



STUDY ON BUILT-UP COLUMN ON COLD FORMED STEEL CHANNEL PROFILES

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ABSTRACT

Two types of structural steel members are being used, namely hot rolled steel and cold formed steel. Use of cold formed steel for buildings and structures is gaining popularity in India for a decade. Hot rolled steel member design and behavior are well developed, whereas the cold formed steel member behavior and design is not developed fully. Cold-formed steel members usually display local-global buckling interaction which strongly affects the structural strength of columns and beams. The strength of steel cold-formed members is usually computed with the various design methods and the design standards. The present study is addressed to the analysis of the strength of steel cold-formed beams and columns with the different design methods. The design provisions developed in the various design methods of practices have been reviewed and a comparative study has been carried out on design flexural strength and compression capacity of various CFS sections. For this purpose design method and compared with Analysis results. This study presents the details of the studies carried out and the conclusions arrived.

Keywords: Cold formed steel, Built-up Lipped channel section, Direct strength method.

I.INTRODUCTION

Thin sheet steel products are extensively used in building industry, and range from purlins to roof sheeting and floor decking. These thin steel sections are cold-formed, i.e. their manufacturing process involves forming steel sections in a cold state (i.e. without application of heat) from steel sheets of uniform thickness. These are given the generic title Cold Formed Steel Sections. Sometimes they are also called Light Gauge Steel Sections or Cold Rolled Steel Sections. The thickness of steel sheet used in cold formed construction is usually 1 to 3 mm. Much thicker material up to 8 mm can be formed if pre-galvanized material is not required for the particular application. Yielding of the material, local buckling, distortional buckling, overall buckling and any possible interaction among these modes affect the strength of the cold-formed steel compression members. The study evaluates only accuracy of DSM in evaluating the strength of such members. The reliability analysis to arrive at the partial safety factor for the design is outside the scope of this paper. In addition, the applicability of DSM for hinged

channel compression member, which suffer shifting of the effective section centroid axis in the post local buckling range. Because of cold-formed steel members are thin; the width-to-thickness ratios are large, especially compared to hot-rolled steel shapes. The thin member's elements (flange, web, lip, etc...) may buckle locally before reaching yield stresses when the member is subject to compressive, flexural, shear, or bearing loads. Local buckling is a major consideration in design of cold-formed steel members.

2.FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

The finite element method (FEM) is a numerical procedure for analyzing structures and continua. FEM originated in a structural engineering and has been used in the fields of heat transfer, fluid flow, electric and magnetic fields and many others. FEM is the principle applicable to any boundary condition, geometrical and material variation. The finite element method has been proven as efficient and powerful approach to calculate the elastic buckling load and ultimate strength of cold-

formed steel (CFS) structural members. A successful static analysis of the unstable collapse and post buckling behavior of CFS member requires the non-linear solution method consider geometric non linearity, material non linearity, boundary nonlinearity and residual stresses of the physical objects, as well as have the capability to deal with convergence, locking and other difficulties related to implementing the numerical algorithm. There are numerous commercial programs are ANSYS.



Fig 1 Finite Element Discretization

3. THE DIRECT STRENGTH METHOD, (DSM)

The Direct Strength Design Method is initially proposed in 1988 and has been adopted by the North American Cold-Formed Steel Specifications in 2004 as an alternative to the traditional EWM to estimate the compression and the flexural member strength, the conventional effective width method, the need to divide the cross-section into many plate elements makes the calculations a complex process. Local buckling behavior and buckling interaction with global buckling modes of the member flexural, torsional, flexural-torsional and lateral-flexural buckling can also be included in design rules by means of the so-called direct methods. The DSM represents an important improvement of the design rules of cold-formed members because: (i) it is a much more understandable process of design, allowing to visualize the computational results of the buckling modes and its minimum critical loads and/or bending moments; (ii) it is based on less complex strength equations and strategies if compared with the EWM; (iii) and finally converges to more accurate theoretical strength results than the EWM, when compared with experimental results.

DSM is based on calibrated strength curves for columns and beams which must be applied with the help of the results of plate buckling analysis of the member and taking into account its complete folded cross-section. To use this method, two quantities should be calculated first: the cross-sectional plastic resistance ($P_y = A_g F_y$) and the critical elastic buckling load for the buckling mode under consideration.

3.1 DSM EQUATIONS NORTH AMERICAN SPECIFICATION AISI-S 100: 2007.

Capacity of the column is calculated as per DSM based upon three limit states. Global buckling, local buckling and distortional buckling. The Global, Local, Distortional slenderness ratios are considered correspondingly to calculate the section capacity as per DSM equations.

3.2 COLUMN DESIGN

The nominal axial strength, P_n , is the minimum of P_{ne} , P_{nl} and P_{nd} as given below. For columns meeting the geometric and material criteria of Section 1.1.1.1, Ω_c and ϕ_c are as follows:

USA and Mexico		Canada
Ω_c (ASD)	ϕ_c (LRFD)	ϕ_c (LSD)
1.80	0.85	0.80

3.2.1 FLEXURAL, TORSIONAL, OR TORSIONAL-FLEXURAL BUCKLING.

The nominal axial strength, P_{ne} , for flexural, or torsional-flexural buckling is

$$\text{For } \lambda_c \leq 1.5, P_{ne} = (0.658^{\lambda_c^2}) P_y \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.1})$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_c > 1.5, P_{ne} = \left(\frac{0.877}{\lambda_c^2}\right) P_y \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.2})$$

$$\text{Where } \lambda_c = \sqrt{\frac{P_y}{P_{cre}}} \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.3})$$

$$P_y = A_g F_y \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.4})$$

P_{cre} = Minimum of the critical elastic column buckling load in flexural, torsional,

3.2.2 LOCAL BUCKLING

The nominal axial strength, P_{nl} , for local buckling is

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 \leq 0.776, P_{nl} = P_{ne} \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.5})$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 > 0.776, \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.6})$$

$$P_{nl} = (1 - 0.15 \left(\frac{P_{crl}}{P_{ne}}\right)^{0.4}) \left(\frac{P_{crl}}{P_{ne}}\right)^{0.4} P_{ne} \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.7})$$

$$\text{Where } \lambda_1 = \sqrt{\frac{P_{ne}}{P_{crl}}} \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.8})$$

P_{crl} = Critical elastic local column buckling load
 P_{ne} is defined in Section 3.2.1.1

3.2.3 DISTORTIONAL BUCKLING

The nominal axial strength, P_{nd} , for distortional buckling is

$$\text{For } \lambda_d \leq 0.561, P_{nd} = P_y \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.9})$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_d > 0.561, \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.10})$$

$$P_{nd} = (1 - 0.25 \left(\frac{P_{crd}}{P_y}\right)^{0.6}) \left(\frac{P_{crd}}{P_y}\right)^{0.6} P_y \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.11})$$

$$\text{Where } \lambda_d = \sqrt{\frac{P_y}{P_{crd}}} \quad (\text{Eq 3.2.1.12})$$

P_{crd} = Critical elastic distortional column buckling load

P_y is given in Eq. 3.2.1.4

In the above equations: P_y is the squash load (axial resistance) of the cross-section; P_{cre} is the critical elastic global buckling load; P_{crd} is the critical elastic distortional buckling load; P_{crl} is the critical elastic local buckling load; λ_c, λ_d and λ_l are the slenderness for global, distortional and local buckling modes, respectively P_{ne}, P_{nl} and P_{nd} are the column axial strength for global, distortional and local buckling modes, respectively. The axial strength of the column is the minimum of P_{ne}, P_{nl} and P_{nd} .

4. SPECIMEN DETAILS

The single section dimensions were selected based on North American Specification for the design of cold-formed steel structures member-2007

Fig2 Section Geometric Details

Channel Section	Dimension mm					Battened Size mm			Length mm
	b _a	b _o	d	t	R _u	b	d	t	
150CS50x25x4	150	50	25	4	6	170	100	4	3000
150CS50x25x5	150	50	25	5	7.50	170	100	5	3000
180CS50x25x4	180	50	25	4	6	190	100	4	3000
180CS50x25x5	180	50	25	5	7.50	190	100	5	3000
200CS50x25x4	200	50	25	4	6	210	100	4	3000
200CS50x25x5	200	50	25	5	7.50	210	100	5	3000

5. DESIGN OF PROPOSED SECTION

Capacity of the column is calculated as per DSM based upon three limit states. Global buckling, local buckling and distortional buckling. Design of proposed section 150CS50X25X4 [North American Specification AISI-S 100: 2007]

5.1 Section Properties.

$A = 2400\text{mm}^2$	$R_{xx} = 55.8\text{mm}$
$C_y = 16.3\text{mm}$	$R_{yy} = 18.2\text{mm}$
$I_{xx} = 6.62 \times 10^6 \text{mm}^4$	$X_o = 42.7\text{mm}$
$I_{yy} = 9.73 \times 10^6 \text{mm}^4$	$J = 0.522 \text{cm}^4$
$R_i = 6\text{mm}$	$C_w = 1750 \text{cm}^6$

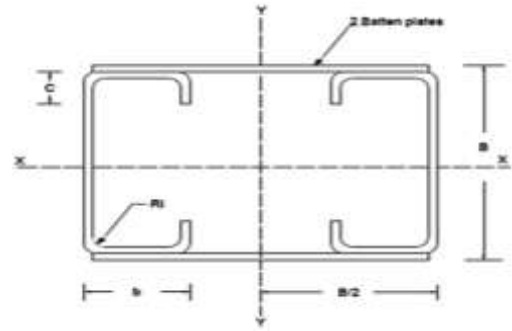


Fig 3 Cross section details of batten column

5.2 FLEXURAL, TORSIONAL, OR TORSIONAL-FLEXURAL BUCKLING

The nominal axial strength, P_{ne} , for flexural, or torsional-flexural buckling is

$$F_e = \frac{\sigma_t \sigma_{ex}}{\sigma_t + \sigma_{ex}} \tag{Eq.5.2.1}$$

$$\sigma_t = \frac{1}{A r_o^2} \left[GJ + \frac{\pi^2 E C_w}{K_t L^2} \right] \tag{Eq.5.2.2}$$

$$r_o = \sqrt{(r_x)^2 + (r_y)^2 + (2X_o)^2} \tag{Eq.5.2.3}$$

$$r_o = \sqrt{(55.8)^2 + (63.65)^2 + (42.7)^2}$$

$$r_o = 120.24$$

$$\sigma_t = 35.64 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Where

- F_e = Elastic buckling stress
- r_o = Polar radius of gyration of cross section about shear centre
- σ_t = Torsional buckling stress
- G = Shear modulus of steel
- J = Saint-Venant torsion constant
- K_t = Effective length factors for twisting
- L_t = Unbraced length of member for twisting

$$\sigma_{ex} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{K_x L_x}{r_x} \right)^2} = 709.22 \text{ N/mm}^2 \tag{Eq.5.2.4}$$

$$F_e = \frac{(35.64)(709.22)}{(35.64) + (709.22)} = 34.04 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$P_{cre} = A_g F_e \tag{Eq.5.2.5}$$

$$P_{cre} = (3000)(34.04) = 81.44 \text{ KN}$$

$$\lambda_c = \sqrt{\frac{P_y}{P_{cre}}} \leq 1.5 \quad P_y = A_g F_y \tag{Eq.5.2.6}$$

$$P_y = (2400)(232) = 556.8 \text{ KN}$$

$$\lambda_c = \sqrt{\frac{P_y}{P_{cre}}} = \sqrt{\frac{556.8}{81.44}} = 2.61 > 1.5$$

$$P_{ne} = \left(\frac{0.877}{\lambda_c^2} \right) P_y \tag{Eq.5.2.7}$$

$$P_{ne} = 71.42 \text{ KN}$$

Where

P_{cre} = Minimum of the critical elastic column buckling load in flexural, torsional.

5.3 LOCAL BUCKLING

The nominal axial strength, P_{nl} , for local buckling

$$F_{cr} = \frac{K \pi^2 E}{12(1 - \mu_2)} \left(\frac{t}{w} \right)^2 \tag{Eq.5.3.1}$$

Where

F_{cr} = Plate elastic buckling stress

F_y = Yield stress

K = Plate buckling coefficient

Stiffened elements K value is 4

Unstiffened elements K value is 0.43

For Web $K = 4$

$$F_{cr} = \frac{4\pi^2 \cdot 2.074 \times 10^5}{12(1-(0.3)^2)} \left(\frac{4}{150}\right)^2$$

$$F_{cr} = 534.08 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{F_y}{F_{cr}}} \leq 0.673b = w \text{ when } \lambda \leq 0.673 \quad (\text{Eq.5.3.2})$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{232}{534.08}} = 0.659 \leq 0.673$$

Web= 150 mm

For Flange $K = 4$

$$F_{cr} = \frac{4\pi^2 \cdot 2.074 \times 10^5}{12(1-(0.3)^2)} \left(\frac{4}{50}\right)^2$$

$$F_{cr} = 4805.88 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{232}{4805.88}} = 0.221 \leq 0.673$$

Flange = 50mm

For Lip $K = 0.43$

$$F_{cr} = \frac{0.43\pi^2 \cdot 2.074 \times 10^5}{12(1-(0.3)^2)} \left(\frac{4}{25}\right)^2$$

$$F_{cr} = 2066.43 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{232}{2066.43}} = 0.335 \leq 0.673$$

Lip = 25 mm

$$A_e = 2[t(h+2b+2d)] \quad (\text{Eq.5.3.3})$$

$$A_e = 2400 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$P_{cr} = A_e F_{cr} (\text{min}) \quad (\text{Eq.5.3.4})$$

$$P_{cr} = (2400)(534.08)$$

$$P_{cr} = 1281.80 \text{ KN}$$

Where

P_{cr} = Critical elastic local column buckling load

$$\lambda_l = \sqrt{\frac{P_{ne}}{P_{crl}}} \leq 0.776 \quad (\text{Eq.5.3.5})$$

$$\lambda_l = \sqrt{\frac{71.42}{1281.80}} = 0.236 \leq 0.776$$

$$P_{nl} = P_{ne} = 71.42 \text{ KN}$$

Where

P_{nl} = Nominal axial strength for local buckling

P_{ne} = Nominal axial strength for Flexural – Torsional buckling

5.4 DISTORTIONAL BUCKLING

The nominal axial strength, P_{nd} , for distortional buckling is

$$F_d = \frac{\alpha K_d \pi^2 E}{12(1-\mu^2)} \left(\frac{t}{w}\right)^2 \quad (\text{Eq.5.4.1})$$

$$K_d = 0.1 \left[\frac{bc \sin \theta}{ht} \right]^{1.4} \leq 8.0 \quad (\text{Eq.5.4.2})$$

$$K_d = 0.1 \left[\frac{(50)(25) \sin 90}{150 \times 4} \right]^{1.4} \leq 8.0$$

$$K_d = 0.28$$

$$F_d = \frac{1(0.28)\pi^2 E}{12(1-(0.3)^2)} \left(\frac{4}{50}\right)^2$$

$$F_d = 336.41 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Where

F_d = Distortional buckling stress

K_d = Plate buckling coefficient for distortional buckling

$$P_{crd} = A_g F_d \quad (\text{Eq.5.4.3})$$

$$P_{crd} = (2400)(336.41)$$

$$P_{crd} = 807.38 \text{ KN}$$

Where

P_{crd} = Critical elastic distortional column buckling load

$$\lambda_d = \sqrt{\frac{p_y}{P_{crd}}} \leq 0.561 \quad (\text{Eq.5.4.4})$$

$$\lambda_d = \sqrt{\frac{556.8}{807.38}} = 0.830 \leq 0.561$$

$$P_{nd} = (1-0.25 \left(\frac{P_{crd}}{P_y}\right)^{0.6}) \left(\frac{P_{crd}}{P_y}\right)^{0.6} P_y \quad (\text{Eq.5.4.5})$$

$$P_{nd} = \left[(1-0.25 \left(\frac{807.38}{556.8}\right)^{0.6}) \left(\frac{807.38}{556.8}\right)^{0.6} (556.8) \right]$$

$$P_{nd} = 478.41 \text{ KN}$$

Where

P_{nd} = Nominal axial strength for distortional buckling

Predicate column capacity:

$$P_n = [P_{ne}, P_{nl}, P_{nd}] \text{ KN}$$

$$P_n = [71.42, 71.42, 478.41] \text{ KN}$$

$$P_{n(\text{min})} = 71.42 \text{ KN } P_{n(\text{max})} = 478.41 \text{ KN}$$

Table 1. Predicate Column Capacity of Sections

Sections	Column Capacity $P_n = [P_{ne}, P_{nl}, P_{nd}]$ KN	$P_{n(\text{min})}$ KN	$P_{n(\text{max})}$ KN
150CS50x25x4	[71.42, 71.42, 478.41]	71.42	478.41
150CS50x25x5	[107.76, 107.76, 618.99]	107.76	618.99
180CS50x25x4	[90.18, 90.18, 483.51]	90.18	483.51
180CS50x25x5	[116.56, 116.56, 634.68]	116.56	634.68
200CS50x25x4	[100.05, 100.05, 474.27]	100.05	474.27
200CS50x25x5	[130.14, 130.14, 638.40]	130.14	638.40

6. NUMERICAL INVESTIGATION

Most of the engineering problems today make it necessary to obtain approximate numerical solutions to problems rather than exact closed form solutions. The basic concept behind the finite element analysis is that structure is divided into a finite number of elements having finite dimensions and reducing the structure having infinite degrees of freedom to finite degrees of

freedom. Then original structure is assemblage of these elements connected at a finite number of joints called nodal points (Nodes). For the finite element analysis advanced software ANSYS V 13.0 were used.

6.1 ELEMENT USED FOR FEM

SOLID185 is used for 3-D modeling of solid structures. It is defined by eight nodes having three degrees of freedom at each node: translations in the nodal x, y, and z directions. The element has plasticity, hyper elasticity, stress stiffening, creep, large deflection, and large strain capabilities. It also has mixed formulation capability for simulating deformations of nearly incompressible elastoplastic materials, and fully incompressible hyper elastic material. The proposed section is **150CS50X25X4**

6.2 Modeling:

Mechanical APDL method is used to built-up FE model. Above figure shows FE model created in ANSYS

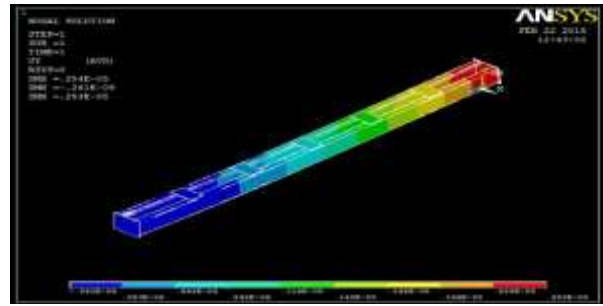


Fig 6 Deformed shape of FE model

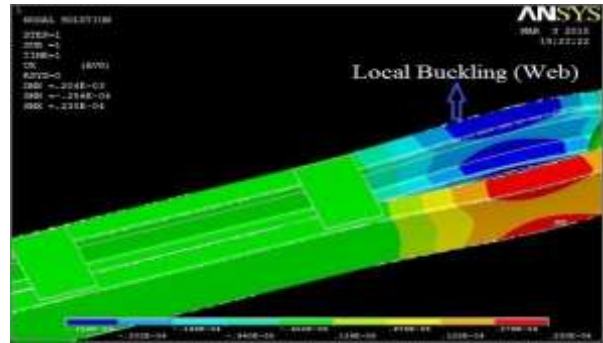


Fig 7 Local Buckling of FE model

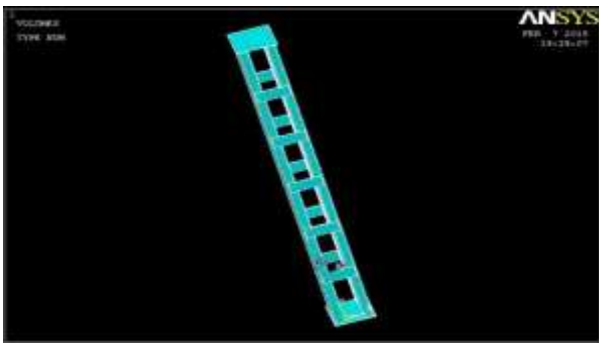


Fig 4 Finite Element model in ANSYS

6.3 Meshing

The important step of FE method is meshing, size of mesh depends upon parent material to be modeled also the degree of accuracy required. Results can be significantly changed if proper meshing size is not decided. For this FE model meshing size is kept 1.0 following figure shows meshed model in ANSYS.

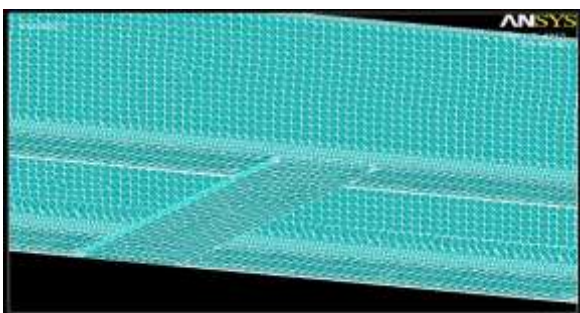


Fig 5 Meshing of FE model

7. ANALYSIS AND RESULT PREDICTION

With the use of static analysis strength have been predicted of cold formed steel sections. Figure above shows deformed shape of FE Model in ANSYS V 13.0

8. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Finite element method result for Cold Formed steel sections

Table 2 Load and deflection Cold formed steel channel section 150CS50x25x4

Theoretical Load (KN)	Deflection (mm)	Analysis Load (KN)	Deflection (mm)	P_{THE} / P_{NU}
478.41	0.08035	490.63	0.08242	0.97

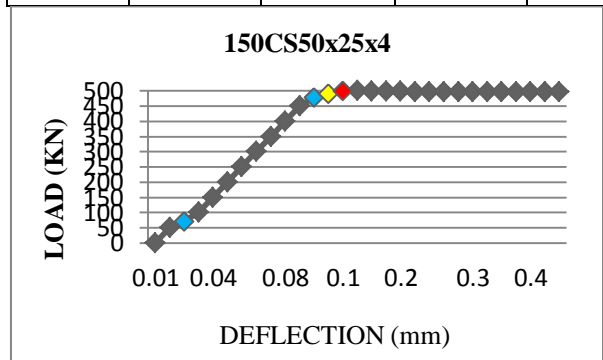


Fig 8 Load v/s Deflection curve for 150CS50x25x4 by ANSYS

Table3 Load and deflection Cold formed steel channel section 150CS50x25x5

Theoretical Load (KN)	Deflection (mm)	Analysis Load(KN)	Deflection (mm)	P_{THE}/P_{NUM}
618.99	0.08484	636.75	0.08730	0.96

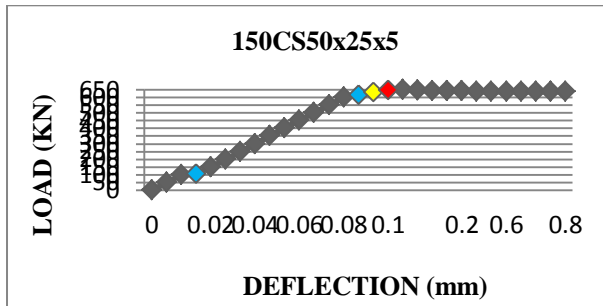


Fig 9 Load v/s Deflection curve for 150CS50x25x5 by ANSYS

Table 4 Load and deflection Cold formed steel channel section 180CS50x25x4

Theoretical Load (KN)	Deflection (mm)	Analysis Load(KN)	Deflection (mm)	P_{THE}/P_{NUM}
483.51	0.05441	512.38	0.05765	0.94

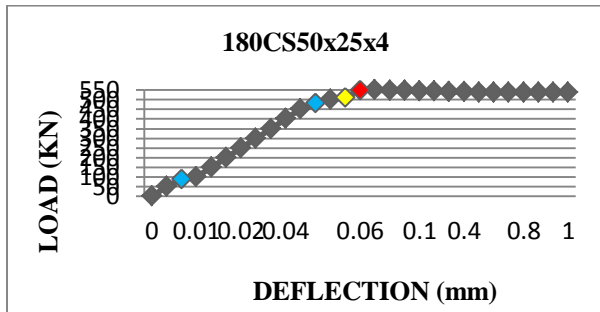


Fig10 Load v/s Deflection curve for 180CS50x25x4 by ANSYS

Table 5 Load and deflection Cold formed steel channel section 180CS50x25x4

Theoretical Load (KN)	Deflection (mm)	Analysis Load(KN)	Deflection (mm)	P_{THE}/P_{NUM}
634.68	0.05712	656.25	0.06063	0.96

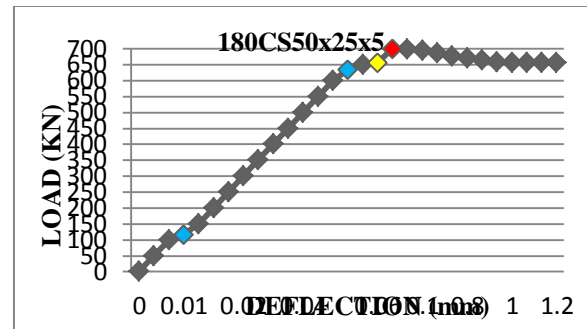


Fig 11 Load v/s Deflection curve for 180CS50x25x5 by ANSYS

9.CONCLUSION

The Direct Strength Method is a new design methodology for cold formed steel members. The behavior of Cold Formed Steel battened columns with lip were studied analytically and results were compared with the predicated nominal compressive strength using AISI S100-2007 code. The Local buckling failure was observed web of channel column with lip. AISI standard provided a good agreement for the column of low plate width to thickness ratio and high plate width to thickness ratio.

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