

FLOOR SPANS

ALLOWABLE SPANS FOR PRI OR SSI JOISTS – 40 PSF LIVE LOAD AND 10 PSF DEAD LOAD

Joist Series	Joist Depth	Simple Span				Multiple Span			
		12" o.c.	16" o.c.	19.2" o.c.	24" o.c.	12" o.c.	16" o.c.	19.2" o.c.	24" o.c.
PRI 20	9½"	16'-6"	15'-2"	14'-4"	13'-4"	18'-5"	16'-10"	15'-7"	13'-4"
	11⅞"	19'-10"	18'-2"	17'-1"	16'-0"	22'-1"	19'-6"	16'-9"	13'-4"
SSI 36X	14"	22'-6"	20'-7"	19'-6"	16'-5"	24'-8"	20'-2"	16'-9"	13'-4"
PRI 40	9½"	17'-11"	16'-5"	15'-6"	14'-5"	20'-0"	17'-10"	16'-3"	14'-6"
	11⅞"	21'-5"	19'-7"	18'-6"	16'-8"	23'-7"	20'-4"	18'-7"	16'-7"
	14"	24'-3"	22'-2"	20'-6"	18'-4"	25'-11"	22'-5"	20'-5"	18'-3"
	16"	26'-11"	24'-2"	22'-1"	19'-9"	27'-11"	24'-1"	22'-0"	19'-8"
PRI 60	9½"	18'-11"	17'-3"	16'-3"	15'-2"	21'-1"	19'-2"	18'-1"	16'-10"
	11⅞"	22'-7"	20'-7"	19'-5"	18'-1"	25'-2"	22'-11"	21'-7"	19'-6"
	14"	25'-8"	23'-5"	22'-1"	20'-7"	28'-7"	26'-1"	24'-0"	19'-9"
	16"	28'-6"	26'-0"	24'-6"	22'-10"	31'-9"	28'-5"	24'-9"	19'-9"
PRI 80	11⅞"	24'-10"	22'-7"	21'-4"	19'-10"	27'-8"	25'-2"	23'-8"	21'-10"
	14"	28'-3"	25'-8"	24'-2"	22'-6"	31'-5"	28'-7"	26'-11"	23'-11"
	16"	31'-3"	28'-6"	26'-10"	24'-11"	34'-10"	31'-8"	29'-10"	23'-11"

Notes:

1. Table values apply to uniformly loaded, residential floor joists.
2. Span is measured from face to face of supports.
3. Deflection is limited to L/240 at total load and L/480 at live load.
4. Table values are based on sheathing that is glued and nailed to the joists (23/32" panels for joists at 24" o.c. and 19/32" panels for joists at 19.2" o.c. and less). Reduce spans by 12" if sheathing is nailed only.
5. Provide at least 1¾" of bearing length at end supports and 3½" at intermediate supports.
6. Provide lateral restraint at supports (e.g. blocking panels, rim board) and along the compression flange of each joist (e.g. floor sheathing, gypsum board ceiling).
7. Use sizing software or consult a professional engineer to analyze conditions outside the scope of this table (e.g. commercial floors, different bearing conditions, concentrated loads) or for multiple span joists if the length of any span is less than half the length of an adjacent span.

HOW TO USE FLOOR SPAN TABLES

1. Choose the appropriate live and dead load combination as well as a joist spacing.
2. Scan down the spacing column to find a span that exceeds the design span.
3. Scan to the left from that span to determine the joist size required.
4. Web stiffeners are required at all supports for 22" and 24" joists. See *Web Stiffener Requirements* on page 81 for more details.

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