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wood construction:
materials & beams

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Wood Beam Design

• *National Design Specification*
  – *National Forest Products Association*
  – *ASD & LRFD*
  – *adjustment factors x tabulated stress = allowable stress*
  – *adjustment factors terms, C with subscript*
  – *i.e, bending:*

$$f_b \leq F_b' = F_b \times (product\ of\ adjustment\ factors)$$
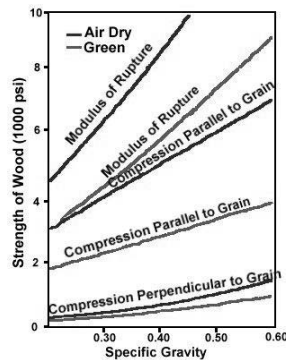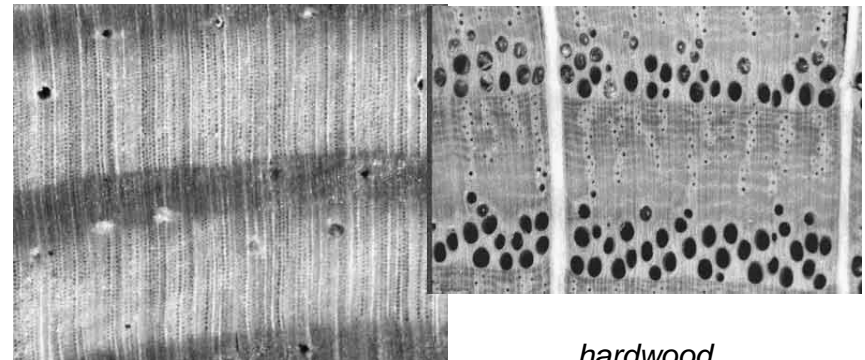
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Timber

• *lightweight : strength ~ like steel*
• *strengths vary*
  – *by wood type*
  – *by direction*
  – *by "flaws"*
• *size varies by tree growth*
• *renewable resource*
• *manufactured wood*
  – *assembles pieces*
  – *adhesives*

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Wood Properties

• *cell structure and density*

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hardwood

softwood

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Wood Properties

- *moisture*
  - *exchanges with air easily*
  - *excessive drying causes warping and shrinkage*
  - *strength varies some*
- *temperature*
  - *steam*
  - *volatile products*
  - *combustion*

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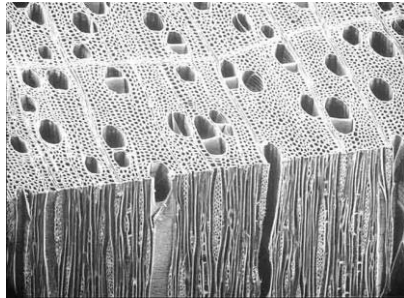
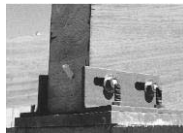## Wood Properties

- *load duration*
  - *short duration*
    - *higher loads*
  - *normal duration*
    - *> 10 years*
- *creep*
  - *additional deformation with no additional load*

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Structural Lumber

- *dimension – 2 x's (nominal)*
- *beams, posts, timber, planks*
- *grading*
  - *select structural*
  - *no. 1, 2, & 3*
- *tabular values by species*

Species and commercial grade	Size classification	Design values in pounds per square inch				
		Extreme fiber in bending "F_b"		Tension parallel to grain "F_t"	Horizontal shear "F_v"	Compression perpendicular to grain "$F_{c\perp}$"	
		Single-member uses	Repetitive-member uses				
SOUTHERN PINE (Surfaced dry. Used at 19% max. m.c.)							
Select Structural	2" to 4" thick 2" to 4" wide	2000	2300	1150	100	565
Dense Select Structural		2350	2700	1350	100	660
No. 1		1700	1950	1000	100	565
No. 1 Dense		2000	2300	1150	100	660
No. 2		1400	1650	825	90	565
No. 2 Dense		1650	1900	975	90	660
No. 3		775	900	450	90	565
No. 3 Dense		925	1050	525	90	660
Stud		775	900	450	90	565
Construction	2" to 4" thick 4" wide	1000	1150	600	100	565
Standard		575	675	350	90	565
Utility		275	300	150	90	565
Select Structural		1750	2000	1150	90	565

- *glu-lam*
- *plywood*

Adjustment Factors

- *terms*
  - C_D = *load duration factor*
  - C_M = *wet service factor*
    - *1.0 dry $\leq$ 16% MC*
  - C_F = *size factor*
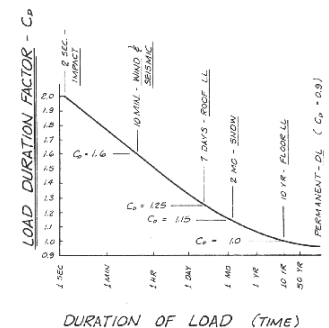   - *visually graded sawn lumber and round timber > 12" depth*

$$C_F = (12/d)^{\frac{1}{9}} \leq 1.0$$

Table 5.2 (pg 177)

DURATION OF LOAD (TIME)

Figure 4.13 Madison curve.

Adjustment Factors

- *terms*
  - C_{fu} = flat use factor
    - *not decking*
  - C_i = incising factor
    - *increase depth for pressure treatment*
  - C_t = temperature factor
    - *lose strength at high temperatures*

Adjustment Factors

- *terms*
  - C_r = repetitive member factor
  - C_H = shear stress factor
    - *splitting*
  - C_V = volume factor
    - *same as C_F for glue laminated timber*
  - C_L = beam stability factor
    - *beams without full lateral support*
  - C_C = curvature factor for laminated arches

Allowable Stresses

- *design values*
  - F_b: bending stress
  - F_t: tensile stress   strong
  - F_v: horizontal shear stress   weak
  - $F_{c\perp}$: compression stress (perpendicular to grain)
  - F_c: compression stress (parallel to grain)   strong
  - E: modulus of elasticity
  - F_p: bearing stress (parallel to grain)

Load Combinations

- *design loads, take the bigger of*
  - *(dead loads)/0.9*
  - *(dead loads + any possible combination of live loads)/C_D*
- *deflection limits*
  - <u>no load factors</u>
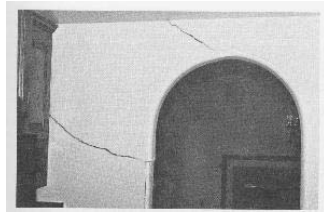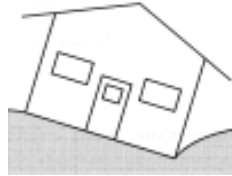 - *for stiffer members:*
    - Δ_T *max from LL + 0.5(DL)*

Beam Design Criteria

- *strength design*
  - *bending stresses predominate*
  - *shear stresses occur*
- *serviceability*
  - *limit deflection and cracking*
  - *control noise & vibration*
  - *no excessive settlement of foundations*
  - *durability*
  - *appearance*
 - *component damage*
  - *ponding*

Beam Design Criteria

- *superpositioning*
  - *use of beam charts*
  - *elastic range only!*
  - *"add" moment diagrams*
  - *"add" deflection CURVES (not maximums)*

1. SIMPLE BEAM—UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED LOAD

Total Equiv. Uniform Load . . . . $= wl$

$R = V$ . . . . $= \frac{wl}{2}$

V_x . . . . $= w\left(\frac{l}{2}-x\right)$

M max. (at center) . . . . $= \frac{wl^2}{8}$

M_x . . . . $= \frac{wx}{2}(l-x)$

Δmax. (at center) . . . . $= \frac{5wl^4}{384\,EI}$

Δ_x . . . . $= \frac{wx}{24EI}(l^3 - 2lx^2 + x^3)$

Deflection Limits

- *based on service condition, severity*

Use	LL only	DL+LL
Roof beams:		
Industrial	L/180	L/120
Commercial		
plaster ceiling	L/240	L/180
no plaster	L/360	L/240
Floor beams:		
Ordinary Usage	L/360	L/240
Roof or floor (damageable elements)		L/480
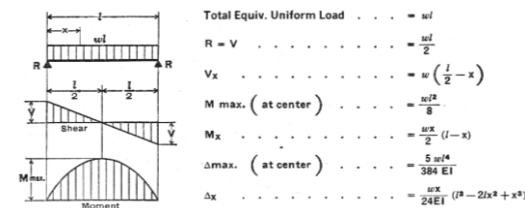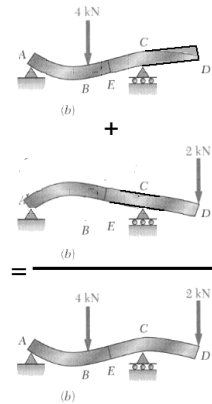
Lateral Buckling

- *lateral buckling caused by compressive forces at top coupled with insufficient rigidity*
- *can occur at low stress levels*
- *stiffen, brace or bigger I_y*
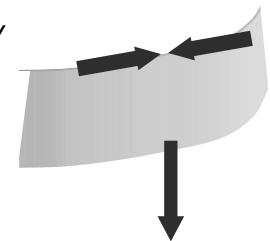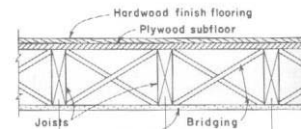
Design Procedure

1. Know F_{all} for the material or F_U for LRFD

2. Draw V & M, finding M_{max}

3. Calculate $S_{req'd}$ $(f_b \le F_b)$

4. Determine section size

$$S = \frac{bh^2}{6}$$

Beam Design

4*. Include self weight for M_{max}
   – and repeat 3 & 4 if necessary

5. Consider lateral stability

Unbraced roof trusses were blown down in 1999 at this project in Moscow, Idaho.

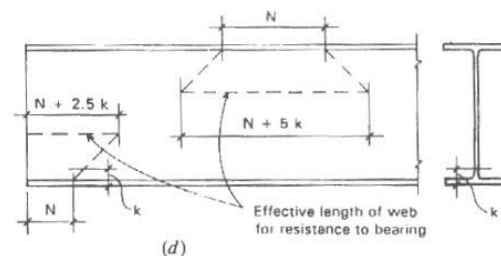Photo: Ken Carper

Beam Design

6. Evaluate shear stresses - horizontal
   • $(f_v \le F_v)$

   • W and rectangles $f_{v-\max} = \frac{3V}{2A} \approx \frac{V}{A_{web}}$

   • general $f_{v-\max} = \frac{VQ}{Ib}$

Beam Design

7. Provide adequate bearing area at supports

$$f_p = \frac{P}{A} \le F_p$$

Beam Design

8. Evaluate torsion

$$\left(f_v \le F_v\right)$$

- circular cross section

$$f_v = \frac{T\rho}{J}$$
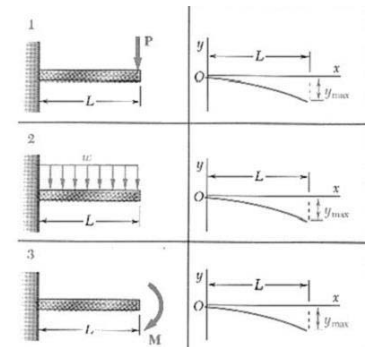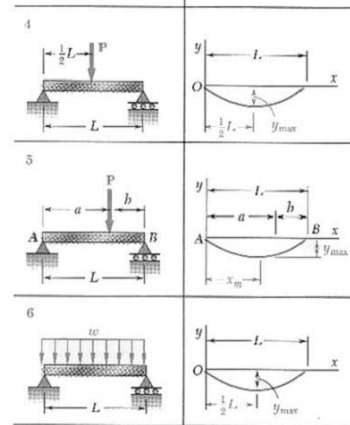
- rectangular

$$f_v = \frac{T}{c_1 a b^2}$$
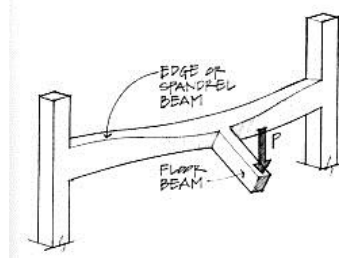
TABLE 3.1. Coefficients for Rectangular Bars in Torsion

a/b	c_1	c_2
1.0	0.208	0.1406
1.2	0.219	0.1661
1.5	0.231	0.1958
2.0	0.246	0.229
2.5	0.258	0.249
3.0	0.267	0.263
4.0	0.282	0.281
5.0	0.291	0.291
10.0	0.312	0.312
∞	0.333	0.333

Beam Design

9. Evaluate deflections

$$y_{\max}(x) = \Delta_{actual} \le \Delta_{allowable}$$

Joists & Rafters

- allowable load tables
- allowable length tables for common live & dead loads
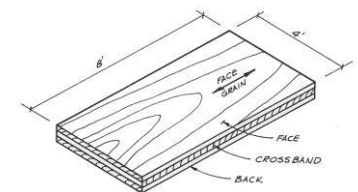- lateral bracing needed
- common spacings

Engineered Wood

- plywood
  - veneers at different orientations
  - glued together
  - split resistant
  - higher and uniform strength
  - limited shrinkage and swelling
  - used for sheathing, decking, shear walls, diaphragms

Engineered Wood

- *glued-laminated timber*
  - *glulam*
  - *short pieces glued together*
  - *straight or curved*
  - *grain direction parallel*
  - *higher strength*
  - *more expensive than sawn timber*
  - *large members (up to 100 feet!)*
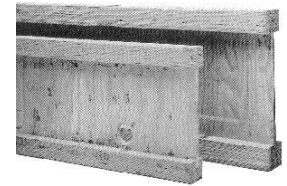 - *flexible forms*

Engineered Wood

- *I sections*
  - *beams*
- *other products*
  - *pressed veneer strip panels (Parallam)*
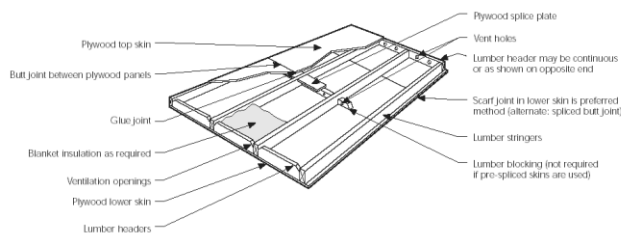- *wood fibers*
  - *Hardieboard: cement & wood*

Timber Elements

- *stressed-skin elements*
  - *modular built-up "plates"*
  - *typically used for floors or roofs*

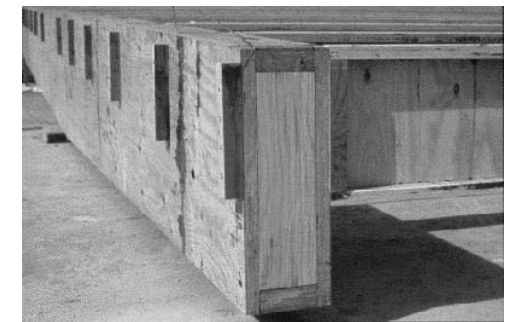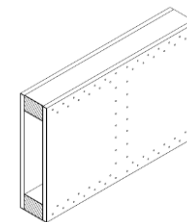Figure 1. Typical Two-Sided Stressed-Skin Panel

Timber Elements

- *built-up box sections*
  - *built-up beams*
  - *usually site-fabricated*
  - *bigger spans*

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Timber Elements

- *trusses*
  - *long spans*
  - *versatile*
  - *common in roofs*

Timber Elements

- *folded plates and arch panels*
  - *usually of plywood*
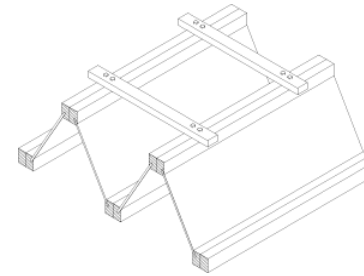
Timber Elements

- *arches and lamellas*
  - *arches commonly laminated timber*
  - *long spans*
  - *usually only for roofs*

Approximate Depths
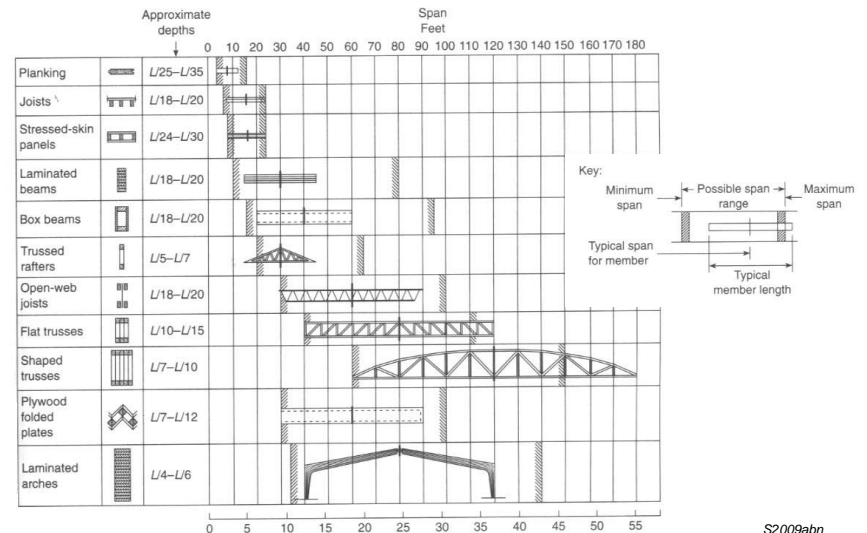

		Approximate depths	Span Feet
Planking		$L/25$–$L/35$	
Joists		$L/18$–$L/20$	
Stressed-skin panels		$L/24$–$L/30$	
Laminated beams		$L/18$–$L/20$	
Box beams		$L/18$–$L/20$	
Trussed rafters		$L/5$–$L/7$	
Open-web joists		$L/18$–$L/20$	
Flat trusses		$L/10$–$L/15$	
Shaped trusses		$L/7$–$L/10$	
Plywood folded plates		$L/7$–$L/12$	
Laminated arches		$L/4$–$L/6$	

FIGURE 15-3   Approximate span ranges for timber systems