

**Design Aid 3.12.2. Design Strength Interaction Curves for Precast, Reinforced Concrete Columns**

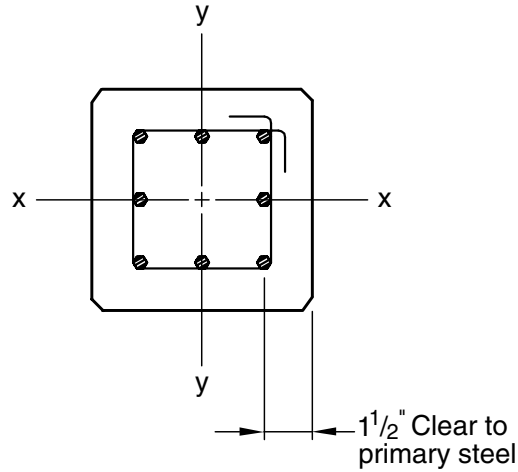
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**CRITERIA**

1. Concrete  $f'_c = 5000$  psi, normalweight
2. Reinforcement  $f_y = 60,000$  psi
3. Curves shown for full development of reinforcement
4. Horizontal portion of curve is the maximum for tied columns =  $0.80\phi P_o$
5. Varies linearly from 0.9 for tension-controlled sections to 0.65 for compression-controlled sections in accordance with ACI 318-05 Section 9.3.2

**USE OF CURVES**

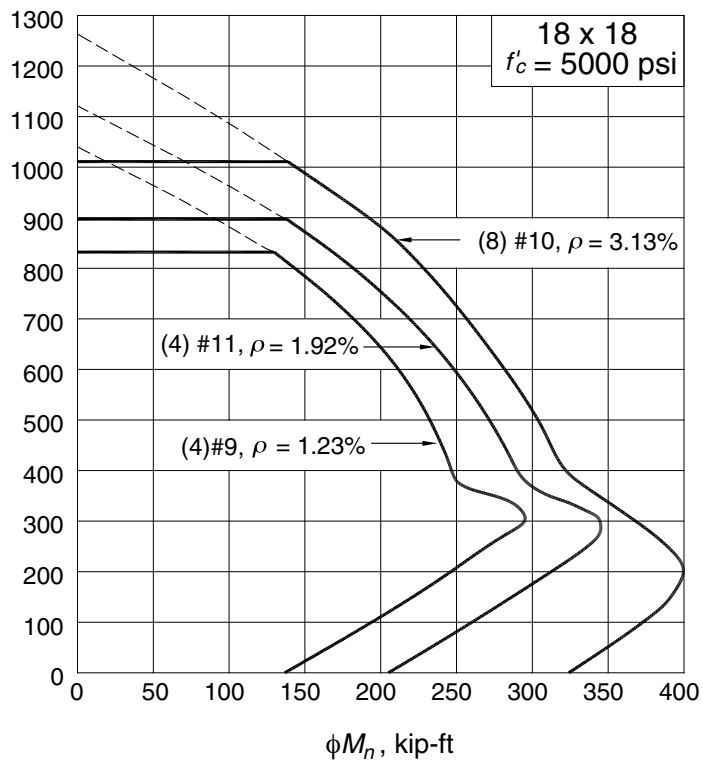
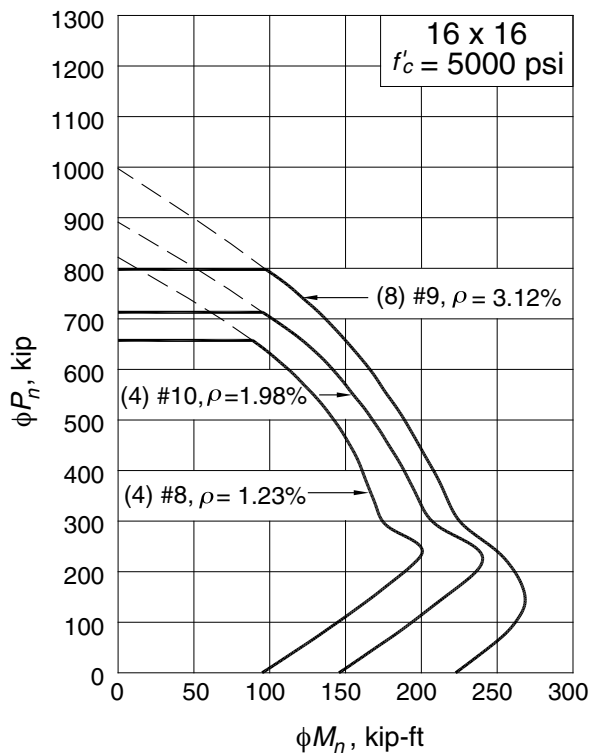
1. Enter at left with applied factored axial load  $P_u$
2. Enter at bottom with applied magnified factored moment  $\delta M_u$
3. Intersection point must be to the left of curve indicating required reinforcement.



**NOTATION**

- $\phi P_n$  = design axial strength
- $\phi M_n$  = design flexural strength
- $\phi P_o$  = design axial strength at zero eccentricity
- $A_g$  = gross area of the column
- $\delta$  = moment magnifier (ACI 318-05, Section 10.11–10.13)

The interaction curves have been smoothed for plotting purposes. Exact calculated values may be slightly different.



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