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# ASCE STANDARD 19-10

## STRUCTURAL APPLICATIONS OF STEEL CABLES FOR BUILDINGS

### 1.0 GENERAL

#### 1.1 SCOPE

This Standard provides requirements for the structural design, contract documents, shop drawings, fabrication, and installation of cables for use as static structural elements for the support and bracing of buildings and other cable-supported structures not subjected to vehicle loads. Parts of buildings to which this Standard is applicable include roofs, floors, curtain walls, masts, and nets. Guyed utility towers and vehicular bridges are not covered by this Standard. This Standard applies to carbon steel and stainless steel cables.

#### 1.2 GLOSSARY

**Anchorage:** the structural connection at which the cable is terminated.

**Cable:** a flexible tension member, strand, or rope.

**Clamp:** a cable fitting that transfers force by friction.

**Damper:** an active or passive device attached to the cable structure that modifies the structural response to dynamic loads.

**Deflector:** a grooved cable support used to create an angle change in the cable. Also known as a saddle.

**Fitting:** any accessory used as an attachment to, or support for, the cable or its components.

**Grade:** classification of cable by nominal cable strength and/or metallic composition of wire.

**Modulus of Elasticity:** the slope of the secant to the stress–strain curve between the stress at 10% of the nominal cable strength and 90% of the prestretching force.

**Nominal Cable Strength:** strength of a cable in units of force, as given in ASTM or other applicable standards.

**Prestressing:** tensioning a cable at installation.

**Prestretching:** tensioning a helically twisted cable according to a predetermined program in order to minimize constructional stretch.

**Prestretching Force:** tensile force applied to a cable one or more times and held for a specified duration during prestretching.

**Rope:** a plurality of strands twisted about an axis, or about a core which may be a strand or another wire rope.

**Strand:** a plurality of wires helically twisted about an axis.

**Termination:** a device, also known as an end fitting, attached to a cable to transfer the tension in the cable to its supporting anchorage.

**Wire:** a single continuous length of steel with a circular or noncircular cross section. Wires of

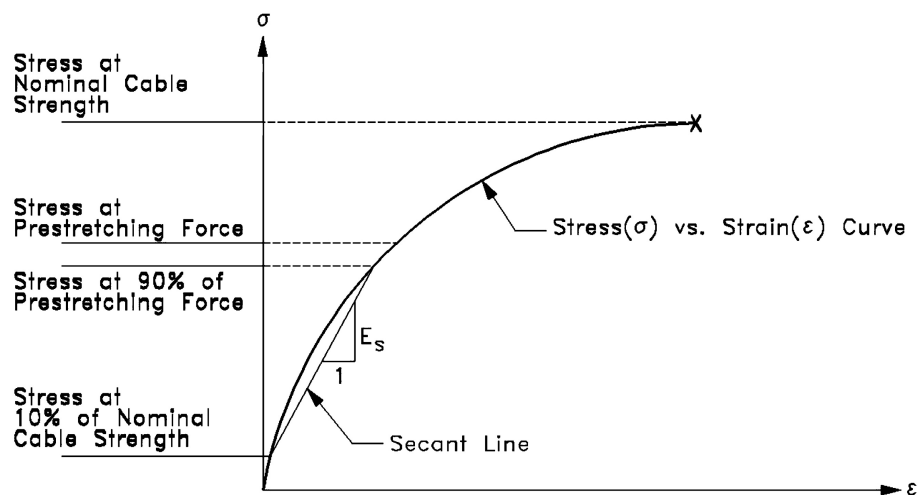


FIGURE 1-1. Nominal Cable Strength.