

## Steel Beam Design

- Design Method
- Flitched Beams



## Design of Steel Beam – Procedure (zone 1)

1. Use the maximum moment equation, and solve for the ultimate moment,  $M_u$ .
2. Set  $\phi M_n = M_u$  and solve for  $M_n$
3. Assume Zone 1 to determine  $Z_x$  required
4. Select the lightest beam with a  $Z_x$  greater than the  $Z_x$  required from AISC table
5. Determine if  $h/t_w < 59$   
(case 1, most common)
6. Determine  $A_w$ :  
 $A_w = d t_w$
7. Calculate  $V_n$ :  
 $V_n = 0.6 F_y A_w$
8. Calculate  $V_u$  for the given loading  
 $V_u = w_u L / 2$  (e.g. unif. load)
9. Check  $V_u < \phi V_n$   
 $\phi$  for  $V = 1.0$
10. Check deflection

GIVEN:  $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$   
FULLY BRACED

$w_u = 2200 \text{ \#/FT}$

$30'$

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## Example - Bending

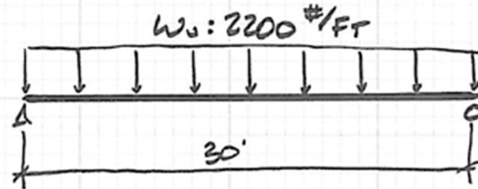
Applied Load:

$$DL = 500 + \text{beam plf} \quad LL = 1000 \text{ plf}$$

$$1.2(500) + 1.6(1000) = 2200 \text{ lb/ft}$$

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3. Determine  $Z_x$  required (assume zone 1)  
 $M_n = F_y Z_x$
4. Select the lightest beam with a  $Z_x$  greater than the  $Z_x$  required from AISC table

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$$Z_{x \text{ req'd}} = \frac{M_n}{F_y} = \frac{275 \text{ KFT} \left( \frac{12'}{\text{ft}} \right)}{50 \text{ ksi}}$$

$$Z_{x \text{ req'd}} = 66 \text{ in}^3$$

SELECT W18x35

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**$Z_x$**

Table 3-2 (continued)  
**W-Shapes**  
Selection by  $Z_x$

$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$

Shape	$Z_x$ in <sup>3</sup>	$M_p/\Omega_b$		$\phi_b M_p$		$M_p/\Omega_b$		$\phi_b M_p$		$BF/\Omega_b$ kips	$\phi_b BF$ kips	$L_p$ ft	$L_r$ ft	$I_x$ in <sup>4</sup>	$V_n/\Omega_v$ kips	$\phi_v V_n$ kips
		ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD	ASD	LRFD									
W21x44	95.4	238	358	143	214	11.1	16.8	4.45	13.0	843	145	217				
W16x50	92.0	230	345	141	213	7.69	11.4	5.62	17.2	659	124	186				
W18x46	90.7	226	340	138	207	9.63	14.6	4.56	13.7	712	130	195				
W14x53	87.1	217	327	136	204	5.22	7.93	6.78	22.3	541	103	154				
W12x58	86.4	216	324	136	205	3.82	5.69	8.87	29.8	475	87.8	132				
W10x68	85.3	213	320	132	199	2.58	3.85	9.15	40.6	394	97.8	147				
W16x45	82.3	205	309	127	191	7.12	10.8	5.55	16.5	586	111	167				
W18x40	78.4	196	294	119	180	8.94	13.2	4.49	13.1	612	113	169				
W14x48	78.4	196	294	123	184	5.09	7.67	6.75	21.1	484	93.8	141				
W12x53	77.9	194	292	123	185	3.65	5.50	8.76	28.2	425	83.5	125				
W10x60	74.6	186	280	116	175	2.54	3.82	9.08	36.6	341	85.7	129				
W16x40	73.0	182	274	113	170	6.67	10.0	5.55	15.9	518	97.6	146				
W12x50	71.9	179	270	112	169	3.97	5.98	6.92	23.8	391	80.3	135				
W6x67	70.1	175	263	105	159	1.75	2.59	7.49	47.8	272	103	154				
W14x43	69.6	174	261	109	164	4.88	7.28	6.68	20.0	428	83.6	125				
W10x54	66.6	166	250	105	158	2.48	3.75	9.04	33.6	303	74.7	112				
W18x35	66.5	166	249	101	151	8.14	12.3	4.31	12.3	510	106	159				
W12x45	64.2	160	241	101	151	3.90	5.80	6.89	22.4	368	81.1	122				
W10x36	64.0	160	240	98.7	148	6.24	9.38	5.37	15.2	448	93.8	141				
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W10x49	60.4	151	227	95.4	143	2.46	3.71	8.97	31.6	272	68.0	102				
W8x58	59.8	149	224	90.8	137	1.70	2.55	7.42	41.6	228	89.3	134				
W12x40	57.0	142	214	89.9	135	3.66	5.54	6.85	21.1	307	70.2	105				
W10x45	54.9	137	206	85.8	129	2.59	3.89	7.10	26.9	248	70.7	106				
W14x34	54.6	136	205	84.9	128	5.01	7.55	5.40	15.6	340	79.8	120				
W16x31	54.0	135	203	82.4	124	6.86	10.3	4.13	11.8	375	87.5	131				
W12x35	51.2	128	192	79.6	120	4.34	6.45	5.44	16.6	285	75.0	113				
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W14x30	47.3	118	177	73.4	110	4.63	6.95	5.26	14.9	291	74.5	112				
W10x39	46.8	117	176	73.5	111	2.53	3.78	6.99	24.2	209	62.5	93.7				
W16x26	44.2	110	166	67.1	101	5.93	8.98	3.96	11.2	301	70.5	106				
W12x30	43.1	108	162	67.4	101	3.97	5.96	5.37	15.6	238	64.0	95.9				

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4. revise Dead Load to include selfweight.

Applied Load:  
 DL = 500+35 plf LL = 1000 plf  
 $1.2(535) + 1.6(1000) = 2242 \text{ lb/ft}$

$M_u = (2242 \times 30^2) / 8 = 252225 \text{ ft-lbs}$

$\phi M_n = M_u = 252.2 \text{ k-ft}$

Update section and  $Z_x$  if required from AISC table.

Applied Load:  
 DL = 540 plf LL = 1000 plf  
 $1.2(540) + 1.6(1000) = 2248 \text{ lb/ft}$

$\phi M_n = M_u = 252.9 \text{ k-ft}$

use W16x40

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**Selection by  $Z_x$**

$F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$

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# Example - Design of Steel Beam

## Check Shear

5. Determine if  $h/t_w < 59$   
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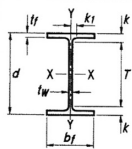
6. Determine  $A_w$ :  
 $A_w = d * t_w = 16.0" \times 0.305"$   
 $A_w = 4.88 \text{ in}^2$

Find  $h/t_w$  FROM TABLES FOR A

W16x40


$h/t_w = 46.5 < 59$

**Table 1-1 (continued)**  
**W-Shapes**  
**Dimensions**



Shape	Area, A in. <sup>2</sup>	Depth, d in.	Web		Flange		Distance								
			Thickness, t_w in.	$t_w$ Z	Width, b_f in.	Thickness, t_f in.	k		T	Workable Gage					
							k <sub>des</sub>	k <sub>net</sub>							
W16x100	29.4	17.0	17	0.585	9/16	10.4	10 3/8	0.985	1	1.39	1 7/8	1 1/8	13 1/4	5 1/2	
×89	26.2	16.8	16 1/4	0.525	1/2	1/4	10.4	10 3/8	0.875	7/8	1.28	1 3/4	1 1/8	11 1/8	
×77	22.6	16.5	16 1/2	0.455	3/8	1/4	10.3	10 3/4	0.760	3/4	1.16	1 5/8	1 1/8		
×67*	19.6	16.3	16 3/8	0.395	3/8	3/16	10.2	10 3/4	0.665	1 1/16	1.07	1 9/16	1		
W16x57	16.8	16.4	16 3/8	0.430	7/16	1/4	7.12	7 7/8	0.715	1 1/16	1.12	1 3/8	7/8	13 3/8	3 1/2*
×50*	14.7	16.3	16 1/4	0.380	3/8	3/16	7.07	7 7/8	0.630	5/8	1.03	1 5/8	1 3/16		
×45*	13.3	16.1	16 1/8	0.345	3/8	3/16	7.04	7	0.565	9/16	0.967	1 1/4	1 3/16		
×40*	11.8	16.0	16	0.305	3/8	3/16	7.00	7	0.505	1/2	0.907	1 3/16	1 3/16		
×36*	10.6	15.9	15 7/8	0.295	3/8	3/16	6.99	7	0.430	7/16	0.832	1 1/8	3/4		

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**Properties**



Nominal wt. lb/ft	Compact Section Criteria		Axis X-X				Axis Y-Y				$r_{ts}$	$h_o$	Torsional Properties	
	$b_f$ 2t <sub>f</sub>	$h$ t <sub>w</sub>	I	S	r	Z	I	S	r	Z			J	C <sub>w</sub>
	in.	in.	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in.	in. <sup>3</sup>	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in.	in. <sup>3</sup>			in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>6</sup>
100	5.29	24.3	1490	175	7.10	198	186	35.7	2.51	54.9	2.92	16.0	7.73	11900
89	5.92	27.0	1300	155	7.05	175	163	31.4	2.49	48.1	2.88	15.9	5.45	10200
77	6.77	31.2	1110	134	7.00	150	138	26.9	2.47	41.1	2.85	15.7	3.57	8590
67	7.70	35.9	954	117	6.96	130	119	23.2	2.46	35.5	2.82	15.6	2.39	7300
57	4.98	33.0	758	92.2	6.72	105	43.1	12.1	1.60	18.9	1.92	15.7	2.22	2660
50	5.61	37.4	659	81.0	6.68	92.0	37.2	10.5	1.59	16.3	1.89	15.7	1.52	2270
45	6.23	41.1	586	72.7	6.65	82.3	32.8	9.34	1.57	14.5	1.87	15.5	1.11	1990
40	6.93	46.5	518	64.7	6.63	73.0	28.9	8.25	1.57	12.7	1.86	15.5	0.794	1730
36	8.12	48.1	448	56.5	6.51	64.0	24.5	7.00	1.52	10.8	1.83	15.5	0.545	1460

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9. Check  $V_u < \phi_v V_n$   
 $\phi_v = 1.0$

Find  $h/t_w$  FROM TABLES FOR A

$$h/t_w = 46.5 < 59 \text{ (zone 1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_n &= 0.6 \cdot F_y \cdot A_w \\ &= 0.6 \cdot 50 \text{ ksi} \times 16" \times 0.305" \\ &= 146.4 \text{ k} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_u = \frac{2200 \text{ #/ft} \cdot 30'}{2} = 33,000 \text{ #}$$

$$V_u \leq \phi_v V_n$$

$$33 \text{ k} < (1.0) 146.4 \text{ k}$$

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# Example - Design of Steel Beam

## Check Deflection

Deflection limits by application  
IBC Table 1604.3

For steel structural members, the DL  
can be taken as zero (note g)

DL deflection can be compensated for  
by beam camber

Try 16 x 40

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{LL} &= \frac{5 w_{LL} l^4}{384 EI} = \frac{5 (1 \frac{\text{k}}{\text{ft}}) (30 \text{ ft})^4 1728 \frac{\text{in}^3}{\text{ft}^3}}{384 (29000 \frac{\text{k}}{\text{in}^2}) (518 \text{ in}^4)} \\ &= 1.23" \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{l}{360} = \frac{30(12)}{360} = 1" < 1.21 \therefore \text{NG!}$$

TABLE 1604.3  
DEFLECTION LIMITS<sup>a, b, c, h, i</sup>

CONSTRUCTION	L	S or W <sup>f</sup>	D + L <sup>d, g</sup>
Roof members: <sup>c</sup>			
Supporting plaster ceiling	//360	//360	//240
Supporting nonplaster ceiling	//240	//240	//180
Not supporting ceiling	//180	//180	//120
Floor members	//360	—	//240
Exterior walls and interior partitions:			
With brittle finishes	—	//240	—
With flexible finishes	—	//120	—
Farm buildings	—	—	//180
Greenhouses	—	—	//120

TRY W 18 x 40

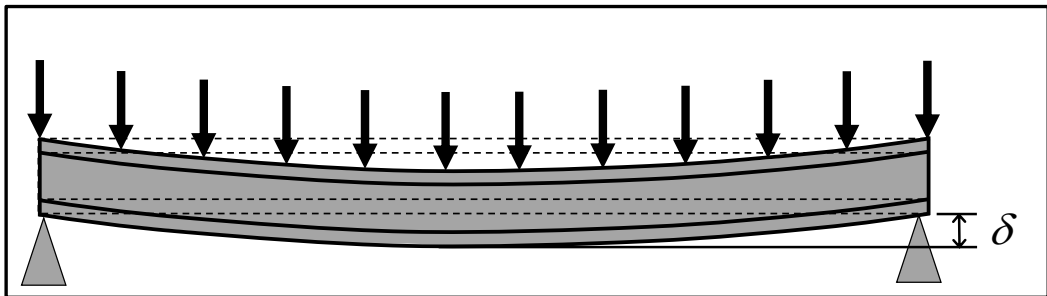
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$$\Delta_{LL} = 1.02"$$



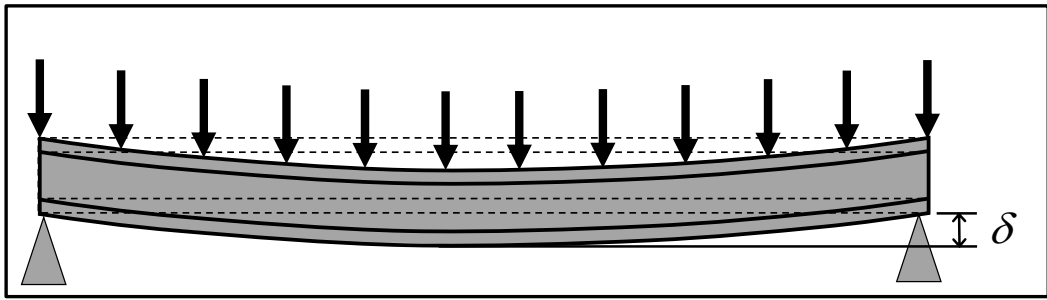
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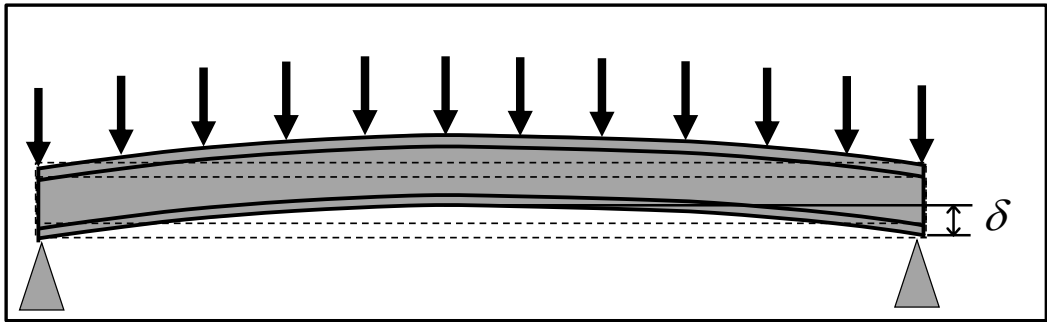


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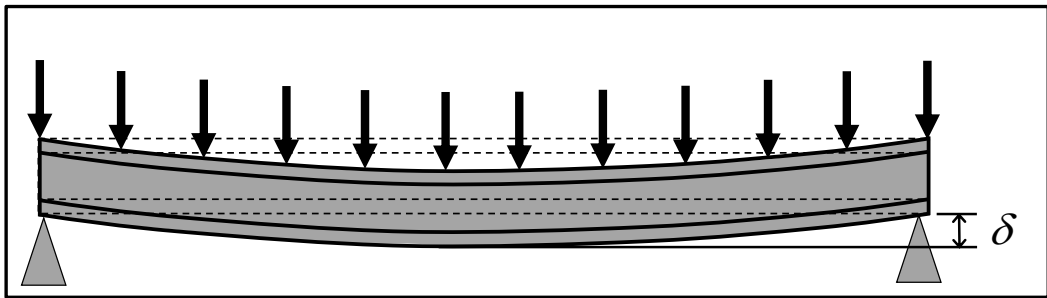


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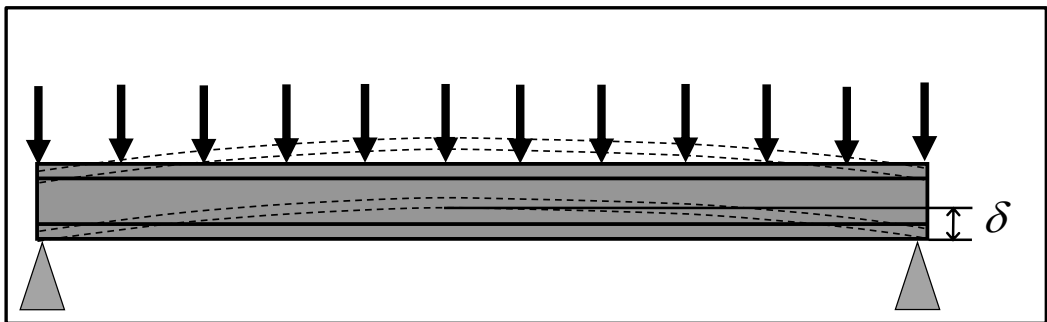


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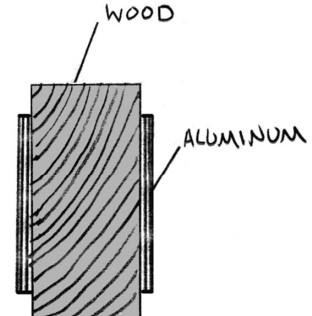
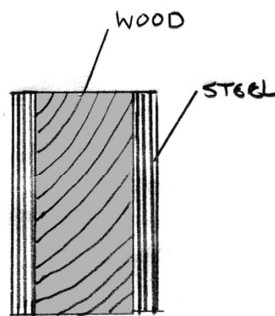
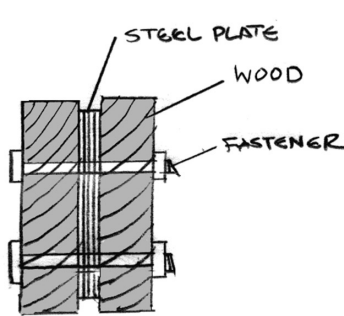
*Cambered beam counteracts service dead load deflection.*

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# Flitched Beams & Scab Plates

## Advantages

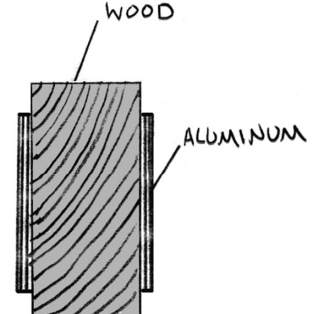
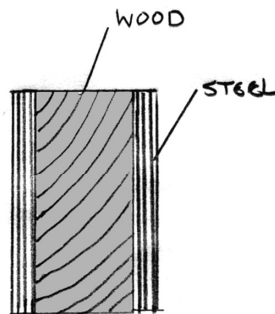
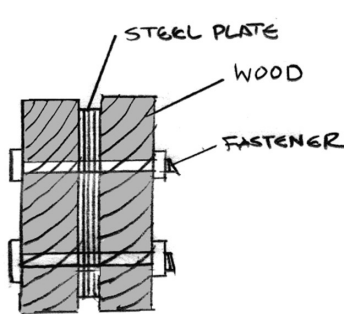
- Compatible with the wood structure, i.e. can be nailed
- Easy to retrofit to existing structure
- Lighter weight than a steel section
- Stronger than wood alone
  - Less deep than wood alone
  - Allow longer spans
- The section can vary over the length of the span to optimize the member (e.g. scab plates)
- The wood stabilizes the thin steel plate



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## Disadvantages

- More labor to make – expense. Flitched beams require shop fabrication or field bolting.
- Often replaced by Composite Lumber which is simply cut to length – less labor
  - Glulam
  - LVL
  - PSL
- Flitched Beams are generally heavier than Composite Lumber



# Steel Sandwiched Beams

based on strain compatibility



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## Applications:

### Renovation in Edina, Minnesota

Four 2x8 LVLs, with two 1/2" steel plates.  
18 FT span  
Original house from 1949  
Renovation in 2006  
Engineer: Paul Voigt



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# Applications:

## Renovation

Chris Withers House, Reading, UK 2007  
Architect: Chris Owens, Owens Galliver  
Engineer: Allan Barnes



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## Strain Compatibility

With two materials bonded together, both will act as one, and the deformation in each is the same.

Therefore, the strains will be the same in each material under **axial load**.

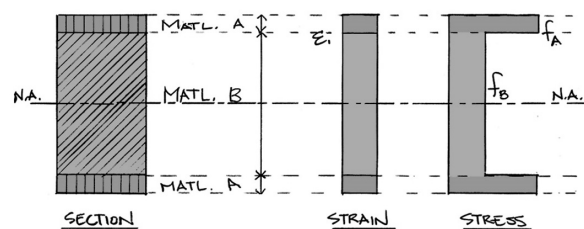
In **flexure** the strains are the same as in a homogeneous section, i.e. linear.

In flexure, if the two materials are at the same distance from the N.A., they will have the same strain at that point because both materials share the same strain diagram. We say the strains are "compatible".

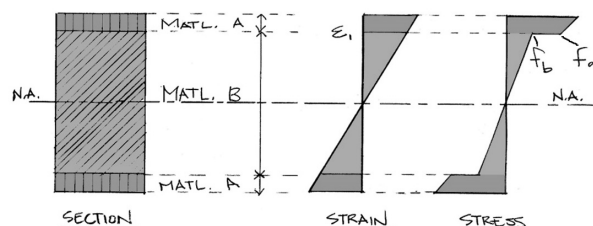
**Stress** =  $E \times \text{Strain}$

So stress will be higher if  $E$  is higher.

### Axial

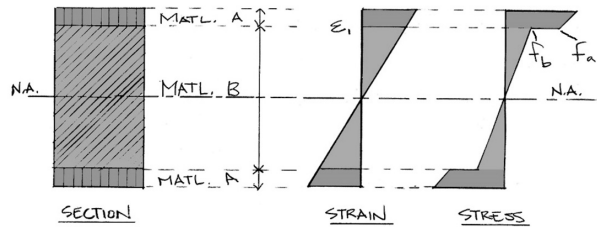


### Flexure



## Strain Compatibility (cont.)

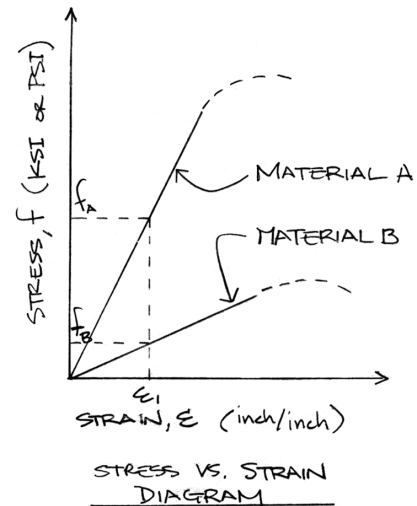
The stress in each material is determined by using Young's Modulus



$$\sigma = E\epsilon$$

Care must be taken that the elastic limit of each material is not exceeded. The elastic limit can be expressed in either stress or strain.

flexure



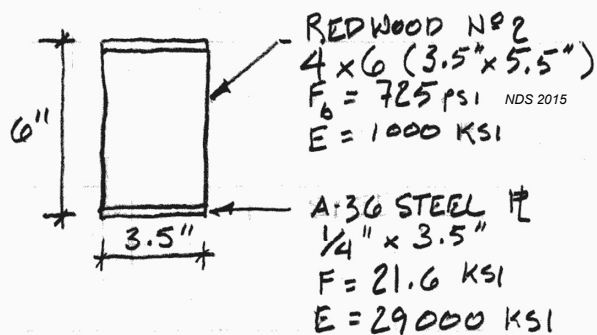
## Capacity Analysis (ASD) Flexure

Given

- Dimensions
- Material

Required

- Load capacity



$$n = \frac{E_s}{E_w} = \frac{29000}{1000} = 29$$

1. Determine the modular ratio.  
It is usually more convenient to transform the stiffer material.

## Capacity Analysis (cont.)

- Construct the transformed section. Multiply all widths of the transformed material by  $n$ . The depths remain unchanged.
- Calculate the transformed moment of inertia,  $I_{tr}$ .

$$I_{tr} = \sum I + \sum Ad^2$$

The diagram shows a cross-section of a beam with a width of 3.5 inches and a height of 5.5 inches. A transformed section is shown to the right, with a width of 3.5 inches multiplied by a factor of 29, resulting in 101.5 inches. The height of the transformed section is 1/4 inch. The neutral axis (NA) is indicated. Below the diagram, the following calculations are shown:

$$I_w = \frac{3.5(5.5)^3}{12} = 48.53 \text{ in}^4$$

$$I_s = 2 \left[ \frac{101.5(0.25)^3}{12} + 25.375(2.875)^2 \right]$$

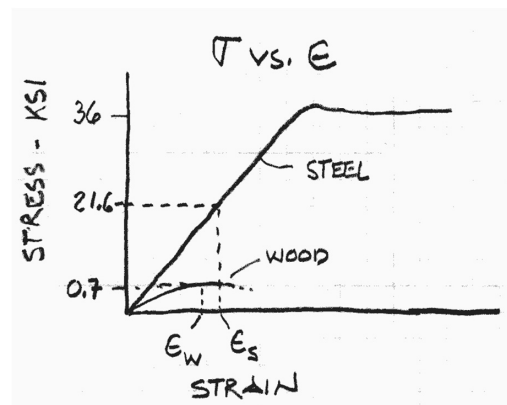
$$I_s = 2 [0.132 + 209.74] = 419.7 \text{ in}^4$$

$$I_{TR} = 48.83 + 419.7 = 468.3 \text{ in}^4$$

## Capacity Analysis (cont.)

- Calculate the allowable strain based on the allowable stress for the material.

$$\epsilon_{allow} = \frac{F_{allow}}{E}$$



$$\epsilon = \frac{F}{E}$$

$$\epsilon_w = \frac{725}{1000000} = 0.000725$$

$$\epsilon_s = \frac{21.6}{29000} = 0.000745$$

## Capacity Analysis (cont.)

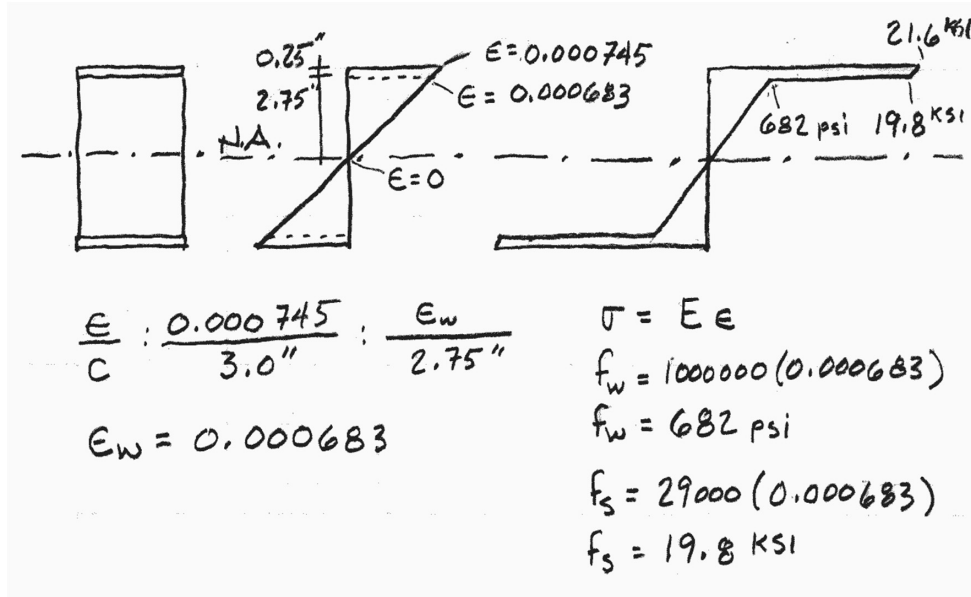
5. Construct a strain diagram to find which of the two materials will reach its limit first. The diagram should be linear, and neither material may exceed its allowable limit.

Allowable Strains:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E}$$

$$\epsilon_w = \frac{725}{1000000} = 0.000725$$

$$\epsilon_s = \frac{21.6}{29000} = 0.000745$$



## Capacity Analysis (cont.)

6. The allowable moments (load capacity) may now be determined based on the stress of either material. Either stress should give the same moment if the strain diagram from step 5 is compatible with the stress diagram (they align and allowables are not exceeded).
7. Alternatively, the controlling moment can be found without the strain investigation by using the maximum allowable stress for each material in the moment-stress equation. The **lower moment** will be the first failure point and the controlling material.

$$M_s = \frac{f_s I_{TR}}{c n} = \frac{21.6(468.3)}{3(29)} = 116.2 \text{ k-in}$$

$$M_w = \frac{f_w I_{TR}}{c} = \frac{0.682(468.3)}{2.75''} = 116.1 \text{ k-in}$$

$$M_s = \frac{F_s I_{TR}}{c n} = \frac{21.6(468.3)}{3(29)} = 116.2 \text{ k-in} \leftarrow$$

$$M_w = \frac{F_w I_{TR}}{c} = \frac{725(468.3)}{2.75''} = 123.5 \text{ k-in}$$