in a separate clause the revised standard states that no reduction in lateral torsional buckling resistance is needed if \( \lambda_{LT} < \lambda_{LT,0} \) where \( \lambda_{LT,0} \) is recommended to be taken as 0.4. This is a nationally determined parameter, but if it stays as 0.4, it would mean there is a step in resistance at that point, as shown in Figure 4.

Designers should note that the Eurocodes are not yet “final”. There may still be changes, and the work on the National Annex has not yet commenced. Only when this work is complete can the significant task or revising publications, design tools and software be undertaken.

1 The Eurocodes are coming... but does the steel know?
Brown, D.G.
New Steel Construction, January 2005

Figure 4: Reduction factor \( \lambda_{LT} \)

AD 463: Corrections to BS 5950-5:1998

Although this Code of practice was withdrawn in 2010, many designers of cold formed thin gauge sections still use it to verify members. During the course of some recent work, we have noticed two problems with Table D1. This table is useful, as it gives expressions for the position of the shear centre and for the Warping constant (known as \( C_w \) in BS 5950, and \( I_w \) in the Eurocode suite).

In the fourth row of the table, expressions for a lipped ‘C’ section are given. The lips are facing inward as shown in Figure 1(a). The expression for the Warping constant should only have positive terms within the bracketed part of the equation. The correct expression is:

\[
C_w = \frac{k_t}{b} (4b_1^2 + 3d_1b_2 + 6d_1b_2^2 + 3d_2) \cdot I_x e^2
\]

The next row has a lipped ‘C’ section with the lips facing outwards, as shown in Figure 1(b), with a very similar expression for \( C_w \). These sections are sometimes known as “top hat” sections. The expression for \( C_w \) for this section does have a negative term within the bracket and is correct.

The next row in the table (which is over the page in the code) has a diagram of precisely the same ‘top hat’ section, but very different formulae – it is clear that the diagram is incorrect. The correct shape is a lipped angle, as shown with the appropriate labelling of the elements in Figure 2.

Designers are recommended to review Annex C of BS EN 1993-1-3 which presents a general approach to calculate the Warping constant \( I_w \) and the Torsional constant \( I_t \) for thin-walled open sections. The advantage of this method is that it is applicable to any shape of cross section, only requiring the centre line co-ordinates of the node points between flat elements of the cross section. The method is appropriate for a spreadsheet.

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Figure 1: Lipped ‘C’ sections
(a) lips facing in
(b) lips facing out

Figure 2: Lipped angle

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Gas-chromatographic method
no current standard is superseded

BS ISO 4306-3:2016
Cranes. Vocabulary. Tower cranes

BS ISO 9926-3:2016
Cranes. Training of operators. Tower cranes

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