# **ENR PILE TABLES**

## **VOLUME AND WEIGHT OF WOOD PILES**

The determination of the weight of the pile is a simple matter of computation when steel or concrete piles are used. However, when wood piles are used the determination of the weight to be used in the formula becomes more difficult. Obviously it would prove quite laborious to weight each pile and use a different value for "M" in the formula when computing the bearing value of each individual pile. Such procedure is neither feasible nor required.

The pile weight to use for wood piles should be determined for each length of pile used on the job and for each different kind of wood, in case all piles of a given length are not of the same kind. Measurements should be taken and weights determined for not less than two piles from each group for which the weight is to be determined. The piles selected should be of average size or slightly above the average for the group. The average of the two pile weights obtained should be the weight used in computing the pile bearing.

## CALCULATION OF PILE WEIGHT

In order that our practice may be uniform, all pile weights should be determined by using tables in this appendix.

To obtain the weight of the pile, use the volume in cubic feet, multiplied by the weight per cubic foot of the pile. The weight per cubic foot of various species of wood is given on a separate note.

#### WEIGHTS OF STEEL SHELL, STEEL H, AND CONCRETE PILES

The following shall be used for computing the weights of various types of piles.

#### **Steel H Piles**

Steel H piles are designated as  $10 \times 42$ ,  $10 \times 57$ ,  $12 \times 53$ , etc., steel H piles. The second number indicates the weight per foot of the pile. Thus a  $10 \times 42$  steel H pile 40 feet in length weighs  $42 \times 40$  or 1,680 pounds.

#### **Concrete Piles**

For purposes of calculating the weight of concrete piles, it shall be assumed that the pile weighs 150 pounds per cubic foot. Thus a 14-inch square concrete pile 40 feet in length would weigh  $1.167 \times 1.167 \times 40 \times 150$  or 8,171 pounds.

#### Cylindrical Steel Shell Piles (Type II or VII)

For 12-inch diameter piles, weight in pounds = 18.94L + 20For 14-inch diameter piles, weight in pounds = 27.66L + 33For 16-inch diameter piles, weight in pounds = 36.87L + 50Where L is the length of shell in feet.

#### UNION METAL MONOTUBES (Type I or VI)

Weights of Type I and Type VI piles are to be computed from the attached table. The weight of a 7-gauge 14-inch 40-foot pile with 15-foot y taper (345 pounds) and 25 foot N section (731 pounds) is 1076 pounds.

# WEIGHT PER CUBIC FOOT OF DIFFERENT SPECIES OF WOOD

| Species   | Green Lbs. | Air Dry Lbs. |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Ash   | 48         | 41           |
| Cedar-Western Red   | 27         | 23           |
| Cedar-Southern White  | 26         | 23           |
| Cottonwood-Northern   | 46         | 24           |
| Cypress-Southern  | 51         | 32           |
| Fir-Douglas   | 38         | 24           |
| Fir-White   | 46         | 27           |
| Elm   | 54         | 35           |
| Gum-Red   | 50         | 34           |
| Hackberry   | 50         | 37           |
| Hickory   | 63         | 51           |
| Maple-Hard  | 56         | 44           |
| Maple-Soft  | 47         | 34           |
| Oak-Red   | 64         | 44           |
| Oak-White   | 63         | 47           |
| Pine-Northern White   | 36         | 25           |
| Pine-Western White  | 35         | 27           |
| Pine-Norway   | 42         | 34           |
| Pine-Southern Yellow  | 55         | 41           |
| Sycamore  | 52         | 34           |
| Tamarak   | 47         | 37           |
| Black Walnut  | 58         | 38           |
| Note: (1) Air dry wood has moisture content of 12%.<br>(2) For weight of treated piling, add 12 lbs. to the air dry weight. |            |              |
| Reference: Wood Handbook, U.S. Department of Agriculture  |            |              |