

# TRANSMISSION LINE DESIGN COST CALCULATOR

VER 1.0.0

## USER GUIDE

### 1. Requirements

- Microsoft Excel 2013 or later (2016, 365 etc.)
- Macros must be enabled
- Internet connection is required to update exchange rates during the starting-up of the program, and must be allowed if prompted by a Windows notification.

**NOTE:** If internet connection is not established, the exchange rates will be the last updated figures.

### 2. Program Outlook

This program contains 6 excel worksheets

Introduction	Input	Standard Costs	Standard Data	Externalities	Result
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Introduction	Landing Page of the program
Input	Route Data should be entered here
Standard Costs	Contains cost values of the necessary items
Standard Data	Contains other necessary data including regulations
Externalities	<a href="#">Under Construction</a>
Result	Gives the cost comparison after the Route Data has been entered

### 3. Using the Program

#### a. Adding a new Route Data

Start by going to the Input page.

Company Name	(Company Name Here)	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4
Project Name	(Project Name Here)	EDIT	EDIT	EDIT	EDIT
Line Voltage	132 kV				

Add your company name and project name in the respective cell (OPTIONAL)

Select a Line Voltage from the 3 options: 132, 220 and 400

**NOTE:** This value can be changed later. But whatever the value selected will be applied for all line routes in the same project. The program does not allow comparison between 2 lines of different voltage levels

Click the **EDIT** Button under **OPTION 1** to start adding the Route Data of your first line option. This will open the form corresponding to Option 1

The screenshot shows the 'Add/Edit Route Data' window for 'Option 1'. It features several input fields and buttons. The 'Conductor Type' section has radio buttons for 'ACSR Lynx', 'ACSR Zebra', and 'ACCC Silvassa'. The 'Circuit Type' section has radio buttons for 'Single', 'Double', and 'Quad'. The 'Tower Type' section has a dropdown for 'Suspension' and a checkbox for 'Gantry'. The 'Distance from Previous' field is set to '0' m. The 'Foundation' dropdown is set to 'Shallow'. The 'Body Extension' and 'Leg Extension' fields are set to '0'. The 'Crop' dropdown is set to 'None'. The 'Count' field is set to '0'. The 'Crossing' dropdown is set to 'Choose Best'. The 'Houses' field is set to '0', 'Over Limit' is '0', and 'Max Height' is '0' m. The 'Estimated Avg Value of Land + Property' field is set to '0' LKR. There are buttons for 'IMPORT', 'EXPORT', 'SAVE & EXIT', 'ADD', 'UPDATE', 'DELETE', and 'DELETE ALL'. A table at the bottom shows the route data for the first tower, which is a 'Terminal' tower with 'Shallow' foundation and 'None' crop.

Conductor Type and Circuit Type is common for the Route. All other parameters have to be defined for each tower in the Route.

First tower of the line (Starting Terminal) will be added by default. (You will not need to change its values except maybe for Foundation)

For all other towers, consider the line segment between itself and the previous tower while adding the parameters. Once all parameters for a tower is set, click **ADD** button to add it to the route

**NOTE:** Body Extension cannot be added manually by the user. Program will study the other parameters and assign a body extension where necessary

**NOTE:** Distance (span) is limited to values between 10m and the max span for the selected voltage

**For Obstacles found in the line segment,**

**Trees**      Select Type of Crop

Give a manual count / select Average (program will calculate an average value)

Select how you want to cross (Over / Fell). By selecting 'Choose Best', you can allow the program to decide on the least cost incurring method

**Houses** Mention the total number of houses in the line segment and the number of houses above the limit (figure is displayed) separately.

Select how you want to cross (Over / Raze). Selecting 'Raze All' will demolish all houses, whereas 'Raze' will demolish only the ones above the limit. By selecting 'Choose Best', you can allow the program to decide on the least cost incurring method

If you select 'Raze' or 'Choose Best', enter the average land+property value of the houses above the limit. If you select 'Raze All', enter the average land+property value of all the houses.

Add/Edit Route Data

**Option 1**

Conductor Type: ☒ ACSR Lynx ☐ ACSR Zebra ☐ ACCC Helsinki

Circuit Type: ☐ Single ☒ Double ☐ Quad

IMPORT EXPORT SAVE & EXIT

Tower Type: Suspension Distance from Previous: 200 m Foundation: Shallow

☒ Gantry Body Extension: 0 Leg Extension: 0

Crop: None Count: 0 Crossing: Over

Houses: 2 Over: 9.95m Max Height: 0 m

Estimated Avg Value of Land + Property: 3500000 LKR

Crossing: Raze All

0	Terminal	0	Shallow	0	0	0	None	0	Over	0	0	0	0	Over
1	Suspension	200	Shallow	0	0	0	Coconut	Average	Choose Best	0	0	0	0	Over
2	Suspension	200	Shallow	1	0	0	None	0	Over	2	0	0	3500000	Raze All
3	Terminal	200	Shallow	0	0	0	None	0	Over	0	0	0	0	Over

ADD UPDATE

After All towers have been added click **SAVE & EXIT** button. This will save the Line Route as Option 1. Cell corresponding to Option 1 will be highlighted in yellow colour.

**NOTE:** The last tower of the Route Data should always be of terminal type. The program doesn't allow you to save the Route otherwise.

## b. Editing an existing Route Data

When you save one option, the next option will become available for editing, which you can use to add another Route Data in the same way described above.

OPTION 1 EDIT OPTION 2 EDIT OPTION 3 EDIT OPTION 4 EDIT CALCULATE CLEAR ALL

Clicking the **EDIT** button under a previously added option will load up its Route Data. You can modify individual towers by selecting them from the list, changing their values and clicking the **UPDATE** button.

**DELETE** button deletes the selected tower. If no tower is selected, it deletes the last tower from the list.

**DELETE ALL** button deletes all the towers from the list (Including the starting terminal)

## c. Importing / Exporting a Route Data

If you need your Route Data to be used in a different project or if you wish to store it for later use, you can export it as a txt file. Click the **EDIT** button corresponding to the Route Data and click **EXPORT** to save it as txt file.

Such files can later be imported into the program using the **IMPORT** button.

## d. Calculating Cost

After the Route options have been entered press the **CALCULATE** button to calculate and compare the financial costs incurred by each line. Pressing the button will automatically redirect to the 'Result' sheet.

<div> <div>(Company Name Here)</div> <div>(Project Name Here) (132 kV)</div> </div> <div>COST ESTIMATION REPORT</div> <div>11-12-19</div> <div>SAVE AS PDF</div>									
	Unit Price (LKR)	Qty	OPTION 1 Item Cost (LKR)	Qty	OPTION 2 Item Cost (LKR)	Qty	OPTION 3 Item Cost (LKR)	Qty	OPTION 4 Item Cost (LKR)
Construction Costs									
Towers									
Suspension	1,449,327.94	2	2,898,655.87	1	1,449,327.94				
Angle	2,699,373.28			1	2,699,373.28				
Terminal	2,898,655.87	2	5,797,311.74	2	5,797,311.74				
Foundations									
Pile	3,500,000.00		-		-				
Shallow	1,500,000.00	4	6,000,000.00	4	6,000,000.00				
Rock Anchored	2,800,000.00		-		-				
Conductor									
ACSR Lynx	634,080.97	3.6	2,282,691.50		-				
ACSR Zebra	960,179.76		-	5.4	5,184,970.69				
ACCC Helsinki	543,497.98		-		-				
Insulator Strings	108,699.60	132	14,348,346.57	165	17,935,433.21				
Gantries	31,341,716.62		-		-				
Erection & Stringing	540,000.00	3.6	1,944,000.00	5.4	2,916,000.00				

Press **SAVE AS PDF** button to export the comparison as a PDF document.

## 4. Configuring Built in Data

### Standard Costs

CONSTRUCTION				Exchange Rates (x-rates.com)			
Towers	132	220	400	Sri Lankan Rupee	1.00 LKR	inv. 1.00 LKR	LKR
Suspension Tower	8000 USD	10000 USD	12000 USD	US Dollar	0.00552	181.165992	USD
Angle Tower	14900 USD	16000 USD	17500 USD	Euro	0.004985	200.587884	EUR
Terminal Tower	16000 USD	17000 USD	18000 USD	British Pound	0.004199	238.144047	BPD
				Indian Rupee	0.390932	2.557989	INR
Foundations	132	220	400	Australian Dollar	0.008071	123.898599	
Pile Foundation	3500000 LKR	4000000 LKR	4500000 LKR	Canadian Dollar	0.007306	136.874984	
Shallow Foundation	1500000 LKR	1750000 LKR	1900000 LKR	Singapore Dollar	0.007508	133.197984	
Rock Anchoring	2800000 LKR	3000000 LKR	3400000 LKR	Swiss Franc	0.005442	183.764402	
				Malaysian Ringgit	0.022988	43.501712	
				Japanese Yen	0.600146	1.66626	JPY
Conductors (per km)							
ACSR Lynx	3500 USD	132kV options					
ACSR Zebra	5300 USD						
ACCC Helsinki	3000 USD						
ACSR Zebra	5300 USD	220kV options					
ACSR Goat	4100 USD						
ACCC Casablanca	4000 USD	400kV options					
ACSR Moose	7200 USD						
ACSR Camel	6600 USD						
ACCC Oslo	5500 USD						

Change the cost value of any item and the currency type (from the list of given currencies)

**NOTE: Do not change the names of Conductors and Trees in this sheet. Those data are automatically updated from 'Standard Data' sheet**

## Standard Data

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Change the Conductor names and Crops (trees) in their appropriate slots

Change any standard data wherever necessary