot \frac{300}{4,98} \cdot \frac{1}{93,9} \\ &= 0,449 \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: From Nomogram B.2 it follows that approximately $\theta_{a,cr} > 900^\circ\text{C}$

Step 4: Calculation of the section factor (cf. Table 14)

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 0,9 \cdot \frac{2 \cdot b + 2 \cdot h}{A_a} \\ &= 0,9 \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 20 + 2 \cdot 19}{53,8} = 131 \text{ m}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

or using Table 15:

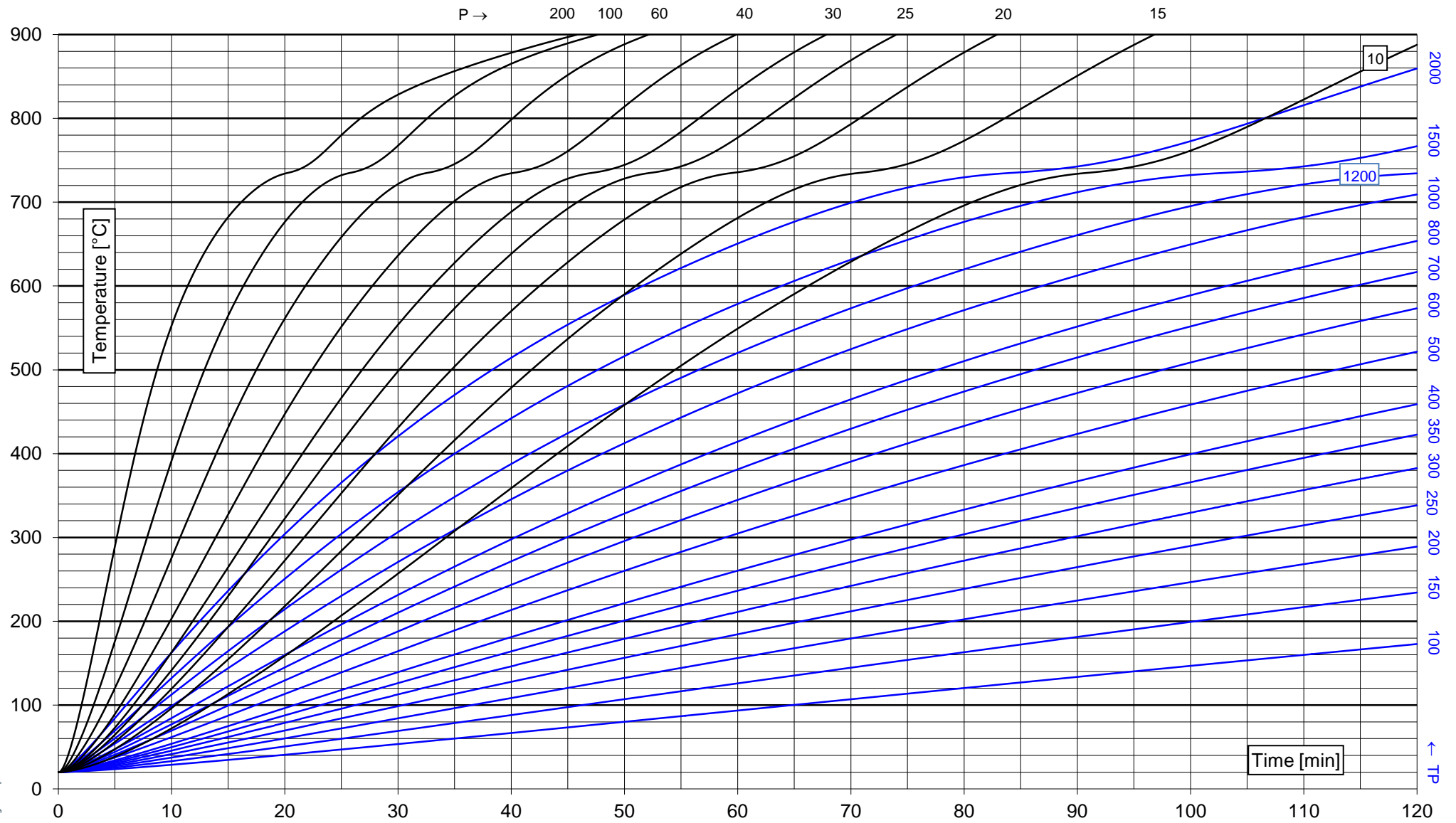
$$P = 0,9 \cdot 145 \text{ m}^{-1} = 131 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

Step 5: not applicable

Step 6: Fire resistance rating

$t > 46$ minutes is read off from Nomogram B.1. The column fulfils the classification R 30!

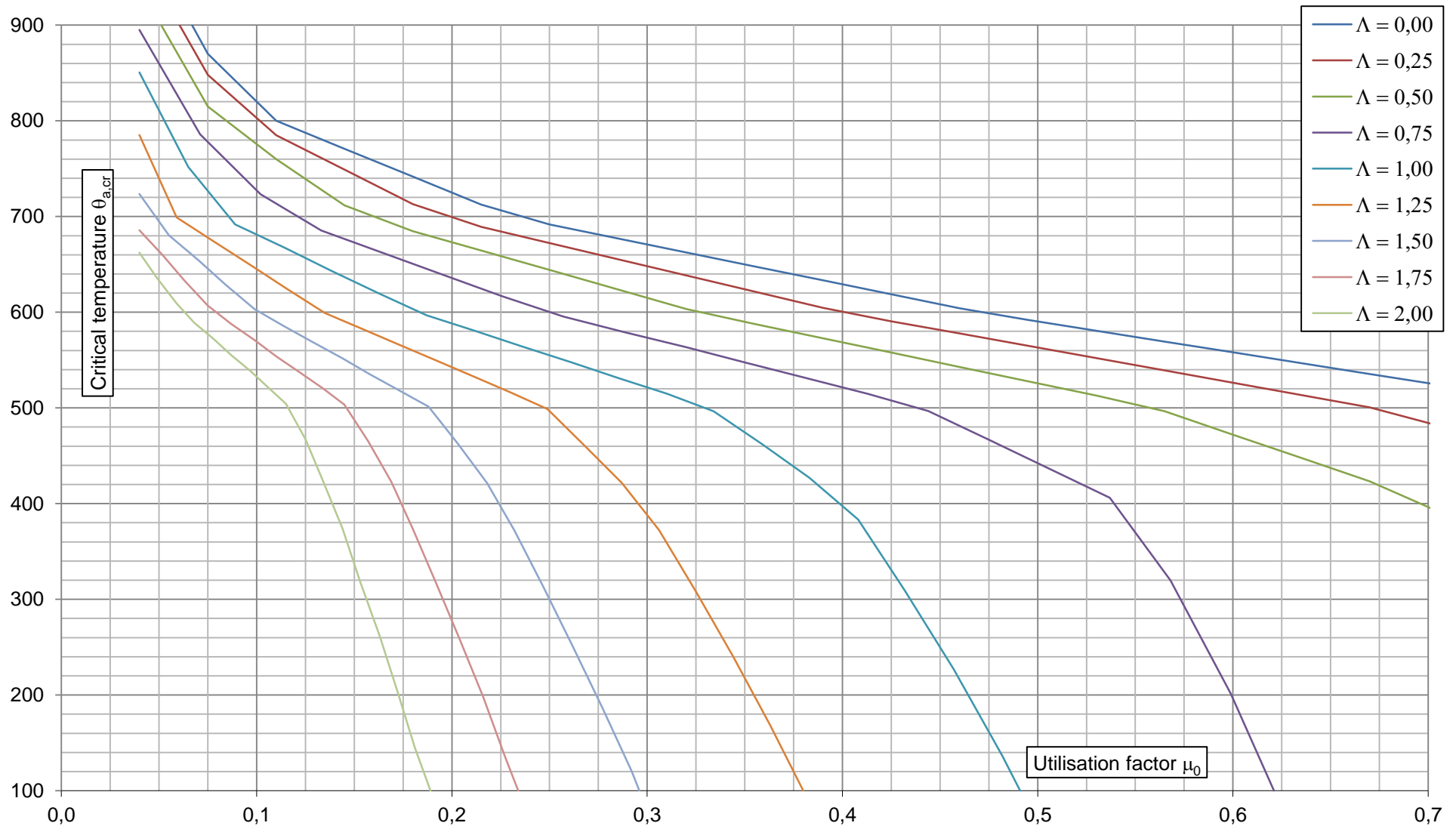
Nomogram B.1: Dependence of the steel temperature on the fire duration (time) (from [21])



P = section factor for unprotected steel sections [m^{-1}] TP = thermal section factor for covered steel sections [$\text{W}/(\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{K})$]

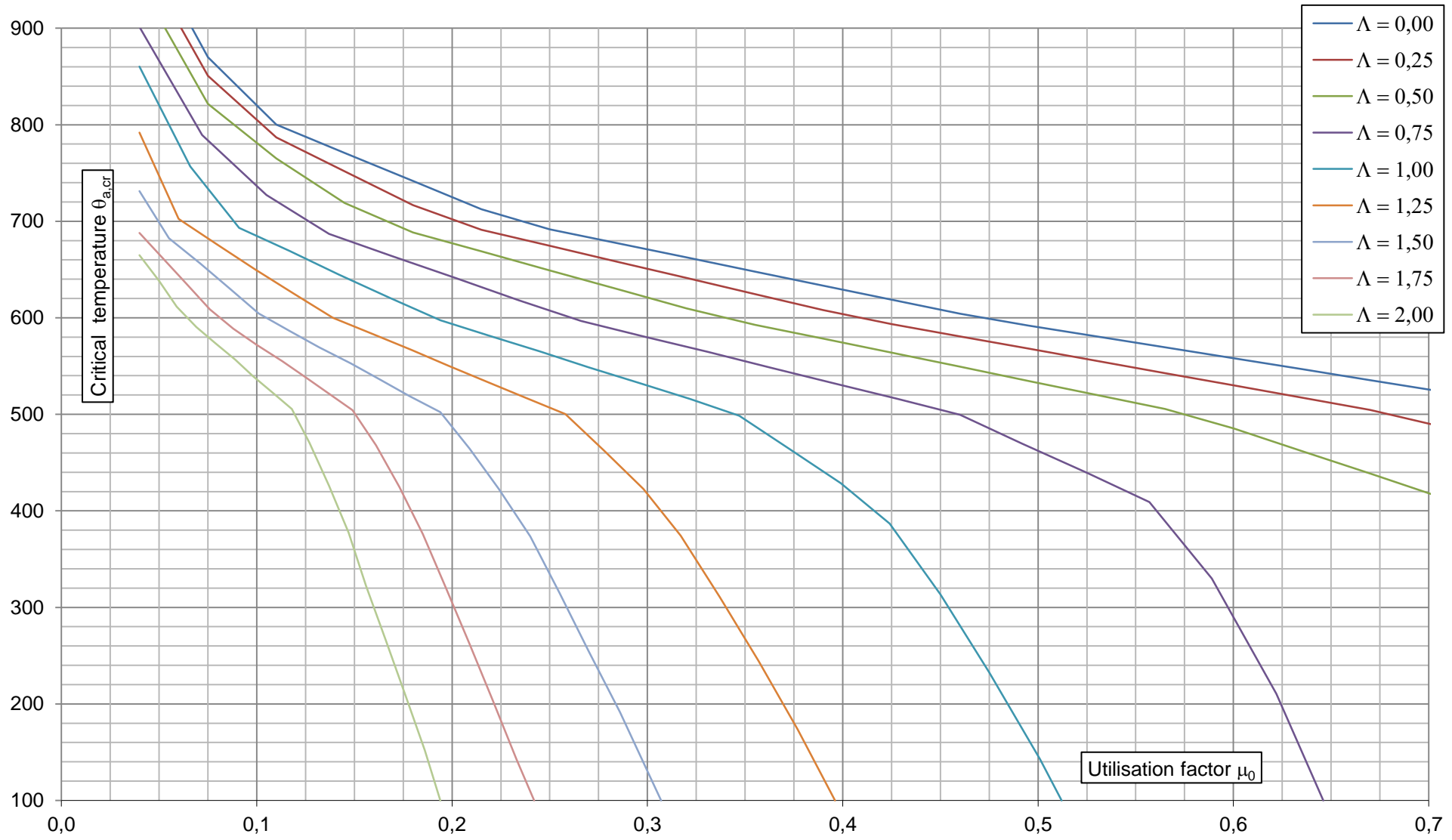
Nomogram B.2: Critical temperature $\theta_{a,cr}$ for compression members in steel grade S355 (from [21])

Critical temperature Utilisation factor



$\Lambda = \bar{\lambda}_{\theta,0}$ = specific slenderness ratio in the fire situation

Nomogram B.3: Critical temperature $\theta_{a,cr}$ for compression members in steel grades S460M (from [21])



$\Lambda = \bar{\lambda}_{\theta,0}$ = specific slenderness ratio in the fire situation

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