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***Content Based  
Chemical Engineering***

**ENGINEERING DESIGN CALCULATION - DENNIS KIRK**

**MECHANICAL COIL SPRING CALCULATION**

v 1.000

For linear springs where  $F = ky$ .

Based on method of *Mechanical Engineering Design*, Shigley.

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**SPRING PROPERTIES**

$D_o$	Coil Outer Diameter	24.75	mm			
$D_{mean}$	Coil Mean Diameter	22.25	mm			
$d$	Wire Diameter	2.5	mm			
$C$	$C = D_{mean} / d$	8.90	(Normally between 6 and 12)			
$N_{total}$	Total Number of Coils	18				
$N_{dead}$	Number of Dead Coils	2				
$N$	Number of Coils	16				
$L_{free}$	Free Length	90	mm			
$L_{min}$	Minimum length (fully compressed)	45	mm			
$P$	Pitch	5.2	mm			
$K_s$	$K_s = 1 + 0.5 / C$	1.056				
$k$	Spring Constant, $k = d^4G/(8D^3N)$	2197	N/m	0.2240	kg/mm	4.47 mm/kg

**MATERIAL PROPERTIES** (Table 10-2 and A-5)

$G$	Shear Modulus of Elasticity	79.3	GPa	Material	<span style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></span>
$S_{ut}$	Tensile Strength $S_{ut} = A/d^m$	1585	MPa		
$S_y$	Yield Strength $S_y = 0.75S_{ut}$	1189.0	MPa		
$S_{sy}$	<b>Shear Yield</b> $S_{sy} = 0.577S_y$	686.0	MPa		

**FULL COMPRESSION**

$F_{max}$	Max. Force	98.9	N	(Equivalent to 10.08 kg weight)	
$y_{max}$	Max. Deflection	45.0	mm		
$\tau_{max}$	Max. Shear Stress = $8kFD/(\pi d^3)$	378.6	MPa	55%	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span>

$F$	Force F	45.3	N	(Equivalent to 4.62 kg weight)	
$y$	Deflection ( $y = 8FD^3N/(d^4G)$ )	20.62	mm	46%	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span>
$l$	Compressed Length	69.38	mm		
$L - y$	Remaining Travel	24.38	mm		
$\tau$	Shear Stress = $8kFD/(\pi d^3)$	173.5	MPa	25%	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span>
-	Calculation Check, $F = ky$	45.3	N		

$F$	Force F	90.0	N	(Equivalent to 9.17 kg weight)	
$y$	Deflection ( $y = 8FD^3N/(d^4G)$ )	40.96	mm	91%	<b>Warning, highly compressed!</b>
$l$	Compressed Length	49.04	mm		
$L - y$	Remaining Travel	4.04	mm		
$\tau$	Shear Stress = $8kFD/(\pi d^3)$	344.7	MPa	50%	<b>Warning, highly stressed!</b>
-	Calculation Check, $F = ky$	90.0	N		