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### **Friction: Sources of advice**

In response to a request for advice about kinetic friction coefficients members suggested the following sources of information:

*NOTE: This list is not intended to be exhaustive.*

Typical coefficient of friction values for common materials, Shibashis Ghosh (2011), <https://mechguru.com/machine-design/typical-coefficient-of-friction-values-for-common-materials/>

Friction factors, Roymech.org (2020),  
[https://roymech.org/Useful\\_Tables/Tribology/co\\_of\\_frict.html](https://roymech.org/Useful_Tables/Tribology/co_of_frict.html)

BS 5975: 2019, Code of practice for temporary works procedures and the permissible stress design of falsework, BSI (2019), Table 25,  
<https://knowledge.bsigroup.com/products/code-of-practice-for-temporary-works-procedures-and-the-permissible-stress-design-of-falsework/standard>

*NOTE: Based on research undertaken at the University of Birmingham*

Friction in temporary works, University of Birmingham, Health and Safety Executive (2003), <https://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrpdf/rr071.pdf>

Fastener Design Manual, NASA Reference Publication 1228, Barrett (1990),  
<http://engineeringlibrary.org/reference/fastener-torque-nasa-design-manual>

Threaded Fasteners - Tightening to Proper Tension, MIL-HDBK-60 (1990),  
<http://engineeringlibrary.org/reference/threaded-fastener-preload-mil-hdbk>

CIRIA Report 68, Lateral movement of heavy loads (1977), Table 2,  
<https://www.ciria.org/>

*NOTE: Hyperlinks accessed on 25th February 2023*

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