



E Learning by Access Steel: How to use Access Steel

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- Introduction to Access Steel**
- Overview of the engineering design process**
- How Access Steel helps the engineer**
- How to use Access Steel**
- A Coda on e-learning**



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Access Steel website. The browser's title bar reads "Access Steel - A Supranational Tool for Enhancement of the Eurocodes on-Line - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "http://www.access-steel.com/".

The website content includes:

- Header:** "access steel" logo with the tagline "Eurocodes made easy" and a banner for "Best value from steel construction" listing "Client guides", "Scheme developments", and "Detailed designs to the Eurocodes".
- Content:** A list of links including "Eurocode FAQs [UPDATED]", "Eurocode Timetable", "Access Steel Media", "Contributors", and "Discussion Forum".
- Language Selection:** Buttons for "De", "En", "Es", and "Fr".
- Search:** A search input field with the placeholder "Type your search here" and a "Search Access Steel" button. Links for "Advanced Search", "Preferences", and "Help" are also present.
- Maintenance:** A section titled "This site is maintained by:" followed by logos for "arcelor", "CORUS", "PERNER TRÄGER", "RUUKKI", and "voestalpine".
- Footer:** A row of navigation links: "Home", "Contact Us", "Site Map", "Terms & Copyright", "Privacy Policy", and "Update Policy".

The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates "Internet".



**240 detailed technical resources on steel
design and construction**

Quality assured

Printable

User friendly IT system

Fast, structured search

“Google” type search query

Index of contents

...and it is all free!



Case studies – examples of best European practice
Scheme development – turning the initial concept into an outline design

Non-contradictory, complementary information (NCCI)

- Initial sizing
- Completing the Eurocodes

Flow charts

Worked examples

- Static worked examples
- Active worked examples – simple software



Single storey
Multi-storey
Residential
Fire safety





Interface: common – with text files in four languages

Home page

Search functionality

Technical resources – in four languages

Metadata: description and key words

Full content

350,000 words

Additional languages

- Greek
- Czech
- ?

Reference No. & ENGLISH keyword	GERMAN	FRENCH
2.7 Sealants	Abdichtung, Dichtungsmittel	Produits d'étanchéité
2.8 Steel products	Bauprodukte aus Stahl	Produits en acier
2.8.1 Cold formed steel products	Bauprodukte aus kaltgeformten Stahlbauteilen	Produits en acier formés a froid
2.8.1.1 Cold formed steel sections	kaltgeformte Stahlprofile	Profils en acier formés a froid
2.8.1.1.1 C sections	C-Profile, U-Profile	Profils en C
2.8.1.1.2 Sigma sections	Sigma-Profile	Profils Sigma
2.8.1.1.3 Z sections	Z-Profile	Profils en Z
2.8.1.2 Cold formed steel sheeting	kaltgeformtes Stahlblech	Tôles en acier formées à froid
2.8.1.2.1 Trapezoidal profile sheeting	Trapezblech	Tôles à section trapézoïdale
2.8.1.3 Steel decking	Profilblech	Bac acier
2.8.1.3.1 Deep decking	deep decking, Tiefdecke	Bac à nervures profondes
2.8.1.3.2 Re-entrant profile decking	Profilblech mit Sicken, Holorib®-Blech	Bac à nervures rentrantes
2.8.1.3.3 Trapezoidal profile decking	Trapezblech	Bac à nervures ouvertes
2.8.2 Fabricated/processed steel products	Weiterverarbeitete Bauprodukte aus Stahl	Produits préfabriqués en acier
2.8.2.1 Beams with web openings	Träger mit Stegöffnungen, Steglochträger	Poutres avec ouvertures dans l'âme
2.8.2.2 Box girders	Kastenträger	Poutres caisson
2.8.2.3 Plate girders	Blechträger	Poutres PRS
2.8.2.4 Galvanized steel	verzinkter Stahl	Acier galvanisé
2.8.3 Fasteners/fixings	Verbindungsmittel	Organes d'assemblage
2.8.3.1 Bolts	Schrauben	Boulons
2.8.3.1.1 Black bolts	schwarze Schrauben	Boulons bruts
2.8.3.1.2 Fully threaded bolts	Schrauben mit durchgehendem Gewinde	Boulons entièrement filetés
2.8.3.1.3 Holding down bolts	Ankerbolzen, Ankerschrauben	Boulons d'ancrage/tiges d'ancrages
2.8.3.1.4 HSFG (High strength friction grip) bolts	hochfeste gleitfest vorgespannte Schrauben	Boulons précontraints
2.8.3.2 Nuts	Mütern	Ecrous
2.8.3.3 Rivets	Niete	Rivets
2.8.3.4 Shear connectors	Schubdübel (i.d.R. Kopfbolzendübel)	Connecteurs/Goujons
2.8.3.5 Washers	Unterlegscheiben	Rondelles
2.8.3.5.1 Load indicating washers	Unterlegscheiben mit Belastungsanzeige	Rondelles indicatrices de précontra
2.8.4 Hot rolled steel products	warmgewalzte Erzeugnisse aus Stahl	Produits en acier laminés à chaud
2.8.4.1 Angle sections	Winkelprofile	Cornières
2.8.4.2 Channel sections	U-Profile	Sections en U
2.8.4.3 I sections and H sections	I-Profile und H-Profile	Sections en I et en H
2.8.4.3.1 Asymmetric sections	unsymmetrische Profile	Sections asymétriques
2.8.4.3.2 HE (European wide flange beams)	HE (Europäische Breitflanschträger)	HE (poutrelles européennes à larges
2.8.4.3.3 IPE (European beams with parallel flanges)	IPE (parallèle-flanschiige I-Träger)	IPE (poutrelles européennes à ailes
2.8.4.3.4 Steel bearing piles	Druckpfahl aus Stahl	Pieux porteurs en acier
2.8.4.3.5 UB (Universal beams)	UB (Britische Universalträger)	UB (Poutres universelles anglaises)
2.8.4.3.6 UC (Universal columns)	UC (Britische Universalstützen)	UC (Poutres universelles anglaises)



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Transfer of best value solutions Safety and risk management

Steel is the only sector to invest
in an integrated approach
to the Eurocodes.



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Sweden and UK

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Access Steel maintenance and user support

Internet service

Tracking of user queries

Maintenance, upgrades and extensions



Usage since launch in June 2006

104,000 distinct hosts

70% corporate users

Target 250,000 users

75,000 page requests in November 2007

166 countries worldwide (79%)

***“The information on Access Steel is
nothing short of spectacular”***

NUCONSteel Commercial Corp., USA

Conceptual design: With the architect, developing overall concepts and structural forms

Scheme development: Developing structural schemes to the extent that defines general geometry – grids and approximate element sizes - and, potentially, costs

Detailed design: finalising all sizes and geometry and verifying the adequacy of the overall structure, its stability, and the strength and stability of all elements and connections – to a specific code.



Conceptual design
Scheme development
Detailed design



	Multi-storey buildings	Single-storey buildings	Residential buildings	Fire Safety Eng.	Totals
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN	8	5	9	14	36
SCHEME DEVELOPMENT	17	9	12	19	57
DETAILED DESIGN					
Flow Charts	17	14	5	11	47
NCCI	30	17	0	3	50
Worked Examples	18	11	7	14	50
	90	56	33	61	240



Conceptual design
Case studies
Scheme development
Detailed design



Example: Le Sequana

Demonstrate European best practice

Inspire clients

Inspire architects and engineers

Useful source of:

- Ideas
- What has been done before
 - Concepts
 - Details



Conceptual design
Scheme development
Detailed design



Conceptual design

Scheme development

Type of frame

Floor layout

Services strategy

Choice of beam type and initial size

Choice of column type and initial size

Floor construction

Fire strategy

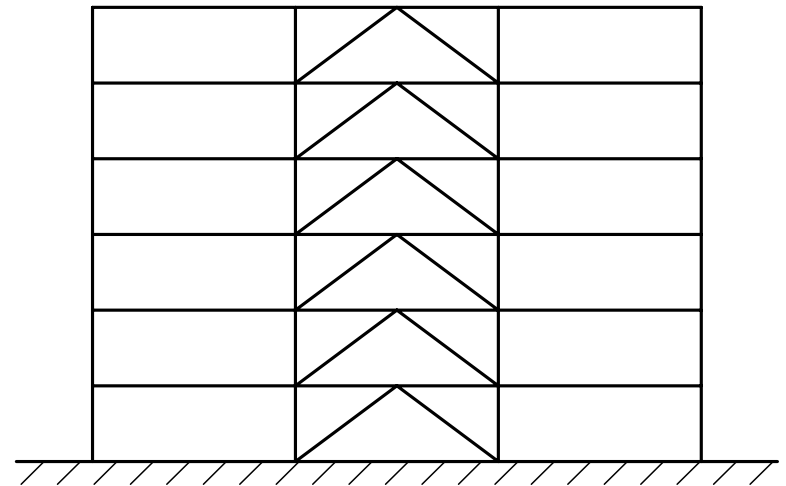
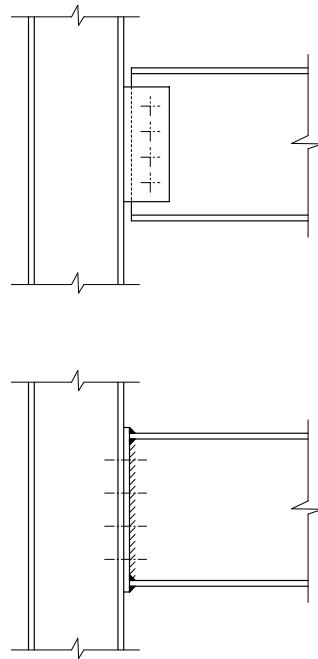
Detailed design



Braced frame

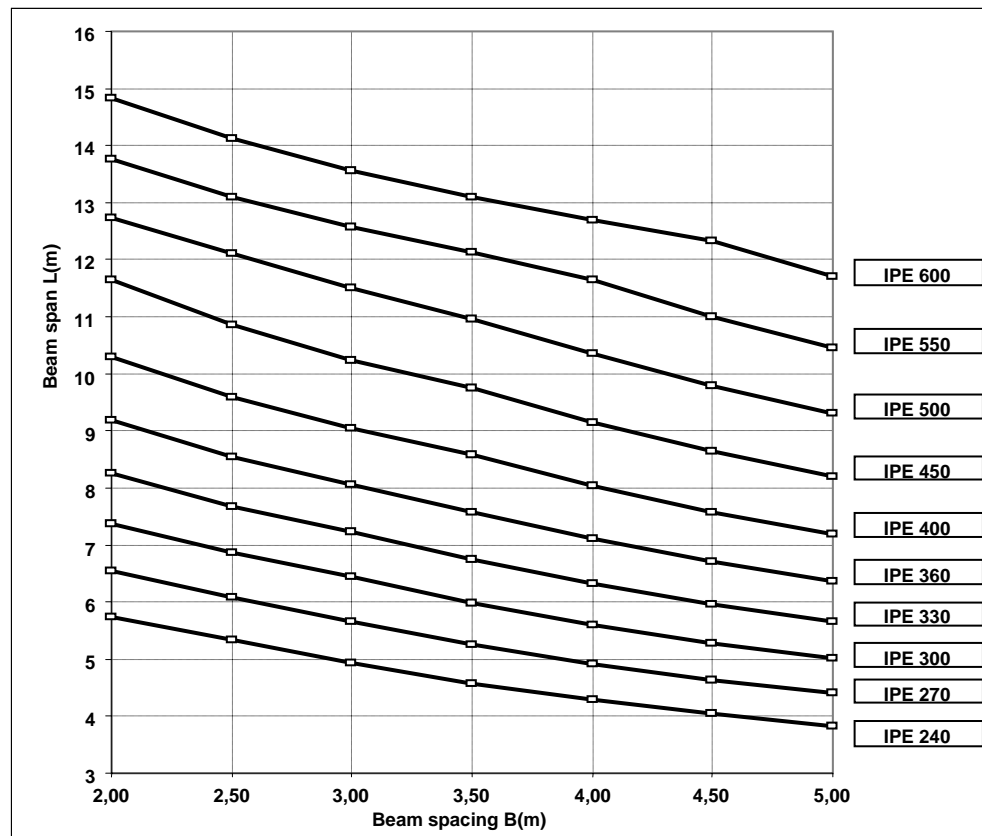
simple joints (simple construction)

Un-braced frame





Beams, Columns





Classification

Sub-grade for fracture toughness

Table 4.3 IPEA, IPE, IPEO profiles – S355

Profile		Section class			Maximum compression force (N_{Ed}) for the section class (kN)		
		Under pure compression	Under pure bending, M_y	Under pure bending, M_x	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
	80	1	1	1	*		
	100	1	1	1	*		
	120	1	1	1	*		
	140	2	1	1	126		
		3	1	1	129	*	
		3	1	1	137	171	*
		4	1	1	141	186	*
		4	1	1	173	195	792
		4	1	1	178	240	945
		4	1	1	169	251	1063
		4	1	1	199	250	1086
		4	1	1	199	298	1247

Steel grade	Sub-grade	Charpy energy CVN		Re														
		at T [°C]	v_{min}	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	10	3	3	4	4	4		
				$\sigma_{Ed} = 0,75 f_y(t)$														
S235	JR	20	27	60	50	40	35	30	25	20	90	4	1	1	178	251	1063	
	JO	0	27	90	75	60	50	40	35	30	125	4	1	1	169	250	1086	
	J2	-20	27	125	105	90	75	60	50	40	170	4	1	1	199	298	1247	
S275	JR	20	27	55	45	35	30	25	20	15	80	4	1	1	173	240	945	
	JO	0	27	75	65	55	45	35	30	25	115	4	1	1	178	251	1063	
	J2	-20	27	110	95	75	65	55	45	35	155	4	1	1	173	240	945	
	M,N	-20	40	135	110	95	75	65	55	45	180	4	1	1	173	240	945	
	ML,NL	-50	27	185	160	135	110	95	75	65	200	4	1	1	173	240	945	
S355	JR	20	27	40	35	25	20	15	10	65	4	1	1	173	240	945		
	JO	← 27	← 27	← 60	← 50	← 40	← 35	← 30	← 25	← 20	← 15	← 95	← 4	← 1	← 1	← 173	← 240	← 945
	J2	-20	27	90	75	60	50	40	35	25	135	4	1	1	173	240	945	
	K2,M,N	-20	40	110	90	75	60	50	40	35	155	4	1	1	173	240	945	



Example: Intermediate floors in residential construction

Initial design issues

- Structural engineering
- Non-structural topics: check lists

What might the building look like

Layouts

Initial sizing



Conceptual design
Scheme development
Detailed design



Conceptual design

Scheme development

Detailed design (to the Eurocodes)

Flow charts

NCCI

**Worked examples both static and
dynamic**



Example: Fin plate connection

Where to start

What to do

When you have completed the design activity

'Maps' to linked resources



Example: Column sizes in multi-storey buildings

Guidance on element and connection sizes for initial selection

Easy, graphical approaches



Example: Buckling lengths of columns: rigorous approach

Eurocodes are missing:

- Essential guidance necessary for design
- 'Text book' material



Example: End plate beam-to-column-flange simple connection

Realistic

Complete

Rigorous

Excellent introduction to design to the

Eurocodes:

- Practising engineers
- Undergraduates

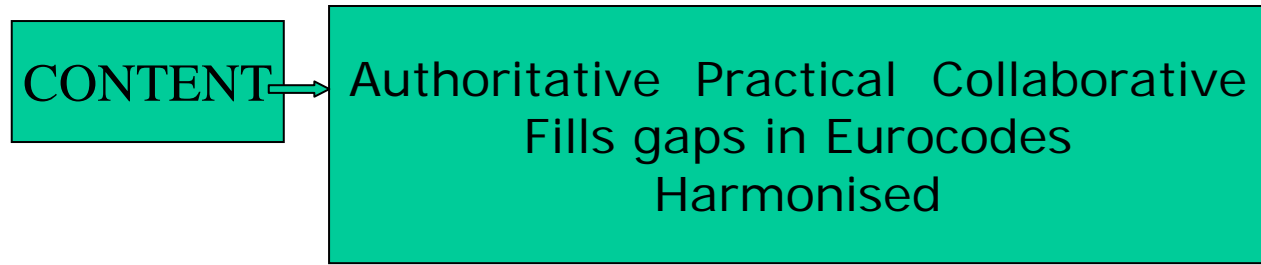


Example: Simple column design

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**Need to download the parent software, TEDDS
LITE**

**Carries out design to the users' parameters
and prepares calculation sheets**



Fast and easy route to maximising opportunities from the Eurocodes



A very rich set of resources

A major step towards harmonised best practice in Europe

Wide potential beyond Europe

Use it!

Its free!

www.access-steel.com



- Material prepared for use by practising engineers - in design practice**
- Very high pedagogical content**
- Will automatically be used for ‘informal’ e-learning**
- Can readily be adapted for formal e-learning with:**
 - Enhanced explanation, perhaps using existing electronic resources, e. g. SteelCAL
 - Formal assessment



**Traditional course market is declining
Employers want their engineers to be able to
access their training:**

- When they need it – for an immediate business need
- Where they want it – at their workplace or at home
- How they want it – at their own pace

**Employers will therefore increasingly want
their staff to use e-learning**

**The big difficulty is to replace the interaction
with lecturers and fellow students of a
traditional course, by:**

- E-meetings
- E-tutorials
- Etc



Leonardo programme is sponsoring a pilot project on e-learning for steel design and construction

It will deliver:

- 12 modules
- Guidance on best practice for preparation of e-learning content

A simple questionnaire is available to guide the direction of this project

Input is needed, especially from practising engineers