

Load Ratings Definitions

Deflection

the deformation or bending that occurs in a structure or equipment when subjected to a load.

Distributed Load

a load applied over a length of the span (like a cable tray).

Kips

1000 lb_f (pound-force – the gravitational force exerted by a matter on the surface of the Earth).

Live Load

the weight of temporary or movable loads, such as vehicles, people, or equipment.

Modulus of Elasticity

the extent to which a material is resistant to bending under the pressure of weight.

Point Load

a load applied at a single point on the support structure (like a pipe).

Safety Factor

the ratio of the breaking stress of a structure to the estimated maximum stress in ordinary use; a safety margin or safety coefficient applied to a load or stress that a component can theoretically handle without failure.