

Design Wind Loads

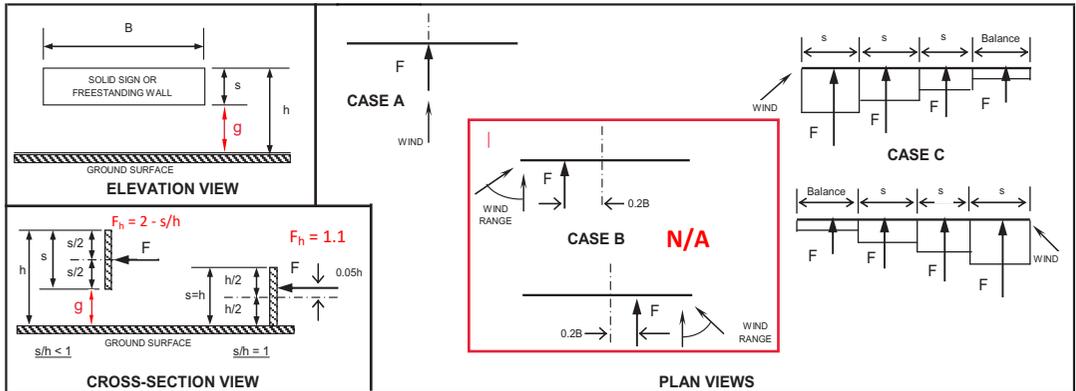
All Heights

Figure 29.4-1 | 7-10

Force Coefficients, C_f

Solid Freestanding Walls & Solid Freestanding Signs

Other Structures | Figure 29.3-1 for ASCE 7-16 & 7-22



C_f , CASE A & CASE B - Case A for line posts away from ends & corners

Clearance Ratio, s/h	Aspect Ratio, B/s											
	≤ 0.05	0.1	0.2	0.5	1	2	4	5	10	20	30	≥ 45
1	1.80	1.70	1.65	1.55	1.45	1.40	1.35	1.35	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
0.9	1.85	1.75	1.70	1.60	1.55	1.50	1.45	1.45	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
0.7	1.90	1.85	1.75	1.70	1.65	1.60	1.60	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55
0.5	1.95	1.85	1.80	1.75	1.75	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.75
0.3	1.95	1.90	1.85	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.85	1.85	1.85
0.2	1.95	1.90	1.85	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.85	1.90	1.90	1.95
≤ 0.16	1.95	1.90	1.85	1.85	1.80	1.80	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.90	1.90	1.95

Case A $C_f = (1.563 + 0.008542 \ln(B/s) - 0.06148(s/h) + 0.009011(\ln(B/s))^2 - 0.2603(s/h)^2 - 0.08393(s/h) \ln(B/s)) / 0.85$ rounded to nearest 0.05

C_f , CASE C for posts near ends & corners

Region (horizontal distance from windward edge)	Aspect Ratio, B/s										Region (horizontal distance from windward edge)	Aspect Ratio, B/s	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13		≥ 45	
0 to s	2.25	2.60	2.90	3.10*	3.30*	3.40*	3.55*	3.65*	3.75*	0 to s	4.00*	4.30*	
s to 2s	1.50	1.70	1.90	2.00	2.15	2.25	2.30	2.35	2.45	s to 2s	2.60	2.55	
2s to 3s		1.15	1.30	1.45	1.55	1.65	1.70	1.75	1.85	2s to 3s	2.00	1.95	
3s to 10s			1.10	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.00	0.95	3s to 4s	1.50	1.85	
										4s to 5s	1.35	1.85	
										5s to 10s	0.90	1.10	
										>10s	0.55	0.55	

*Values shall be multiplied by the following reduction factor when a return corner is present:

L/s	Reduction Factor
0.3	0.90
1.0	0.75
≥ 2	0.60

Return Corner Reduction Factor, R_3 If not applicable, $R_3 = 1.0$

Notes:

- The term "signs" in notes below also applies to "freestanding walls", and solid / mostly solid fences. (ϵ or $\epsilon' > 0.7$)
- Signs with openings comprising less than 30% of the gross area are classified as solid signs. Force coefficients for solid signs with openings shall be permitted to be multiplied by the reduction factor $(1 - (1 - \epsilon)^{1.5})$. **Inverted Fence Opening Reduction Factor, $R_1 = 1 / (1 - (1 - \epsilon)^{1.5})$**
- To allow for both normal and oblique wind directions, the following cases shall be considered:
 For $s/h < 1$:
 CASE A: resultant force acts normal to the face of the sign through the geometric center.
 CASE B: resultant force acts normal to the face of the sign at a distance from the geometric center toward the windward edge equal to 0.2 times the average width of the sign. **Case B not used for fencing**
 For $B/s \geq 2$, CASE C must also be considered:
 CASE C: resultant forces act normal to the face of the sign through the geometric centers of each region.
 For $s/h = 1$:
 The same cases as above except that the vertical locations of the resultant forces occur at a distance above the geometric center equal to 0.05 times the average height of the sign. **Force Height Adjustment Factor, F_h**
 For $s/h = 1.0$, $F_h = 1.1$
 For $s/h < 1.0$, $F_h = 2 - s/h$
 This provides equivalent results to raising the force application height.
 For ϵ or $\epsilon' \leq 0.7$, $F_h = 1.0$
- For CASE C where $s/h > 0.8$, force coefficients shall be multiplied by the reduction factor $(1.8 - s/h)$. **Case C Reduction Factor, R_2 for solid / mostly solid fencing / heavily iced open fencing / open fencing w/ windscreen. (ϵ or $\epsilon' > 0.7$)**
- Linear interpolation is permitted for values of s/h , B/s and L/s other than shown.
- Notation:
 B: horizontal dimension of sign, in feet (meters);
 h: height of the sign, in feet (meters);
 s: vertical dimension of the sign, in feet (meters);
 ϵ : ratio of solid area to gross area;
 L: horizontal dimension of return corner, in feet (meters)