

Fiber-Reinforced Composite Lighting Pole Calculations

Project Info & Details

Customer Name:	Solar Lighting International, Inc.		
Job Name:	St Croix Project		
Address:			
City:		State	FL
Pole Catalog Number:	DXX28_XXDN2-ARM		
Latitude, Longitude:			
Building Code:	2015 IBC		

Referenced Codes

- 2017 Florida Building Code, 6th Edition
- ASCE 7-10: Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures
- 2013 AASHTO LTS, 6th Edition
- 2012 ANSI C136.20
- ASTM D4923-01

Site Parameters

Exposure Category:	C	-	
Ultimate Wind Speed:	170	mph	
Nominal Wind Speed:	131.7	mph	

Pole Geometry

Pole Length:	28	ft	
Height Above Grade:	20	ft	
Embedment Depth:	8.0	ft	
Test Height:	19	ft	
Top Diameter:	6	in	
Pole Taper:	0.14	in/ft	
Bottom Diameter:	9.92	in	
Diameter @ Embedment:	8.80	in	
Diameter @ Centroid:	7.49	in	
Diameter @ Test Height:	6.14	in	

Design Parameters

Pole Class:	II	-	
Design Life :	25 yr	-	
Area Type:	Proj. Area		
Proposed (Luminaire + Arm) Proj. Area:	15	ft ²	
Proposed Luminaire Shape:			
Additional Proj. Area (Shroud, Antennas):	6	ft ²	
Additional Proj. Area Shape:		-	
Additional Proj. Area Diameter:		in	
Center Height of Additional Proj. Area:	10	ft	
Weight of Luminaire:	400	lbs	
*Luminaire Arm Length:	0	ft	
*Luminaire Arm Diameter:	0	in	
Consider Embedment Design?:	Yes	-	

*If luminaire flush-mounted, enter zero for arm length

Embedment Design

S ₁ , Soil Class:	3	-	
Embedment (Design):	8.00	ft	
Embedment (Required):	6.49	ft	
Embedment Check:	OK	-	

Result Summary

Max Pole Proj. Area (Testing Values):	17	ft ²
Max Test Load (Testing Values):	1751	lbs
Max Calculated Load:	1036.6	lbs
Percent Capacity:	59.2%	-
Code Specified Deflection Limit:		
Deflection Limit of Structure Height (Per ASTM D4923):	10%	-
Deflection <	24	inches @ 518 lbs
Client Specified Deflection Limit:		
Does the Client have Deflection Requirements?	No	



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(a) Wind Force on Pole

Code Reference

$$F_1 = 0.00256 * K_Z * G * V^2 * I_r * C_d * A$$

where **A** = projected area of pole (ft²)

V = wind velocity (mph)

AASHTO 3.8.1 (pg. 3-05)

Height & Exposure Factor → **K_Z** =

$$0.87$$

for (h ≤ 16.4 ft)

AASHTO 3.8.4 (pg. 3-12)

$$K_Z = 2.01 * \left(\frac{z}{z_g}\right)^{2\alpha} = 0.90$$

for (h > 16.4 ft)

ASCE 7-10: C27.3.1 (pg. 547)

where $z_g = 906$ ft
 $\alpha = 9.50$
 $z = 20$ ft

} Based on Exposure Category
← Height Above Grade

Gust Effect Factor → **G** = 1.14

AASHTO 3.8.5 (pg. 3-13)

Wind Importance Factor → **I_r** =

$$0.87$$

for (25 yr life) - nonhurricane region

AASHTO 3.8.3 (pg. 3-06)

$$I_r = 0.77$$

for (25 yr life) - hurricane region

Wind Drag Coefficient → **C_d** =

$$1.10$$

If $C_v Vd \leq 39$ mph-ft

AASHTO 3.8.6 (pg. 3-15)

$$C_d = \frac{129}{(C_v Vd)^{1.3}} \quad \text{(Cylindrical Members)}$$

If $39 \text{ mph-ft} < C_v Vd < 78 \text{ mph-ft}$

$$C_d = 0.45$$

If $C_v Vd \geq 78 \text{ mph-ft}$

Velocity Conversion Factor → **C_v** =

$$0.93$$

for (25 yr life) - nonhurricane region

AASHTO C3.8.6 (pg. 3-15)

$$C_v = 0.88$$

for (25 yr life) - hurricane region

$$\text{Centroid of Trapezoid} \rightarrow h' = \left(\frac{h}{3}\right) \left(\frac{2d_2 + d_1}{d_2 + d_1}\right) = 9.37 \text{ ft}$$

where d_2 = top diameter
 d_1 = bottom diameter
 h = height above grade

(b) Wind Force on Luminaire

$$F_2 = 0.00256 * K_Z * G * V^2 * I_r * C_d * E$$

where **E** = projected area of luminaire (ft²)

AASHTO 3.8.1 (pg. 3-05)

Wind Drag Coefficient → **C_d** =

$$0.5$$

(Luminaires w/ generally rounded surfaces)

AASHTO 3.8.6 (pg. 3-15)

Wind Drag Coefficient → **C_d** =

$$1.2$$

(Luminaires with rectangular flat side shapes)

AASHTO 3.8.6 (pg. 3-15)

(c) Wind Force on Arm

$$F_3 = 0.00256 * K_Z * G * V^2 * I_r * C_d * R$$

where **R** = projected area of arm (ft²)

AASHTO 3.8.1 (pg. 3-05)

Wind Drag Coefficient → **C_d** =

$$1.10$$

If $C_v Vd \leq 39$ mph-ft

AASHTO 3.8.6 (pg. 3-15)

$$C_d = \frac{129}{(C_v Vd)^{1.3}} \quad \text{(Cylindrical Members)}$$

If $39 \text{ mph-ft} < C_v Vd < 78 \text{ mph-ft}$

$$C_d = 0.45$$

If $C_v Vd \geq 78 \text{ mph-ft}$

(d) Wind Force on Additional EPA

$$F_4 = 0.00256 * K_Z * G * V^2 * I_r * C_d * U$$

where **U** = projected area of additional EPA (ft²)

AASHTO 3.8.1 (pg. 3-05)

Wind Drag Coefficient → **C_d** =

$$1.10$$

If $C_v Vd \leq 39$ mph-ft

AASHTO 3.8.6 (pg. 3-15)

$$C_d = \frac{129}{(C_v Vd)^{1.3}} \quad \text{(Cylindrical Members)}$$

If $39 \text{ mph-ft} < C_v Vd < 78 \text{ mph-ft}$

$$C_d = 0.45$$

If $C_v Vd \geq 78 \text{ mph-ft}$

Wind Drag Coefficient → **C_d** =

$$1.7$$

(Flat Members)

AASHTO 3.8.6 (pg. 3-15)



(e) Deflection Test Force

$$F_d = \frac{M_B}{(L - L_1)}$$

→ L = 20 ft = pole length above ground line or base
 L₁ = 1 ft = length from pole top to test force application point
 M_B = 9848 ft-lbs = max total resultant moment at pole base

AASHTO 8.7.1 (pg. 8-05)

(f) Strength Test Force

Force Description	Bending Moment in Pole = (Pressure x Area) x Distance = Force x Distance									
	K _z	G	V (mph)	I _r	C _v Vd (mph-ft)	C _d	EPA (ft ²)	F _x (lbs)	D _x (ft)	M _{Bx} (ft-lbs)
Wind Force on Pole (F ₁)	0.90	1.14	131.7	0.77	72.3	0.49	6.09	213.8	9.4	2003.16
Wind Force on Luminaire (F ₂)	0.90	1.14	131.7	0.77	-	0.50	7.50	263.2	21.0*	5528.24
Wind Force on Arm (F ₃)	-	-	-	-	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	-	-	-	-
Wind Force on Additional Projected Area (F ₄)	0.90	1.14	131.7	0.77	0.0	1.10	6.60	231.7	10.0	2316.60
Additional Moment due to Weight of Luminaire (M ₁)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400.0	0.0	0.00
Total Resultant Moment at Pole Base**										9848.00

*Luminaire and Arm assumed height = 1 ft above top of pole

**Max M_{Bx} is calculated using the maximum of F₂ & F₃ since combined Projected Area is provided

$$F_d = \frac{M_B}{(L - L_1)} = 518.32 \text{ lbs}$$

→ A **safety factor of 2.0** against failure in bending is specified for the test. (AASHTO C8.7.1)

$$F_s = 2 * F_d = 1036.63 \text{ lbs}$$

(g) Embedment Checks

Code Reference

$$d = 0.5A \{1 + [1 + (4.36h / A)^{1/2}]\}$$

2015 IBC: Equation 18-1 (pg. 427)

where d = depth of embedment in earth = 6.49 ft
 A = 2.34P / (S₁ b) = 1.55 ft
 b = diameter of the embedded post = 0.73 ft
 h = distance from ground surface to point of application of "P" = 19.0 ft
 P = applied lateral force = 518.32 lbs
 S₁ = allowable lateral soil-bearing pressure (use Table 1806.2 for a reference) = 1067 psf
 → Based on one-third the depth of embedment

TABLE 1806.2

CLASS OF MATERIALS	VERTICAL FOUNDATION PRESSURE (psf)	LATERAL BEARING PRESSURE (psf/ft below natural grade)	LATERAL SLIDING RESISTANCE	
			Coefficient of friction ^a	Cohesion (psf) ^b
1. Crystalline bedrock	12,000	1,200	0.70	---
2. Sedimentary and foliated rock	4,000	400	0.35	---
3. Sandy gravel and/or gravel (GW and GP)	3,000	200	0.35	---
4. Sand, silty sand, clayey sand, silty gravel and clayey gravel (SW, SP, SM, SC, GM, GC)	2,000	150	0.25	---
5. Clay, sandy clay, silty clay, clayey silt, silt and sandy silt (CL, ML, MH and CH)	1,500	100	---	130

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479kPa, 1 pound per square foot per foot = 0.157 kPa/m.

a. Coefficient to be multiplied by the dead load.

b. Cohesion value to be multiplied by the contact area, as limited by Section 1806.3.2.

