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**Guideline for the Design of Stainless Steel Structures**  
**Part 1: Dimensions and Section Properties**

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N/A	2/2007	First Edition. It is not intended that the dimensions and section properties in this First Edition be used for analysis or design purposes. Rather, it is intended that the format of this document, and the type and numerical values of information displayed herein be reviewed by the engineering community. Constructive criticism is sought from said community for consideration by the authors and Stainless Structural LLC for the preparation of future editions.

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# P r e f a c e

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The Georgia Institute of Technology and Stainless Structural, LLC intend to develop a guideline for the design of stainless steel structures. The first phase of this effort is the development of a set of section properties for stainless steel rolled and laser-fused shapes used for construction. This document contains section property tables for five shapes currently produced by Stainless Structural, LLC. It is anticipated that the number of such tables will be increased and documented through updates to this document as new information becomes available.

Further, as subsequent phases of this effort are completed, this document also will be updated.

## STAINLESS STRUCTURALS PRODUCTS

The dimensions and properties for Stainless Structurals Products used in construction are given in this part of the guideline. For design purposes, each cross section is referenced with respect to a local Cartesian coordinate system (x,y,z) where the local x-axis coincides with the centroidal longitudinal axis of the member, while the local y- and z-axes coincide with the principal axes of the member cross-section as shown in Figure 1.

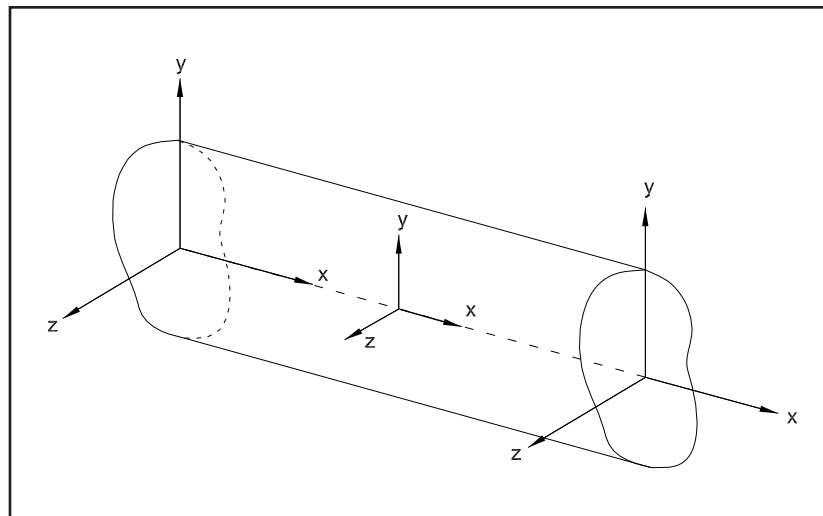


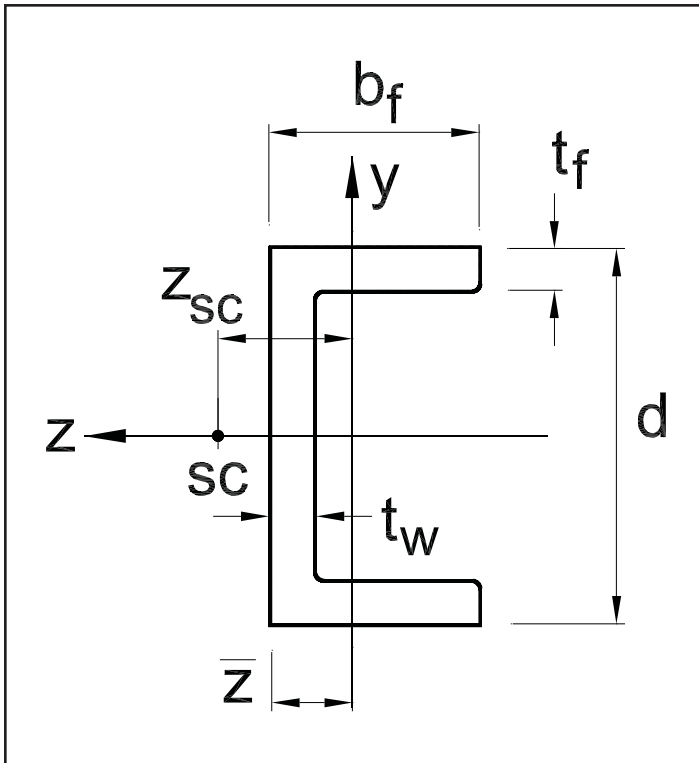
Figure 1. Local Member Reference Frame

Five types of cross section shapes are covered in this document. These are: W-shapes, S-shapes, Channels or C-shapes, Structural Tees, and Angles. Properties of these shapes include cross section area, shear areas, torsion constant, moments of inertia, product moments of inertia, section moduli, radii of gyration, warping constant, centroid and shear center locations, and principal axis orientation, and are computed in accordance with accepted engineering principles. All calculations are carried out by means of a computer program **CIMTEC Calc** developed by the authors. Reported section property values are rounded as follows:

- to the nearest whole number when the computed value is 100 or greater,
- to the nearest one-tenth when the computed value is between 10 and 99,
- to the nearest one-hundredth when the computed value is between 1 and 9, and
- to the nearest ten-thousandth when the computed value is a number less than 1.

# Part 1

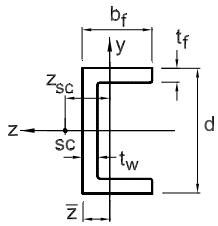
## C Shapes Dimensions and Properties



### DIMENSIONS AND PROPERTIES OF LASER-FUSED AND HOT-ROLLED CHANNELS

Dimensions and properties of laser-fused and hot-rolled channels or C shapes are given in this section. The following notations are used in these tables.

- $A$  Gross cross sectional area of the section
- $d$  Full nominal depth of the section
- $t_w$  Web thickness
- $b_f$  Flange width
- $t_f$  Flange thickness
- $A_z$  Shear area with respect to the principal axis  $z$
- $I_z$  Moment of inertia about the principal axis  $z$
- $S_z$  Elastic section modulus corresponding to the principal axis  $z$
- $r_z$  Radius of gyration corresponding to the principal axis  $z$
- $A_y$  Shear area with respect to the principal axis  $y$
- $I_y$  Moment of inertia about the principal axis  $y$
- $S_y^{\text{top}}$  Positive  $z$ -direction elastic section modulus corresponding to the principal axis  $y$
- $S_y^{\text{bot}}$  Negative  $z$ -direction elastic section modulus corresponding to the principal axis  $y$
- $r_y$  Radius of gyration corresponding to the principal axis  $y$
- $\bar{z}$  Location of the centroid
- $z_{sc}$   $z$ -coordinate of the shear center
- $J$  Torsion constant
- $C_w$  Warping constant
- $SC$  Shear center

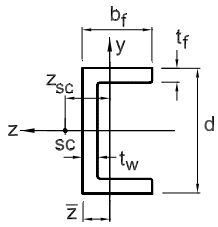


# C Shapes (Laser Fused)

## Dimensions and Properties

Shape	A	Web		Flange		Axis z-z				Axis y-y					Shear Center	Torsion Properties		
		d	t <sub>w</sub>	b <sub>f</sub>	t <sub>f</sub>	A <sub>z</sub>	I <sub>z</sub>	S <sub>z</sub>	r <sub>z</sub>	A <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	S <sub>y</sub> <sup>top</sup>	S <sub>y</sub> <sup>bot</sup>	r <sub>y</sub>	$\bar{z}$	z <sub>sc</sub>	J	C <sub>w</sub>
	in. <sup>2</sup>	in.	in.	in.	in.	in. <sup>2</sup>	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in.	in. <sup>2</sup>	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in.	in.	in.	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>6</sup>
C 3x5.0	1.45	3.00	0.258	1.498	0.273	0.519	1.84	1.23	1.13	0.625	0.294	0.614	0.288	0.450	0.478	0.849	0.0356	0.373
C 3x6.0	1.75	3.00	0.356	1.596	0.273	0.607	2.06	1.38	1.09	0.839	0.362	0.742	0.327	0.455	0.488	0.782	0.0642	0.454
C 6x13.0	3.80	6.00	0.437	2.157	0.343	0.864	17.3	5.77	2.13	2.24	1.28	2.31	0.798	0.580	0.553	0.913	0.223	7.16
C 7x9.8	2.85	7.00	0.210	2.090	0.366	0.626	21.2	6.05	2.73	1.33	1.19	1.94	0.802	0.646	0.610	1.25	0.0883	9.06
C 7x12.25	3.57	7.00	0.314	2.194	0.366	0.759	24.1	6.89	2.60	1.94	1.44	2.49	0.893	0.635	0.579	1.10	0.142	11.1
C 7x14.75	4.31	7.00	0.419	2.299	0.366	0.899	27.1	7.75	2.51	2.55	1.69	2.92	0.979	0.625	0.577	1.00	0.244	13.1
C 8x11.5	3.35	8.00	0.220	2.260	0.390	0.684	32.4	8.11	3.11	1.60	1.63	2.51	1.01	0.697	0.647	1.33	0.116	16.4
C 8x13.75	4.02	8.00	0.303	2.343	0.390	0.800	36.0	9.00	2.99	2.16	1.89	3.07	1.09	0.686	0.616	1.21	0.165	19.1
C 8x18.75	5.49	8.00	0.487	2.527	0.390	1.07	43.8	11.0	2.83	3.39	2.43	3.99	1.27	0.666	0.610	1.02	0.406	25.0
C 9x13.4	3.91	9.00	0.233	2.433	0.413	0.750	47.7	10.6	3.49	1.91	2.18	3.20	1.25	0.747	0.681	1.41	0.151	28.0
C 9x15.0	4.38	9.00	0.285	2.485	0.413	0.828	50.8	11.3	3.41	2.31	2.39	3.64	1.31	0.739	0.658	1.33	0.183	30.8
C 9x20.0	5.85	9.00	0.448	2.648	0.413	1.07	60.7	13.5	3.22	3.55	3.00	4.72	1.49	0.716	0.635	1.13	0.391	39.2
C 10x15.3	4.46	10.00	0.240	2.600	0.436	0.811	67.1	13.4	3.88	2.20	2.84	3.94	1.51	0.798	0.720	1.51	0.188	45.2
C 10x20.0	5.85	10.00	0.379	2.739	0.436	1.03	78.7	15.7	3.67	3.39	3.50	5.22	1.69	0.774	0.671	1.29	0.332	56.6
C 10x25.0	7.32	10.00	0.526	2.886	0.436	1.27	90.9	18.2	3.52	4.63	4.16	6.21	1.87	0.754	0.669	1.15	0.643	68.0
C 10x30.0	8.79	10.00	0.673	3.033	0.436	1.55	103	20.6	3.43	5.86	4.83	6.99	2.06	0.742	0.692	1.04	1.19	79.2
C 12x20.7	6.05	12.00	0.282	2.942	0.501	1.01	129	21.5	4.61	3.11	4.82	6.11	2.24	0.893	0.789	1.65	0.334	111
C 12x25.0	7.31	12.00	0.387	3.047	0.501	1.20	144	24.0	4.44	4.20	5.56	7.42	2.42	0.872	0.749	1.48	0.485	130
C 12x30.0	8.79	12.00	0.510	3.170	0.501	1.42	162	26.9	4.29	5.46	6.37	8.65	2.62	0.851	0.736	1.34	0.787	151
C 15x33.9	9.90	15.00	0.400	3.400	0.650	1.46	313	41.8	5.63	5.50	9.84	11.3	3.89	0.997	0.870	1.75	0.940	355
C 15x40.0	11.7	15.00	0.520	3.520	0.650	1.72	347	46.3	5.45	7.06	11.2	13.2	4.17	0.976	0.847	1.60	1.33	408
C 15x50.0	14.6	15.00	0.716	3.716	0.650	2.18	402	53.6	5.24	9.58	13.3	15.5	4.63	0.952	0.853	1.41	2.50	490

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# C Shapes (Hot Rolled)

## Dimensions and Properties

Shape	A	Web		Flange		Axis z-z				Axis y-y					Shear Center	Torsion Properties		
		d	t <sub>w</sub>	b <sub>f</sub>	t <sub>f</sub>	A <sub>z</sub>	I <sub>z</sub>	S <sub>z</sub>	r <sub>z</sub>	A <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	S <sub>y</sub> <sup>top</sup>	S <sub>y</sub> <sup>bot</sup>	r <sub>y</sub>	$\bar{z}$	z <sub>sc</sub>	J	C <sub>w</sub>
		in. <sup>2</sup>	in.	in.	in.	in. <sup>2</sup>	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in.	in. <sup>2</sup>	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in. <sup>3</sup>	in.	in.	in.	in. <sup>4</sup>	in. <sup>6</sup>
C 3x4.1	1.19	3.00	0.170	1.410	0.273	0.449	1.65	1.10	1.18	0.428	0.233	0.477	0.252	0.443	0.487	0.931	0.0223	0.301
C 3x5.0	1.45	3.00	0.258	1.498	0.273	0.518	1.84	1.23	1.13	0.624	0.294	0.614	0.288	0.450	0.478	0.850	0.0351	0.373
C 3x6.0	1.75	3.00	0.356	1.596	0.273	0.604	2.06	1.38	1.09	0.837	0.362	0.742	0.327	0.455	0.488	0.782	0.0626	0.454
C 4x5.4	1.56	4.00	0.184	1.584	0.296	0.486	3.83	1.92	1.56	0.637	0.382	0.747	0.356	0.494	0.511	0.999	0.0334	0.907
C 4x7.25	2.11	4.00	0.321	1.721	0.296	0.616	4.56	2.28	1.47	1.07	0.519	1.043	0.425	0.496	0.498	0.864	0.0699	1.22
C 5x6.7	1.95	5.00	0.190	1.750	0.320	0.525	7.45	2.98	1.96	0.839	0.578	1.064	0.479	0.545	0.543	1.08	0.0467	2.19
C 5x9.0	2.62	5.00	0.325	1.885	0.320	0.668	8.86	3.54	1.84	1.39	0.766	1.470	0.562	0.540	0.521	0.932	0.0935	2.90
C 6x8.2	2.38	6.00	0.200	1.920	0.343	0.572	13.1	4.35	2.34	1.07	0.843	1.464	0.627	0.595	0.576	1.16	0.0639	4.68
C 6x10.5	3.06	6.00	0.314	2.034	0.343	0.706	15.1	5.03	2.22	1.64	1.06	1.926	0.711	0.587	0.549	1.02	0.112	5.88
C 8x18.75	5.49	8.00	0.487	2.527	0.390	1.06	43.8	11.0	2.83	3.39	2.43	3.988	1.27	0.666	0.610	1.02	0.396	25.0