

In this tip, let us understand how the numbers on the NEMA SM-23 report are calculated. Let us take a look at a sample report shown below, generated from CAEPIPE v4.0A. Notes are shown in red letters (T-1 etc.).

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NEMA SM-23 (1985) Report                               Load case: Operating (W+P1+T1)
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Desc: P23-NEMA SM23 Shaft axis: Xcomp = 1.000   Ycomp = 0.000   Zcomp = 0.000
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**T-1**

Node	Type	Forces (lb)			Moments (ft-lb)			<-Applied forces and moments
		fx	fy	fz	mx	my	mz	
5	Inlet	567	-301	497	2527	1981	-29	at each nozzle
25	Exhaust	-252	-337	-549	-1075	2854	-2830	
30	Extr. 1	38	-140	-74	133	-200	420	

**T-2**

Node	Type	Size (inch)	Resultant		F + M/3	Allowable	Ratio	<-Resultants at each nozzle
			F(lb)	M(ft-lb)				
5	Inlet	8.000	812	3211	1882	1336	1.409	
25	Exhaust	12.000	692	4161	2079	1559	1.334	
30	Extr. 1	4.000	163	484	324	668	0.485	

Combined resultants at the Exhaust node 25 <-Combined inlet, exhaust, extraction force and moment resultants

resolved at exhaust nozzle centerline

**T-3**

Calculated	Forces (lb)			Moments (ft-lb)		
	fx	fy	fz	mx	my	mz
Calculated	353	-778	-126	1789	6848	330

Allowable	549	1374	1099	2747	1374	1374
Ratio	0.642	0.566	0.115	0.651	4.986	0.240

--- Resultant ---  
 F(lb)    M(ft-lb)    F + M/2    Allow-    Ratio

**T-4**                      Combined                      864                      7086                      4406                      1374                      3.208

Let us take the first table T-1. These are the forces and moments that are applied to the turbine by the system. As you can see from table T-2, there are three nozzles on this turbine, an 8" inlet (node 5), a 12" exhaust (node 25) and a 4" extraction (node 30).

<b>T-1</b>		----- Forces (lb) -----			----- Moments (ft-lb) -----		
Node	Type	fx	fy	fz	mx	my	mz
5	Inlet	567	-301	497	2527	1981	-29
25	Exhaust	-252	-337	-549	-1075	2854	-2830
30	Extr. 1	38	-140	-74	133	-200	420

Let us see how to calculate the numbers (resultants) that are shown in T-2.  
 For the nozzle at inlet (node 5),

$$F = \sqrt{567^2 + (-301)^2 + 497^2} = 812 \text{ lb.}$$

$$M = \sqrt{2527^2 + 1981^2 + (-29)^2} = 3211 \text{ ft-lb.}$$

$$F + M/3 = 812 + 3211/3 = 1882$$

Similarly, the resultants are calculated for the exhaust and the extraction nozzles.

<b>T-2</b>		Size	--- Resultant ---			Allow-	
Node	Type	(inch)	F(lb)	M(ft-lb)	F + M/3	able	Ratio
5	Inlet	8.000	812	3211	1882	1336	1.409
25	Exhaust	12.000	692	4161	2079	1559	1.334

30 Extr. 1 4.000 163 484 324 668 0.485

Now, let us calculate the combined inlet, exhaust and extraction force and moment resultants resolved at the exhaust nozzle centerline, as per the NEMA SM-23 guideline (shown in T-3).

Calculated  $f_x = (567 - 252 + 38) = 353$  lb., similarly  $f_y$  and  $f_z$ .  
 Calculated  $m_x = (m_{x5} + m_{x25} + m_{x30} - (f_{y5} * dz_5) - (f_{y30} * dz_{30}) + (f_{z5} * dy_5) + (f_{z30} * dy_{30}))$   
 $= 1789$  ft-lb., similarly  $m_y$  and  $m_z$ .

Note that  $dy$  and  $dz$  are the offsets in the Y and Z directions from the mentioned nodes (5 and 30) to the exhaust node 25. In this case,  $dz_5 = 0.594$  ft. ( $z_5 - z_{25}$ ),  $dz_{30} = 1.375$  ft. ( $z_{30} - z_{25}$ ),  $dy_5 = -0.719$  ft. ( $y_5 - y_{25}$ ),  $dy_{30} = -2.5625$  ft. ( $y_{30} - y_{25}$ ).

Combined resultants at the Exhaust node 25

T-3	----- Forces (lb) -----			---- Moments (ft-lb) ----		
	$f_x$	$f_y$	$f_z$	$m_x$	$m_y$	$m_z$
Calculated	353	-778	-126	1789	6848	330
Allowable	549	1374	1099	2747	1374	1374
Ratio	0.642	0.566	0.115	0.651	4.986	0.240

Finally, let us compute the combined Force and Moment resultant at exhaust using numbers from T-3.

Force Resultant =  $\sqrt{353^2 + (-778)^2 + (-126)^2} = 864$  lb.  
 Moment Resultant =  $\sqrt{1789^2 + 6848^2 + 330^2} = 7086$  ft-lb.  
 $F + M/2 = 864 + 7086/2 = 4406$

T-4	--- Resultant ---		F + M/2	Allow- able	Ratio
	F(lb)	M(ft-lb)			
Combined	864	7086	4406	1374	3.208

For details on how to calculate the allowables, please refer Appendix B, page B-8 of CAEPIPE User's Manual (Rev 20).