

Forum Rules & Community Guidelines

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Welcome to ChemEngCalc Community — a free, open forum for chemical engineers, process engineers, students, and anyone passionate about chemical engineering. Our goal is simple: a friendly, knowledgeable, and respectful place to ask questions, share knowledge, and grow together.

These rules exist to protect the quality of the community and every member in it. They are not exhaustive — common sense and professional courtesy go a long way. If you are ever unsure whether something is appropriate, ask a moderator before posting.

By registering and participating in this Forum, you agree to follow these guidelines **and our Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy** available at community.chemengcalc.com.

Quick Reference

Read this table first — it captures the spirit of the full rules in three lines.

Category	What it means
✓ Always Welcome	Ask questions, share calculations, discuss processes, help peers, reference sources, give constructive feedback.
□ Use with Care	Proprietary data, personal project details, strong opinions on standards. Be mindful of what you share publicly.
✗ Never Allowed	Spam, personal attacks, plagiarism, misinformation, off-topic posts, illegal content, account sharing, self-promotion without disclosure.

Rule 1 — Be Respectful and Professional

ChemEngCalc Community brings together engineers, students, and educators from across the world at different stages of their careers. Treat everyone with the same respect you would in a professional workplace or academic institution.

- Disagree with ideas, not people. Critique technical content, never the person posting it.
- No personal attacks, insults, condescension, or mockery — even in jest.
- Avoid aggressive language, ALL CAPS for emphasis, or excessive exclamation marks that can come across as hostile.
- Be patient with beginners. Everyone was a student once. If a question seems basic, either answer it kindly or scroll past.
- No harassment of any kind — including repeated unwanted messages, targeting, or intimidation of any member.

- No discrimination or derogatory content based on nationality, gender, religion, age, disability, or any other personal characteristic.

Rule 2 — Stay On Topic

This is a chemical engineering community. Content should be relevant to chemical engineering, process engineering, related sciences, and tools used in the field.

- Post in the correct category (e.g., heat transfer questions in Heat Transfer & Exchangers, simulation help in Process Simulation).
- Use descriptive, specific topic titles. "Help needed" tells nobody anything. "HYSYS flash calculation not converging at high pressure" is clear and searchable.
- Avoid posting identical or nearly identical topics in multiple categories (cross-posting).
- General discussion (non-technical) belongs in the General Discussion category only.
- Off-topic posts (politics, sports, entertainment, unrelated promotions) will be removed without warning.

Rule 3 — Post Quality Questions and Answers

Great communities produce great content. The quality of your post directly affects the quality of help you receive and the usefulness of the thread for future members.

When asking a question:

1. Search before posting — your question may already be answered.
2. Describe what you are trying to do, what you have already tried, and where exactly you are stuck.
3. Include relevant data: stream conditions, equipment specs, software version, error messages, or screenshots where applicable.
4. Show your work. Members are far more likely to help someone who has made an effort than someone expecting a complete solution on a plate.
5. Use proper units. Ambiguity in units causes real errors — state them explicitly (e.g., kg/hr, not just "flow").

When answering a question:

6. Be accurate. If you are not sure, say so. A confident wrong answer is worse than a cautious uncertain one.
7. Cite your sources where possible — textbooks, standards, software documentation, or peer-reviewed references.
8. Add a disclaimer when sharing calculations that are estimates or rule-of-thumb approximations.
9. Mark the best answer if you are the original poster and a reply solved your problem — this helps future visitors.

Rule 4 — Professional and Academic Integrity

ChemEngCalc Community is a professional community. We take intellectual honesty seriously.

- Do not share proprietary data, confidential process information, or trade secrets from your employer or clients. Even anonymised, sharing confidential details can be a serious professional and legal risk.
- Do not post copyrighted material in full — textbook pages, journal papers, standards (ASME, API, ISO, etc.), or software output that is subject to a license. Quote briefly and link to the source instead.
- Do not ask others to complete your university assignments for you. Asking for guidance on concepts is fine; asking for a fully worked solution to a graded problem is not.
- If you use AI tools to draft or assist with a post, you are responsible for verifying its accuracy before sharing. Posting unchecked AI output as fact is a form of misinformation.
- Credit others' work. If you share a method, correlation, or calculation approach you learned elsewhere, acknowledge the source.

Rule 5 — No Spam or Unsolicited Promotion

The Forum is a discussion community, not an advertising platform.

- Do not post links to commercial products, services, courses, YouTube channels, or websites in topic posts unless directly and genuinely relevant to the discussion.
- If you are affiliated with a product, tool, or service you are mentioning, you must disclose that affiliation clearly.
- Signature links and profile links to your own website or professional profile are acceptable as long as they are professional in nature.
- Posting the same content or link repeatedly across multiple topics or categories is considered spam and will result in immediate removal.
- Job postings and recruitment must be placed in the designated category (if available), not scattered across technical forums.

Rule 6 — Safety and Responsible Technical Sharing

Chemical engineering involves processes, substances, and equipment that can be hazardous when improperly handled. We take safety seriously.

- Always include relevant safety caveats when discussing hazardous chemicals, reactive systems, high-pressure or high-temperature operations, or processes involving toxic or flammable substances.
- Do not share information specifically intended to facilitate unsafe, unregulated, or illegal chemical processes.
- All technical content shared on this Forum is for informational and educational purposes only and is NOT a substitute for professional engineering judgment, proper design

review, or compliance with applicable codes and standards. See our Terms & Conditions for the full disclaimer.

- If you notice a post containing incorrect information that could lead to a safety hazard, use the Report button immediately — do not just reply; flag it for urgent moderator review.

Rule 7 — Account and Profile Rules

- One account per person. Creating multiple accounts, especially to evade a ban or warning, will result in all accounts being permanently banned.
- Account sharing is not permitted. You are responsible for all activity carried out under your account.
- Usernames and profile pictures must be professional and inoffensive. Impersonating real people, public figures, or other community members is not allowed.
- Profile bios and signatures may include your professional background, LinkedIn, or personal website — but not advertising or promotional content.

Rule 8 — Reporting and Moderation

Our moderation team is volunteer-based and may not catch every policy violation immediately. You play an important role in keeping the community healthy.

- Use the Report button on any post that violates these rules. Do not engage or argue with the offending post publicly — report it and let moderators handle it.
- Do not misuse the Report function to flag posts you simply disagree with. False reports clog the moderation queue.
- Moderation decisions are final. If you believe a decision was made in error, contact us at the email below — do not create a public topic disputing moderation.
- Moderators are community volunteers. Treat them with the same respect as any other member.

Consequences of Rule Violations

We follow a progressive enforcement approach for most violations. Severe cases (harassment, illegal content, ban evasion, egregious spam) may skip directly to a permanent ban.

Strike	Severity	Action taken
First offence		Friendly private warning from a moderator.
Second offence		Public or private warning; post removed.
Third offence		Temporary posting suspension (1–7 days).

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Severe / repeated		Permanent ban. No appeal for harassment or illegal content.

Tips for a Great First Post

If you are new here, welcome! Here is how to get the most from the community from day one:

- Read through a few existing discussions before posting — get a feel for how people communicate here.
- Introduce yourself in the General Discussion category if you like — members enjoy knowing who is joining.
- Use the Search bar before starting a new topic. Chances are someone has already discussed your question.
- Be specific, be patient, and say thank you when someone helps — it goes a long way.

Questions and Contact

If you have any questions about these guidelines, want to report something privately, or wish to appeal a moderation decision, please contact us at: **chemenggcalt@gmail.com**.

We reserve the right to update these guidelines at any time. Continued use of the Forum after an update constitutes acceptance of the revised rules. The current version is always available on the Forum Rules page.

Thank you for being part of ChemEngCalc Community.

Let's build the best chemical engineering community on the internet — together.