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81. In this example, the across-wind accelerations clearly overshadow the along-wind accelerations. A tall building erected in a waterfront location may be exposed to all three terrain conditions for different wind directions.

Tornadoes

82. Although the probability of any one particular building being hit by a tornado is very small (less than 10^{-5} per year^[32]), tornadoes account for the greatest incidence of death and serious injury of building occupants due to structural failure and cause considerable economic loss. With some exceptions, such as nuclear power plants, it is generally not economical to design buildings for tornadoes beyond what is currently required by NBC Subsection 4.1.7. because of the low risk of loss to individual owners (insurance is cheaper). It is, however, important to provide key construction details for the safety of building occupants. Investigations of tornado-damaged areas in Eastern Canada^{[33][34]} have shown that the buildings in which well over 90% of the occupants were killed or seriously injured by tornadoes did not satisfy the following two key details of building construction:
- the anchorage of house floors into the foundation or ground (the floor takes off with the occupants on it), and
 - the anchorage of roofs down through concrete block walls (the roof takes off and the unsupported block wall collapses onto the occupants).
83. The first detail—the anchorage of house floors—is essentially covered by NBC Article 9.23.6.1. for typical housing with permanent foundations. CSA Z240.10.1^[50] contains anchorage recommendations for protecting mobile homes against the effects of tornadoes. The second detail—roof anchorage in block walls—is essentially covered in CSA S304.1^[51] through limit states requirements for wind uplift and, for the empirical method of masonry design, by Clause F.1.4 of the standard. Deficiency of this construction detail is especially serious for open assembly occupancies because there is nothing inside, such as stored goods, to protect the occupants from wall collapse. For such buildings in tornado-prone areas, it is recommended that the block walls contain vertical reinforcing linking the roof to the foundation.
84. For tornado protection, key details such as those indicated above should be designed on the basis of a factored uplift wind suction of 2 kPa on the roof, a factored lateral wind pressure of 1 kPa on the windward wall, and suction of 2 kPa on the leeward wall.
85. Guidance for determining if a given locality is prone to tornadoes may be obtained from Information Services Section, Environment Canada, 4905 Dufferin Street, Toronto, Ontario M3H 5T4; e-mail: climate.services@ec.gc.ca.

Figures

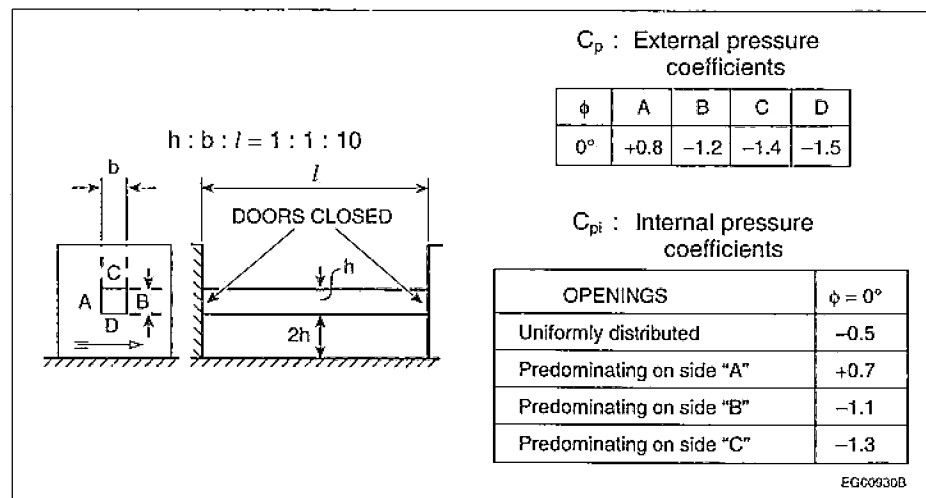
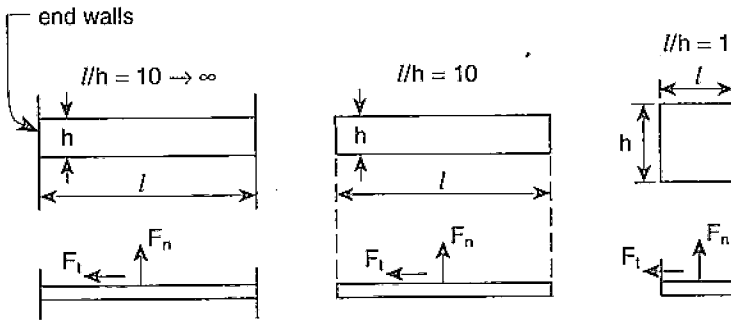


Figure I-22
Closed passage between large walls

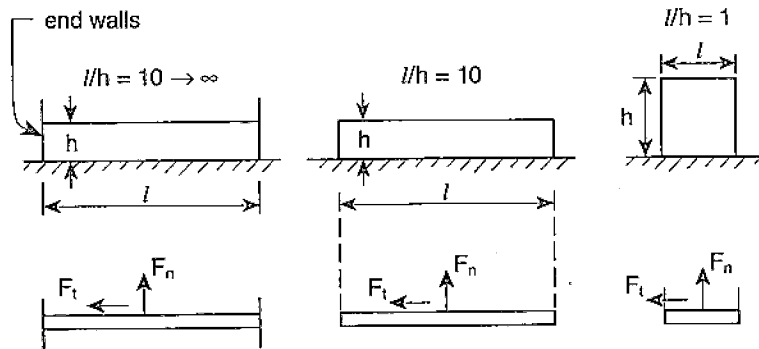
Case 1



C_t , Force Coefficient for Walls Above Ground

l/h	$10 \rightarrow \infty$ (End Walls)	10	1
C_t	2.0	1.3	1.15

Case 2



C_t , Force Coefficient for Walls on the Ground

l/h	$10 \rightarrow \infty$ (End Walls)	10	1
C_t	1.3	1.2	1.1

$$F_n = C_t C_n q C_g C_e h l$$

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Normal and Transverse Combinations

Case	Normal Component, C_n	Transverse Component, C_t
1	1.0	0.2
2	0.6	0.3

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Figure I-23
Free-standing plates, walls and billboards

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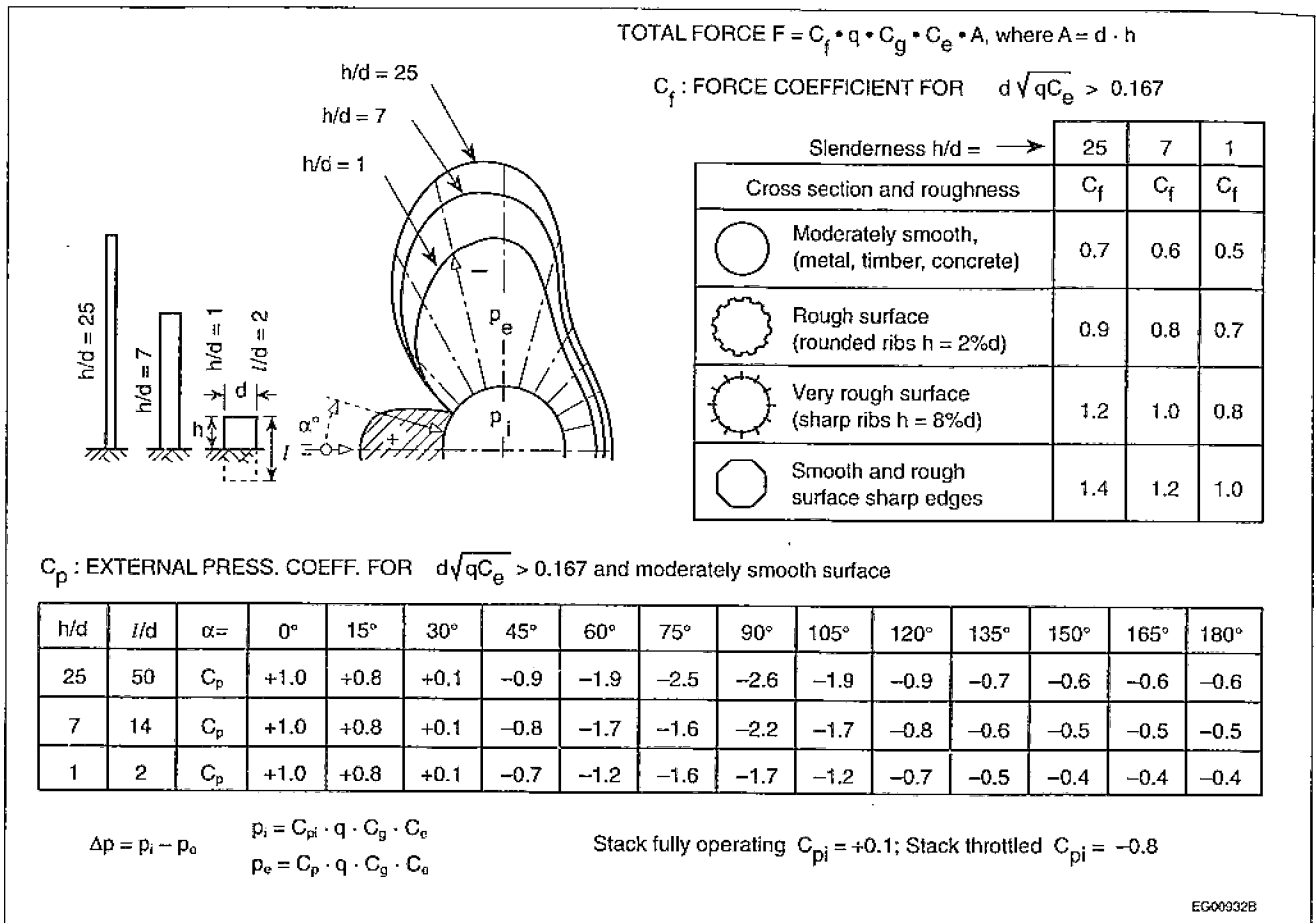


Figure I-24
Cylinders, chimneys and tanks

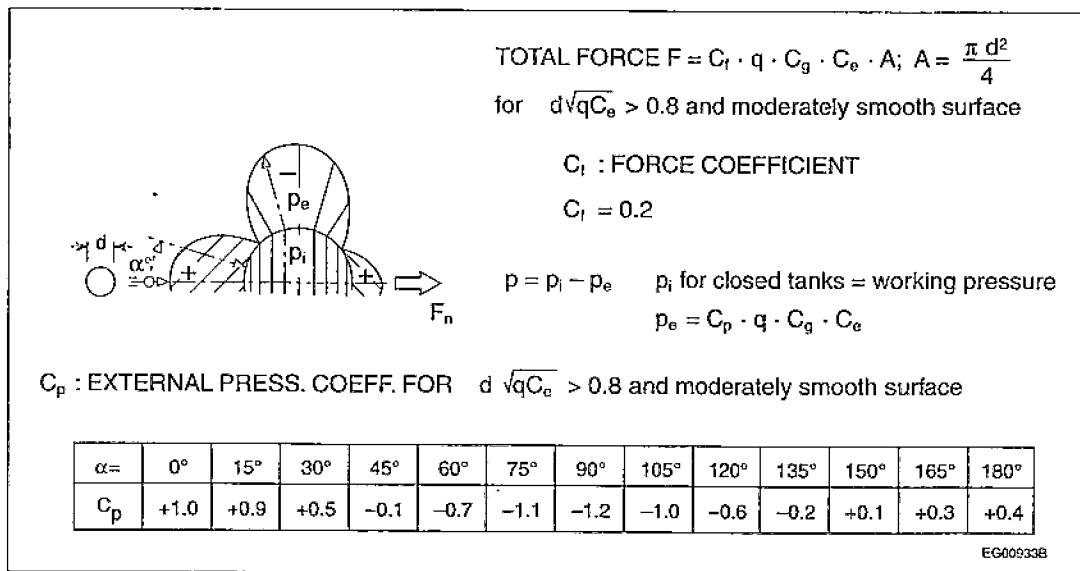


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Spheres

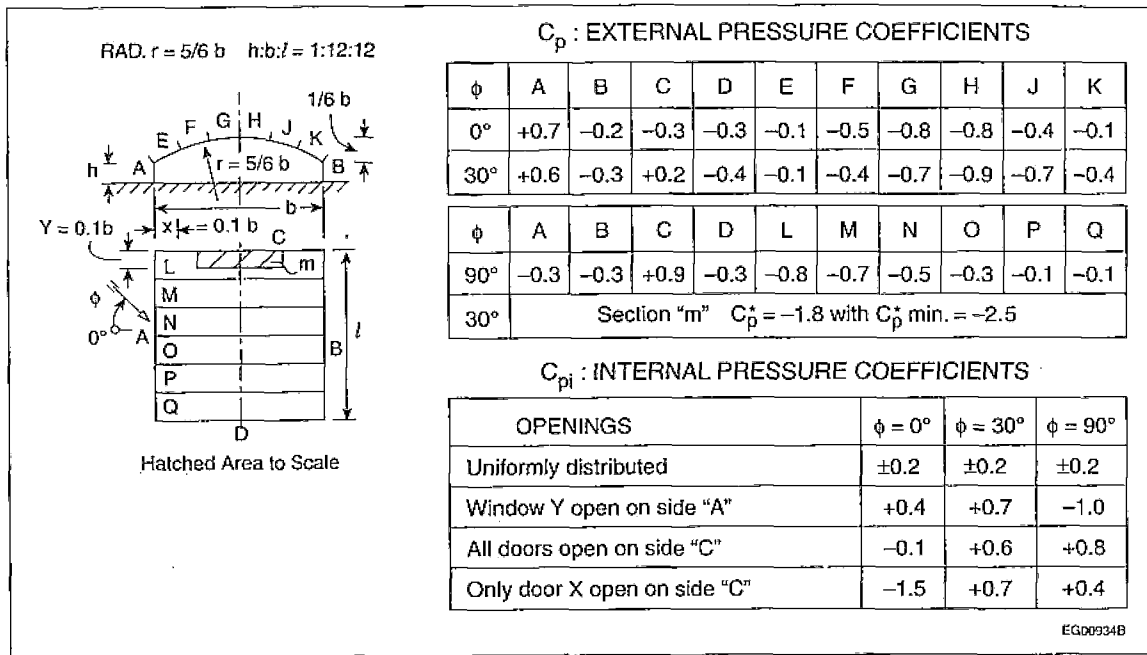


Figure I-26
Hangar, curved roof with moderately smooth surface

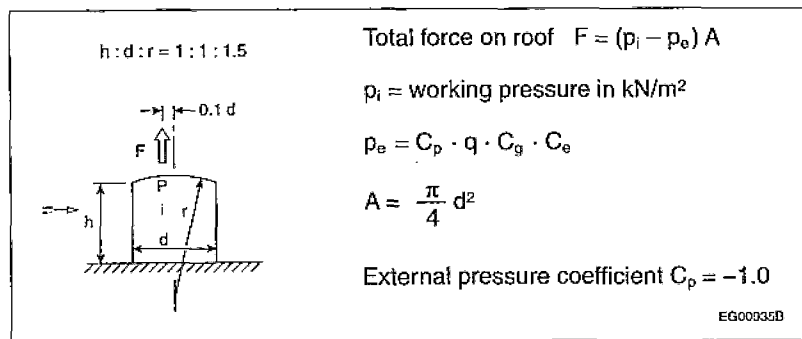


Figure I-27
Roof load on smooth closed tank

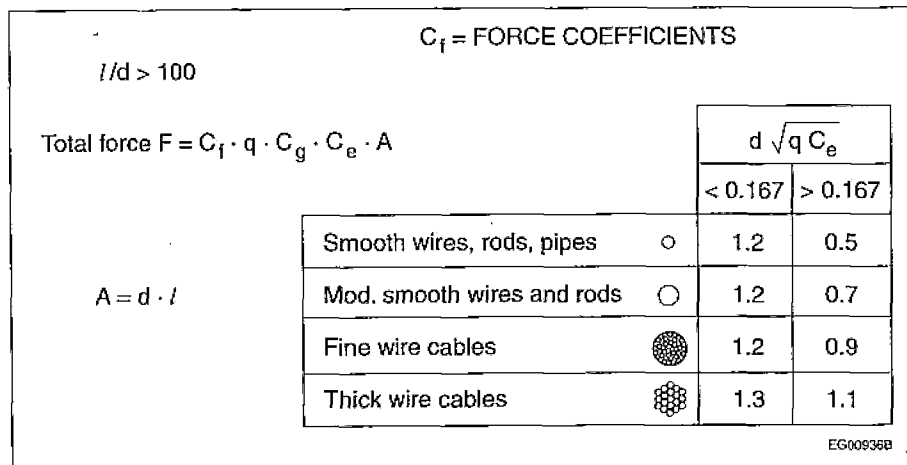


Figure I-28
Poles, rods and wires

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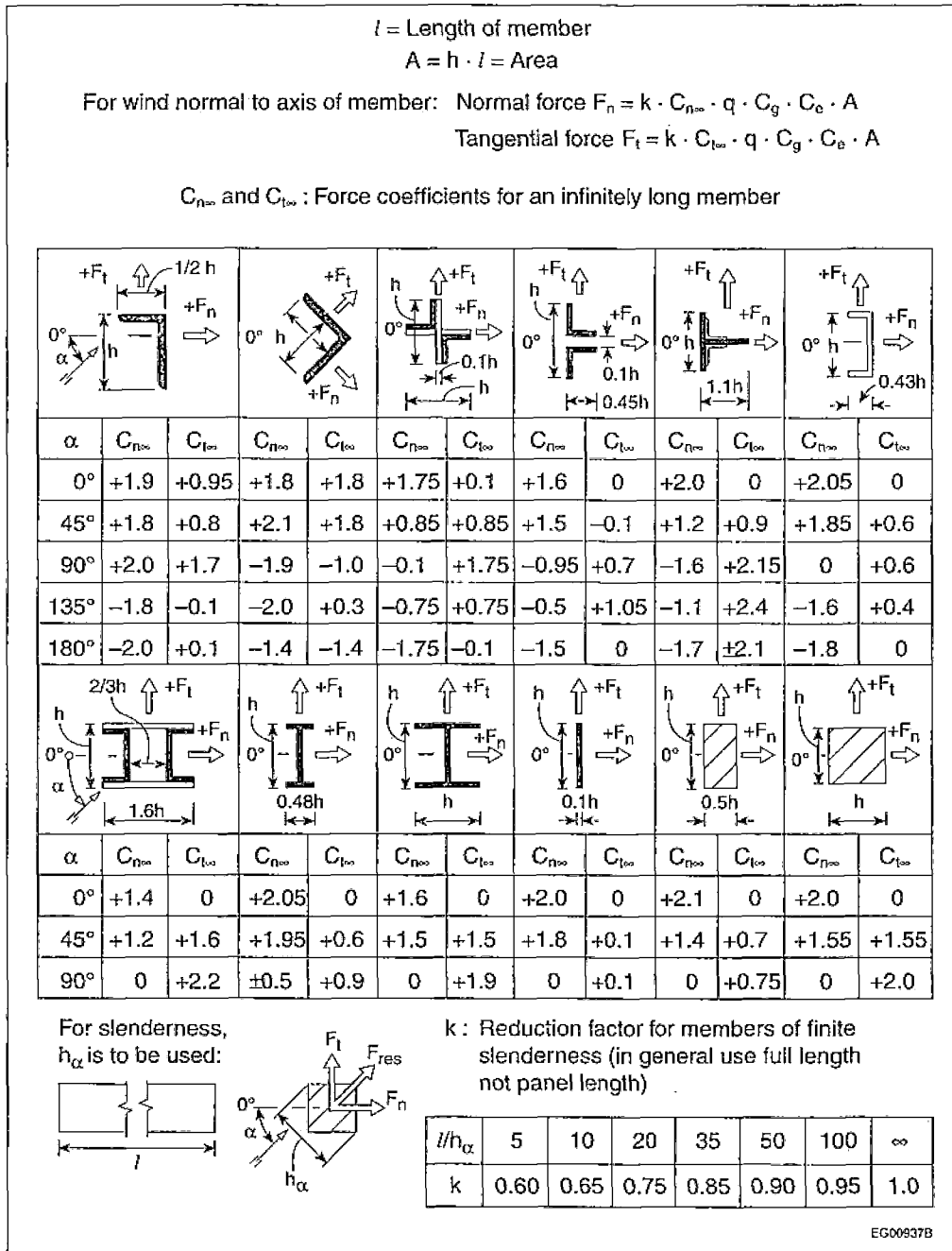


Figure I-29
Structural members, single and assembled sections

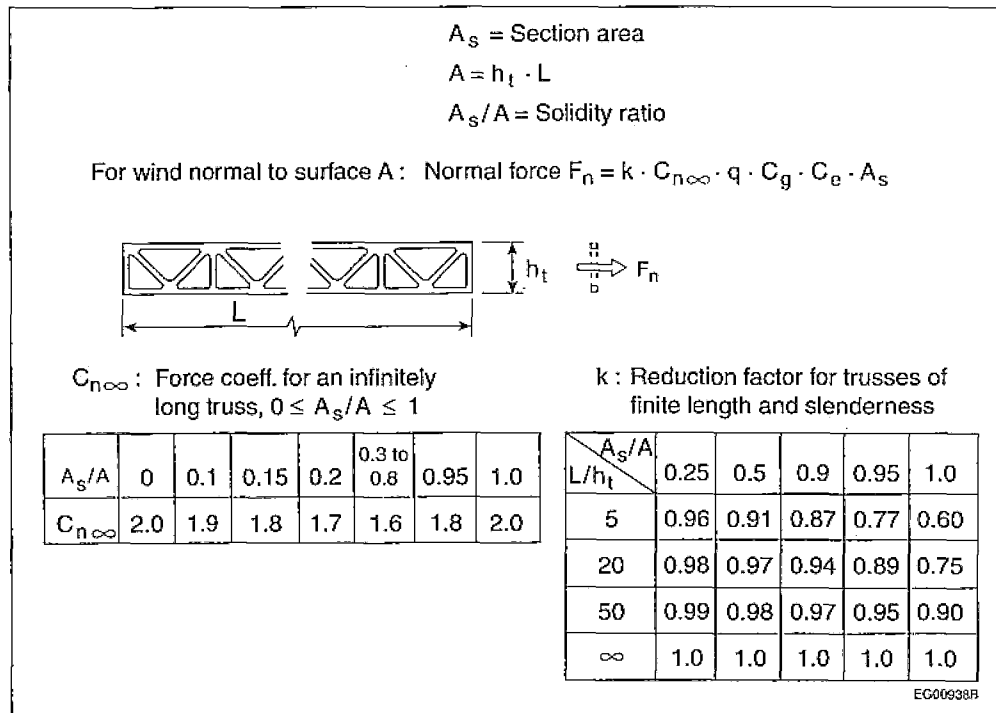


Figure I-30
Plane trusses made from sharp-edged sections

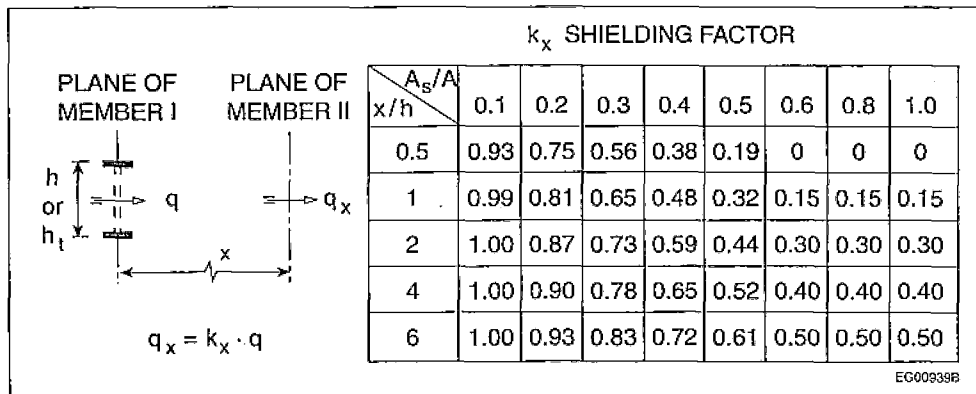
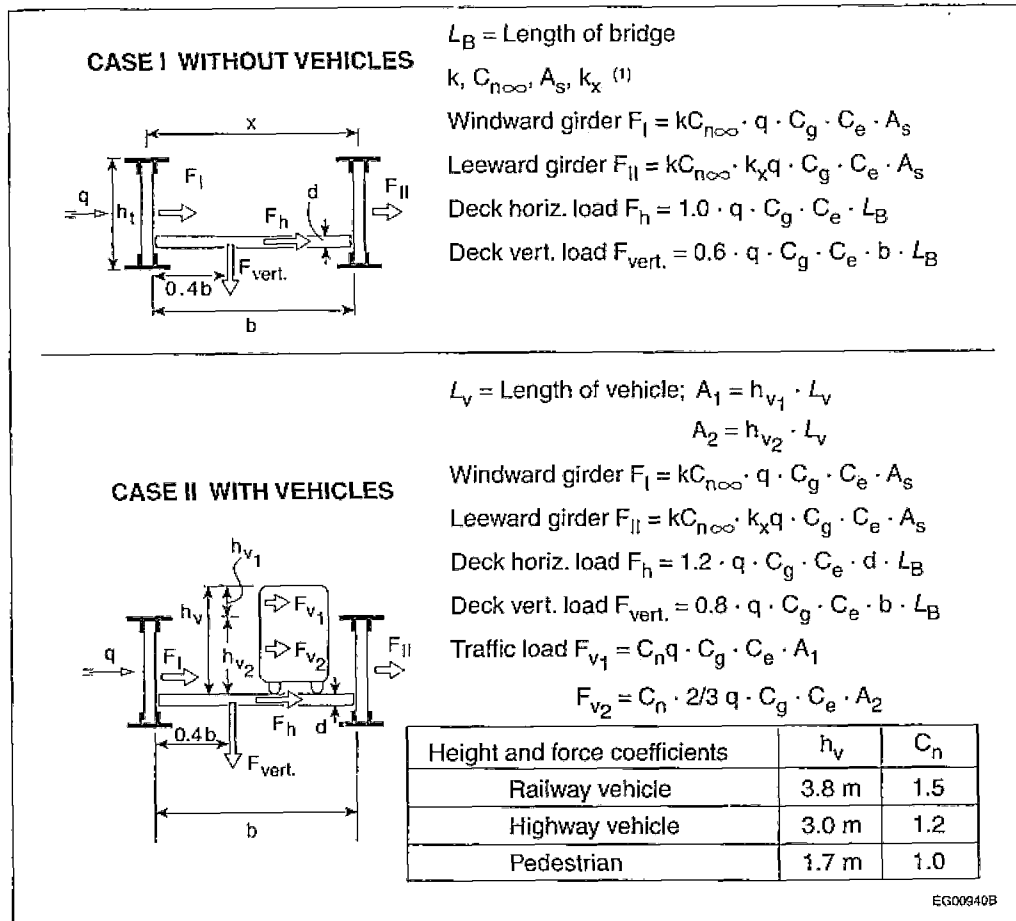


Figure I-31
Shielding factors

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Figure I-32
 Truss and plate girder bridges

Note to Figure I-32:

(1) The values for these coefficients are taken from Figures I-29 and I-30.

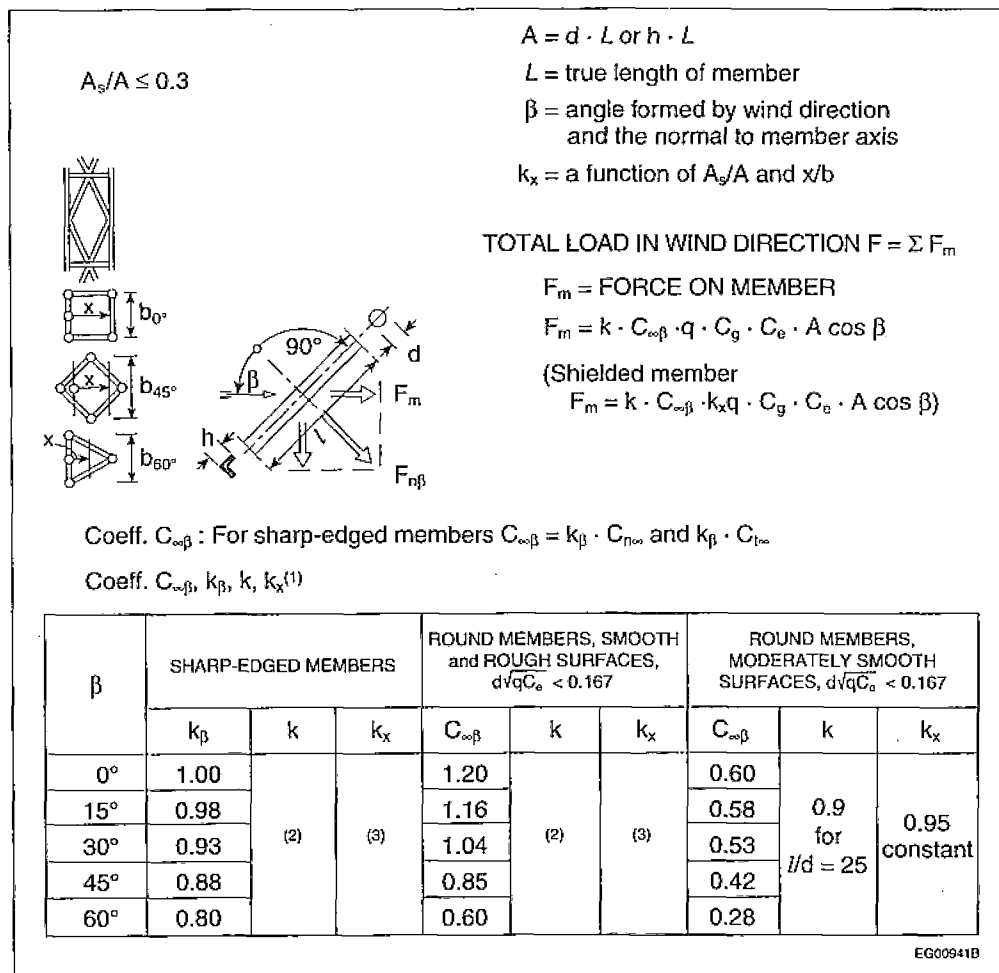


Figure I-33
 Three-dimensional trusses

Notes to Figure I-33:

- (1) See Figure I-29 for $C_{\infty\alpha}$ and $C_{1\infty}$ values.
- (2) See Figure I-29.
- (3) See Figure I-31.

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