# WIND LOAD CASES ON BUILDINGS IN DIAMONDS

# Diamonds can generate up to 24 load cases for wind:

- 8 cases wind from left to right
- 8 cases wind from right to left
- 4 cases wind from front to back
- 4 cases wind from back to front

But for basic roof shapes (a flat, a mono pitched or duo pitched roof) you don't need all 24 cases. For a combination of different basic roof shapes, you do need all 24 cases.



If you don't know how many cases you really need, you cannot do wrong by generating 24 cases. You'll notice that maybe some cases contain the same loads as other case, but that doesn't affect the final results. The double cases only cause the model the calculate longer. Especially in larger structures, the additional calculation time becomes noticeable.

The tables below five an overview of the required cases according to EN 1991-1-4 depending on the shape of the roof. In the tables:

# - is c<sub>pe</sub> the external pressure coefficient

This coefficient takes the shape of the roof into account. The external pressure coefficient can have one or two values depending on the roofs shape and both situation need to be taken into account.

- is  $c_{pi}$  the internal pressure coefficient.

This coefficient takes the size and the distribution of the opening in the structure into account.

- If the distribution of the openings is unknown, Eurocode states that two values for the internal pressure coefficient  $c_{pi}$  should be considered (EN 1991-1-4 §7.2.9. (6)), namely -0.3 and +0.2.
- If the distribution of the openings is known, Eurocode states that the value of the internal pressure coefficient  $c_{pi}$  should be calculated. If that's the case, you may uncheck the alternative  $c_{pi}$ . The number of cases is then divided by two.
- All cases are numbered as they appear in Diamonds.
- The cases that will load to load cases contain the same loads, are crossed out. Those cases shouldn't be generated.



# WIND FROM LEFT TO RIGHT













#### WIND FROM LEFT TO RIGHT





# WIND FROM RIGHT TO LEFT

















# WIND FROM LEFT TO RIGHT









# WIND FROM FRONT TO BACK





# WIND FROM BACK TO FRONT



