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#### **Add-on Module**

## TIMBER CSA

Design of Timber Members According to CSA 086-09

# Program Description

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## 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Add-on Module TIMBER CSA

The Canadian Standard CAN/CSA O86-09 Engineering Design in Wood [1] provides the most comprehensive set of wood design requirements for Canadian conditions, and is referenced by building codes across the country. This Standard employs the limit states design method. With the RSTAB add-on module TIMBER CSA from the company DLUBAL all users obtain a powerful tool for the design of timber structures according to this Standard.

TIMBER CSA performs all cross-section resistance designs, stability analyses, and deformation analyses provided by the standard. The stability analysis is carried out according to the equivalent member method or the second-order analysis. When the equivalent member method is applied, the program considers stability factors based on effective buckling lengths and effective lengths for lateral buckling. Second order analyses require the definition of imperfections in RSTAB. The design is performed with unit stability factors for compression with buckling.

In timber construction, the serviceability limit state is an important design. In this connection, you can assign load cases, load combinations, and result combinations individually to various design situations. The limit deformations are preset according to the Standard, and can be adjusted, if necessary. In addition to this, it is possible to specify reference lengths and precambers that will be considered accordingly in the design.

If necessary, you can optimize standardized or parametric cross-sections and export them to RSTAB. Separate design cases allow for a separate design of large systems or analysis of variants.

TIMBER CSA is one of the add-on modules integrated in the RSTAB environment. Thus, the design-relevant input data is preset when you open the module. Subsequent to the design, you can use the graphical RSTAB user interface to evaluate the results. Last but not least, you can document the checks from the analysis of internal forces to the design in the global printout report.

We hope you will enjoy working with TIMBER CSA.

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### 1.3 Using the Manual

Topics like installation, graphical user interface, results evaluation, and printout are described in detail in the manual of the main program RSTAB. The present manual focuses on typical features of the TIMBER CSA add-on module.



The descriptions in this manual follow the sequence and structure of the module's input and results windows. In the text, the described **buttons** are given in square brackets, for example [View mode]. At the same time, they are pictured on the left. **Expressions** appearing in dialog boxes, windows, and menus are set in *italics* to clarify the explanations.

At the end of the manual, you find the index. However, if you still cannot find what you are looking for, please check the DLUBAL blogs at <a href="https://www.dlubal.de/blog/en">https://www.dlubal.de/blog/en</a> where you can search the articles by specific terms.



## 1.4 Open the Add-on Module TIMBER CSA

RSTAB provides the following options to start the add-on module TIMBER CSA.

#### Menu

To start the program in the RSTAB menu bar, click

Add-on Modules  $\rightarrow$  Design - Timber  $\rightarrow$  TIMBER CSA.

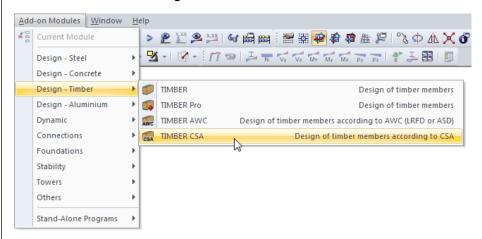


Figure 1.1: Menu: Add-on Modules  $\rightarrow$  Design - Timber  $\rightarrow$  TIMBER CSA

#### **Navigator**

As an alternative, you can start the add-on module in the *Data* navigator by clicking Add-on Modules → TIMBER CSA.

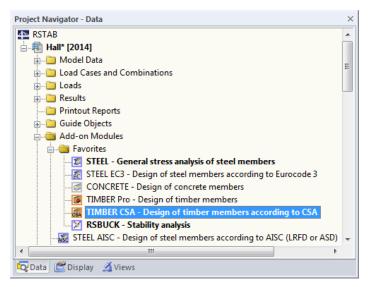
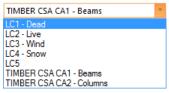


Figure 1.2: Data navigator: Add-on Modules → TIMBER CSA







TIMBER CSA

#### **Panel**

If results from TIMBER CSA are already available in the RSTAB model, you can also open the design module in the panel:

Set the relevant TIMBER CSA design case in the load case list of the RSTAB toolbar. Then click the [Show results] button to graphically display the design criterion on the members.

When the results display is activated, the panel is available, too. Now you can click the button [TIMBER CSA] in the panel to open the module.

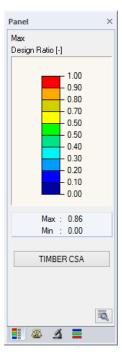


Figure 1.3: Panel button [TIMBER CSA]



## Input Data

When you have started the add-on module, a new window opens. In this window a Navigator is displayed on the left, managing the available windows that can be currently selected. The drop-down list above the navigator contains the design cases (see Chapter 7.1, page 56).

The design relevant data is defined in several input windows. When you start TIMBER CSA for the first time, the following parameters are imported automatically:

- Members and sets of members
- Load cases, load combinations, result combinations, and super combinations
- Materials
- Cross-sections
- Effective lengths
- Internal forces (in background, if calculated)

To select a window, click the corresponding entry in the navigator. To set the previous or next input window, use the buttons shown on the left. You can also use the function keys to select the next [F2] or previous [F3].

To save the results, click [OK]. Thus, you exit TIMBER CSA and return to the main program. To exit the module without saving the new data, click [Cancel].

### 2.1 General Data

In the 1.1 *General Data* window, you select the members, sets of members, and actions that you want to design. The tabs are managing the load cases, load combinations, result combinations, and super combinations for the different designs.

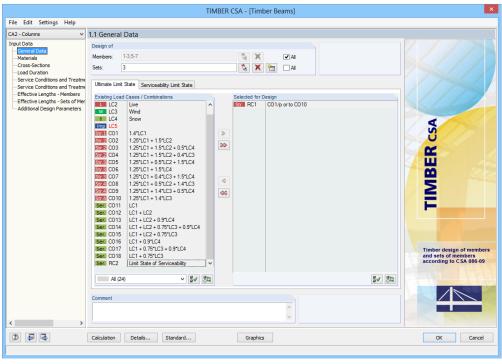


Figure 2.1: Window 1.1 General Data







#### Design of

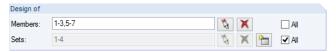


Figure 2.2: Design of members and sets of members





The design can be carried out for *Members* as well as for *Sets of Members*. If you want to design only selected objects, clear the *All* check box: Then you can access the text boxes to enter the numbers of the relevant members or sets of members. The list of the numbers preset in the field can be cleared by clicking the [Delete] button. Alternatively, you can select the objects graphically in the RSTAB work window after clicking [N].

When you design a set of members, the program determines the extreme values of the analyses of all members contained in the set of members and takes into account the boundary conditions of connected members for the stability analysis. The results are shown in the results windows 2.3 *Designs by Set of Members*, 3.2 *Governing Internal Forces by Set of Members*, and 4.2 *Parts List by Set of Members*.



Click [New] to create a new set of members. The dialog box that you already know from RSTAB appears where you can specify the parameters of set of members.

If beams are divided by nodes, it is necessary to verify them as a set of members.

#### Comment



Figure 2.3: User-defined comment

In this text box, you can enter user-defined notes.

#### 2.1.1 Ultimate Limit State

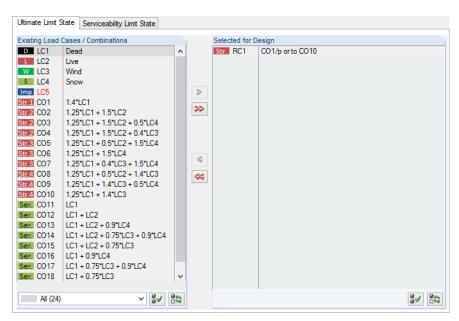


Figure 2.4: Window 1.1 General Data, tab Ultimate Limit State

#### **Existing Load Cases / Combinations**

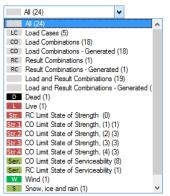
This column lists all load cases, load combinations, result combinations, and super combinations created in RSTAB.

#### 2 Input Data













To transfer selected entries to the *Selected for Design* list on the right, click  $[\blacktriangleright]$ . Alternatively, you can double-click the items. To transfer the complete list to the right, click  $[\blacktriangleright]$ .

To transfer multiple entries at once, select them while pressing the [Ctrl] key, as common for Windows applications.

Load cases highlighted in red, like LC 5 in Figure 2.4, cannot be designed. This happens when the load cases are defined without any load data or the load cases contain only imperfections. When you transfer the load cases, a corresponding warning appears.

At the end of the list, several filter options are available. They will help you assign the entries sorted by load case, load combination, or action category. The buttons have the following functions:

| Selects all load cases in the list  |
|-------------------------------------|
| Inverts the selection of load cases |

Table 2.1: Buttons in the tab Ultimate Limit State

#### **Selected for Design**

The column on the right lists the load cases, load combinations, and result combinations selected for design. To remove selected entries from the list, click  $[\blacktriangleleft]$  or double-click the entries. To transfer the entire list to the left, click  $[\blacktriangleleft]$ .

The design of an enveloping max/min result combination is performed faster than the design of all contained load cases and load combinations.

However, the analysis of a result combination has also disadvantages: First, the influence of the contained actions is difficult to discern. Second, for the determination of the size factor for bending ( $K_{Zbg}$ ) for glued-laminated timber, the envelope of the moment distributions is analyzed. From that, the most unfavorable distribution (max or min) is applied. However, this distribution only rarely reflects the moment distribution in the individual load combinations. Thus, in the case of RC design, more unfavorable values of the factor  $K_{Zbg}$  are to be expected, leading to higher ratios.

Result combinations should be selected for design only for dynamic combinations. For "usual" combinations, load combinations are recommended.



#### 2.1.2 Serviceability Limit State

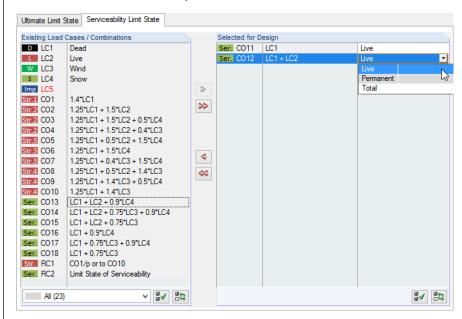


Figure 2.5: Window 1.1 General Data, tab Serviceability Limit State

#### **Existing Load Cases and Combinations**

This section lists all load cases, load combinations, result combinations, and super combinations created in RSTAB.

#### **Selected for Design**



Load cases, load combinations, and result combinations can be added or removed (see Chapter 2.1.1).

It is possible to assign different limit values for deflection to the individual load cases, load combinations, and result combinations. The following design situations are available for selection:

- Live
- Permanent
- Total

You can change the design situation by using the drop-down list that you can open by clicking [▼] at the end of the box (see Figure 2.5Figure 2.4).

Standard...

The limit values of the deformations are specified in the *Standard* dialog box (see Figure 2.8, page 14) which you can call up by clicking the [Standard] button.

In the 1.12 *Serviceability Data* window, the reference lengths decisive for the deformation check are managed (see Chapter 2.11, page 60).



#### 2.1.3 Standard

All preset parameters which are applied to the design are specified in the Standard dialog box.

To check and, if necessary, adjust these parameters, you can use the [Standard] button in all input windows in order to open the *Standard* dialog box. It consists of four tabs.

#### **General Factors**

Standard...

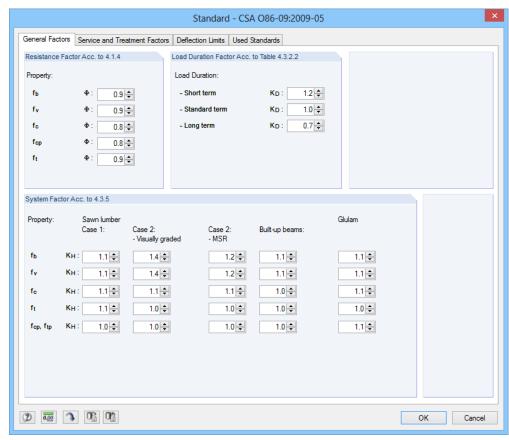


Figure 2.6: Dialog box Standard, tab General Factors

In the dialog box sections, you can check or, if necessary, modify the *Resistance Factors*, the *Load Duration Factors* or the *System Factors*.

The buttons in the *Standard* dialog box are reserved for the following functions:

| Button | Function                               |
|--------|--|
| 3      | Resets the program's default settings  |
|        | Imports user-defined standard settings |
|        | Saves the current settings as default  |
| ×      | Deletes a user-defined Standard        |

Table 2.2: Buttons in the Standard dialog box



#### **Service and Treatment Factors**

In the second tab of the *Standard* dialog box, you find *Service Condition Factors* and the *Treatment Factors*. These can be also modified, if necessary.

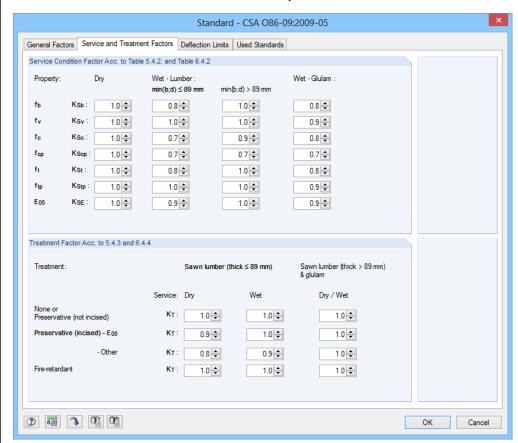


Figure 2.7: Dialog box Standard, tab Service and Treatment Factors



#### **Deflection Limits**

In the third tab, you can define the *Limit Values of Deflection* for the SLS design, depending on the design situation.

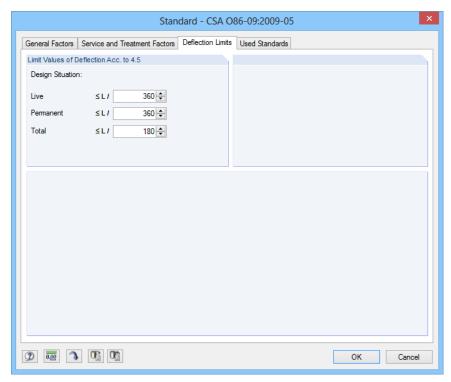


Figure 2.8: Dialog box Standard, tab Deflection Limits

#### **Used Standards**

The last tab informs you about the Standards according to which the design is performed.

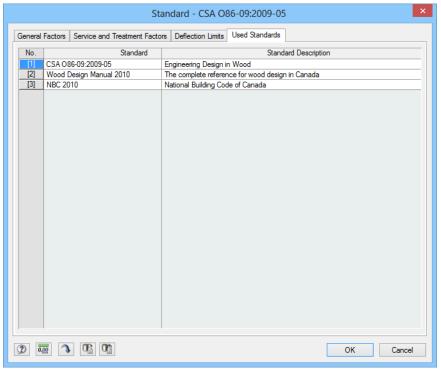


Figure 2.9: Dialog box Standard, tab Used Standards



#### 2.2 Materials

The window consists of two parts. In the upper part, all materials created in RSTAB are listed. In the *Material Properties* section, the properties of the current material, that is, the table row currently selected in the upper section, are displayed.

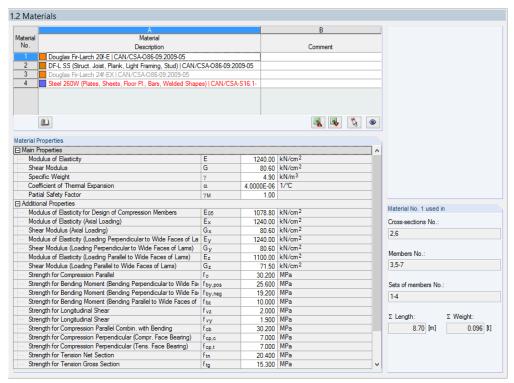


Figure 2.10: Window 1.2 Materials

Materials that will not be used in the design are dimmed. Materials that are not allowed are highlighted in red. Modified materials are displayed in blue.

The material properties required for the determination of internal forces are described in Chapter 4.2 of the RSTAB manual (*Main Properties*). The material properties required for design are stored in the global material library. These values are preset (*Additional Properties*).

To adjust the units and decimal places of material properties and stresses, select in the module's menu **Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Units and Decimal Places** (see Chapter 7.3, page 60).

#### **Material Description**

The materials defined in RSTAB are already preset, but it is always possible to modify them: To do this, click the material in column A. Then click [▼] or press function key [F7] to open the material list.

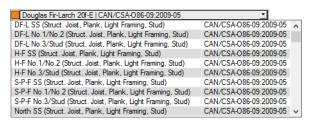


Figure 2.11: List of materials

According to the design concept of CAN/CSA-O86-09:2009-05 [1], the list includes only materials of the Canadian Standard.



When you have imported a material, the design relevant Material Properties are updated.

If you change the material description manually and the entry is stored in the material library, TIMBER CSA will import the material properties, too.

Principally, it is not possible to edit the material properties in the TIMBER CSA module.

#### **Material Library**

Numerous materials are already available in the library. To open the corresponding dialog box, select

#### Edit → Material Library

or click the button shown on the left.

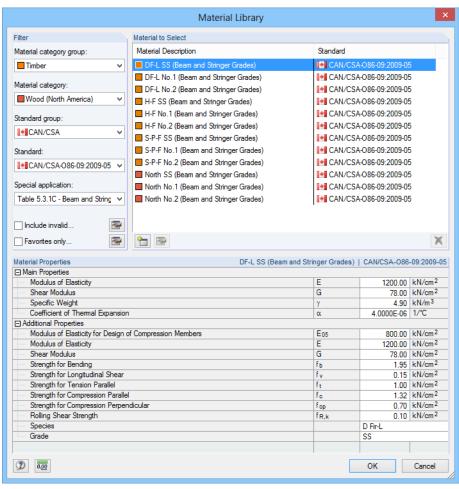


Figure 2.12: Dialog box Material Library

In the *Filter* section, *CAN/CSA* is preset as Standard. Select the material quality that you want to use for the design in the *Material to Select* list. You can check the corresponding properties in the dialog section below.

Click [OK] or press [→] to transfer the selected material to window 1.2 of the module TIMBER CSA.

Chapter 4.2 of the RSTAB manual describes in detail how materials can be filtered, added, or rearranged.

OK



#### **Material Properties**

The lower section of window 1.2 contains the specified strength values for bending  $f_b$ , tension parallel  $f_t$ , tension perpendicular  $f_{\tau p}$ , shear  $f_v$ , compression parallel  $f_c$ , compression perpendicular  $f_{\tau p}$ , as well as modulus of elasticity for design of compression members  $E_{05}$ .

The specified bending and shear strength values and modulus of elasticity for glued-laminated timber (material of [1] Table 6.3 special application) are extended for cases of bending perpendicular and parallel to the wide faces of laminations and bending to  $f_{by}$  and  $f_{bz}$ . If the narrow faces of laminations are normal to the direction of load, the bending resistance and stiffness for glulam are based on No. 2 grade lumber properties. When structural laminated timber material stressed primarily in bending is selected, the value  $f_{by}$  is doubled for the case of positive  $f_{by,pos}$  and negative  $f_{by,neg}$  bending. In addition, the value  $f_{cp}$  is doubled for compression  $f_{cp,c}$  and tension  $f_{cp,t}$  face of cross-section.

For beams of [1] Table 5.3.1C with special application materials loaded to the wide face, the specified strengths for bending and the specified modulus of elasticity are automatically multiplied by the relevant wide face factor. Please note that this multiplication is used only in the add-on module. The internal forces are not recalculated in RSTAB.

Standard...

The design values of the material strengths are to be determined with the modification factors. Those factors can be modified in the *Standard Settings* dialog box (see Figure 2.6 and Figure 2.7, pages 12 and 13).



### 2.3 Cross-Sections

This window manages the cross-sections used for design. In addition, the window allows you to specify optimization parameters.

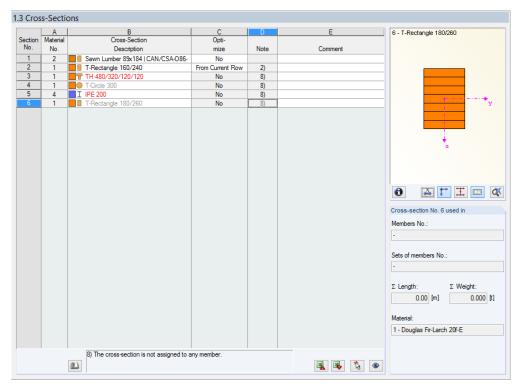


Figure 2.13: Window 1.3 Cross-Sections

#### **Cross-Section Description**

The cross-sections defined in RSTAB are preset together with the assigned material numbers.

The design is possible for the parametric timber rectangular and circular cross-section and for standardized timber rectangular cross-section according to the Canadian Standard CAN/CSA O86-09.



To modify a cross-section, click the entry in column B selecting this field. Click [Cross-section Library] or [...] in the field or press function key [F7] to open the cross-section table of the current input field (see the following two figures).



In those dialog boxes, you can select a different cross-section or a different cross-section table. To select a different cross-section category, click [Back to cross-section library] to access the general cross-section library.

Chapter 4.3 of the RSTAB manual describes how cross-sections can be selected from the library.

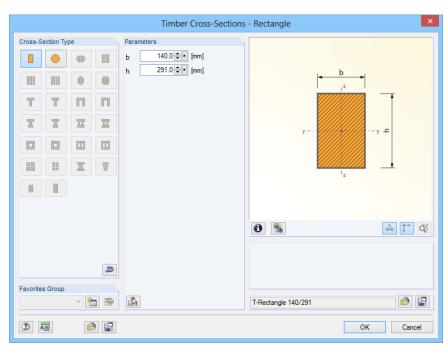


Figure 2.14: Parametric timber cross-sections of the library

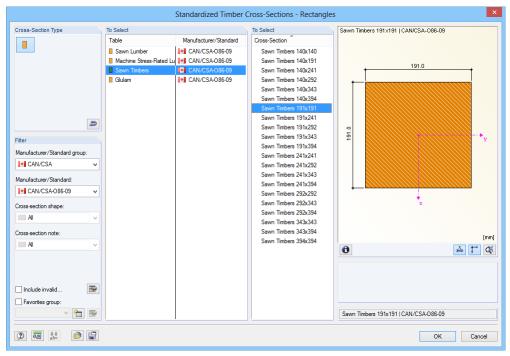
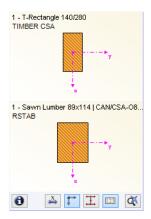


Figure 2.15: Standardized timber cross-sections of the library

The new cross-section description can be entered in the text box directly. If the database contains an entry, TIMBER CSA imports these cross-section parameters, too.

A modified cross-section will be highlighted in blue.

If cross-sections specified in TIMBER CSA are different from the ones used in RSTAB, both cross-sections are displayed in the graphic in the right part of the window. The designs will be performed with the internal forces from RSTAB for the cross-section selected in TIMBER CSA.





#### Max. Design Ratio

This table column is displayed only after the calculation. It is a decision support for the optimization. By means of the displayed design ratio and colored relation scales, you can see which cross-sections are little utilized and thus oversized, or overloaded and thus undersized.

#### **Optimize**

Details...

You can optimize all rectangular and circular cross-sections: For the RSTAB internal forces, the program searches the cross-section that comes as close as possible to a user-defined maximum utilization ratio. You can define the maximum ratio in the *Other* tab of the *Details* dialog box, (see Figure 3.4, page 36).

If you want to optimize a cross-section, open the drop-down list in column D or E. Recommendations for optimizing cross-sections can be found in Chapter 7.2 on page 57.

#### Remark

This column shows remarks in the form of footers that are described in detail below the cross-section list.

#### Info About Cross-Section



In the *Info About Cross-Section* dialog box, you can check the cross-section properties and stress points.

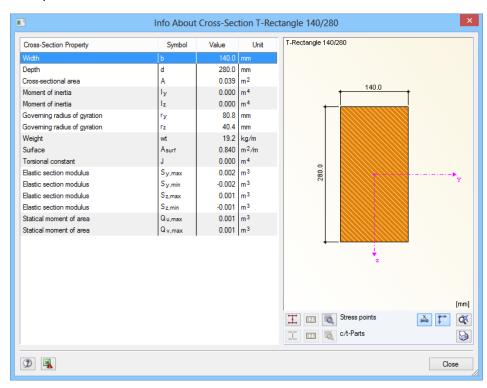


Figure 2.16: Dialog box Info About Cross-Section

The right part of the dialog box shows the currently selected cross-section.



The buttons below the graphic have the following functions:

| Button | Function  |
|--------|---|
| $\Box$ | Displays or hides the stress points                       |
| 123    | Displays or hides the numbers of stress points            |
|        | Shows the details of the stress points (see Figure 2.17)  |
| X      | Displays or hides the dimensions of the cross-section     |
|        | Displays or hides the principal axes of the cross-section |
| OK .   | Resets the full view of the cross-section graphic         |
|        | Prints the cross-section values and cross-section graphic |

Table 2.3: Buttons of cross-section graphic



Click [Details] to call up specific information on the stress points (distances to center of gravity, statical moments of area, etc.).

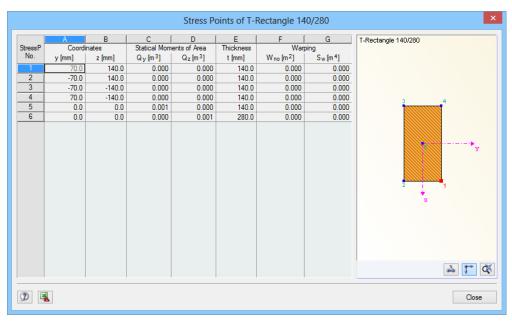


Figure 2.17: Dialog box Stress Points

#### Member with tapered cross-section

For tapered members with different cross-sections at both member ends, the module displays the two cross-sections numbers in separate table rows, in accordance with the definition in RSTAB.

TIMBER CSA is also able to design glued-laminated tapered members if the same cross-section type is defined for the start and the end cross-section. Additional specifications are required in Window 1.10 (see Chapter 2.10, page 31).



#### 2.4 Load Duration

In window 1.4, you define the load duration to consider factors reflecting the different load duration for all chosen load cases, load combinations, result combination, and dynamic combinations.

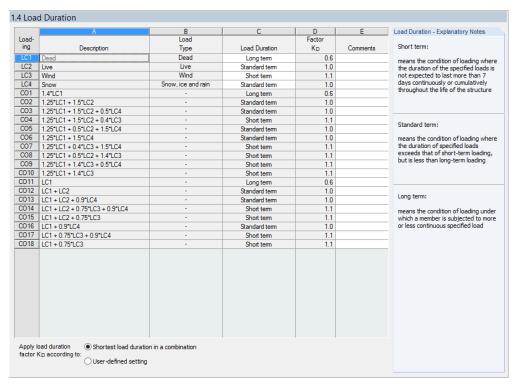


Figure 2.18: Window 1.4 Load Duration

#### Loading

All actions selected in the 1.1 *General Data* window are listed here. For combinations, included load cases are listed, too.

#### Description

The load case descriptions make the classification easier.

#### **Load Type**

This table column shows the load cases' types of action as defined while creating them in RSTAB. They are the basis for the presetting in the subsequent table column.

#### **Load Duration**

Loads and their superpositions must be assigned to classes of load duration. The classification of actions is specified in [1] Table 2.3.2, for example.

For load cases and variable result combinations, the load duration can be changed by using the list shown on the left: Click the cell in column C, thus selecting the field. The  $[\mbox{\ensuremath{$\vee$}}]$  button becomes available. For load combinations and Or result combinations, TIMBER CSA performs the classification automatically taking into account the shortest load duration action of included load cases. When the bottom-side button is switched to User-defined settings, load combinations and Or result combinations are user-changeable as well.

The class of the load duration is required for the determination of the load duration factor, K<sub>D</sub>.





#### Factor KD

The impact of the load duration on the material strengths is taken into account by means of the load duration factor (see [1] Table 4.3.2.2).

The default values of the factors K<sub>D</sub> can be checked and, if necessary, adjusted in the *Standard* dialog box (see Figure 2.6, page 12).

#### **Loading Distribution**

This column will be added when a radial stress design is to be carried out for tapered members. Those settings can be made in Window 1.10 *Tapered Members* (see Chapter 2.10).

For the design of tension perpendicular to grain, the distribution of the loading has to be assigned so that the size factor,  $K_{Ztp}$ , can be determined (see [1] Table 6.5.6.6.1).

#### 2.5 Service Conditions and Treatment - Members

The determination of moisture and wood treatment makes it possible to assign the service condition factors,  $K_5$ , and the treatment factors,  $K_7$ , to each member. The moisture service conditions can be specified individually for sawn lumber or glued-laminated timber according to [1] Table 5.4.2 and Table 6.4.2, the treatment factor according to [1] Table 5.4.3 and Chapter 6.4.4.

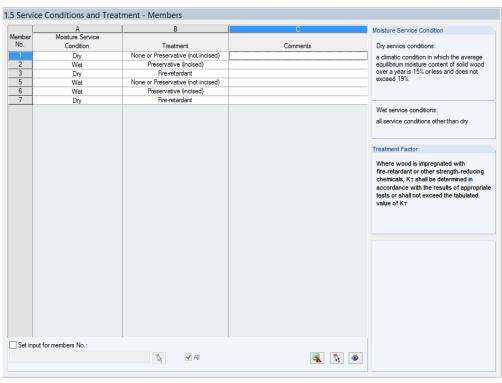
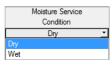


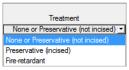
Figure 2.19: Window 1.5 Service Conditions and Treatment - Members

The default values of the factors  $K_S$  and  $K_T$  can be checked and, if necessary, adjusted in the *Standard* dialog box (see Figure 2.7, page 13).









Standard...





Below the *Settings* table, you find the *Set input for members No.* check box. If it is selected, the settings entered <u>afterward</u> will be applied to the selected or even to *All* members. Members can be selected by entering the member number or by selecting them graphically with the [N] button. This option is useful when you want to assign identical conditions to several members. Please note that settings that have been already defined cannot be changed subsequently by using this function.

The other buttons below the table have the following functions:

| Button | Function   |
|--------|--|
| 3      | Exports table into MS Excel or OpenOffice.org Calc                     |
| \$     | Directs to the row of member graphically selected in RSTAB work window |
|        | Switches into RSTAB work window  |

Table 2.4: Buttons in the window Service Conditions and Treatment - Members

### 2.6 Service Conditions and Treatment - Set of Members

This window is only available if one or more sets of members have been selected in window 1.1 *General Data*.

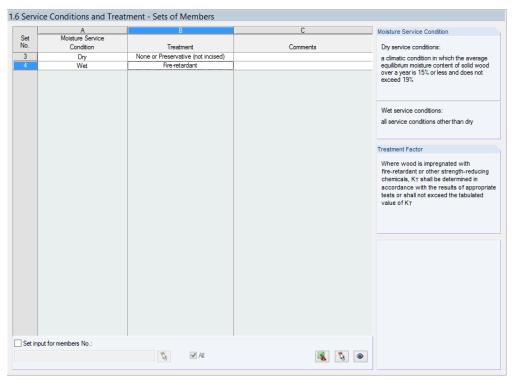


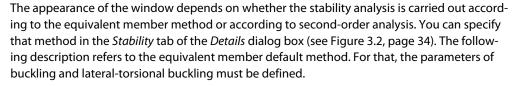
Figure 2.20: Window 1.6 Service Conditions and Treatment - Sets of Members

The concept of this window is similar to the one in the previous window 1.5 Service Conditions and Treatment - Members window. In this window, you can assign the moisture service conditions and the treatment of the wood to each set of members.



## 2.7 Effective Lengths - Members

Details...





If the stability analysis is deactivated in the *Stability* tab of the *Details* dialog box, window 1.7 is not shown.

The window consists of two parts. The table in the upper part provides summarized information about the factors for the lengths of buckling and lateral-torsional buckling as well as the equivalent member lengths of the members to be designed. The effective lengths defined in RSTAB are preset. In the *Settings* section, you can see further information about the member whose row is selected in the upper section.



Click [<sup>r</sup>] to select a member graphically and to show its row.

Changes can be made in the table as well as in the Settings tree.

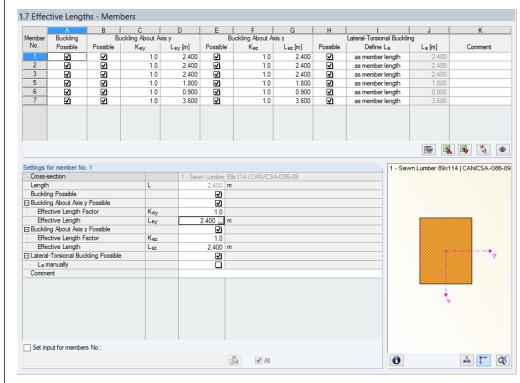


Figure 2.21: Window 1.7 Effective Lengths - Members for equivalent member method

The effective lengths can be entered manually in the table and in the *Settings* tree, or defined graphically in the work window after clicking [...]. This button is enabled when you click in the text box (see figure above).

The Settings tree manages the following parameters:

- Cross-section
- Length (actual length of the member)
- Buckling Possible (corresponds to column A)
- Buckling About Axis y Possible (corresponds to columns B to D)
- Buckling About Axis z Possible (corresponds to columns E to G)
- Lateral-Torsional Buckling Possible (corresponds to columns H to J)



In this table, you can specify for the currently selected member whether to carry out a buckling or a lateral-torsional buckling analysis. In addition to this, you can adjust the *Effective Length Factor* for the respective lengths. When a coefficient is modified, the equivalent member length is adjusted automatically, and vice versa.



You can also define the buckling length of a member in a dialog box. To open it, click the button shown on the left. It is located on the right below the upper table of the window.

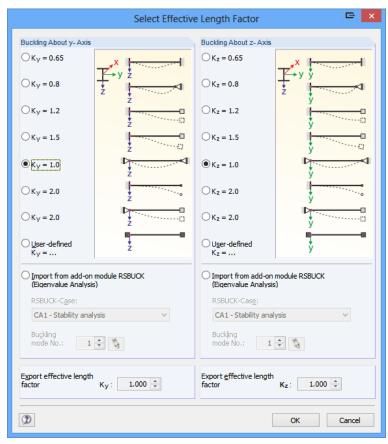


Figure 2.22: Dialog box Select Effective Length Factor

For each direction, you can select one of the buckling modes (recommended and theoretical values of buckling length factors as specified in [1] Table A.5.5.6.1) or enter a *User-defined* effective length coefficient *K*.

If an eigenvalue analysis was carried out in the add-on module RSBUCK, you can also select a *Buckling mode* to determine the factor.

#### **Buckling Possible**

A stability analysis for flexural buckling and lateral-torsional buckling requires the ability of members to resist compressive forces. Therefore, members for which such resistance is not possible because of the member type (for example tension members, elastic foundations, rigid couplings) are excluded from design in the first place. The corresponding rows appear dimmed and a note is displayed in the *Comment* column.

The *Buckling Possible* check boxes in table column A and in the *Settings* tree enable you to classify specific members as compression members or, alternatively, to exclude them from the design according to [1].



#### **Buckling About Axis y or Axis z**

With the check boxes in the *Possible* table columns, you decide whether a member is susceptible to buckling about the y-axis and/or z-axis. Those axes represent the local member axes, with axis y being the "major" and axis z the "minor" member axis. The buckling length factors  $K_{e,v}$  and  $K_{e,z}$  for buckling about the major or the minor axis can be selected freely.



You can check the position of the member axes in the cross-section graphic in window 1.3 *Cross-Sections* (see Figure 2.13, page 18). To access the RSTAB work window, click [View mode]. In the work window, you can display the local member axes by using the member's context menu or the *Display* navigator.

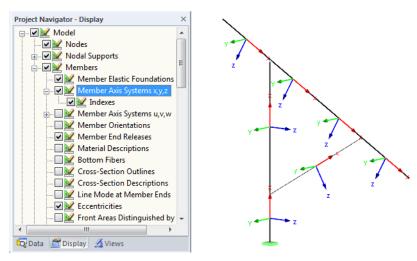
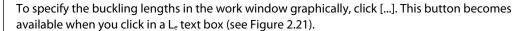


Figure 2.23: Selecting the member axis systems in the Display navigator of RSTAB

If buckling is possible about one or even both member axes, you can enter the effective length factors as well as the effective lengths in the columns C and D respectively as F and G. The same is possible in the *Settings* table.



When you define the effective length factor  $K_e$ , the program determines the effective length  $L_e$  by multiplying the member length L by this buckling length coefficient. The text boxes for  $K_e$  and  $L_e$  are interactive.

#### **Lateral-Torsional Buckling**

Table column H controls for which members a lateral-torsional buckling analysis is to be carried out.

#### Define Le

The member lengths are preset in column I as equivalent member lengths relevant for lateral-torsional buckling. When you set the option *manually* in the list box, you can specify the length for lateral-torsional buckling  $L_e$  in column J. You can also define it graphically after clicking [...] as the distance of the lateral supports. Thus, you can adjust the boundary conditions of a structural component if it consists of several members between the supports.

When the option *acc. to Table 6.5.6.4.3* is selected, you can determine the lateral-torsional buckling length in accordance with [1] Table 6.5.6.4.3. A new dialog box is opened in which you can select the effective length according to the loading conditions (see figure below).







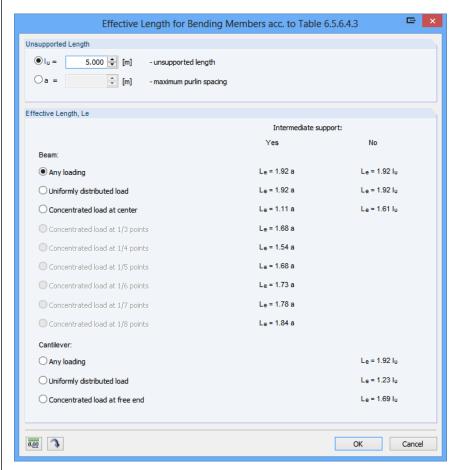


Figure 2.24: Dialog box Effective Length for Bending Members acc. to Table 6.5.6.4.3



Below the *Settings* table, you find the *Set inputs for members No.* check box. If selected, the settings entered <u>afterward</u> will be applied to the selected or to *All* members. Members can be selected by typing the member number or by selecting them graphically using the [\sigma] button. This option is useful when you want to assign the same boundary conditions to several members. Please note that already defined settings cannot be changed subsequently with this function.

#### **Comment**

In the last table column, you can enter you own comments for each member to describe, for example, the selected equivalent member lengths.



## 2.8 Effective Lengths - Sets of Members

This window is only available if one or more sets of members have been selected in window 1.1 *General Data*. Additionally, the stability check must have been activated in the dialog box *Details*, tab *Stability* (see Figure 3.2, page 34).

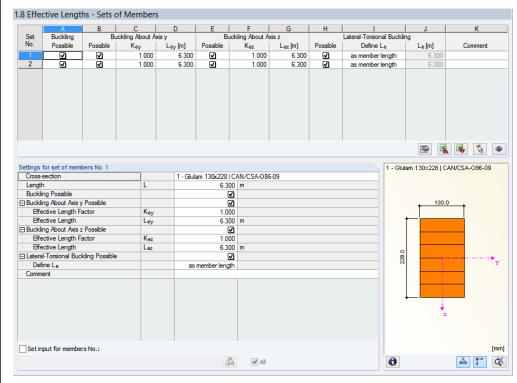


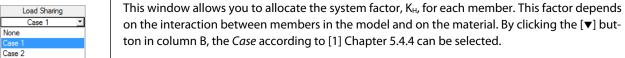
Figure 2.25: Window 1.8 Effective Lengths - Sets of Members

The concept of this window is similar to the one in the previous window 1.7 Effective Lengths - Members. In this window, you can enter the effective lengths for buckling as well as for lateral-torsional buckling as described in Chapter 2.7. They determine the boundary conditions of the entire set of members which is to be treated as an equivalent member.

Standard...



## 2.9 Additional Design Parameters



By default, the program assigns *None/No* system factor. The factor can be checked and, if necessary, adjusted in the *Standard* dialog box (see Figure 2.6, page 12).

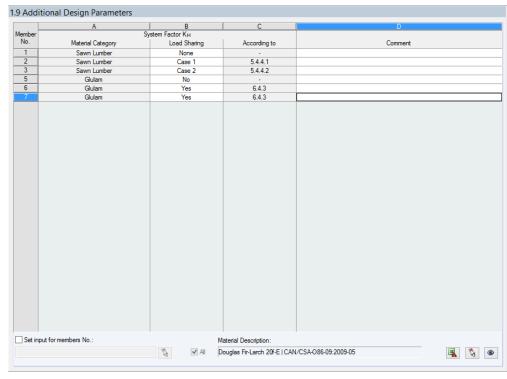


Figure 2.26: Window 1.9 Additional Design Parameters

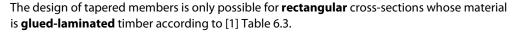
The Set input for members No. check box below the table enables you to assign the settings to selected or All members (see Chapter 2.5 and Chapter 2.7).

The *Material Description* (also below the table) informs you which material is used for the current member. The buttons to the right of this text box are described in Table 2.4 on page 24.



### 2.10 Tapered Members

This window is only available when you have selected at least one member with different cross-sections at both member ends for the design in Window 1.1 *General Data*. This window manages criteria such as the angle of taper of variable cross-sections, for example.



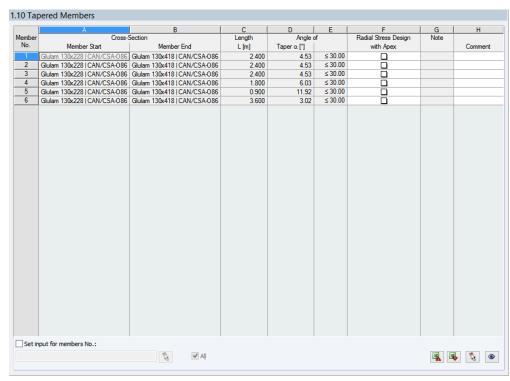


Figure 2.27: Window 1.10 Tapered Members

#### **Cross-Section**

The first two columns list the sections that are defined at the Member Start and Member End.

#### Length L

In this column, you can check the length of each tapered member.

#### Angle of Taper $\alpha$

TIMBER CSA determines the inclination of the taper on the basis of geometric conditions. That angle is displayed for your information. The equations used in the program are valid only for angles smaller than 30° (see [1] Table 6.5.6.6.3).

The maximum angle of taper can be defined in the *Details* dialog box, tab *Other* (see Figure 3.4, page 36).

#### **Radial Stress Design with Apex**

If this check box has been ticked, TIMBER CSA performs the design for the maximum tension stresses perpendicular to the grain in the ridge cross-section according to [1] Clause 6.5.6.6.2.

If this design is activated, it will be necessary to check the *Loading Distribution* in Window 1.4 *Load Duration* (see Chapter 2.4, page 22). The distribution of the loading has an effect on the size factor for tension perpendicular to grain, K<sub>Ztp</sub>.





### 2.11 Serviceability Data

This input window controls several settings for the serviceability limit state design. It is only available if you have set the relevant entries in the *Serviceability Limit State* tab of window 1.1 *General Data* (see Chapter 2.1.2, page 11).

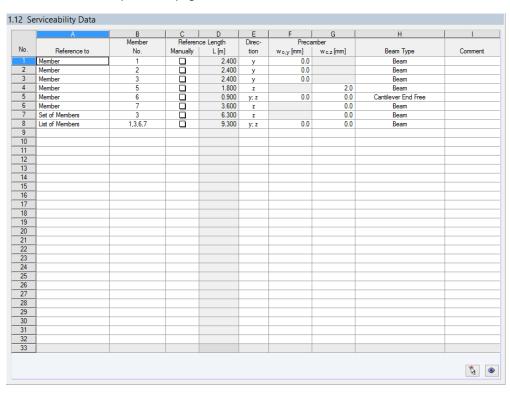










Figure 2.28: Window 1.12 Serviceability Data

In column A, you decide whether you want to apply the deformation to single members, lists of members, or sets of members.

In table column B, you enter the numbers of the members or sets of members that you want to design. You can also click [...] to select them graphically in the RSTAB work window. Then, the *Reference Length* appears in column D automatically. This column presets the lengths of the members, sets of members, or member lists. If required, you can adjust these values after selecting the *Manually* check box in column C.

Column E controls the governing *Direction* for the deformation analysis. You can select the directions of the local member axes x and y and the resultant direction R.

In columns F and G, you can allow for some *Precamber* w<sub>c,y</sub> and w<sub>c,z</sub>.

The Beam Type is important to correctly determine the limit deformations. Column H controls whether there is a beam or a cantilever and which end is not supported.

The settings in the *Serviceability* tab of the *Details* dialog box decide whether the deformations are related to the undeformed initial model or to the shifted ends of members or sets of members (see Figure 3.3, page 35).



## 3. Calculation

## 3.1 Detail Settings



Before you start the [Calculation], it is recommended to check the design details. You can open the corresponding dialog box in all windows of the add-on module by clicking [Details].

The Details dialog box contains the following tabs:

- Resistance
- Stability
- Serviceability
- Other

#### 3.1.1 Resistance

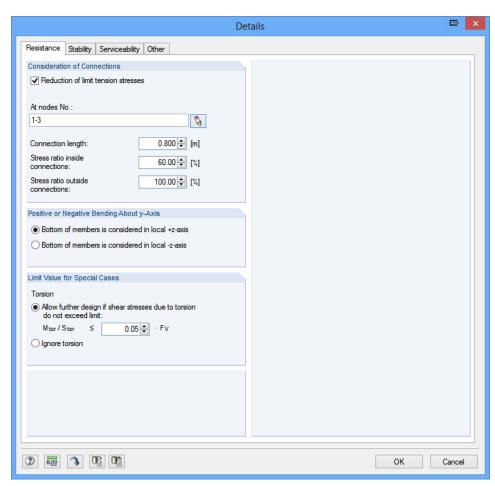


Figure 3.1: Dialog box Details, tab Resistance

#### **Consideration of Connections**

Often zones near member connections show weakening of the cross-section. It is possible to take into account this effect by a *Reduction of limit tension stresses*.



The numbers of the relevant *nodes* can be entered manually or selected graphically by clicking the  $[\]$  button.



The Connection length defines the zone on the member where reduced stresses are considered. In the text box below, enter the allowable stress ratio for *Inside connections* in percent. If required, you can also change the maximum ratio for *Outside connections* of the connection zone.

#### **Positive or Negative Bending About y-Axis**

Structural glued laminated timber members stressed in bending have different reference bending design values for positive bending (bottom of beam is stressed in tension) and negative bending (top of beam is stressed in tension), see [4] Table 5A and Table 5C.

For TIMBER CSA to apply the correct bending design value, you have to specify whether the bottom side of members is located in the direction of the local z-axis or opposite.

#### **Limit Value for Special Cases**

Torsion design is not specified in CAN/CSA O86-09. It is possible to ignore shear stresses due to torsion if a user-defined ratio of the torsional shear resistance is not exceeded (default: 5 %). If the limit is exceeded, a note appears in the result window. This limit setting is not part of the Standard [1]. Changing the limit is the responsibility of the user.

It is also possible to completely *Ignore torsion*.

#### 3.1.2 Stability

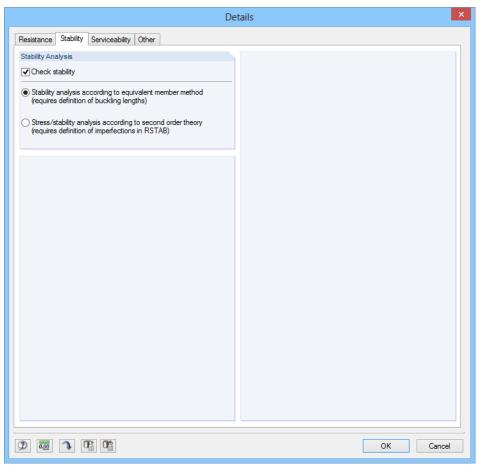


Figure 3.2: Dialog box Details, tab Stability

The *Check stability* check box controls whether to run, in addition the cross-section design, a stability analysis. If you clear the check box, the input windows 1.7 and 1.8 will not be shown.





Equivalent member method: Specifying method of analysis in RSTAB



The *equivalent member method* uses the internal forces determined in RSTAB. In this method, make sure that the **Geometrically linear static analysis** has been set (the default setting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> order analysis). When you perform the stability analysis according to the equivalent member method, the effective lengths of the members and sets of members subject to compression or compression and bending must be specified in windows 1.7 and 1.8.

If the bearing capacity of the model is significantly affected by its deformations, we recommend selecting a calculation according to the *second order theory*. This approach additionally requires the definition of imperfections in RSTAB and their consideration for the load combinations. The flexural buckling analysis is carried out during the calculation of the load combinations in RSTAB.

The lateral-torsional buckling design must also be carried out for second order calculations. Thus, the lateral-torsional buckling lengths of members or sets of members are to be specified in Windows 1.7 or 1.8 *Effective Lengths* manually. In this way, we can make sure that the lateral-torsional buckling analysis is performed with the appropriate factors (for example 1.0).

#### 3.1.3 Serviceability

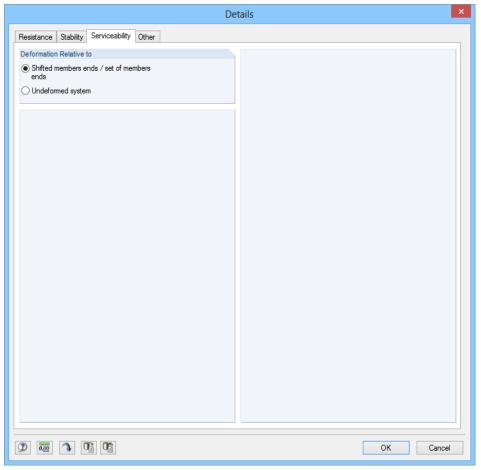


Figure 3.3: Dialog box Details, tab Serviceability

The option fields control whether the maximum deformations are related to the shifted ends of members or sets of members (connection line between start and end nodes of the deformed system) or to the undeformed initial system. As a rule, the deformations are to be checked relative to the displacements in the entire structural system.



#### 3.1.4 Other

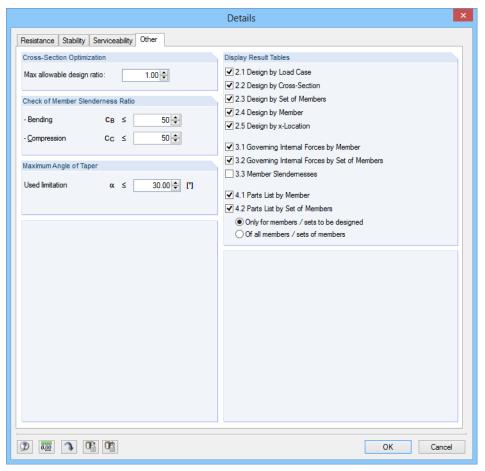


Figure 3.4: Dialog box Details, tab Other

#### **Cross-Section Optimization**

The optimization is targeted on the maximum design ratio of 100 %. If necessary, you can specify a different limit value in this text box.

#### **Check of Member Slenderness Ratio**

In the two text boxes, you can specify the limit values of the member slendernesses. You can define the ratios separately for members with bending,  $C_B$ , and for members with compression,  $C_C$ .

The limit values are compared to the real member slendernesses in window 3.3. This window is available after the calculation (see Chapter 4.8, page 45) if the corresponding check box is selected in the *Display Result Tables* dialog box section.

#### **Maximum Angle of Taper**

The taper angle  $\alpha$  is described in [1] Figure 6.5.6.6.3. According [1] Table 6.5.6.6.3, the maximum value of that angle is 30°. The *Used limitation* can be set to a smaller angle, if necessary.

#### **Display Result Tables**

In this dialog section, you can select the results windows including parts lists that you want to display in the output windows. The windows are described in Chapter 4 *Results*.

Window 3.3 Member Slendernesses is inactive by default.



# 3.2 Start Calculation

Calculation

To start the calculation, click the [Calculation] button which is available in all input windows of the TIMBER CSA add-on module.

TIMBER CSA searches for the results of the load cases, load and result combinations that are to be designed. If they cannot be found, the program starts the RSTAB calculation to determine the design relevant internal forces.

You can also start the calculation in the user interface of RSTAB: In the dialog box *To Calculate* (menu *Calculate*  $\rightarrow$  *To Calculate*), design cases of the add-on modules are listed like load cases and load combinations.

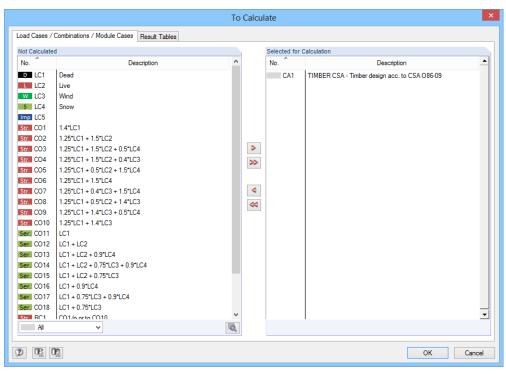


Figure 3.5: Dialog box To Calculate

If the TIMBER CSA cases are missing in the *Not Calculated* section, select *All* or *Add-on Modules* in the drop-down list below the section.

To transfer the selected TIMBER CSA cases to the list on the right, use the [▶] button. Click [OK] to start the calculation.

To calculate a design case directly, use the list in the toolbar. Select the TIMBER CSA design case in the toolbar list, and then click [Show Results].



Figure 3.6: Direct calculation of a TIMBER CSA design case in RSTAB

Subsequently, you can observe the design process in a separate dialog box.









# 4. Results

Window 2.1 Design by Load Case is displayed immediately after the calculation.

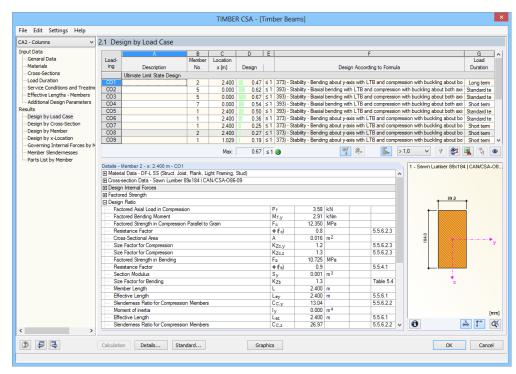
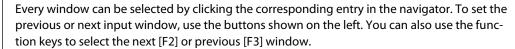


Figure 4.1: Results window with designs and intermediate values

The designs are shown in the results windows 2.1 through 2.5, sorted by different criteria.

Windows 3.1 and 3.2 list the governing internal forces. Window 3.3 informs you about the member slendernesses. The last two results windows 4.1 and 4.2 show the parts lists sorted by member and set of members.



To save the results, click [OK]. You exit TIMBER CSA and return to the main program.

Chapter 4 *Results* describes the different results windows one by one. Evaluating and checking results is described in Chapter 5 *Evaluation of Results* starting on page 48.







# 4.1 Design by Load Case



The upper part of the window provides a summary, sorted by load cases, load combinations, and result combinations of the governing designs. Furthermore, the list is divided in *Ultimate Limit State Design* and *Serviceability Limit State Design* results.

The lower part gives detailed information on the cross-section properties, analyzed internal forces, and design parameters for the load case selected above.

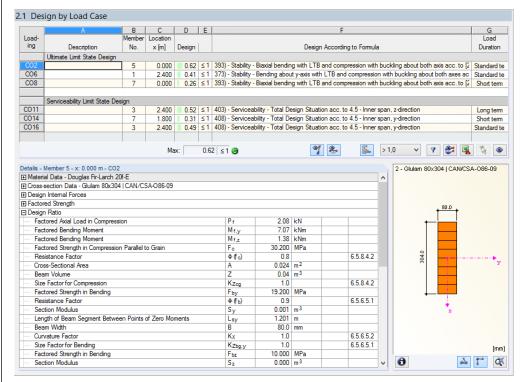


Figure 4.2: Window 2.1 Design by Load Case

## Description

This column shows the descriptions of the load cases, load and result combinations used for the design.

#### Member No.

This column shows the number of the member that bears the maximum design ratio of every designed loading.

#### Location x

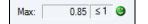
The column shows the x-location at which the maximum design ratio of each member occurs. For the table output, the program uses the following member locations x:

- Start and end node
- Division points according to possibly defined member division (see RSTAB table 1.16)
- Member division according to specification for member results (RSTAB dialog box Calculation parameters, tab Global Calculation Parameters)
- Extreme values of internal forces

## Design

Columns D and E show the design conditions according to CAN/CSA O86-09.

The lengths of the colored bars represent the respective utilizations.





## **Design According to Formula**

This column lists the equations of the Standard by which the designs have been performed.

### **Load Duration**

In column G, the load duration classes as defined in window 1.4 are listed (see Chapter 2.4, page 22).

# 4.2 Design by Cross-Section

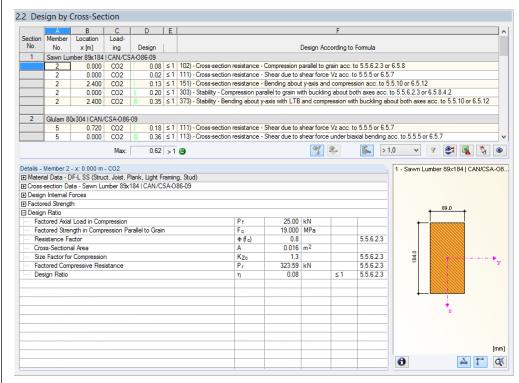


Figure 4.3: Window 2.2 Design by Cross-Section

This window lists the maximum ratios of all members and actions selected for design, sorted by cross-sections. The results are sorted by cross-section design, stability design, and serviceability limit state design.

For tapered members, both cross-section descriptions are displayed in the table row next to the cross-section number.



# 4.3 Design by Set of Members

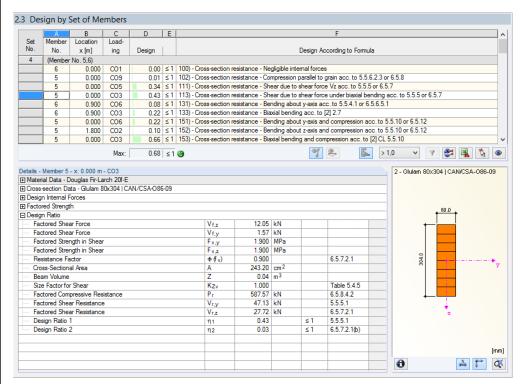


Figure 4.4: Window 2.3 Design by Set of Members

This results window is displayed if you have selected at least one set of members for the design. The window lists the maximum ratios sorted by set of members.

The *Member No.* column shows the number of the one member within the set of members that bears the maximum ratio for the individual design criteria.

The output by sets of members clearly presents the design for an entire structural group (for example a chord).



# 4.4 Design by Member

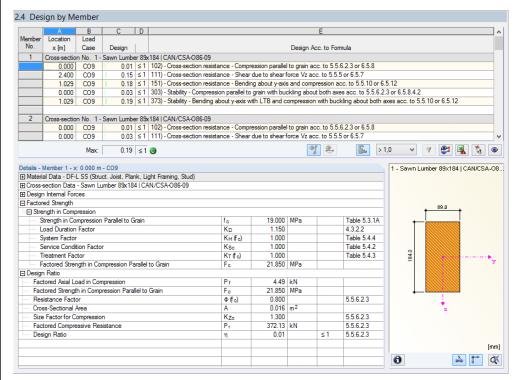


Figure 4.5: Window 2.4 Design by Member

This results window presents the maximum ratios for the individual designs sorted by member number. The columns are described in detail in Chapter 4.1 on page 39.

# 4.5 Design by x-Location

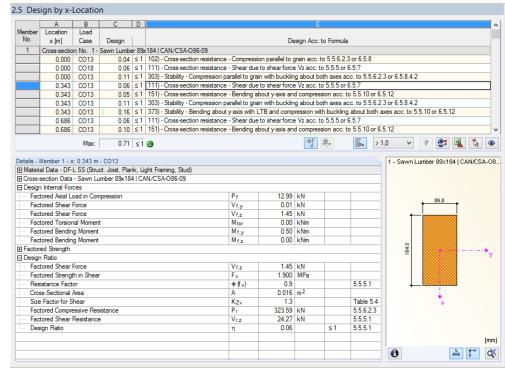


Figure 4.6: Window 2.5 Design by x-Location



This results window lists the maxima for each member at all **x**-locations resulting from the division points in RSTAB:

- Start and end node
- Division points according to possibly defined member division (see RSTAB table 1.16)
- Member division according to specification for member results (RSTAB dialog box *Calculation Parameters*, tab *Global Calculation Parameters*)
- Extreme values of internal forces

# 4.6 Governing Internal Forces by Member

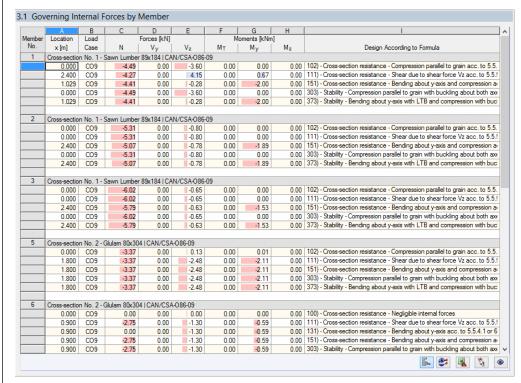


Figure 4.7: Window 3.1 Governing Internal Forces by Member

For each member, this window displays the governing internal forces, that is, those internal forces that result in the maximum utilization in each design.

#### Location x

At this x-location of the member, the respective maximum design ratio occurs.

#### **Load Case**

This column displays the number of the load case, the load combination, or result combination whose internal forces result in the maximum design ratios.

#### Forces / Moments

For each member, this column displays the axial and shear forces as well as the torsional and bending moments producing maximum design ratios in the respective cross-section, stability and serviceability limit state designs.

### **Design According to Formula**

The final column provides information on the types of design and the equations by which the designs according to [1] have been performed.



# 4.7 Governing Internal Forces by Set of Members

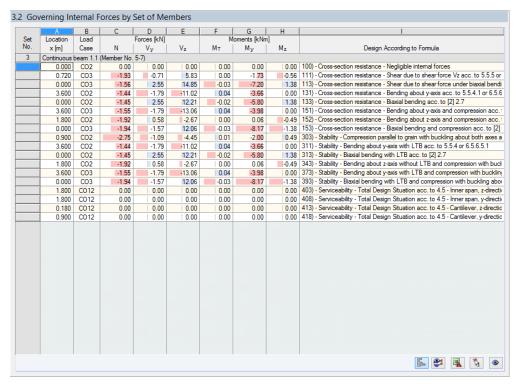


Figure 4.8: Window 3.2 Governing Internal Forces by Set of Members

This window contains the individual internal forces that result in the maximum ratios of the design for each set of members.



# 4.8 Member Slendernesses

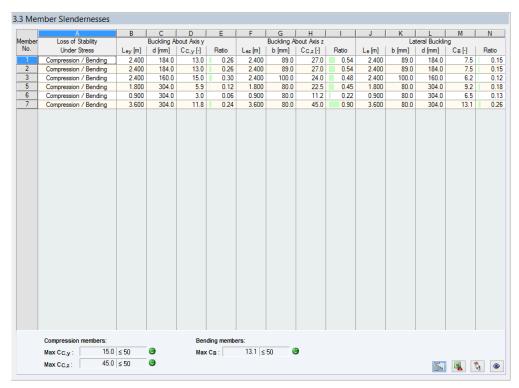


Figure 4.9: Window 3.3 Member Slendernesses

Details...

Details...

This results window is shown only when you have selected the respective check box in the *Other* tab of the *Details* dialog box (see Figure 3.4, page 36).

The table lists the effective slendernesses of the designed members which can lose their stability as compression members, bending members or combinations of both. They were determined depending on the type of load and occurrence of buckling or lateral-torsional buckling. At the end of the list, you find a comparison with the limit values that have been defined in the *Details* dialog box, tab *Other* (see Figure 3.4, page 36).

This window is displayed only for information. No design of the slendernesses is carried out.



# 4.9 Parts List by Member

Finally, TIMBER CSA provides a summary of all cross-sections that are included in the design case.

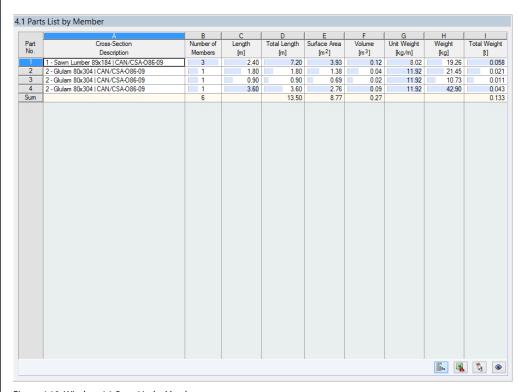


Figure 4.10: Window 4.1 Parts List by Member

Details...

By default, the list contains only the designed members. If you need a parts list for all members of the model, select the corresponding option in the *Details* dialog box, tab *Other* (see Figure 3.4, page 36).

### Part No.

The program automatically assigns item numbers to similar members.

### **Cross-Section Description**

This column lists the cross-section numbers and descriptions.

#### **Number of Members**

This column shows how many similar members are used for each part.

#### Length

This column displays the respective length of an individual member.

#### **Total Length**

This column shows the product determined from the two previous columns.

#### **Surface Area**



For each part, the program indicates the surface area relative to the total length. The surface area is determined from the *Surface Area* of the cross-sections that can be seen in Windows 1.3 and 2.1 through 2.5 (see Figure 2.16, page 20).



### Volume

The volume of a part is determined from the cross-sectional area and the total length.

## **Unit Weight**

The *Unit Weight* of the cross-section is relative to the length of one meter.

## Weight

The values of this column are determined from the respective product of the entries in column C and G.

## **Total Weight**

The final column indicates the total weight of each part.

#### Sum

At the bottom of the list, you find a sum of the values in the columns B, D, E, F, and I. The last cell of the column *Total Weight* gives information about the total amount of timber required.

# 4.10 Parts List by Set of Members

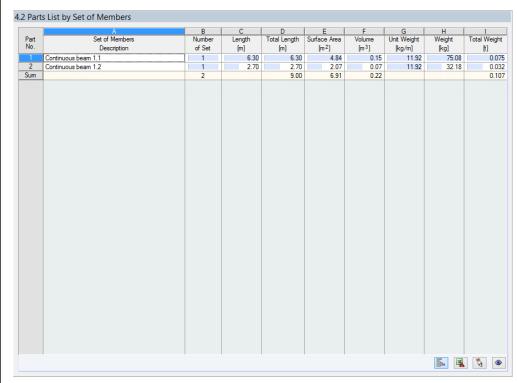


Figure 4.11: Window 4.2 Parts List by Set of Members

The last results window is displayed if you have selected at least one set of members for design. It summarizes an entire structural group (for example a chord) in a parts list.

Details on the various columns can be found in the previous chapter. If there are different cross-sections in the set of members, the program averages the surface area, the volume, and the cross-section weight.



# 5. Evaluation of Results

You can evaluate the design results in different ways. For this, the buttons located below the upper results tables are very useful.

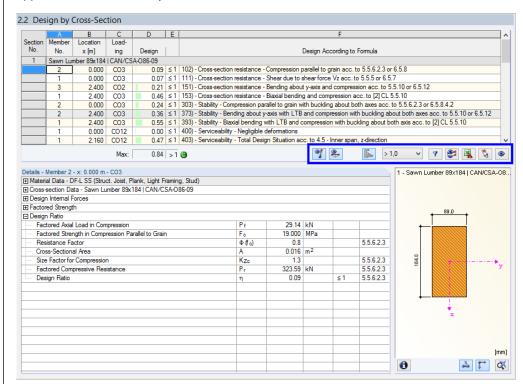


Figure 5.1: Buttons for evaluation of results

The buttons have the following functions:

| Button   | Description      | Function  |
|----------|------------------|---|
| <b>Y</b> | ULS Design       | Shows or hides the results of the ultimate limit state design   |
| <b>*</b> | SLS Design       | Shows or hides the results of the serviceability limit state design   |
|          | Show Color Bars  | Shows or hides the colored relation scales in the results windows   |
| > 1,0    | Filter Options   | Displays only rows with ratios greater than the filter criterion set in text box: design ratios > 1, maximum, or user-defined limit |
|          | Result Diagrams  | Opens the window <i>Result Diagram on Member</i> → Chapter 5.2, page 51   |
| 3        | Excel Export     | Exports the table to MS Excel / OpenOffice  → Chapter 7.4.3, page 61  |
| **       | Member Selection | Allows you to graphically select a member to display its results in the table   |
|          | View Mode        | Jumps to the RSTAB work window to change the view   |

Table 5.1: Buttons in results windows 2.1 through 2.5

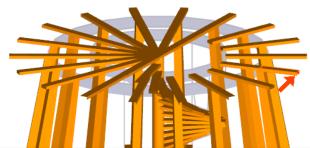


# 5.1 Results in RSTAB Model

To evaluate the design results, you can also use the RSTAB work window.

## RSTAB background graphic and view mode

The RSTAB work window in the background is useful for finding the position of a particular member in the model: The member selected in the TIMBER CSA results window is highlighted in the selection color in the background graphic. Furthermore, an arrow indicates the member's x-location that is displayed in the selected window row.



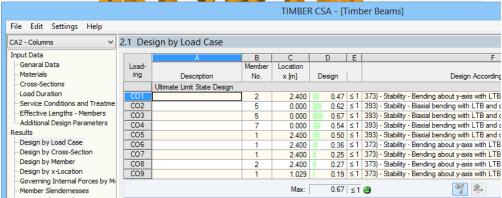


Figure 5.2: Indication of the member and the current Location x in the RSTAB model

If you cannot improve the display by moving the TIMBER CSA module window, click the [Jump to Graphic] button to activate the *View Mode*: Thus, you hide the module window so that you can modify the display in the RSTAB user interface. In the view mode, you can use the functions of the *View* menu, for example zooming, moving, or rotating the display. The pointer remains visible.

Click [Back] to return to the add-on module TIMBER CSA.

### **RSTAB** work window

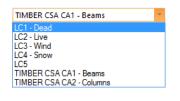
You can also graphically check the design ratios in the RSTAB model: Click [Graphics] to exit the design module. In the RSTAB work window, the design ratios are now displayed like the internal forces of a load case.

To turn the display of design results on or off, use the [Show Results] button known from the display of internal forces in RSTAB. To display the result values, click the [Show Values] toolbar button to the right.

The RSTAB tables are of no relevance for the evaluation of design results.

The design cases can be set by means of the list in the RSTAB menu bar.







The graphical representation of the results can be set in the *Display* navigator by clicking *Results*  $\rightarrow$  *Members*. The ratios are shown *Two-Colored* by default.

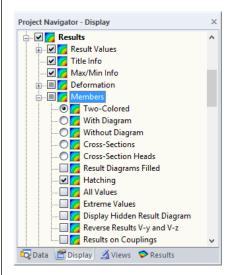


Figure 5.3: *Display* navigator: Results → Members



When you select a multicolor representation (options *With/Without Diagram* or *Cross-Sections*), the color panel becomes available. It provides common control functions that are described in detail in the RSTAB manual, Chapter 3.4.6.

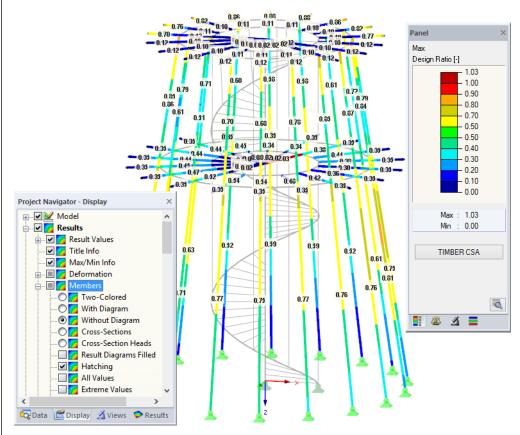


Figure 5.4: Design ratios with display option Without Diagram

The graphics of the design results can be transferred to the printout report (see Chapter 6.2, page 54).

To return to the add-on module, click the [TIMBER CSA] panel button.

TIMBER CSA



# 5.2 Result Diagrams

You can also evaluate the member results graphically in the result diagram.



To do this, select the member (or set of members) in the TIMBER CSA results window by clicking in the table row of the member. Then open the *Result Diagram on Member* dialog box by clicking the button shown on the left. The button is located below the upper results table (see Figure 5.1, page 48).

To display the result diagrams, select the command from the RSTAB menu



## **Results** → **Result Diagrams for Selected Members**

or use the button in the RSTAB toolbar shown on the left.

A window opens, graphically showing the distribution of the maximum design values on the member or set of members.

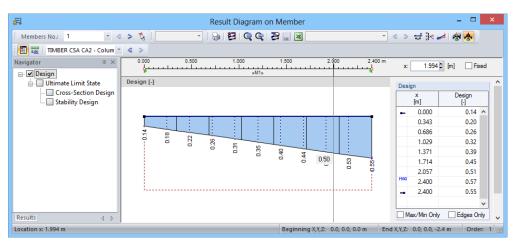
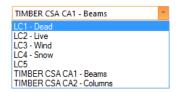


Figure 5.5: Dialog box Result Diagram on Member

Use the list in the toolbar above to select the relevant TIMBER CSA design case.

This dialog box Result Diagram on Member is described in the RSTAB manual, Chapter 9.5.





# 5.3 Filter for Results

The TIMBER CSA results windows allow you to sort the results by various criteria. In addition, you can use the filter options for graphical evaluation of the results as described in Chapter 9.7 of the RSTAB manual.



You can use the *Visibility* option also for TIMBER CSA (see RSTAB manual, Chapter 9.7.1) to filter the members in order to evaluate them.

## Filtering designs

The design ratios can easily be used as filter criteria in the RSTAB work window, which you can open by clicking [Graphics]. To apply this filter function, the panel must be displayed. If it is not, select

## $View \rightarrow Control Panel (Color scale, Factors, Filter)$

or use the toolbar button shown on the left.

The panel is described in the RSTAB manual, Chapter 3.4.6. The filter settings for the results must be defined in the first panel tab (Color spectrum). As this register is not available for the two-colored results display, you have to use the *Display* navigator and set the display options *Colored With/Without Diagram* or *Cross-Sections* first.

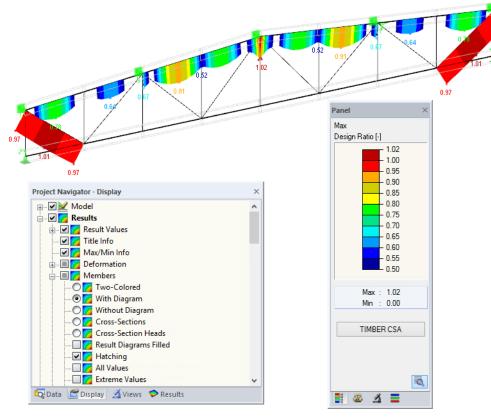


Figure 5.6: Filtering design ratios with adjusted color spectrum

As the figure above shows, the color spectrum can be set in such a way that only ratios higher than 0.50 are shown in a color range between blue and red.

If you select the *Display Hidden Result Diagram* option in the *Display* navigator ( $Results \rightarrow Members$ ), you can display all design ratio diagrams that are not covered by the color spectrum. Those diagrams are represented by dotted lines.



Graphics





## **Filtering members**

In the *Filter* tab of the control panel, you can specify the numbers of particular members to display their results exclusively, that is, filtered. The function is described in detail in the RSTAB manual, Chapter 9.7.3.

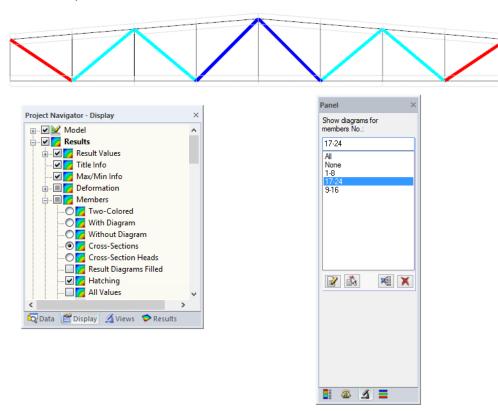


Figure 5.7: Member filter for ratios of diagonals

Unlike the partial view function (*Visibilities*), the graphic displays the entire model. The figure above shows the ratios in the diagonals of a truss girder. The remaining members are displayed in the model but are shown without design ratios.



# 6. Printout

# 6.1 Printout Report

Similar to RSTAB, the program generates a printout report for the TIMBER CSA results, to which you can add graphics and descriptions. The selection in the printout report determines what data from the design module will be included in the printout.



The printout report is described in the RSTAB manual. In particular, Chapter 10.1.3.5 *Selecting Data of Add-on Modules* describes how to select input and output data from add-on modules for the printout report.

For complex structural systems with many design cases, it is recommended to split the data into several printout reports, thus allowing for a clearly-arranged printout.

# 6.2 Graphic Printout

In RSTAB, you can add every picture that is displayed in the work window to the printout report or send it directly to a printer. In this way, you can prepare the design ratios displayed on the RSTAB model for the printout, too.



Printing of graphics is described in the RSTAB manual, Chapter 10.2.

# **Designs in the RSTAB model**



To print the currently displayed design ratios, click

## $\textbf{File} \rightarrow \textbf{Print Graphic}$

or use the toolbar button shown on the left.

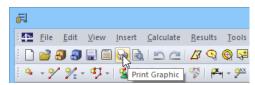


Figure 6.1: Button Print in RSTAB toolbar

## **Result diagrams**



You can also transfer the *Result Diagram on Member* to the report or print it directly by using the [Print] button.

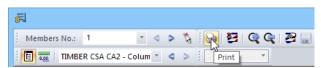


Figure 6.2: Button Print in the Result Diagram on Member

The Graphic Printout dialog box appears (see figure on next page).



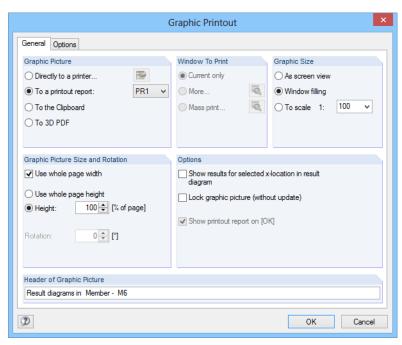


Figure 6.3: Dialog box Graphic Printout, tab General

This dialog box is described in the RSTAB manual, Chapter 10.2. The RSTAB manual also describes the *Options* and *Color Spectrum* tab.

You can move a graphic anywhere within the printout report by using the drag-and-drop function.

To adjust a graphic subsequently in the printout report, right-click the relevant entry in the navigator of the printout report. The *Properties* option in the context menu opens the *Graphic Printout* dialog box, offering various possibilities for adjustment.

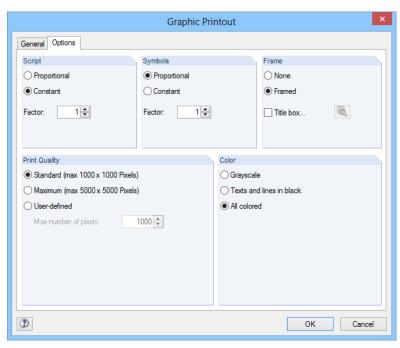
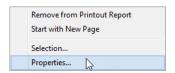


Figure 6.4: Dialog box Graphic Printout, tab Options





# 7. General Functions

This chapter describes useful menu functions as well as export options for the designs.

# 7.1 Design Cases

Design cases allow you to group members for the design: In this way, you can combine groups of structural components or analyze members with particular design specifications (for example changed materials, load duration or system factors, optimization).

It is no problem to analyze the same member or set of members in different design cases.

To calculate a TIMBER CSA design case, you can also use the load case list in the RSTAB toolbar.

# Create new design case

To create a new design case, use the TIMBER CSA menu and click

File  $\rightarrow$  New Case.

The following dialog box appears:



Figure 7.1: Dialog box New TIMBER CSA-Case

In this dialog box, enter a *No*. (one that is still available) for the new design case. The corresponding *Description* will make the selection in the load case list easier.

Click [OK] to open the TIMBER CSA window 1.1 *General Data* where you can enter the design data.

# Rename design case

To change the description of a design case, use the TIMBER CSA menu and click

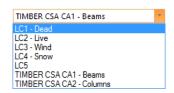
File  $\rightarrow$  Rename Case.

The following dialog box appears:



Figure 7.2: Dialog box Rename TIMBER CSA-Case

In this dialog box, you can enter a different *Description* and also a different *No.* of the design case.





# Copy design case

To copy the input data of the current design case, use the TIMBER CSA menu

### $\mathbf{File} \to \mathbf{Copy} \ \mathbf{Case}$

The following dialog box appears:

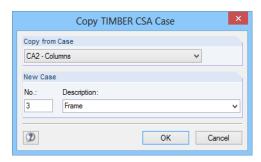


Figure 7.3: Dialog box Copy TIMBER CSA-Case

Define the No. and, if necessary, a Description for the new case.

## Delete design case

To delete design cases, use the TIMBER CSA menu

### File → Delete Case

The following dialog box appears:

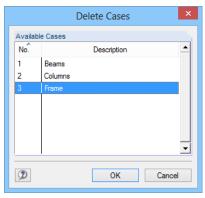


Figure 7.4: Dialog box Delete Cases

The design case can be selected in the list *Available Cases*. To delete the selected case, click [OK].



# 7.2 Cross-Section Optimization

The design module offers you the option to optimize overloaded or little utilized cross-sections. To do this, select in the column D or E of the relevant cross-sections in the 1.3 *Cross-Section* window the option *Yes* (for parametric rectangular and circular sections) or *From current row* (for standardized sections according to [1], see Figure 2.15 on page 19).

You can also start the cross-section optimization in the results windows by using the context menu.

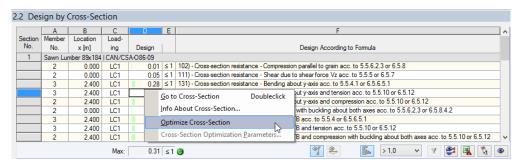


Figure 7.5: Context-menu for cross-section optimization

Details...

During the optimization process, the module determines the cross-section that fulfills the analysis requirements in the most optimal way, that is, comes as close as possible to the maximum allowable design ratio specified in the *Details* dialog box (see Figure 3.4, page 36). The required cross-section properties are determined with the internal forces from RSTAB. If another cross-section proves to be more favorable, this cross-section is used for the design. Then, the graphic in window 1.3 shows two cross-sections: the original cross-section from RSTAB and the optimized one (see Figure 7.7).

For a parameterized cross-section, the following dialog box appears when you have selected Yes from the drop-down list.

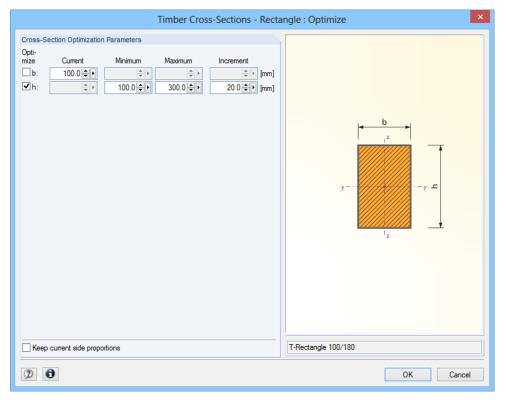


Figure 7.6: Dialog box Timber Cross-Sections - Rectangle: Optimize



By selecting the check boxes in the *Optimize* column, you decide which parameter(s) you want to modify. This enables the *Minimum* and *Maximum* columns, where you can specify the upper and lower limits of the parameter. The *Increment* column determines the interval in which the size of the parameter varies during the optimization process.

If you want to *Keep current side proportions*, select the corresponding check box. In addition, you must select two parameters for optimization.



Please note that the internal forces are not automatically recalculated with the changed cross-sections during the optimization: It is up to you to decide which cross-sections should be transferred to RSTAB for recalculation. As a result of optimized cross-sections, internal forces may vary considerably because of the changed stiffnesses in the structural system. Therefore, it is recommended to recalculate the internal forces of the modified cross-section data after the first optimization, and then to optimize the cross-sections once again.

You can export the modified cross-sections to RSTAB: Go to the 1.3 *Cross-Sections* window, and then click

### Edit $\rightarrow$ Export All Cross-Sections to RSTAB

Alternatively, you can use the context menu in window 1.3 to export optimized cross-sections to RSTAB.

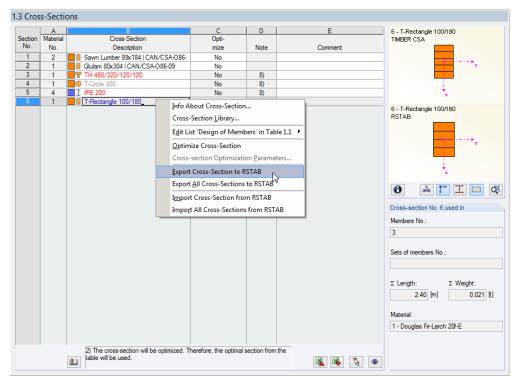


Figure 7.7: Context menu in window 1.3 Cross-Sections

Before the changed materials are transferred to RSTAB, a security query appears as to whether the RSTAB results should be deleted.



Figure 7.8: Query before transfer of modified cross-sections to RSTAB



Calculation

By confirming the query and then starting the [Calculation] in the TIMBER CSA module, the RSTAB internal forces as well as the designs will be determined in one single calculation run.

If the changed cross-sections have not been exported to RSTAB yet, you can reimport the original cross-sections in the design module by using the options shown in Figure 7.7. Please note that this option is only available in the 1.3 *Cross-Sections* window.

# 7.3 Units and Decimal Places

Units and decimal places for RSTAB and the add-on modules are managed in one dialog box. To define the units in TIMBER CSA, select menu

#### Settings → Units and Decimal Places.

The following dialog box appears that is familiar from RSTAB. TIMBER CSA is preset in the *Program/Module* list.

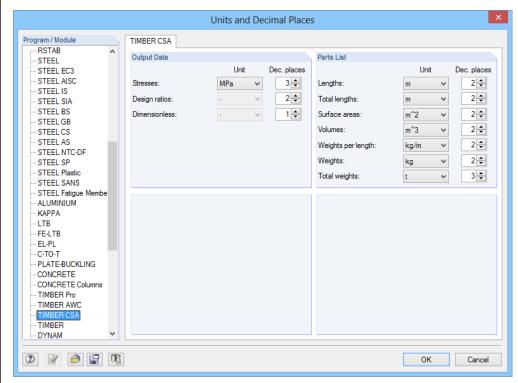


Figure 7.9: Dialog box Units and Decimal Places



You can save the settings as a user profile to reuse them in other models. These functions are described in the RSTAB manual, Chapter 11.1.3.



# 7.4 Data Transfer

# 7.4.1 Export Material to RSTAB

If you have modified the materials in TIMBER CSA for design, you can export the modified materials to RSTAB in a similar way as you export cross-sections: Open the 1.2 *Materials* window, and then click

#### Edit $\rightarrow$ Export All Materials to RSTAB.

You can also export the modified materials to RSTAB using the context menu of window 1.2.

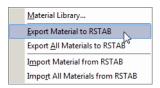


Figure 7.10: Context menu of window 1.2 Materials

Calculation

Before the changed materials are transferred to RSTAB, a security query appears as to whether the results of RSTAB should be deleted. When you have confirmed the query and then start the [Calculation] in TIMBER CSA, the RSTAB internal forces and designs are determined in one single calculation run.

If the modified materials have not been exported to RSTAB yet, you can transfer the original materials to the design module, using the options shown in Figure 7.10. Please note, however, that this option is only available in the 1.2 *Materials* window.

# 7.4.2 Export Effective Lengths to RSTAB

If you have adjusted the materials in TIMBER CSA for design, you can export the modified materials to RSTAB in a similar way as you export cross-sections: Open the 1.7 *Effective Lengths - Members* window, and then select

#### Edit → Export All Effective Lengths to RSTAB

or use the corresponding option on the context menu of window 1.7.

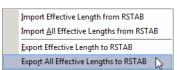


Figure 7.11: Context menu of window 1.7 Effective Lengths - Members

Before the modified materials are transferred to RSTAB, a security query appears as to whether the results of RSTAB should be deleted.

If the modified effective lengths have not been exported to RSTAB yet, you can reimport the original effective lengths to the design module by using the options shown in Figure 7.11. Please note, however, that this option is only available in the windows 1.7 Effective Lengths - Members and 1.8 Effective Lengths - Sets of Members.

# 7.4.3 Export Results

The TIMBER CSA results can also be used by other programs.

## Clipboard

To copy selected cells of the results windows to the Clipboard, use the [Ctrl]+[C] keys. To insert the cells, for example in a word processing program, press [Ctrl]+[V]. The headers of the table columns will not be transferred.



## **Printout Report**

You can print the data of the TIMBER CSA add-on module into the global printout report (see Chapter 6.1, page 54) for export. Then, in the printout report, click

#### File → Export to RTF

The function is described in the RSTAB manual, Chapter 10.1.11.

## **Excel / OpenOffice**

TIMBER CSA provides a function for the direct data export to MS Excel, OpenOffice.org Calc, or the file format CSV. To open the corresponding dialog box, click

#### File → Export Tables

The following export dialog box appears.



Figure 7.12: Dialog box Export - MS Excel

When you have selected the relevant options, you can start the export by clicking [OK]. Excel or OpenOffice will be started automatically, that is, the programs do not have to be opened first.

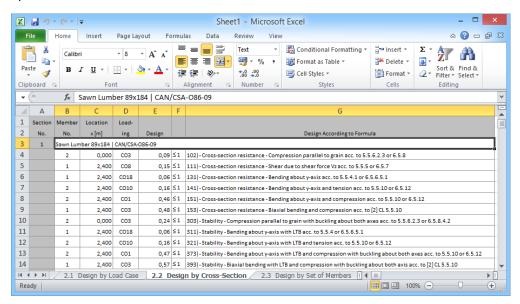


Figure 7.13: Results in Excel



# 8. Examples

# 8.1 Glulam Column

We perform the design according to CAN/CSA O86-09 for a glulam column that is subjected to compression and bending. At its base, it provides a non-movable hinged support. At the top, there is a hinged support which is movable along the local x-axis. The material is a Spruce-Lodgepole Pine-Jack Pine 20f-EX glulam in dry service conditions.

That example is described in [2].

# 8.1.1 System and Loads

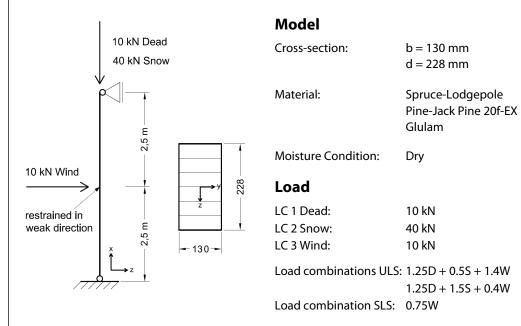


Figure 8.1: System and loads according to [2]



If beams are divided by nodes, it is necessary to verify them as a set of members. In this example, the beam is not divided because the wind load is defined as a *Concentrated Member Load*. If a nodal load was used, we would have to design a set of members instead of a member (see chapter 2.1).



# 8.1.2 Calculation with RSTAB

The system as well as the loads in all load cases is modeled in RSTAB as a 2D-XZ model. We deactivate the automatic consideration of the self-weight when we create LC1.

We create the load combinations for ULS and SLS with the relevant factors for the defined load cases. Then we calculate the model according to the **linear static analysis**.

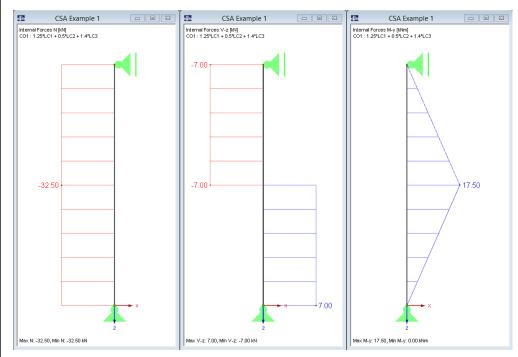


Figure 8.2: Internal forces N,  $V_z$  and  $M_y$  (ULS)

# 8.1.3 Design with TIMBER CSA

# 8.1.3.1 Ultimate Limit State Design

In window 1.1 General Data, we select combination CO1 for the Ultimate Limit State design.

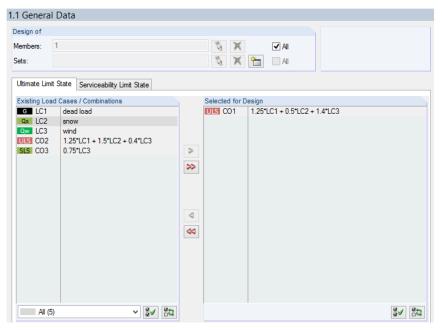


Figure 8.3: Window 1.1 General Data



The 1.2 Materials window presents the characteristic strengths of the selected material.

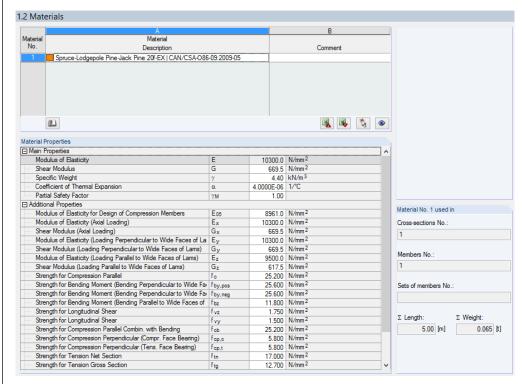


Figure 8.4: Window 1.2 Materials

In the 1.3 Cross-Sections window, the parameters of the cross-section can be checked.

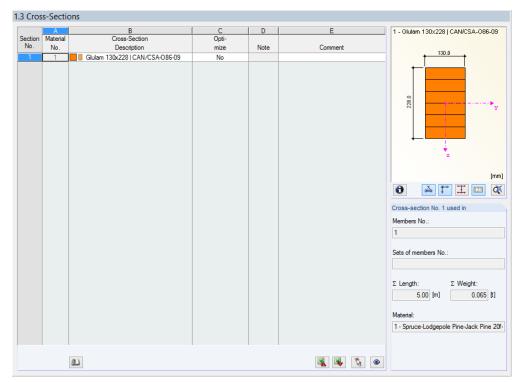


Figure 8.5: Window 1.3 Cross-Sections



In window 1.4 Load Duration, we define the load duration. For the dead load, we leave Long term, for snow we change it to **Standard term** and for wind to **Short term**. According to [1] Chapter 4.3.2.4, we choose **Shortest load duration in a combination** so the load duration factor  $K_D$  of the shortest duration will be considered for the load combination.

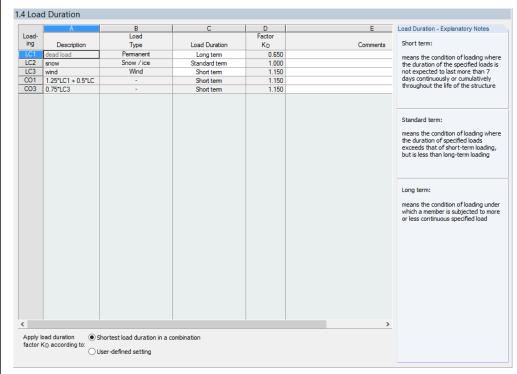


Figure 8.6: Window 1.4 Load Duration

In window 1.5 Service Conditions and Treatment - Members, we define the moisture and the treatment parameters. The treatment factor  $K_T$  will be taken as unity in this case.

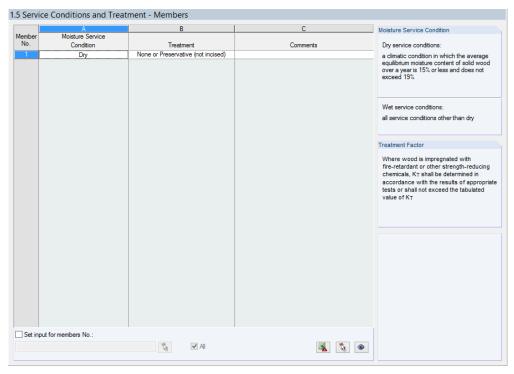


Figure 8.7: Window 1.5 Service Conditions and Treatment - Members



In the 1.7 Effective Lengths - Members window we specify the buckling lengths of the column.

About the main axis (*Buckling About Axis y*), we can leave the default value of 5.00 m (see [1] Table A.5.5.6.1). For the minor axis (*Buckling About Axis z*), however, we define the buckling length  $\mathbf{L_{ez}} = \mathbf{2.50}$  m as the column is restrained in the middle of the member (see Figure 8.1). In this case, we can deactivate *Lateral-Torsional Buckling* because the slenderness ratio  $C_B$  does not exceed 10 (see [1] Chapter 6.5.6.4.4) so that we get the lateral stability factor  $K_L = 1.0$ .

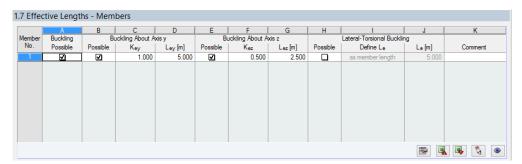


Figure 8.8: Window 1.7 Effective Lengths - Members

In window 1.9 Additional Design Parameters, the use of the system factor K<sub>H</sub> is not required.

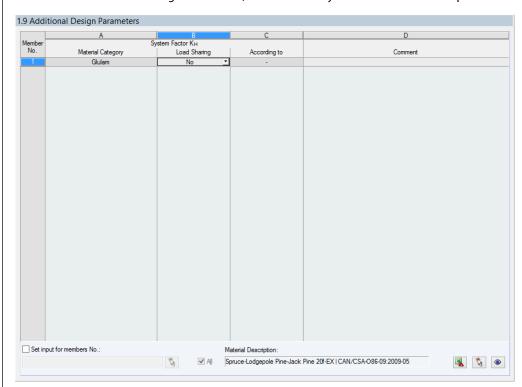


Figure 8.9: Window 1.9 Additional Design Parameters

Calculation

We start the calculation by clicking the [Calculation] button.



#### Results

After the calculation, the governing design is presented in the 2.1 Design by Load Case window.

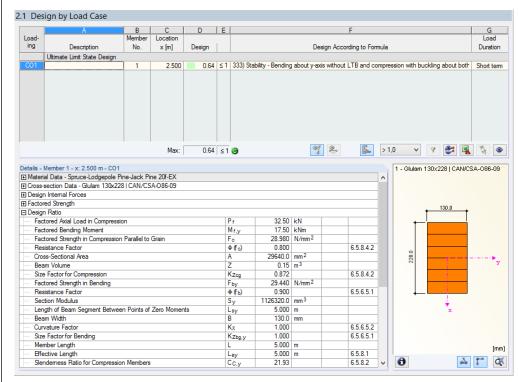


Figure 8.10: Window 2.1 Design by Load Case

The *Details* in the lower part of the window correspond to the design results in [2]. All values you need to comprehend the calculation are listed there.

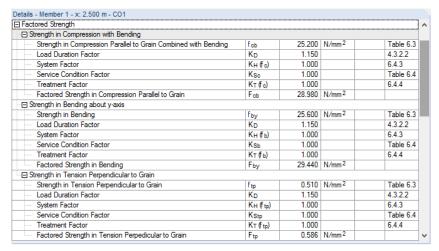


Figure 8.11: Details - Factored Strength



#### **Factored Compressive Resistance**

$$P_r = \Phi \times F_c \times A \times K_{Zcq} \times K_C$$

$$F_c = f_{c,b} \times (K_D \times K_H \times K_{Sc} \times K_T)$$

$$F_c = 25.2 \times (1.15 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 \times 1.0)$$

 $F_c = 28.98 \text{ N/mm}^2$ 

$$K_{7cg} = 0.68 \times Z^{-0.13} \le 1.0$$

$$K_{7cg} = 0.68 \times 0.1482^{-0.13} \le 1.0$$

$$K_{Zcq} = 0.872$$

$$K_{C} = \left[ 1.0 + \frac{F_{C} \times K_{Zcg} \times C_{c}^{3}}{35 \times E_{05} \times K_{SE} \times K_{T}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$C_{c,y} = \frac{I_{e,y}}{d} = \frac{5.0}{0.228} = 21.93$$

$$C_{c,z} = \frac{I_{e,z}}{d} = \frac{2.5}{0.13} = 19.23$$

$$E_{05} = 0.87 \times 10300 = 8961 \, \text{N/mm}^2$$

$$K_{C,y} = \left[ 1.0 + \frac{28.98 \times 0.872 \times 21.93^{3}}{35 \times 8961 \times 1.0 \times 1.0} \right]^{-1}$$

$$K_{C_V} = 0.54$$

$$K_{C,z} = \left[ 1.0 + \frac{28.98 \times 0.872 \times 19.23^{3}}{35 \times 8961 \times 1.0 \times 1.0} \right]^{-1}$$

$$K_{C,z} = 0.636$$

$$P_{r,y} = 0.8 \! \times \! 28.98 \! \times \! 29640 \! \times \! 0.872 \! \times \! 0.541$$

$$P_{r,y} = 323.85 \, kN$$

$$P_{r,z} = 0.8 \times 28.98 \times 29640 \times 0.872 \times 0.636$$

$$P_{r,z} = 380.81 \text{kN}$$

#### **Factored Bending Moment Resistance**

$$M_{r1} = \varphi \times F_b \times S \times K_x \times K_{Zbq}$$

$$M_{r2} = \varphi \times F_b \times S \times K_x$$

LTB is switched off in mask 1.7

$$\rightarrow$$
no factor  $K_L$  for  $M_{r2}$ 

$$F_b = f_{b,y} \times (K_D \times K_H \times K_{Sb} \times K_T)$$

$$F_b = 25.6 \times (1.15 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 \times 1.0)$$

$$F_h = 29.44 \, \text{N/mm}^2$$

$$K_{Zba,v} = 1.03 \times (b \times L_{sv})^{-0.18} \le 1.0$$

$$K_{Zbg,y} = 1.03 \times (0.13 \times 5.0)^{-0.18} \le 1.0$$

$$K_{Zbg,y} = 1.0$$

$$M_{r1,v} = 0.9 \times 29.44 \times 1126320 \times 1.0 \times 1.0$$

$$M_{r1,v} = 29.84 \text{ kNm}$$

$$M_{r2,v} = 0.9 \times 29.44 \times 1126320 \times 1.0$$

$$M_{r2,v} = 29.84 \text{ kNm}$$

#### **Euler Buckling Load**

$$P_{E} = \frac{\pi^{2} \times E_{05} \times K_{SE} \times K_{T} \times I}{I^{2}}$$

$$\begin{split} P_{E} &= \frac{\pi^{2} \times E_{05} \times K_{SE} \times K_{T} \times I}{L_{e}^{2}} \\ P_{E,y} &= \frac{\pi^{2} \times 8961 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 \times 1.284 \times 10^{8}}{5000^{2}} \end{split}$$

$$P_{FV} = 454.24 \text{ kN}$$

## **Combined Bending and Axial Load**

$$\left(\frac{P_f}{P_r}\right)^2 + \frac{M_f}{M_r} \times \left[\frac{1}{1 - \frac{P_f}{P_F}}\right] \le 1.00$$

Buckling about axis y

$$\left(\frac{32.50}{323.85}\right)^2 + \frac{17.50}{29.84} \times \left[\frac{1}{1 - \frac{32.50}{454.24}}\right] = 0.64 \le 1.00$$

Buckling about axis z

$$\left(\frac{32.50}{380.81}\right)^2 + \frac{17.50}{29.84} \times \left[\frac{1}{1 - \frac{32.50}{454.24}}\right] = 0.64 \le 1.00$$



### **Factored Shear Resistance**

$$V_r = \Phi \times F_v \times \frac{2 \times A}{3}$$

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{\!v} = \boldsymbol{f}_{\!v} \times \! \left(\boldsymbol{K}_{\!D} \! \times \! \boldsymbol{K}_{\!H} \! \times \! \boldsymbol{K}_{\!Sv} \! \times \! \boldsymbol{K}_{\!T} \right)$$

$$F_v = 1.75 \times (1.15 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 \times 1.0)$$

$$F_v = 2.01 \, \text{N/mm}^2$$

$$V_{r,z} = 0.9 \times 2.01 \times \frac{2 \times 29640}{3}$$

$$V_{r,z} = 35,79 \text{ kN}$$

## **Shear Design**

$$\frac{V_{f,z}}{V_{r,z}} = \frac{7.00}{35.79} = 0,20 \le 1.00$$

# 8.1.3.2 Serviceability Limit State Design

We check the deflection limit for the wind load.

In the **Serviceability Limit State** tab of the 1.1 *General Data* window, we select the load combination **CO3** for design and assign the design situation **Total**.

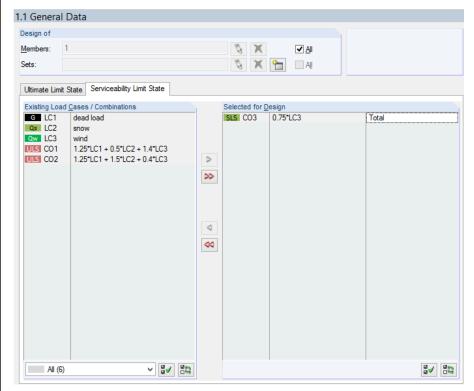


Figure 8.12: Window 1.1 General Data, tab Serviceability Limit State



Then we enter member No. 1 in the 1.12 Serviceability Data window.

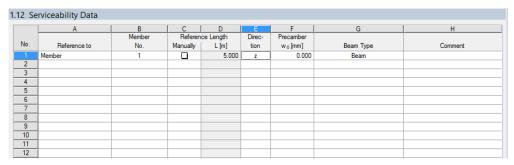


Figure 8.13: Window 1.12 Serviceability Data

We do not modify the *Reference Length* but we restrict the *Direction* to **z** (in this case we could leave *y,z* as well). As it is a simple span beam, we select the **Beam** in the *Beam Type* list.

The limiting deflection is L/180 according to the deflection limits in the Standard dialog box.



Figure 8.14: Dialog box Standard, tab Serviceability

In this example, we do not consider the deflection due to shear. Therefore, we deactivate the **shear stiffness** in the *Calculation Parameters* dialog box of RSTAB.

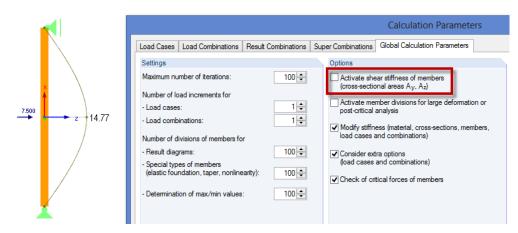


Figure 8.15: Dialog box Calculation Parameters in RSTAB and deflection of CO3



## **Deflection Design**

$$\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta max,z} \! \leq \! 1.0$$

$$\Delta$$
max, z =  $\frac{L}{180} = \frac{5000}{180} = 27.78 \text{ mm}$ 

$$\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta \text{max, z}} = \frac{14.77}{27.78} = 0.53 \le 1.0$$

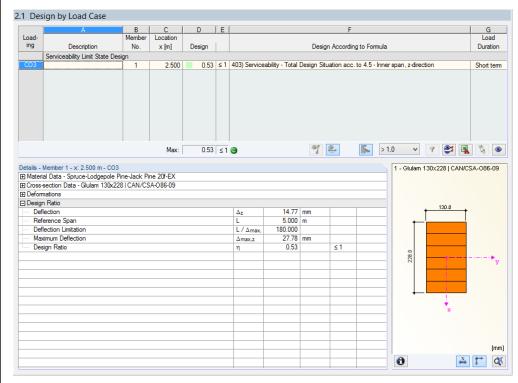


Figure 8.16: Window 2.1 Design by Load Case



# 8.2 Double-Tapered Beam

This example presents the design of a double-tapered beam that is laterally supported over its entire length.

# 8.2.1 System and Loads

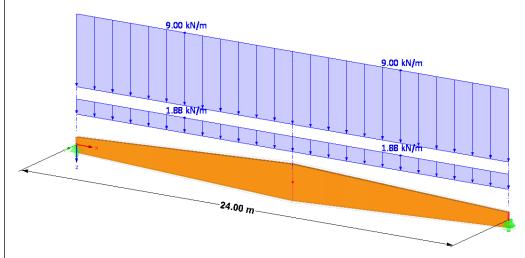


Figure 8.17: System and loads

### Model

Material: Douglas Fir-Larch 20f-E

Length: 24.0 m

Cross-section 1: 180 x 750 mm

Cross-section 2: 180 x 1800 mm

Moisture Condition: Wet

Loads

LC1 Dead: 1.50 kN/m
LC2 Snow: 6.00 kN/m
Load Combination ULS: 1.25D + 1.5S

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# 8.2.2 Calculation with RSTAB

The system as well as the loads in all load cases is modeled as a 3D model in RSTAB. We deactivate the automatic consideration of the self-weight when we create LC1.

We create the considered load combination with relevant factors from the defined load cases. Then we calculate the model according to the linear static analysis. RSTAB determines the diagrams of internal forces shown in the following figure.

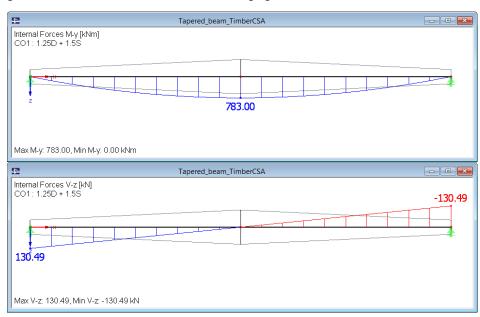


Figure 8.18: Internal forces  $M_{\text{y}}$  and  $V_{\text{z}}$ 

# 8.2.3 Design with TIMBER CSA

# 8.2.3.1 Ultimate Limit State Design

In Window 1.1 *General Data*, we select the result combination **CO1** for the Ultimate Limit State design.

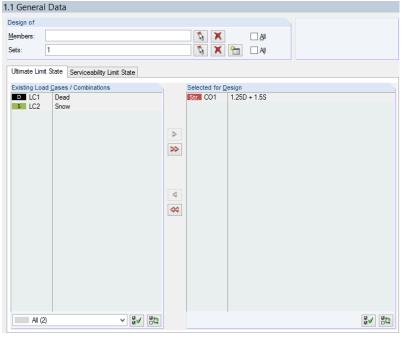


Figure 8.19: Window 1.1 General Data



Window 1.2 Materials presents the characteristic strengths of the material.

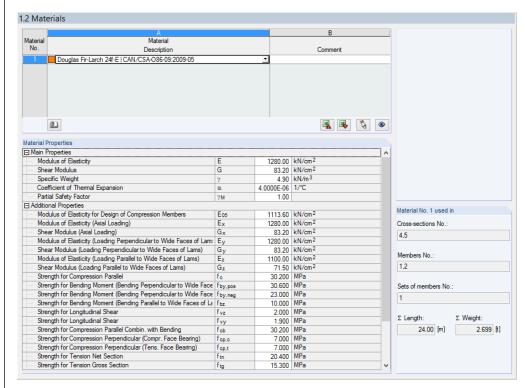


Figure 8.20: Window 1.2 Materials

In Window 1.3 Cross-Sections, the parameters of the two cross-sections can be checked.

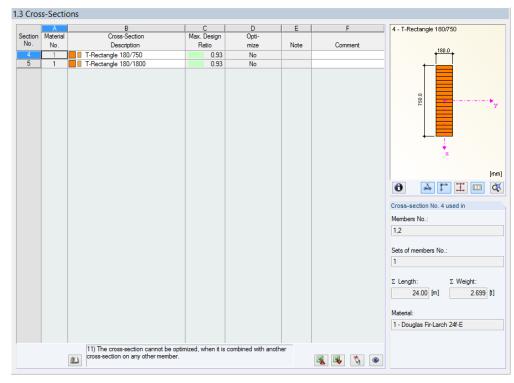


Figure 8.21: Window 1.3 Cross-Sections



In Window 1.4 Load Duration, we define the load duration. The dead and snow loads are uniformly distributed. Therefore, the loading distribution to determine the size factor,  $K_{Ztp}$ , for tension perpendicular to grain is to be set to **Uniform**.

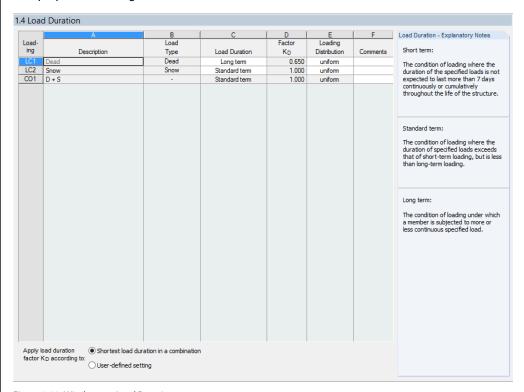


Figure 8.22: Window 1.4 Load Duration

In Window 1.6 Service Conditions and Treatment - Sets of Members, we define the moisture and treatment parameters. The treatment factor, K<sub>T</sub>, will be taken as unity in this case.

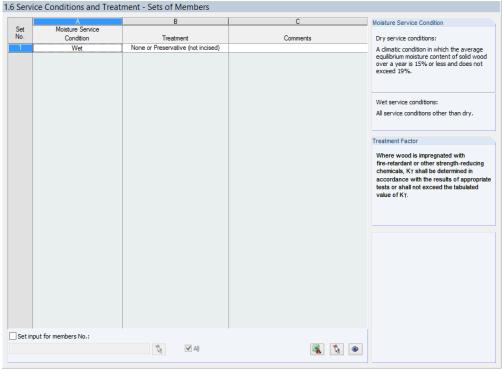


Figure 8.23: Window 1.6 Service Condition and Treatment - Sets of Members



In Window 1.8 *Effective Lengths - Sets of Members* we specify the buckling lengths. The set of members is laterally supported over its entire length. Thus, there is no risk of instability. We clear the two check boxes **Buckling Possible** and **Lateral-Torsional Buckling Possible**.

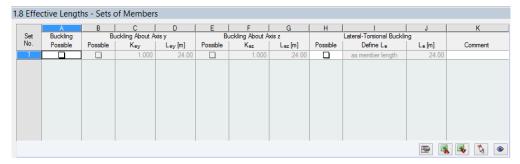


Figure 8.24: Window 1.8 Effective Lengths - Sets of Members

In Window 1.9 Additional Design Parameters, the application of the system factor, K<sub>H</sub>, is not required.

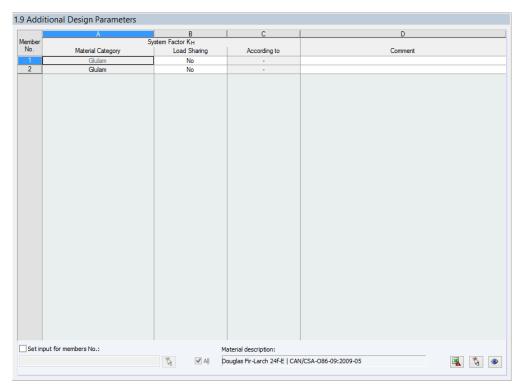


Figure 8.25: Window 1.9 Additional Design Parameters



In Window 1.10 *Tapered Members*, the two cross-sections are listed automatically, including the preset angle of taper which is 5°. We activate the **Radial Stress Design** for both cross-sections.

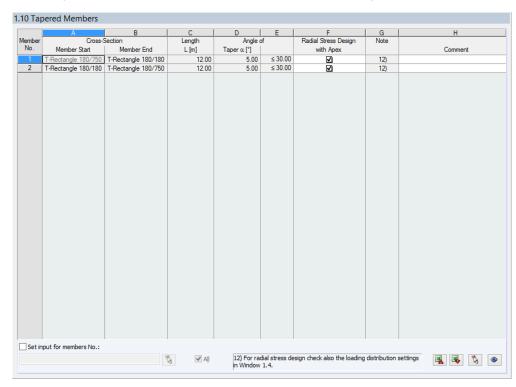


Figure 8.26: Window 1.10 Tapered Members

Calculation

We then start the calculation by clicking the [Calculation] button.

After the calculation, the governing design ratios can be checked in Window 2.3 *Design by Set of Members*.

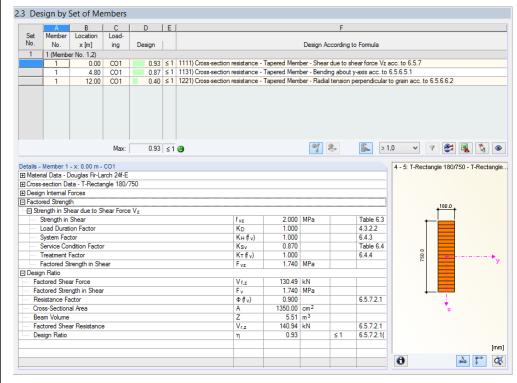


Figure 8.27: Window 2.3 Design by Set of Members



## **Factored Shear Resistance**

$$V_r = \phi \times F_v \times \frac{2}{3} \times A$$

$$F_{v} = f_{v} \times (K_{D} \times K_{H} \times K_{Sv} \times K_{T})$$

$$F_v = 2.0 \times (1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.87 \times 1.0)$$

$$F_{v} = 1.74 \, MPa$$

$$V_{r,z} = 0.9 \times 1.74 \times \frac{2}{3} \times 135000$$

$$V_{r,z} = 140.94 \, \text{kN}$$

## **Factored Bending Moment Resistance**

$$M_r = \phi \times F_b \times S \times K_X \times K_{Zbg} \times \frac{1}{1 + 2.7 \tan \alpha}$$

$$\textbf{F}_{b} = \textbf{f}_{b,y} \times \left(\textbf{K}_{D} \times \textbf{K}_{H} \times \textbf{K}_{Sb} \times \textbf{K}_{T}\right)$$

$$F_b = 30.6 \times (1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.8 \times 1.0)$$

$$F_{b} = 24.48 \, MPa$$

$$K_{Zbq,y} = 1.03 \times (B \times L_{sy})^{-0.18} \le 1.0$$

$$K_{Zbg,y} = 1.03 \times (0.18 \times 24.00)^{-0.18} \le 1.0$$

$$K_{Zbg,y} = 0.791$$

$$\frac{1}{1+2.7 \tan \alpha} = \frac{1}{1+2.7 \tan 5^{\circ}} = 0.809$$

$$M_{r,v} = 0.9 \times 24.48 \times 41067000 \times 1.0 \times 0.791 \times 0.809$$

$$M_{r,v} = 579.28 \, kNm$$

## **Factored Bending Moment Resistance in Tension Perpendicular to Grain**

$$M_{rt} = \varphi \times F_{tn} \times S \times K_{Ztp} \times K_R$$

$$F_{tp} = f_{tp} \times (K_D \times K_H \times K_{Stp} \times K_T)$$

$$F_{tp} = 0.83 \times (1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.85 \times 1.0)$$

$$F_{tp} = 0.706 MPa$$

$$K_{Ztp} = \frac{36}{(A \times d)^{0.2}} = \frac{36}{(324000 \times 1800)^{0.2}} = 0.636$$

$$K_R = \left[A + B \times \left(\frac{d}{R}\right) + C \times \left(\frac{d}{R}\right)^2\right]^{-1} = \left[0.02 + 0 + 0\right]^{-1} = 50$$

$$M_{rt,v} = 0.9 \times 0.706 \times 97200000 \times 0.636 \times 50$$

$$M_{r_{t,v}} = 1960.92 \, kNm$$



# **Shear Design**

$$\frac{V_{f,z}}{V_{r,z}} = \frac{130.49}{140.94} = 0.93 \le 1.0$$

# **Bending Design**

$$\frac{M_{f,y}}{M_{r,y}} = \frac{501.12}{579.28} = 0.87 \le 1.0$$

# **Radial Stress Design**

$$\frac{M_{f,y}}{M_{rt,y}} = \frac{783.0}{1960.92} = 0.40 \le 1.0$$



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