

Technical Information

General- Presented in the load tables are maximum uniformly distributed specified loads.

Steel- Conforms to ASTM A653/A653M. Grade 33/230; Yield stress 33 ksi/230 MPa and Tensile stress 45 ksi/310 MPa.

Finishes -ZF75(A25), Z275(G90) or AZM150(AZ50) of ASTM A792M.

Load Tables - The following information regarding the determination of the specified wind and snow loads is contained in the 2015 Edition of the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC). Importance factors are applied to both strength (ULS) and serviceability/deflection (SLS) limit state design considerations. A lower load factor for wind of 1.4, instead of 1.5 for live and snow loads, is now being used. This lower load factor for wind somewhat offsets the higher wind loads (1 in 50 year return) that are now listed in the NBCC by geographic location. The importance category of the end use of the building/structure must also be recognized, such as Normal or Low.

All of this will impact how the load tables are to be used. In an effort to help the design professional with the load tables, the information below was taken directly from Division B, Part 4 (Structural Design) of the NBCC.

Specified Wind Load

$$W = I_w [q C_e C_g C_p] \quad [1]$$

Importance Category	Importance Factor, I_w	
	ULS	SLS
Low	0.8	0.75
Normal	1.0	0.75
High	1.15	0.75
Post-Disaster	1.25	0.75

Specified Snow Load

$$S = I_s [S_s (C_b C_w C_s C_a) + S_r] \quad [2]$$

Importance Category	Importance Factor, I_s	
	ULS	SLS
Low	0.8	0.9
Normal	1.0	0.9
High	1.15	0.9
Post-Disaster	1.25	0.9

The importance factors, I_w and I_s , have been incorporated in the load tables, as well as the importance category. The parameters in the boxed-in portion of Equations [1] and [2] must be determined by the design professional in accordance with the NBCC.

Strength - The maximum uniformly distributed specified load based on strength in the load table must be equal to or greater than (**Specified live load + 0.833 times the specified dead load**). Where 0.833 = 1.25/1.5. The specified live load can be either due to use and occupancy or snow load. In cases where live load and snow load act together, the load combination factors in the NBCC must be followed.

Serviceability (Deflection) - The maximum uniformly distributed specified load based on deflection in the load table must be equal to or greater than the specified live load. The effective moment of inertia for deflection determination was calculated at an assumed specified live load stress of **0.6F_y**.

EXAMPLE (Use of Load Table)

1.5" Roof Deck (Normal Importance Category)

Given: (Imperial units)

(LLF = 1.5 and $I_s = 0.9$)

~ Deck thickness, $t = 0.036$ in.

~ Double span continuous, $L = 7.5$ ft each span

~ Bearing length, $N = 3$ in.

~ L/240 deflection limit

~ Specified loads

1) Dead load (DL)

a) Deck 2.0psf

b) Superimposed 10.0psf; DL = 12.0psf

2) Snow Live load (LL) LL = 40.0psf

The live load is the value of the boxed-in portion of the specified snow load expression [2].

Solution:

Strength "S"

1) Specified load [LL + 0.833DL] = 50.0psf

2) Maximum specified load from Load Table is **56 psf**

Since **56 > 50.0** ∴ OK

3) Check web crippling ($N = 3$ in.)

a) End reaction = $0.375(50.0)7.5 = \mathbf{141lb/ft}$

From section property table,

$$P_e = P_{e1} + P_{e2} [N/t]^{1/2}$$

$$= 265 + 66.2[3/0.036]^{1/2} = \mathbf{869lb/ft}$$

Since **869 > 141** ∴ OK

b) Interior reaction = $1.25(50.0)7.5 = \mathbf{469lb/ft}$

From section property table,

$$P_i = P_{i1} + P_{i2} [N/t]^{1/2}$$

$$= 506 + 86.1[3/0.036]^{1/2} = \mathbf{1292lb/ft}$$

Since **1292 > 469** ∴ OK

Deflection "D"

From table, $L/180 = \mathbf{119psf}$

For L/240, multiply 119 by $180/240 = \mathbf{89.3psf}$

Since **89.3 > 40** ∴ OK