

# 2021 IRC

## ***Structural Concerns & Braced Walls***

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## Course Objectives

□ *The intent of this course is to...*

1. To gain a clear understanding of structural loads, load paths, and site conditions.
2. To outline common framing and other structural errors in residential construction.
3. To clearly define the braced wall provisions of the IRC.



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## Seminar Format

1. Loads & Load Paths
2. Site Conditions
3. Structural Concerns
4. Trusses
5. Wall Bracing
6. Open Discussion



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## PART 1

### Loads & Load Paths



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# Design Criteria (R301.1)

- ❑ "...shall be constructed to safely support all loads, including dead loads, live loads, roof loads, flood loads, snow loads, wind loads and seismic loads as prescribed by this code."
- ❑ "The construction... shall result in a system that provides a complete load path..."



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# Load Paths

- ❑ **Newton's 3rd Law:**
  - "To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction."
- ❑ **Load Path:**
  - How the loads are transferred from the point of origin to where they are resisted.



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# Load Paths

- ❑ **What causes vertical loads?**
  - Gravity
- ❑ **What causes lateral loads?**
  - Wind
  - Seismic
- ❑ **What resists these loads?**
  - Ground



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# Parts of Structure


- ❑ Connections, connections, connections
- ❑ Beams, columns, headers
- ❑ Diaphragms, shear walls, collectors
- ❑ Footings, foundations, soil





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### Not Part of Structure

- ❑ Interior partitions
- ❑ Drywall and other finishes
- ❑ Roofing, insulation, MEP



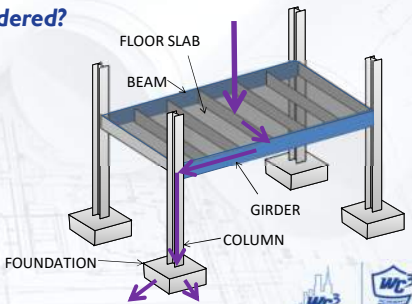




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### Gravity Load Path

❑ *What loads need to be considered?*

- Dead loads
- Live loads
- Snow loads
- Soil loads
- Hydrostatic loads
- Rain loads
- Flood loads

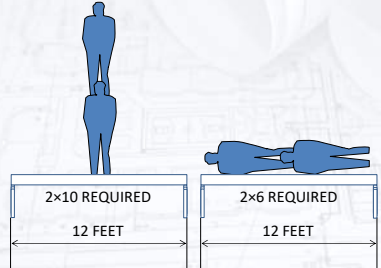







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### Gravity Load Path

❑ *Concentrated vs. Uniform Loads*





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### Gravity Load Path

- ❑ The load path is pretty easy to follow.
- ❑ What are some common problems?





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### Lateral Load Path


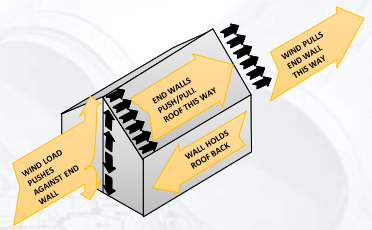
- Not as easily understood
- What loads need to be considered?
  - Wind
  - Seismic



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### Lateral Load Path


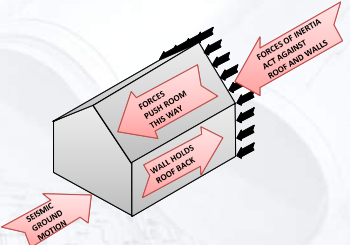
- Wind:**
  - Wind acts against the sides of a building like the sail on a boat.
  - The majority of forces are transferred up into the roof/floor while the rest into the foundation.



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### Lateral Load Path


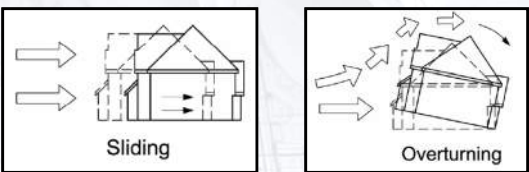
- Seismic:**
  - Ground shaking causes the structure's mass to be accelerated back and forth.
  - Forces are developed where the structures mass is the largest.



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### Lateral Load Path

- Structure & foundations must resist...**




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# Lateral Load Path

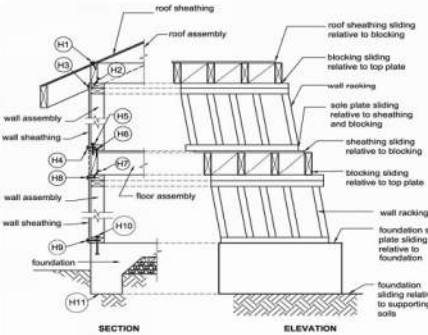
## Sliding Load Path:



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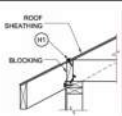
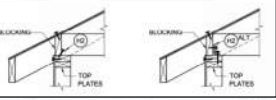
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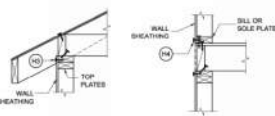

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H1	<p><b>Sheathing<sup>a</sup></b> 5/16" to 1/2" 8d common @ 6" 19/32" to 1" 8d common @ 6" 1 1/4" to 1 1/2" 10d common @ 6"</p> <p><b>Nailing<sup>b</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resists roof sheathing sliding with respect to blocking below.</li><li>Six-inch nail spacing applies to supported sheathing edges and blocking. Twelve-inch spacing applies at other panel supports.</li><li>Roof blocking is not always required by IRC, however, sheathing should be nailed to blocking where blocking is provided.</li></ul>	
H2	<p>Three 8d box (0.135x2 1/2") or three 8d common (0.131x2 1/2") toenails each block.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resists rafter blocking sliding with respect to wall top plate.</li><li>Use of angle clips in lieu of toenails is a recommended above-code measure.</li><li>Rafter blocking is not always required by IRC, however, it should be fastened where provided.</li></ul>	

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# Lateral Load Path

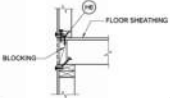
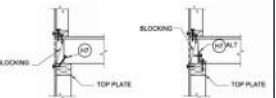
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H5	<p><b>At Braced Wall Panels</b> Three 16d box (0.135x3 1/2") or three 16d sinker (0.148x3 1/2") face nails each 16 inches on center (space evenly).</p> <p><b>Between Braced Wall Panels</b> One 16d box (0.135x3 1/2") or one 16d sinker (0.148x3 1/2") face nail at 16 inches on center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resists wall sole plate sliding with respect to sheathing and blocking or rim joist below.</li></ul>	

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# Lateral Load Path

## Sliding Load Path (cont.)

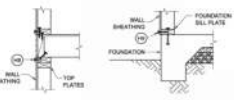

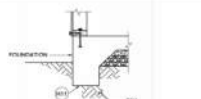
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H7	<p>Three 8d box (0.135x2 1/2") or three 8d common (0.131x2 1/2") toenails each block.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resists joint blocking sliding with respect to wall top plate.</li><li>Use of angle clips in lieu of toenails is a recommended above-code measure.</li></ul>	

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Lateral Load Path

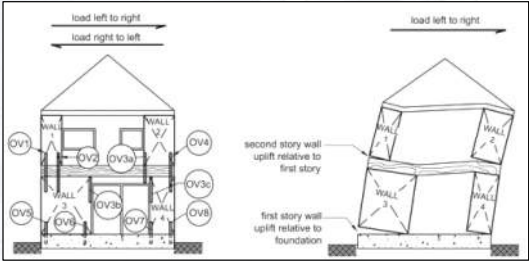
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1110	<p>Anchor bolts in accordance with IRC Section R403.1.6 and R403.1.6.1. Steel plate anchors in accordance with R402.1.1. Requirements vary by SDC. See Chapter 4 of this guide for further discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resists foundation uplift relative to slab-on-grade or other foundation.</li></ul>	
1111	<p>Foundation embedment in accordance with IRC Section 403.1.4 provides for development of lateral bearing and friction, which permits transfer of loads between the foundation and supporting soil.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resists foundation sliding relative to soil (grade).</li></ul>	

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Lateral Load Path

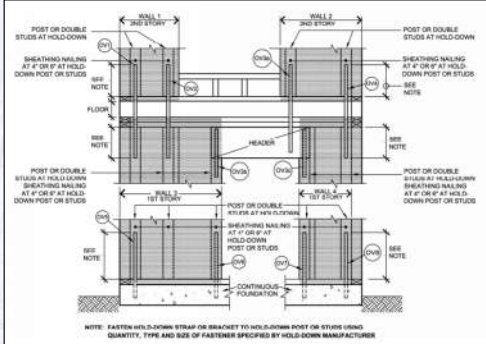
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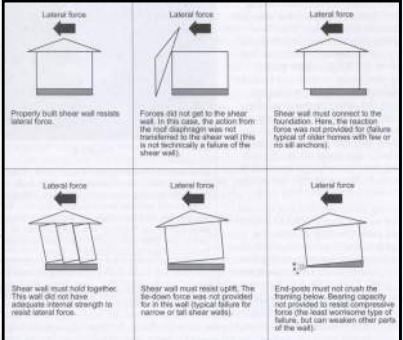


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Lateral Load Path

How important are the connections?



## Lateral Load Path



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## Lateral Load Path

- ☐ Special attention should be paid to structural irregularities.
- ☐ The ideal structure would have no irregularities.



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## PART 2 Site Conditions



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## Geotechnical Report

- ☐ **Is a geotechnical report required per IRC?**
  - R106.1 – “Submittal documents consisting of construction documents, and other data...”
  - R401.2 – Fill soils that support footings and foundations
  - R401.4 – Where expansive soils, compressible soils, shifting soils or other questionable soil characteristics are likely present.
  - Table R401.4.1, Footnote ‘b’ – Where allowable bearing capacity of less than 1,500psf is likely present
  - IBC 1803 notes any project in SDC “C” or above
  - When can this requirement be waived?

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## Geotechnical Report

### IBC 1803.6: Report should provide...

- A plot showing locations of borings
- Complete record of soil borings
- Record of soil profile
- Elevation of water table
- Recommendations for...
  - Foundation type
  - Bearing capacity
  - Mitigation measures for expansive soils
- Expected total & differential settlement
- Compacted fill properties

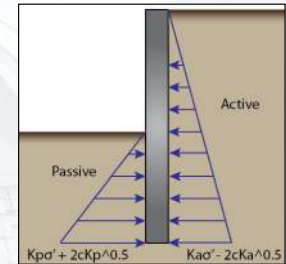


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## Geotechnical Report

### Additional items for SDC 'D' or above...

- Seismic lateral earth pressure → 6-feet
- Potential for liquefaction
- Assessment of liquefaction consequences
- Liquefaction mitigation measures



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## Geotechnical Report

### Will deep foundations be used?

- This includes specialty piles such as rammed aggregate piers, helical piers, drilled piers, micropiles, pin piles, etc.
- This is often decided after the geotechnical report has been completed.



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## Geotechnical Report

### Deep Foundations (IBC 1803.5.5):

- Recommended deep foundation types
- Recommended center-to-center spacing
- Driving criteria
- Installation procedures
- Field inspection & reporting procedures
- Load test requirements
- Reductions for group action



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## Geotechnical Report

### □ Is it okay to assume Soil Site Class 'D'?

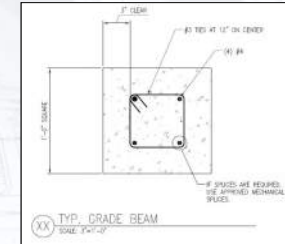
- 'D' = stiff soil
- 'E' = soft clay
- 'F' = liquefiable/collapsible



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## Geotechnical Report

- **IBC 1809.13:** Site Class E & F soils in high seismic regions require all footings to have "seismic ties".



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## Sloped Lots

### □ Footings on Slopes: Steeper than 1V:3H

- IRC Figure R403.1.7.1
- or...
- Ascending Slopes (R403.1.7.1) → steeper than 1V:1H
- Descending Slopes (R403.1.7.2) → steeper than 1V:1H
- or...
- Alternate setbacks & clearances allowed by the Building Official (R403.1.7.4)

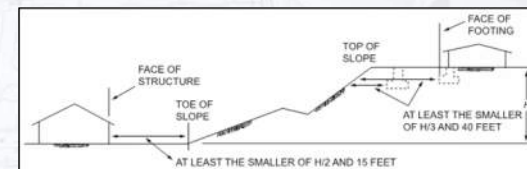


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## Sloped Lots

### □ Footings on Slopes (cont.)

- IRC Figure R403.1.7.1
- Descending:  $H/3$ , but not greater than 40-feet
- Ascending:  $H/2$ , but not greater than 15-feet



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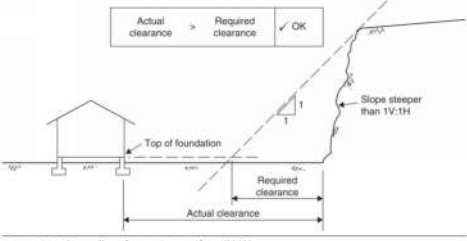


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## Sloped Lots

Footings on Slopes (cont.)

Ascending Slopes (R403.1.7.1)



Actual clearance > Required clearance ✓ OK

Top of foundation

Required clearance

Actual clearance

Slope steeper than 1V:1H

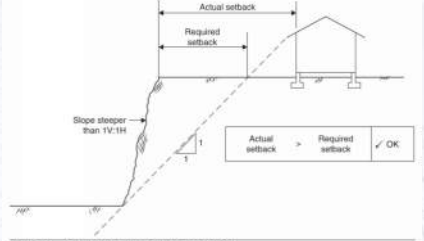
Figure 8.10 Ascending slopes steeper than 1V:1H.

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## Sloped Lots

Footings on Slopes (cont.)

Descending Slopes (R403.1.7.2)



Actual setback > Required setback ✓ OK

Required setback

Actual setback

Slope steeper than 1V:1H

Figure 8.11 Descending slopes steeper than 1V:1H.

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## Geologic Hazards

Are there other geologic hazards at your site?



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## Geologic Hazards

Seismic Hazard Maps:

Liquefaction:

High

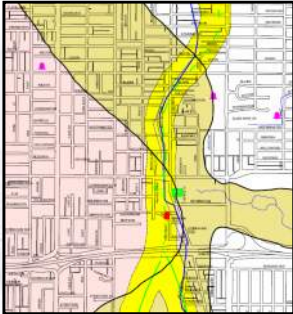
Moderate

Low

Very Low

Active Faults

Require "Special Surface Fault Rupture Hazard Study"



Salt Lake City, Natural-Hazards Map Special-Study Area

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# Flood Hazards

**Flooding:**

- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)
- Flood Hazard Area (FHA) → Zones A & V
- Base Flood Elevation (BFE) → “100-year flood”
- Regulatory Floodway → area reserved to discharge base flood without increasing water surface elevation



# Flood Hazards

**Flooding (cont.)**

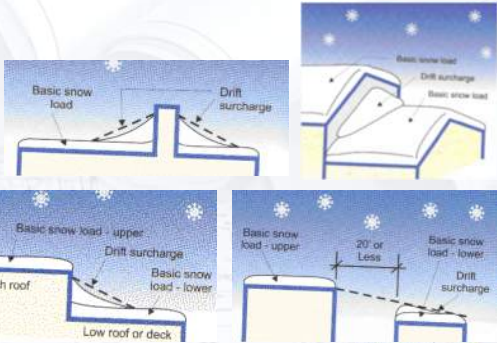
- FHA → Flood-resistant construction per IRC R322
- Floodway → design per ASCE 24.



# Special Snow Loads

**Snow Drift:**

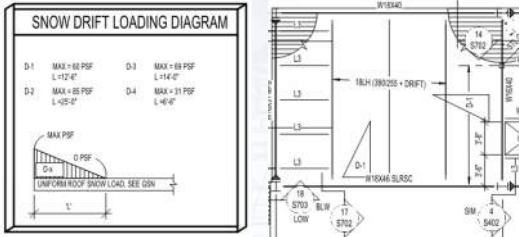
- Exceptions:
  - Projection < 15 feet
  - $P_f < 20\text{psf}$



# Special Snow Loads

**Snow Drift:**

- What to look for on the plans...



# Special Snow Loads

- Unbalanced Snow:
  - Essentially equal to ground snow load if rafter length is < 20 feet.



# Special Snow Loads

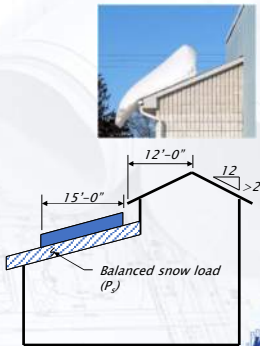
- Sliding Snow:



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# Special Snow Loads

- Sliding Snow:
  - Slippery: > 1/4:12 pitch
  - Non-slippery: > 2:12 pitch
  - W = ridge-to-eave
  - Distribute onto lower roof 15'
  - Sliding load:  $(0.4 * P_f * W) / 15'$
- Example:
  - Assume  $P_f = 30\text{psf}$
  - Sliding load  $\approx 10\text{psf}$



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# Special Snow Loads



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# Wind Exposure

- Three exposures outlined in the IRC
- Exposure B: Urban & suburban areas with closely spaced obstructions having the size of single-family dwellings.








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# Wind Exposure

- Exposure C: Open terrain with scattered obstructions typically < 30-feet in height
- Exposure D: Flat, unobstructed areas exposed to wind flowing over open water for a distance of at least 1 mile.

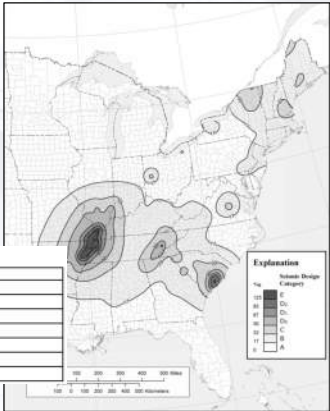





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# Seismic Hazard

- Seismic Design Category
  - Figure R301.2.2.1
  - Table R301.2.2.1.1, or
  - IBC Methodology



CALCULATED $S_{DS}$	SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY
$S_{DS} \leq 0.17g$	A
$0.17g < S_{DS} \leq 0.33g$	B
$0.33g < S_{DS} \leq 0.50g$	C
$0.50g < S_{DS} \leq 0.67g$	D <sub>1</sub>
$0.67g < S_{DS} \leq 0.83g$	D <sub>2</sub>
$0.83g < S_{DS} \leq 1.25g$	D <sub>3</sub>
$1.25g < S_{DS}$	E




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# Seismic Hazard


- How many of you verify ground motions?
  - Multiple options, such as ...
    - ATC Hazards by Location (seismic, wind, snow, tornado)
    - SEAO Seismic Design Map Tool (seismic only)
    - ASCE 7 Hazard Tool (seismic, wind, rain, flood, ice, snow & tsunami)
  - The others are fading out with the introduction of ASCE 7-22.
  - For that reason, we will use the **ASCE 7 Hazard Tool** as an example.

<https://ascehazardtool.org>



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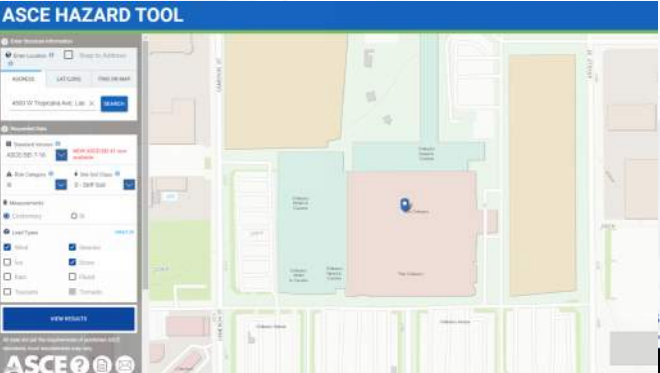
### Seismic Hazard



ASCE HAZARD TOOL

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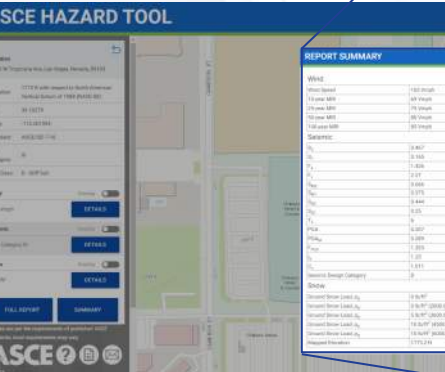
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### Seismic Hazard



ASCE HAZARD TOOL


#### REPORT SUMMARY

Wind	
Wind Speed	105 Vmph
10-year MRI	69 Vmph
25-year MRI	75 Vmph
50-year MRI	80 Vmph
100-year MRI	85 Vmph
Seismic	
$S_s$	0.467
$S_1$	0.165
$F_a$	1.426
$F_v$	2.27
$S_{DS}$	0.566
$S_{D1}$	0.375
$S_{D2}$	0.444
$S_{D3}$	0.25
$T_1$	5
PGA	0.207
$PGA_{avg}$	0.289
$F_{PGA}$	1.393
$C_s$	1.25
Seismic Design Category	D
Snow	
Ground Snow Load, $S_g$	0 lb/ft <sup>2</sup>
Ground Snow Load, $S_g$	0 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> (2000.0 lb)
Ground Snow Load, $S_g$	5 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> (2600.0 lb)
Ground Snow Load, $S_g$	10 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> (4600.0 lb)
Ground Snow Load, $S_g$	15 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> (6000.0 lb)
Maped Elevation	1773.2 ft

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### PART 3

### Structural Concerns

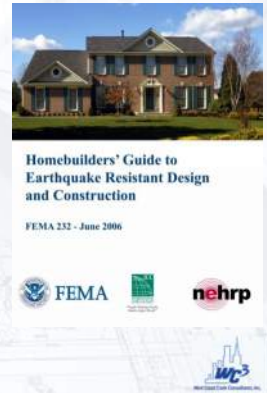


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# Introduction

❑ *Multiple topics based upon...*

- Survey of licensed S.E.'s
- FEMA 232, "Homebuilders' Guide to Earthquake-Resistant Design and Construction"
- APA's "Top 10 Framing Errors"
- Multiple APA Publications

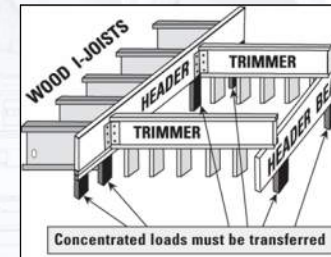


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## Incomplete Load Path

□ **Gravity Load Path:**

- Verify that loads have a path to the foundation.

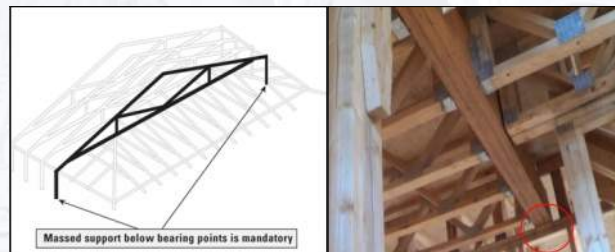


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## Incomplete Load Path

### □ Gravity Load Path (cont.)

- Example: Girder Truss support

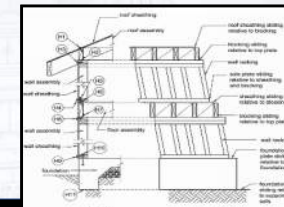


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## Incomplete Load Path

**Lateral Load Path:**

- Follow loads through members & connections from the roof to the foundation.
- Forces will concentrate at the end of the path provided.



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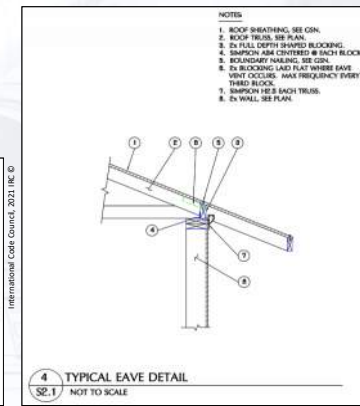
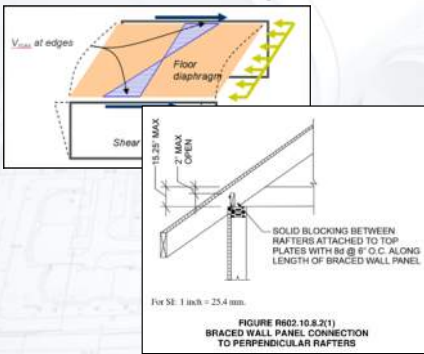
# Incomplete Load Path

**Lateral Load Path (cont.)**

- Example: Interior shearwalls



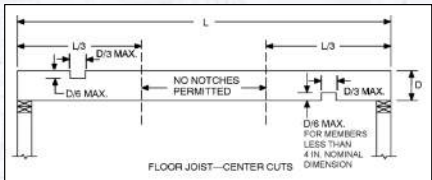
# Eave Blocking



# Notches / Holes

**Dimension Lumber joists and beams shall...**

- Not exceed 1/6 of member depth
- Not be longer than 1/3 member depth
- Not be located in middle 1/3 of span



FLOOR JOIST—CENTER CUTS



# Notches / Holes

**Notches at the ends shall be ≤ 1/4 of the member depth.**



FLOOR JOIST—END CUTS





## Notches / Holes

**Diameter of holes bored or cut into joists and beams shall...**

- Not exceed 1/3 of member depth
- Not be closer than 2" from bottom of member or any other hole or notch

International Code Council, Figure R502.8, 2021 IRC ©

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## Notches / Holes

**Notches:**

- Exterior ≤ 25% width
- Bearing ≤ 25% width
- Partition ≤ 40% width

**Holes:**

- Edge ≥ 5/8"
- Ø ≤ 40% width (single)
- Ø ≤ 60% width (double)

International Code Council, Figure R602.6(1), 2021 IRC ©

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## Notches / Holes

**If > 50% of top plate width is notched/drilled...**

- Provide a 1.5" wide x 16ga. galvanized metal tie
- Fasten to either side w/ (8) 10d nails

International Code Council, Figure R602.6.1, 2021 IRC ©

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## Notches / Holes

**Cantilevered Rafters:**

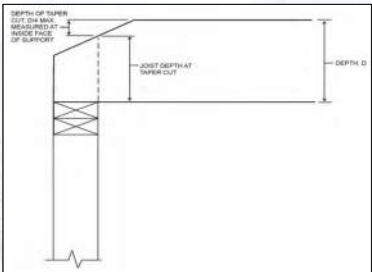
- No more than 1/4 the depth, but not less than 3.5"
- 24-inch maximum cantilever

International Code Council, Figure R602.7.1.1, 2021 IRC ©

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Notches / Holes

- Tapered Ceiling Joists:
  - No more than 1/4 joist depth at inside face of support



Notches / Holes

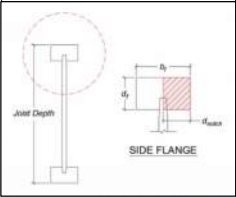
- Notches & Holes:
  - I-Joists: APA – Form No. Z725F
  - Notch in Top Flange:Weyerhaeuser TB-818
  - Holes Near Bearing:Weyerhaeuser TB-817
  - Rafter Cuts:Weyerhaeuser TB-805



Notches / Holes

- I-Joists: Weyerhaeuser TB-818
  - Original joists are properly designed
  - Adjacent joists are undamaged
  - Uniform loads
  - I side-flange notch

TJI® JOIST FLANGE DIMENSIONS		
Product	db	df
TJI® 110	1 3/4"	1 5/8" - 1 3/4"
TJI® 210	2 1/8"	1 5/8" - 1 3/4"
TJI® 230	2 3/8"	1 5/8" - 1 3/4"
TJI® 360	2 3/8"	1 3/4"
TJI® 560	3 1/2"	1 3/4"



Notches / Holes

- I-Joists: Weyerhaeuser TB-817

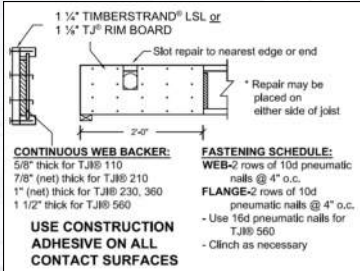


TABLE 1: MAXIMUM JOIST SPANS <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>					
Joist Depth (Diameter)	12" Joist Spacing	Max. s.f. Spacing (Dead)	Max. s.f. Span (100 PSF Live)	20 PSF (Dead)	20 PSF (Live)
9 1/4"	24"	18'	10'-0"	15'-3"	15'-3"
	16"	18'	10'-0"	15'-3"	15'-3"
11 1/4"	24"	18'	10'-0"	15'-3"	15'-3"
	16"	18'	10'-0"	15'-3"	15'-3"
14"	24"	18'	10'-0"	15'-3"	15'-3"
	16"	18'	10'-0"	15'-3"	15'-3"
16"	24"	18'	10'-0"	15'-3"	15'-3"
	16"	18'	10'-0"	15'-3"	15'-3"

Weyerhaeuser, Technical Bulletin, TB-817D



## Notches / Holes

**I-joists: Weyerhaeuser TB-805**

**NOTE:** CONCENTRATED LOADS MUST BE LOCATED 24 IN. FROM THE END OF THE TOP FLANGE FOR SLOPES LESS THAN 8:12. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL WEYERHAEUSER REPRESENTATIVE.

EXTEND 2" MIN. BEYOND TOP OF RAFTER CUT

4" MIN. HEEL HEIGHT

[TYP] WALL STUD FOR UPPER FLOOR

[TYP] ROOF RAFTERS

LATERAL BRACING AT BEVEL

2X4 MIN. PLATE

[TYP] 1/2" REINFORCEMENT 3/4" CDX OR OSB EACH SIDE OF WEB - ATTACH WITH MINIMUM 8d 16d PNEUMATIC BOX NAILS OR LARGER - 2-PLY T&P JOISTS MUST BE REINFORCED SEPARATELY PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

BLOCKING REQUIRED AT INSIDE FACE OF BEARING - EXTEND TO BOTTOM OF SHEATHING - FOR JOIST STABILITY ONLY. EOR/DOR RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFIRMING LATERAL LOAD PATH FROM WALL ABOVE TO BEARING BELOW

Weyerhaeuser, Technical Bulletin, TB 805C

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## Notches / Holes

**Notches & Holes:**

- LVL's: APA – Form No. EWS G535A
- GLB's: APA – Form No. EWS S560H

PERMISSIBLE HORIZONTAL ROUND HOLE LOCATIONS FOR LVL BEAMS UNDER UNIFORM LOADS

Uniform load is (plf)

1/3 span

1/3 span

1/3 span

Minimum horizontal spacing = 2 x diameter of the largest hole

~ Zones where horizontal holes are permitted for passage of wires, conduit, etc.

The Engineered Wood Association, Form No. EWS G535AD

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## Improper Fasteners

- ❑ Model Codes have specified “**common**” nails for more than 40 years.
- ❑ Most gun nails are box nails (also cooler & sinker)
- ❑ 8d common → **0.131 shank**
- ❑ 8d box → **0.113 shank**
- ❑ ≈ **15% reduction** in shank

common nail

finishing nail

box nail

roofing nail

ring nail

liquid shank nail

roofing nail

masonry nail

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## Improper Fasteners

**48 pages (A bit overwhelming!)**

**ESR-1539 – International Staple, Nail and Tool Association**

TABLE 9—ALLOWABLE SHEAR FOR WIND OR SEISMIC LOADING FOR WOOD STRUCTURAL PANEL SHEAR WALLS WITH FRAMING OF DOUGLAS FIR-LARCH OR SOUTHERN PINE AND RATED SHEATHING (plf)<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11</sup>

NOMINAL NAIL DIAMETER (inch) or STAPLE GAGE	MINIMUM NOMINAL FASTENER LENGTH (inches)		SEISMIC				WIND			
	Panels Applied Directly to Framing	Panels Applied Over 1/2 inch or 5/8 inch Gypsum Sheathing	Fastener Spacing at Panel Edges (inches)				Fastener Spacing at Panel Edges (inches)			
			6	4	3	2	6	4	3	2
1/2-inch Nominal Panel Thickness										
0.148	2	—	220	320	410	530	305	445	575	740
—	2 1/2	—	260	380	490	640	365	530	685	895
0.135	2	—	220	320	410	530	305	445	575	740
—	2 1/2	—	230	335	430	560	320	465	600	785
0.131 8D common	1 1/2	—	220	320	410	530	305	445	575	740
—	2 1/2	—	250	355	450	580	320	465	600	785
—	1 1/2	—	185	270	345	450	260	375	485	625
—	2 1/2	—	170	255	330	430	235	355	460	605
0.113 8D box	1 1/2	—	200	300	390	510	280	420	545	715
—	2 1/2	—	180	275	365	485	210	315	410	540
14, 15, 16 Gage	1 1/2	—	140	210	280	360	195	295	390	505
14, 15, 16 Gage	—	2	140	210	280	360	195	295	390	505

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# Improper Fasteners

CONNECTION DESCRIPTION	TABLE 11—FASTENING SCHEDULE—WALL FRAMING							
	MINIMUM FASTENING REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN THE CODE							
	2012 IBC Table 2304.10.1 2012 IRC Table R602.3(1)	2015 IBC Table 2304.10.1 2015 IRC Table R602.3(1)	2018 IBC Table 2304.10.1 2018 IRC Table R602.3(1)	2021 IBC <sup>(1)</sup> Table 2304.10.2 2021 IRC <sup>(1)</sup> Table R602.3(1)	ALTERNATIVE FASTENING REQUIREMENTS			
Stud-to-stud (double studs) not at braced walls	IBC Connection 9 @ 24" o.c. 1 16d box (3 1/2" x 135)	IBC Connection 9 @ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	IBC Connection 9 @ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	IBC Connection 9 @ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	All nails are carbon steel. <sup>(1)</sup>			
	@ 8" o.c. 1 3 x 131	@ 8" o.c. 1 3 x 131	@ 8" o.c. 1 3 x 131	@ 8" o.c. 1 3 x 131	@ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)
	IBC Connection 12 @ 24" o.c. 1 10d box (3 x 128)	IBC Connection 9 @ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	IBC Connection 9 @ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	IBC Connection 9 @ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	@ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)
	@ 8" o.c. 1 3 x 131	@ 8" o.c. 1 3 x 131	@ 8" o.c. 1 3 x 131	@ 8" o.c. 1 3 x 131	@ 24" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)
Stud-to-stud and stubbing studs at intersecting wall corners at braced walls	IBC Connection 9 @ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	IBC Connection 9 @ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	IBC Connection 9 @ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	IBC Connection 9 @ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	@ 16" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 162)	@ 12" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)	@ 12" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)	@ 12" o.c. 1 16d com (3 1/2" x 148)
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# Improper Fasteners

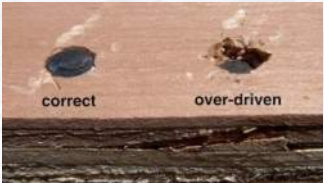
- APA TT-087B:
- Using ESR-1539 and NDS equations → 25% reduction in capacity
  - SDPWS lists “common or hot-dip galvanized box”
  - “Available test results suggest similar shear wall performance between walls constructed with 8d common and 8d box nails.”



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# Overdriven Fasteners

- IBC 2304.10.2:
- Nails “...shall be driven so that their head or crown is flush with the surface of the sheathing.”



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# Overdriven Fasteners

- APA TT-012C:
- Reduction in capacity is not required if...
    - If all are overdriven ≤ 1/16” in dry conditions
    - If ≤ 20% of edge fasteners are overdriven ≤ 1/8”
    - If panels used are thicker than required



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# Overdriven Fasteners

- ❑ **APATT-012B:**
  - If > 20% are overdriven by > 1/16", or...
  - If any are overdriven by > 1/8", then...
  - **One** additional fastener must be driven **for each two** overdriven.
  - If nails were originally used and are spaced too close for additional nails, approved staples should be used to reduce the potential for splitting.



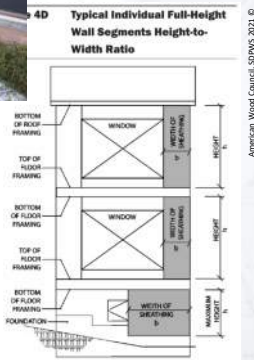
# Shear Walls

- ❑ **Braced Walls:**
  - All framing members and blocking shall be  $\geq 2x$
  - 8d common at 6"o.c. edge nailing and 12"o.c. field nailing
- ❑ **Engineered Shear Walls:**
  - All panels shall have 2x blocking
    - 3x required when edge nailing is 2"o.c., or...
    - 10d nails and 3"o.c., or...
    - Panels applied to each face and are not offset



# Shear Walls

- ❑ **Shear Walls (cont.)**
  - Allowable aspect ratios
    - Without reduction  $\rightarrow 2:1$
    - With reduction  $\rightarrow 3.5:1$  (e.g. 8'-0" x 2'-3")
  - Example: 9-foot wall
    - 2:1  $\rightarrow$  4.5 feet
    - 3.5:1  $\rightarrow$  2.57 feet
    - 43% reduction in capacity!
  - Look for shear wall widths that have been changed in the field!



# Shear Walls

- ❑ **Shear Walls (cont.)**
  - Perforated Shear Walls

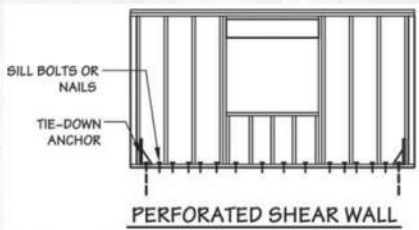
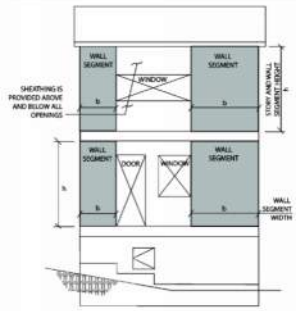


Figure 4F Typical Shear Wall Height-to-Width Ratio for Perforated Shear Walls



- Perforated Shear Walls

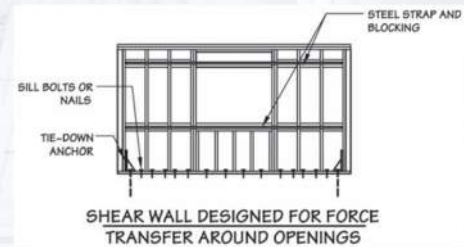
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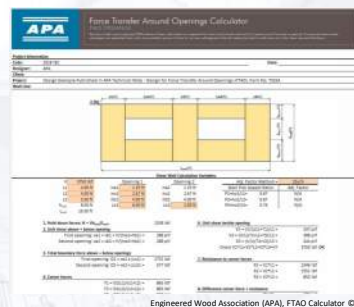
- Force-Transfer Shear Walls

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- **Force-Transfer Shear Walls**
  - Design & Detailing:
    - Each wall pier  $\geq 2$ -feet
    - Full-height segment at each end
    - No out-of-plane offsets
    - Collectors shall be full length
  - Requires rational analysis
  - Must define blocking, straps and holdowns



Engineered Wood Association (APA), FTAO Calculator ©



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- Engineered specified retrofit anchor required.



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## Holdown Straps

### ❑ Case 2: Spalling at embed straps

- If  $< 1"$ , load capacity is not affected.
- If  $< 4"$ , holdown capacity is reduced by 10%. ???
- If  $> 4"$ , Engineered retrofit holdown is required.



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## Holdown Straps

### ❑ Case 3: Offsets

- Creates slack in the line.
- Only a 5/8" offset is permitted.
- If over sheathing, slightly notching the panel edge will keep strap from bulging and wall movement to a minimum.
- More than a single 90° bend is not allowed.



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## Holdown Straps

### ❑ Case 4: Holdowns at Rim Joists

- Is proper holdown being used at rim joists?
- The holdown will need to be replaced.



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## Holdown Straps

### ❑ Case 5: Improper Holdown Used

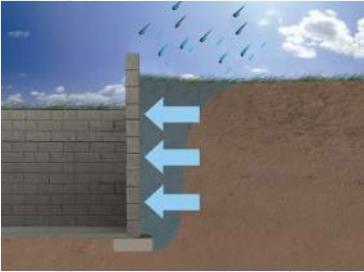
- Plans often state "Simpson xxx, or approved equal"
- Is the replacement holdown equivalent?
- Has the replacement holdown been approved by the EOR?
- Does it have a current ICC-ES, IAPMO, or other report?



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# Foundation Walls

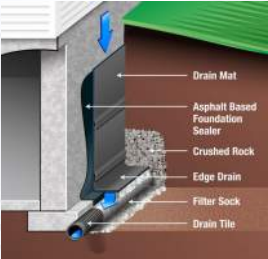
- IRC R404.1.1: Walls must be engineered if...
  - Subject to hydrostatic pressure from ground water, or...
  - Support > 4 feet of unbalanced backfill and do not have permanent lateral support



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# Foundation Walls


- Inadequate Foundation Drainage
  - IRC R405.1: "Drains shall be provided around concrete or masonry foundations that retain earth and enclose habitable or usable spaces located below grade."
    - Exception: Well-drained ground



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# Foundation Walls

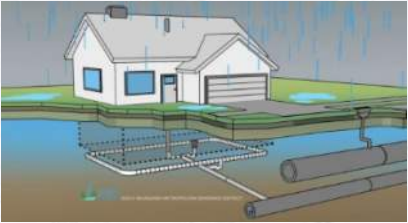
- Inadequate Foundation Drainage (cont.)
  - Foundation Drain (R405.1):
    - At or below top of footing or below the bottom of the slab
    - Gravel drain:
      - 12" beyond outside edge of footing
      - Top at least 6" above footing
      - Cover with approved filter material
      - Perforated pipe w/ filter membrane
      - Pipe placed on at least 2" gravel
      - Surround pipe with 6" of gravel



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# Foundation Walls

- Inadequate Foundation Drainage (cont.)
  - Foundation Drain (cont.):
    - Must discharge by gravity or mechanical means into an approved drainage system.



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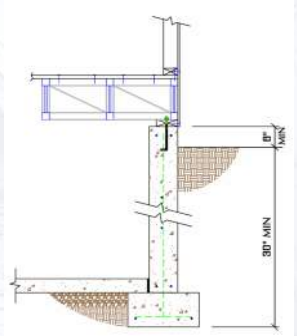
# Foundation Walls

- Are foundation walls restrained?
- Prescriptive Tables include this footnote: "Where walls retain more than 4 feet or more of unbalanced backfill, they shall be laterally supported at the top and bottom before backfilling."
- R404.1.3.2: "Concrete foundation walls shall be laterally supported at the top and bottom."

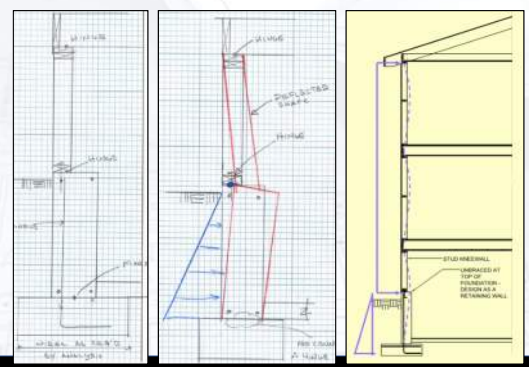


# Foundation Walls

- Are foundation walls restrained? (cont.)
- How is a foundation wall considered restrained?
- Are walkout basements restrained?



# Foundation Walls



# Concrete Piers

- Vertical Reinforcement (IBC 1810.3.9.4.2):
- SDC 'D' or above
- At least 4 vertical bars
- $\rho_{min} = 0.005$

$\rho = 0.005$
#4 $\leq 14''\varnothing$
#5 $\leq 17''\varnothing$
#6 $\leq 21''\varnothing$
#7 $\leq 24''\varnothing$



## Concrete Piers

### Enclosed Ties (IBC 1810.3.9.4.2)

- #3 bar if  $\leq 20''\varnothing$
- Otherwise #4 bar
- Spacing shall be least of...
  - $12d_b$  vertical bar;
  - $1/2$  least dimension of compression member; and...
  - 12 inches

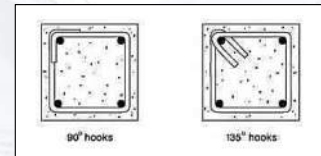
#4 vert  $\rightarrow 6''$   
 #5 vert  $\rightarrow 7.5''$   
 #6 vert  $\rightarrow 9''$   
 #7 vert  $\rightarrow 10.5''$



## Concrete Piers

### Seismic Hooks (IBC 1810.3.2.1.1)

- Required in SDC 'C' or above
- ACI 318:
  - Bend not less than  $135^\circ$
  - 6db extension (i.e. #4 bar  $\rightarrow 3''$ )



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## Concrete Piers

### Exceptions (IBC 1810.3.9.4)

- Not required in R-3 of 2-stories or less when...
- Element is not subject to lateral loads, or...
- Only supports posts from decks and patios and the calculated lateral does not exceed **200#**
- In these cases a **single #4 vertical** bar must be provided without ties or spirals



## Deep Foundations

### Caisson Footings (IBC 1810.3.5)

- Common for areas with expansive or collapsible soils
- Cased:
  - "Permanent"
  - $8''\varnothing$  minimum
  - 1" concrete cover
- Uncased:
  - $12''\varnothing$  minimum
  - Length  $\leq 30''\varnothing$
  - 2.5" concrete cover



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## Deep Foundations

### □ Caisson Footings (cont.)

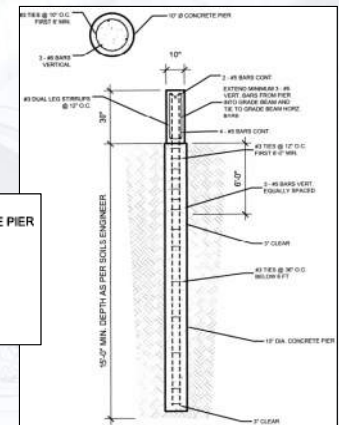
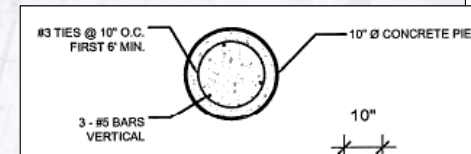
- Minimum of 4 vertical bars
- Enclosed seismic hooks w/ spacing of...
  - 12 longitudinal  $d_b$
  - 1/2 least dimension of element
  - 12 inches
- Reinforced length is greatest of...
  - One-half element length;
  - 10-feet;
  - Three times least element dimension



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## Deep Foundations

### □ What is wrong with this detail?



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## Sill Plate Anchorage

### □ IBC §1905.1.8:

- In-plane shear strength to comply with the NDS
- Maximum 5/8-inch diameter
- Minimum 7-inch embedment
- Min. concrete edge distance of 1-3/4"
- Placed w/in 15 $\phi$  of end of concrete foundation
- 2x, 3x sill plates or 33-mil to 68-mil tracks



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## Sill Plate Anchorage

### □ IRC R403.1.6:

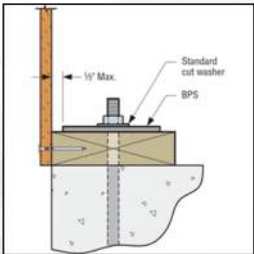
- 1/2" diameter min.
- 7" embedment min.
- Placed in middle third of plate
- 2 per plate min.
- Max 12" from end
- Min. 7db from end



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# Sill Plate Anchorage

- ❑ **IRC R403.1.6.1 - SDC 'D':**
  - 3"x3"x0.229" plate washers are required
  - 2021 SDPWS requires the edge of the square plate washer to extend within 1/2-inch of the sheathed edge.



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# Post-Installed Anchors

- ❑ **Post-Installed Anchors:**
  - Expansion, epoxy, screw, etc.
  - Must be approved for proposed application
  - Special inspection is often required!!!



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# Upside-down Glulams

- ❑ If glulams are cambered the top will be marked.
- ❑ If the critical tension laminations are on the bottom than this builds deflection into the structure.



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# Rock Walls

- ❑ Slope protection, not a retaining wall
- ❑ Why should we worry about these walls?



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# Rock Walls

- ❑ **1/20/2013** – A 63-year-old St. George woman was sent to hospital with a broken jaw and sternum from a runaway boulder.



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# Rock Walls

- ❑ **5/14/2010:** An article stated that “...a building inspector could have, and should have, detected and prevented the disaster at any stage, but didn’t.”



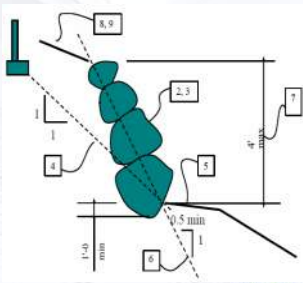
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# Rock Walls

- ❑ What should we be looking for in a rock wall submittal?

- ❑ **Prescriptive Handouts:**

- Seattle, WA
- Sparks, NV
- Southern Nevada B.O.A.
- FHWA



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# Rock Walls

- ❑ **Standard Items:**

- Dimensioned site plan
- Cross section of wall (rock size for each lift, maximum height, backfill, drainage, slope of ground, batter, and embedment)
- If > 4-feet: Structural Analysis & Soils Report
- Base rock must be embedded 12-inches
- Minimum batter of 1H:4V (i.e. 15%)
- Graded so water cannot flow over top
- ...



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# Rock Walls

Standard Items (cont.):

- Lower half should consist of 4-man or larger rocks with upper half being progressively smaller with minimum 2-mand rocks.
- Void spaces shall be “chinked” or tightly filled
- Landscape materials cannot have detrimental effect

APPROXIMATE ROCK SIZES		
Size	Weight	Volume
1-man	58 - 210 lbs.	0.4 - 1.3 cubic ft.
2-man	265 - 580 lbs.	1.6 - 3.6 cubic ft.
3-man	760 - 1,830 lbs.	4.7 - 11.2 cubic ft.
4-man	3,000 - 4,000 lbs.	18.4 - 24.5 cubic ft.
5-man	5,000 lbs.	30.7 cubic ft.
6-man	7,000 lbs.	42.9 cubic ft.



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# Rock Walls

Standard Items (cont.):

- Shall not exceed 16-feet
- If > 10-feet: MSE or slope stability analysis
- Setback for terraced walls = height of lower wall
- No surcharge loads
- Special Inspections are required

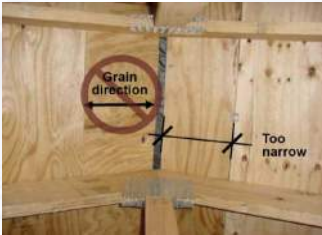


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# Narrow Sheathing

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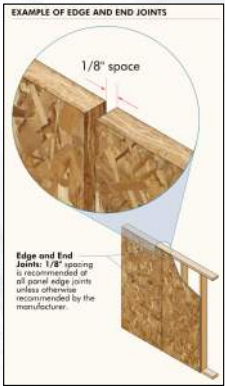
- > 16"-24" → block lower edge or provide 2 clips
- ≥ 12"-16" → block lower edge
- < 12" → block upper and lower edges



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# Gaps in Sheathing

- APA recommends a minimum 1/8" gap between sheathing panels



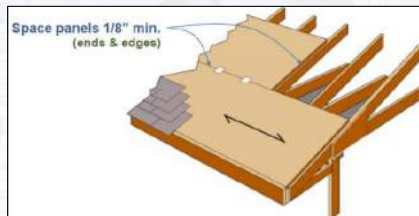
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## Gaps in Sheathing

### ❑ APA's spacing hint:

- Use 10d box nail to gauge 1/8-inch spacing between panels.
- Spacer-type panel clips may be used for roof sheathing applications.

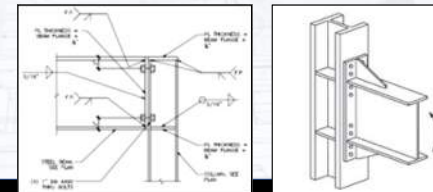


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## Steel Moment Frames

### ❑ Many residential designers do not understand how to design and detail a steel moment frame.

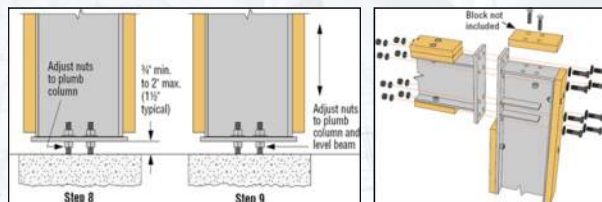
- Ordinary Moment Frame (OMF) →  $R = 3.5$
- Special Moment Frame (SMF) →  $R = 8.0$
- Wood Shearwalls →  $R = 6.5$  (OMF = 54% capacity)



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## Steel Moment Frames

- ❑ The design within the wall line of the OMF →  $R = 3.5$
- ❑ Several Prefabricated Moment Frames (i.e. Simpson Strong Frame®)



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## Steel Moment Frames

### ❑ IAPMO ER-164:

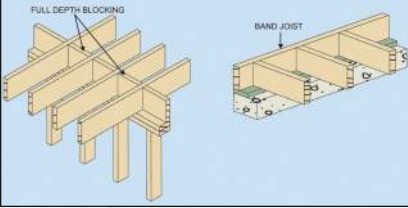
- Calculations by Simpson Strong-Tie are to be submitted to the code official.
- Calculations by the EOR must be provided showing that the design loads do not exceed those allowed in ER-164.
- Special inspections are required unless conventional construction has been met.

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### Full-Depth Blocking

**Shall be provided at...**

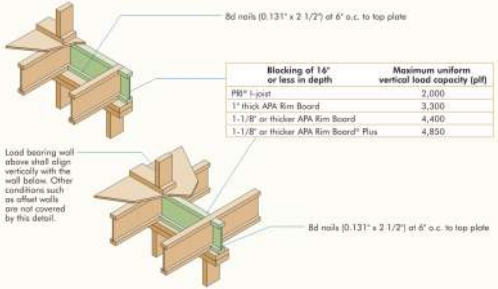
- Ends of joists
- Intermediate supports (SDC D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> only)
- At 8-feet on center (> 2"x12" dimension lumber)



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### Full-Depth Blocking

**Same for I-joists...**



Blocking of 14" or less in depth	Maximum uniform vertical load capacity (plf)
2"x4" post	2,500
1" thick APA Rim Board	3,300
1-1/8" or thicker APA Rim Board	4,400
1-1/8" or thicker APA Rim Board <sup>2</sup> Plus	4,850

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### APA I-Joist Blocking

**Web Stiffeners:**

- Where web is in jeopardy of buckling out-of-plane
- Heavy loads that cause web to knife through flange
- Support hanger does not extend to top flange

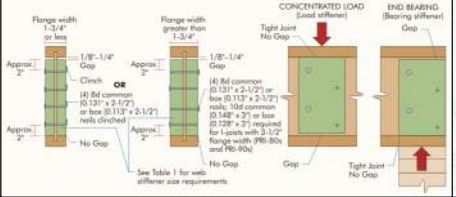
STIFFENER SIZE REQUIREMENTS	
APA PRI Flange Width (in.)	Web Stiffener Size Each Side of Web (in.)
1-1/2	15/32 x 2-5/16 minimum width
1-3/4	19/32 x 2-5/16 minimum width
2-5/16	1 x 2-5/16 minimum width
2-1/2	1 x 2-5/16 minimum width
3-1/2	1-1/2 x 2-5/16 minimum width

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### APA I-Joist Blocking

**Web Stiffeners (cont.)**

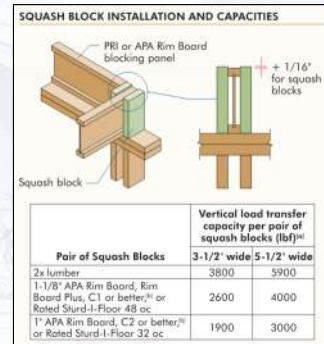
- Bearing stiffeners: Located at the reactions when required
- Load stiffeners: Located between supports where significant point loads are applied to top flange



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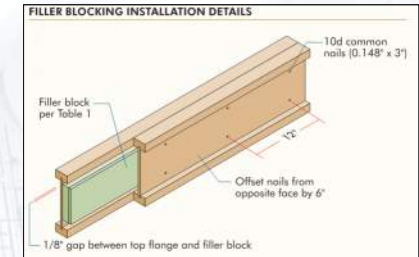


- Purpose is to carry a point load that would otherwise be carried by the joist.



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- Used to fill space between a pair of I-joists acting as a single bending member.
- Helps to transfer load from one member to the next.
- Must be placed the full length of the I-joist.



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- IBC 1604.8.3: Positively attached for vertical & lateral loads
- AWC DCA 6



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## Truss Package

- ❑ Inconsistencies are common between the initial design and the truss package.
- ❑ What are some common issues that arise?
- ❑ When do you review the truss package?



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## Truss Package

### ❑ *Deferred Submittal (IBC 107.3.4.1)*

- Required for structural components in which the structural design has not been submitted.
- Must be allowed by jurisdiction.
- Must be listed on the construction documents.
- Prior to submittal to the city, designs must be submitted to, and approved by, the EOR.
- None of the deferred submittal items shall be installed until submittal is approved by the AHJ.



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## Truss Package

### ❑ *What is included? (IBC 2303.4.1.1)*

- Design per ANSI/TPI I
- Placement diagram & individual truss drawings
- Design professional → where required
- Permanent individual truss member restraint (PITMR)
  - Who is responsible for specifying?



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## Truss Package

### ❑ *Truss Design Drawings (IRC R502.11.4 & IBC 2303.4.1.1)*

- Slope/depth, span and spacing;
- Locations of all joints;
- Required bearing widths;
- Design loads;
- Adjustments for conditions of use;
- Each reaction force and direction;
- Joint connector type, size, etc.;
- Lumber size, species & grade of wood; ...



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# Truss Package

Truss Design Drawings (cont.)

Truss connections (truss-to-girder, ply-to-ply, splices);

Calculated and allowable deflections;

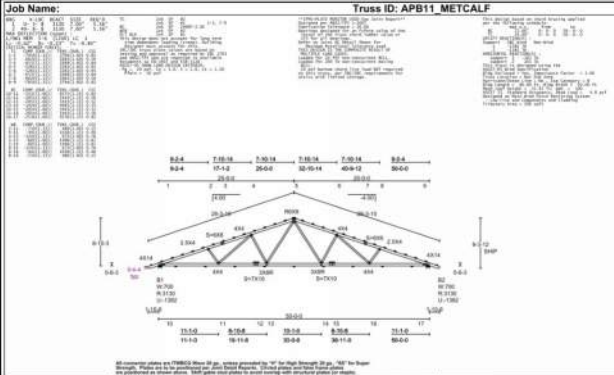
Maximum axial and tension forces;

Permanent bracing locations, methods & details

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Job Name:

Truss ID: APB11\_METCALF



WARNING

Read all notes on this sheet and give a copy of it to the Erecting Contractor

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# Truss Bracing

Trusses require lateral support to perform in the manner they are intended.

Very narrow in relation to their depth and span.

Bracing...

Prevents out-of-plane buckling

Maintains spacing

Resists and transfers lateral loads

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Truss Bracing

Let's Test Our Knowledge!

Who is required to specify the truss bracing?

What is the difference between temporary and permanent truss bracing?

How is the permanent truss bracing typically accomplished?

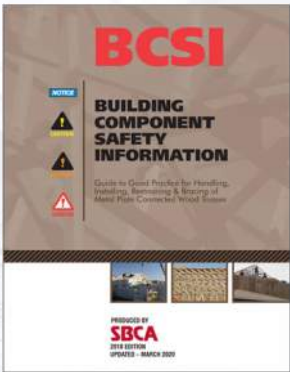
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# Truss Bracing

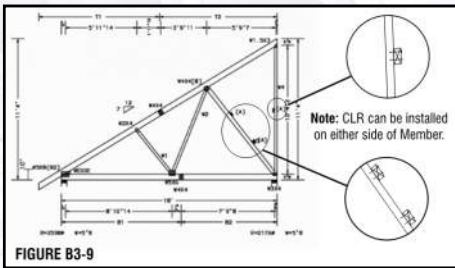
- IBC R502.11.2
  - Shall be specified on construction documents.
  - In the absence of providing → BCSI Good to Good Practice for Handling, Installing & Bracing of Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses



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# Truss Bracing

- Locations shown on individual truss drawings



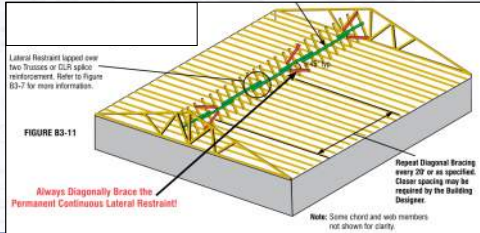
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# Truss Bracing

- IBC 2303.4.1.2: Clarifies what is already required
  - Member restraint (PITMR) in “green”
  - Diagonal bracing (PITMDB) at each PITMR in “red”



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# Truss Bracing

- IBC 2303.4.1.2 (cont.)
  - When the truss plans call for PITMR, it must be provided by one of following...
  - PITMR & PITMDB shall be provided using standard industry lateral restraint and diagonal bracing details per TPI, accepted engineering practice, or Figures 2303.4.1.2(1), (3), and (5).
  - Buckling reinforcement is added to individual truss per truss drawings, or per Figures 2303.4.1.2 (2) and (4).
  - Project-specific PITMR and PITMDB design by EOR.

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FIGURE 2303.4.1.2 (1)  
PITMR AND PITMB FOR TRUSS WEB MEMBERS REQUIRING ONE ROW OF PITMR

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### Truss Bracing

**Bracing Installation:**

- Minimum size member → 2x4
- Continuous bracing to overlap 2-feet.
- Use at least two 10d, 12d, or 16d nails into each truss
- Nails to be flush or double-headed for easy removal

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## PART 5 Wall Bracing

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### Items to Cover

- A. Conventional Limits
- B. Wall Bracing (Chapter 6)
- C. Examples
- D. Load Paths
- E. Miscellaneous

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## A. Conventional Limits

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## A. Conventional Limits


- ❑ Prescriptive (i.e. “Cookbook”) method.
- ❑ Provided in IRC, IBC Section 2308, WFCM, ICC 400 & AISI S230
- ❑ Several limitations, especially in high-seismic or high-wind regions



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## A. Conventional Limits

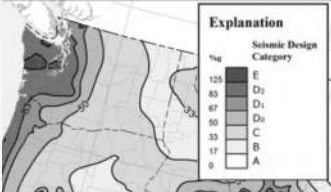
- ❑ **Wind Limitations (R301.2.1.1):**
  - Figure R301.2(5)B: > 140mph
  - Vancouver, WA: 125mph, Exp. B
  - Clark County, WA: 135mph, Exp. B



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## A. Conventional Limits

- ❑ **Seismic Provisions (R301.2.2):**
  - Applies to Seismic Design Categories D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>, & D<sub>2</sub>.
  - Also applies to townhomes in SDC ‘C’.
  - SDC ‘E’ shall comply with the IBC.



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- Ground Snow Load ( $P_g$ )  $\leq 70$ psf
- Vancouver, WA: 25psf (20psf if  $< 150$ ft MSL)
- Clark County, WA: 30psf



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- Floodplain Construction (R301.2.4)
- Weight limitations for concrete, masonry & metal stud
- In SDC 'D<sub>0</sub>' or greater...
  - ≤ 3 stories
  - ≤ 2 stories if Structurally Insulated Panels (SIP)
  - Anchored masonry veneer (R702.1 and R703)
  - Masonry chimneys (Chapter 10)



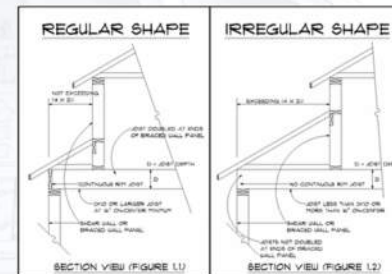
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❑ **Irregular Buildings (R301.2.2.2.6)**



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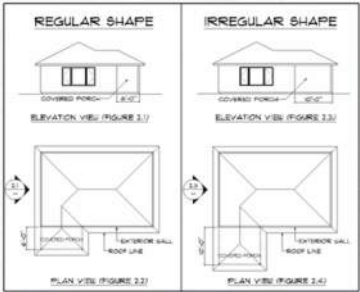
- ❑ **Item #1: Out-of-plane offsets**



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# A. Conventional Limits

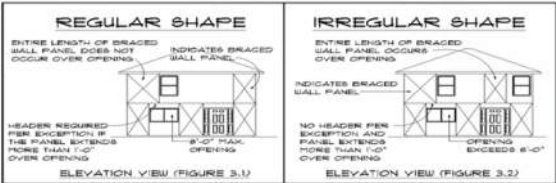
- Item #2: Floors or roofs without lateral support on all sides.



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# A. Conventional Limits

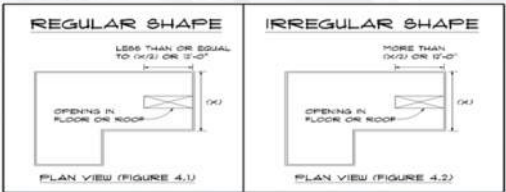
- Item #3: End of braced wall segment occurring more than 1-foot over an opening below.



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# A. Conventional Limits

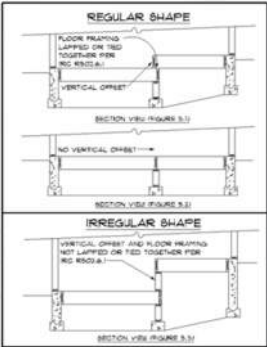
- Item #4: Diaphragm openings exceeding either 12-feet or 50% of the least floor/roof dimension.



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# A. Conventional Limits

- Item #5: Floor levels with vertical offsets.
  - Exceptions:
    - Framing must be supported directly by continuous foundations at the perimeter.
    - Floor framing must be lapped or tied together as required by R502.6.1. (i.e., 3" lap and (3)10d face nails, or equivalent)



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### A. Conventional Limits

**Item #6:** Braced wall lines that do not occur in two perpendicular directions.

REGULAR SHAPE

BRACED WALL LINES ARE PERPENDICULAR

90°

PLAN VIEW (FIGURE 6.1)

IRREGULAR SHAPE

BRACED WALL LINES ARE NOT PERPENDICULAR

75°

PLAN VIEW (FIGURE 6.2)

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### A. Conventional Limits)

**Item #7:** Above grade masonry or concrete

REGULAR SHAPE

PRELACE OR CHIMNEY PERMITTED PER IRC

ALL WOOD WALL FRAMING

PLAN VIEW (FIGURE 7.1)

IRREGULAR SHAPE

MASONRY OR CONCRETE

WOOD WALL FRAMING

MASONRY OR CONCRETE

PLAN VIEW (FIGURE 7.2)

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### A. Conventional Limits)

**Item #8:** Hillside – *New to 2021 IRC!*

- All the following must apply...
  - Grade > 1V:5H, and...
  - Tallest cripple wall > 7-feet, and...
  - Of the total plan area below the lowest framed floor, whether open or enclosed, less than 50 percent is living space having interior wall finishes conforming to Section R702.

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### A. Conventional Limits

**Weights of Materials:**

- Roofs ≤ 15psf \*
- Floors ≤ 10psf
- Exterior Walls ≤ 15psf
- Interior Walls ≤ 10psf

\* → 25psf allowed if...

- 20% braced wall increase for 1-story or top story, and...
- 10% braced wall increase for other stories
- See Table R602.10.3(4)

ROOF LOADS:	
Roofing (2 layers of 30# felt)	4.0 psf
1/2" plywood or OSB sheathing	1.5
Framing	2.5
1" gyp ceiling	2.5
Insulation	2.5
Misc. & Misc.	2.5
Dead Load	15 psf
Live Load	30 psf
FLOOR LOADS:	
Framing	3.0 psf
1/2" plywood or OSB sheathing	2.5
Flooring (hardwood)	4.0
1" gyp ceiling	2.5
Misc. & Misc.	1.5
Dead Load	13 psf
Live Load	40 psf
WALL LOADS:	
2x6 @ 16" o.c.	1.8 psf
1/2" plywood or OSB sheathing	1.5
5/8" gyp	2.8
Cultured stone veneer	12.0
Insulation	2.8
Misc. & Misc.	1.5
Dead Load	20 psf

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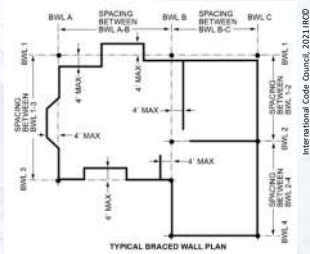
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## B.Wall Bracing

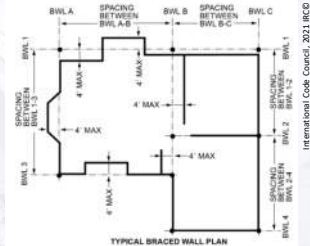
- BWL Length (IRC R602.10.1.1):**
  - Equals the distance between its ends
  - “The end of a BWL shall be the intersection with a perpendicular BWL, an angled BWL... or an exterior wall.”



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## B.Wall Bracing

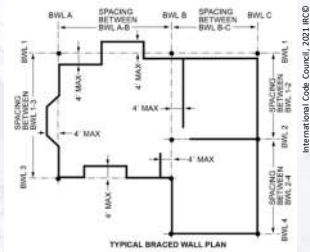
- BWL Locations & Permitted Offsets (IRC R602.10.1.2):**
  - BWP can be offset up to **4-feet** on either side of BWL
  - $\leq 2/3$  of BWP length can be placed to either side of BWL (**New to 2021 IRC**)



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## B.Wall Bracing

- BWL Spacing (IRC R602.10.1.3):**
  - Wind (100 mph to < 140mph)  $\leq$  **60-feet**
  - SDC A – C  $\rightarrow$  Use Wind Bracing (except for townhomes)
  - SDC D  $\leq$  **25-feet**



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## B.Wall Bracing

- BWL Spacing (IRC R602.10.1.3):**
  - BWL Spacing:

>25 feet and  $\leq$  30 feet: **I.2**  
>30 feet and  $\leq$  35 feet: **I.4**

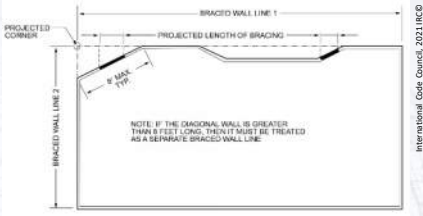
TABLE R602.10.1.3 BRACED WALL LINE SPACING				
APPLICATION	CONDITION	BUILDING TYPE	BRACED WALL LINE SPACING CRITERIA	
			Maximum Spacing	Exception to Maximum Spacing
Wind bracing	Ultimate design wind speed < 140 mph	Detached, townhouse	60 feet	None
	SDC A – C	Detached		Use wind bracing
Seismic bracing	SDC A – B	Townhouse		Use wind bracing
	SDC C	Townhouse	35 feet	Up to 50 feet when length of required bracing per Table R602.10.3(3) is adjusted in accordance with Table R602.10.3(4).
	SDC D <sub>1</sub> , D <sub>2</sub> , D <sub>3</sub>	Detached, townhouses, one- and two-story only	25 feet	Up to 35 feet to allow for a single room not to exceed 900 square feet. Spacing of all other braced wall lines shall not exceed 25 feet.
	SDC D <sub>1</sub> , D <sub>2</sub> , D <sub>3</sub>	Detached, townhouse	25 feet	Up to 35 feet when length of required bracing per Table R602.10.3(3) is adjusted in accordance with Table R602.10.3(4).



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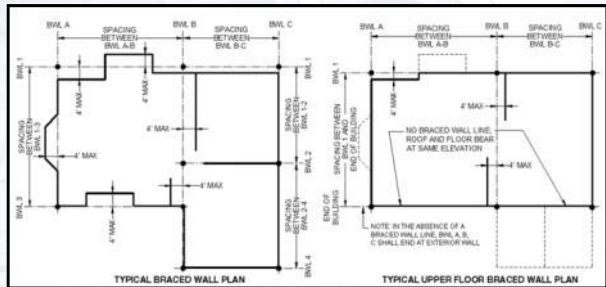
# B.Wall Bracing

- Angled Walls (IRC R602.10.1.4):
  - Maximum diagonal length of 8-feet
  - If > 8-feet, shall be considered a separate BWL



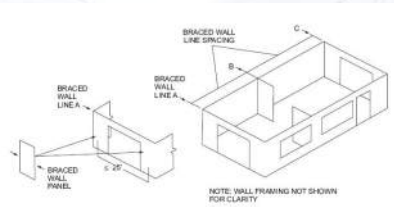
# B.Wall Bracing

- Braced Wall Lines (cont.):



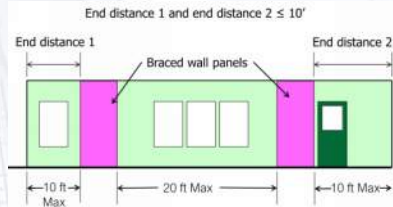
# B.Wall Bracing

- Braced Wall Panel (IRC R202):
  - “A full-height section of wall constructed to resist in-plane shear loads through interaction of framing members, sheathing material and anchors. The panel’s length meets the requirements of its particular bracing method and contributes toward the total amount of bracing required along its braced wall line in accordance with Section R602.10.1.”



# B.Wall Bracing

- Braced Wall Panels (R602.10.2):
  - Shall be...
    - Full-height sections
    - No vertical/horizontal offsets
    - Placed along BWL
  - Location:
    - Spacing ≤ 20-feet
    - w/in 10-feet from each end

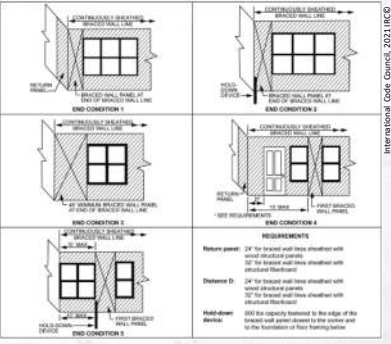




B.Wall Bracing

Braced Wall Panels (R602.10.2):

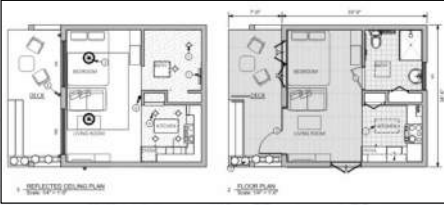
- Location (cont.):
  - SDC D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>, & D<sub>2</sub> → 10-feet from end
    - 2-foot panel on each side
    - 1,800# holdown



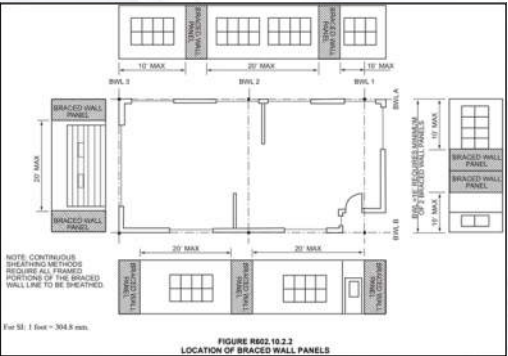
B.Wall Bracing

BWP – Min. Number (R602.10.2.3):

- BWL ≤ 16-feet → 2 BWP of any length or one 4-foot BWP
- BWL > 16-feet → 2 BWP
- Floors or roofs not laterally supported by braced walls: 6 feet max.



B.Wall Bracing



B.Wall Bracing

Required Length of Bracing (R602.10.3):

- Min. Length of BWP on each BWL

Only Table R602.10.3(1) Wind

- SDC A and B – All structures
- SDC C – Detached structures (acc. or 1 family)
- Modified by Table R602.10.3(2)

Both Table R602.10.3(1) and R602.10.3(3) Wind and Seismic

- SDC C – Townhouses
- SDC D – All structures
- Modified by Table R602.10.3(2) and R602.10.3(4)

# B.Wall Bracing

- Braced Wall Panels (R602.10.4):
  - Intermittent Bracing (12 methods)
  - Continuous Sheathing (4 methods)



# B.Wall Bracing

- Intermittent Bracing (Table R602.10.4):

TABLE R602.10.4 BRACING METHODS				
METHODS, MATERIAL	MINIMUM THICKNESS	FIGURE	CONNECTION CRITERIA*	
			Fasteners	Spacing
LFB Let-in-bracing	1 x 4 wood or approved metal straps at 45° to 60° angles for maximum 16" stud spacing		Wood: 2-8d common nails or 3-8d (2 1/2" long x 0.113" dia.) nails Metal strap: per manufacturer	Wood: per stud and top and bottom plates Metal: per manufacturer
DWB Diagonal wood boards	1/2" (1" nominal) for maximum 24" stud spacing		2-8d (2 1/2" long x 0.113" dia.) nails or 2 x 1 1/2" long staples	Per stud
WSP Wood structural panel (See Section R604)	3/4"		Exterior sheathing per Table R602.3(3) Interior sheathing per Table R602.3(1) or R602.3(2)	6" edges 12" field Varies by fastener
WV-WSP Wood structural panels with stone or masonry veneer (See Section R602.10.6.5)	3/4"	See Figure R602.10.6.5	8d common (2 1/2" x 0.131) nails	4" at panel edges 12" at intermediate supports 4" at braced wall panel end posts

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# B.Wall Bracing

- Continuous Bracing (Table R602.10.4):

Continuous Sheathing Methods	CS-WSP Continuously sheathed wood structural panel	3/4"		Exterior sheathing per Table R602.3(3) Interior sheathing per Table R602.3(1) or R602.3(2)	6" edges 12" field Varies by fastener
	CS-G <sup>2</sup> Continuously sheathed wood structural panel adjacent to garage openings	3/4"		See Method CS-WSP	See Method CS-WSP
	CS-PF Continuously sheathed portal frame	7/16"		See Section R602.10.6.4	See Section R602.10.6.4
	CS-SFB <sup>4</sup> Continuously sheathed structural fiberboard	1/2" or 3/16" for maximum 16" stud spacing		1 1/2" long x 0.12" dia. (for 1/2" thick sheathing) 1 1/2" long x 0.12" dia. (for 3/16" thick sheathing) galvanized roofing nails	3" edges 6" field

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# B.Wall Bracing

- Mixing (R602.10.4.1):
  - From story to story → Any method
  - From BWL to BWL → Intermittent only
  - Not allowed within a BWL (SDC 'D<sub>0</sub>' or above)



B. Wall Bracing

Braced Wall Panels (R602.10.5):

- Minimum Length:

TABLE R602.10.5 MINIMUM LENGTH OF BRACED WALL PANELS						
METHOD (See Table R602.10.4)	MINIMUM LENGTH <sup>a</sup> (inches)					CONTRIBUTING LENGTH (inches)
	Wall Height					
	8 feet	9 feet	10 feet	11 feet	12 feet	
DW B, WSP, SFB, PBS, PCP, HPS, BV-WSP	48	48	48	53	58	Actual <sup>b</sup>
GB	48	48	48	53	58	Double sided = Actual Single sided = 0.5 × Actual
LIB	55	62	69	NP	NP	Actual <sup>b</sup>
ABW	SDC A, B and C, ultimate design wind speed < 140 mph					48
	SDC D <sub>s</sub> , D <sub>1</sub> and D <sub>2</sub> , ultimate design wind speed < 140 mph					
	28	32	34	38	42	
	32	32	34	NP	NP	

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B. Wall Bracing

Example: What is the minimum width of a continuous sheathed braced wall that is 10-feet tall and includes a single man door opening (i.e. height = 80")?

Adjacent clear opening height (inches)						Actual <sup>b</sup>
	24	27	30	33	36	
≤ 64	24	27	30	33	36	Actual <sup>b</sup>
68	26	27	30	33	36	
72	27	27	30	33	36	
76	30	29	30	33	36	
80	32	30	30	33	36	
84	35	32	32	33	36	
88	38	35	33	33	36	
92	43	37	35	35	36	
96	48	41	38	36	36	
100	—	44	40	38	38	
104	—	49	43	40	39	
108	—	54	46	43	41	
112	—	—	50	45	43	
116	—	—	55	48	45	
120	—	—	60	52	48	
124	—	—	—	56	51	
128	—	—	—	61	54	
132	—	—	—	66	58	
136	—	—	—	—	62	
140	—	—	—	—	66	
144	—	—	—	—	72	

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B. Wall Bracing

Braced Wall Panels (cont.):

PFH	Supporting roof only	16	16	16	Note c	Note c	48
	Supporting one story and roof	24	24	24	Note c	Note c	
CS-PF	PFG	24	27	30	Note d	Note d	1.5 × Actual <sup>b</sup>
	SDC A, B and C	16	18	20	Note e	Note e	1.5 × Actual <sup>b</sup>
	SDC D <sub>s</sub> , D <sub>1</sub> and D <sub>2</sub>	16	18	20	Note e	Note e	Actual <sup>b</sup>

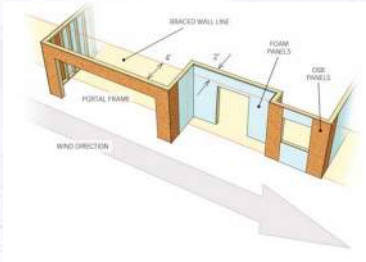
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B. Wall Bracing

Required Bracing (R602.10.3):

- Each wall line must be checked for wind & seismic
- Exceptions:
  - SDC A and B → Wind only
  - SDC C – Detached structures (accessory or I-family) → Wind only



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## B. Wall Bracing

- 8 Steps to Verifying Bracing:
  - What bracing method is being used?
  - Braced length requirement – Wind
  - Apply wind adjustment factors.
  - Braced length requirement – Seismic
  - Apply seismic adjustment factors.
  - What braced wall length controls? (wind or seismic)
  - BWL locations & spacing
  - BWP locations & spacing



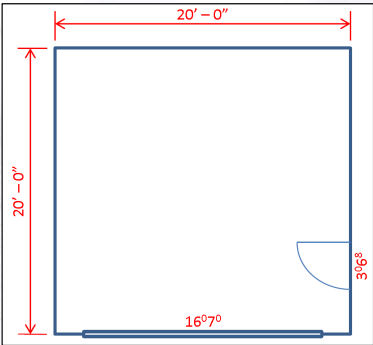
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## C. Examples

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### Example #1 – Detached Garage

- Given:
  - 20'x20' footprint
  - 8' wall height
  - 4:12 roof pitch
  - Mfr. Trusses
  - WSP
  - Wind: 95mph, Exp. 'B'
  - SDC 'D<sub>1</sub>'



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### Example #1 – Detached Garage

- Step 1: What bracing method is being used?

TABLE R602.10.4 BRACING METHODS				
METHODS, MATERIAL	MINIMUM THICKNESS	FIGURE	CONNECTION CRITERIA*	
			Fasteners	Spacing
LIB Let-in-bracing	1 x 4 wood or approved metal straps at 45° to 60° angles for maximum 16" stud spacing		Wood: 2-8d common nails or 3-8d (2 1/2" long x 0.113" dia.) nails	Wood: per stud and top and bottom plates
			Metal strap: per manufacturer	Metal: per manufacturer
DWB Diagonal wood boards	3/4" (1" nominal) for maximum 24" stud spacing		2-8d (2 1/2" long x 0.113" dia.) nails or 2 x 1 1/4" long staples	Per stud
WSP Wood structural panel (See Section R604)	1/2"		Exterior sheathing per Table R602.3(3)	6" edges 12" field
			Interior sheathing per Table R602.3(1) or R602.3(2)	Varies by fastener

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# Example #1 – Detached Garage

## Step 2: Braced length requirement – Wind

TABLE R602.10.3(1) BRACING REQUIREMENTS BASED ON WIND SPEED						
• EXPOSURE CATEGORY B • 30-FOOT MEAN ROOF HEIGHT • 10-FOOT WALL HEIGHT • 2 BRACED WALL LINES		MINIMUM TOTAL LENGTH (FEET) OF BRACED WALL PANELS REQUIRED ALONG EACH BRACED WALL LINE*				
Ultimate Design Wind Speed (mph)	Story Location	Braced Wall Line Spacing <sup>a</sup> (feet)	Method LIB <sup>a</sup>	Method GB	Methods DWB, WSP, SFB, PBS, PCP, HPS, BV-WSP, ABW, PFH, PFC, CS-SFB	Methods CS-WSP, CS-G, CS-PF
< 95 mph		10	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.5
		20	4.5	4.5	2.5	2.5
		30	6.5	6.5	4.0	3.5
		40	8.5	8.5	5.0	4.0
		50	10.5	10.5	6.0	5.0
		60	12.5	12.5	7.0	6.0

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# Example #1 – Detached Garage

## Step 3: Apply Wind Adjustment Factors

TABLE R602.10.3(2) WIND ADJUSTMENT FACTORS TO THE REQUIRED LENGTH OF WALL BRACING					
ITEM NUMBER	ADJUSTMENT BASED ON	STORY/SUPPORTING	CONDITION	ADJUSTMENT FACTOR <sup>a</sup> (multiply length from Table R602.10.3(1) by this factor)	APPLICABLE METHODS
1	Exposure category	One-story structure	B	1.00	
			C	1.20	
		Two-story structure	B	1.00	
			C	1.30	
2	Roof eave-to-ridge height	Roof only	D	1.60	All methods
			≤ 5 feet	0.70	
			10 feet	1.00	
			15 feet	1.30	
		Roof + 1 floor	20 feet	1.60	
			≤ 5 feet	0.85	
			10 feet	1.00	
			15 feet	1.15	
			20 feet	1.30	

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# Example #1 – Detached Garage

## Step 3: Apply Wind Adjustment Factors (cont.)

TABLE R602.10.3(2) WIND ADJUSTMENT FACTORS TO THE REQUIRED LENGTH OF WALL BRACING					
ITEM NUMBER	ADJUSTMENT BASED ON	STORY/SUPPORTING	CONDITION	ADJUSTMENT FACTOR <sup>a</sup> (multiply length from Table R602.10.3(1) by this factor)	APPLICABLE METHODS
3	Story height (Section R301.3)	Any story	8 feet	0.90	
			9 feet	0.95	
			10 feet	1.00	
			11 feet	1.05	
			12 feet	1.10	
4	Number of braced wall lines (per plan direction) <sup>b</sup>	Any story	2	1.00	
			3	1.30	
			4	1.45	
6	Interior gypsum board (finish or equivalent)	Any story	≥ 5	1.60	
			Omitted from inside face of braced wall panels	1.40	

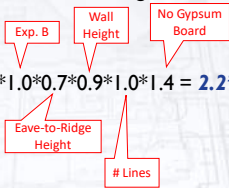
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# Example #1 – Detached Garage

## Step 3: Apply Wind Adjustment Factors (cont.)

- Adjusted Braced Wall Length for Wind:



$LW = 2.5 * 1.0 * 0.7 * 0.9 * 1.0 * 1.4 = 2.2' / BWL$


How many BWP per BWL are required?

What is the minimum width of the BWPs?



# Example #I – Detached Garage

## Step 4: Braced length requirement - Seismic

TABLE R602.10.3(3)—continued BRACING REQUIREMENTS BASED ON SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY						
• WALL HEIGHT ≤ 10 FEET • 10 PSF FLOOR DEAD LOAD • 15 PSF ROOF/CEILING DEAD LOAD • BRACED WALL LINE SPACING ≤ 25 FEET		MINIMUM TOTAL LENGTH (FEET) OF BRACED WALL PANELS REQUIRED ALONG EACH BRACED WALL LINE <sup>a, b</sup>				
Seismic Design Category <sup>c</sup>	Story Location	Braced Wall Line Length (feet) <sup>d</sup>	Method LIB <sup>e</sup>	Method GB	Methods DWB, SFB, PBS, PCP, HPS, CS-SFB <sup>f</sup>	Methods WSP, ABW, PPH <sup>g</sup> and PFG <sup>h, i</sup>
D <sub>1</sub>		10	NP	3.0	3.0	1.7
		20	NP	6.0	6.0	3.4
		30	NP	9.0	9.0	5.1
		40	NP	12.0	12.0	6.8
		50	NP	15.0	15.0	8.5



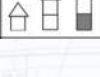
# Example #I – Detached Garage

## Step 5: Apply Seismic Adjustment Factors

TABLE R602.10.3(4) SEISMIC ADJUSTMENT FACTORS TO THE REQUIRED LENGTH OF WALL BRACING					
ITEM NUMBER	ADJUSTMENT BASED ON	STORY <sup>a</sup>	CONDITION	ADJUSTMENT FACTOR <sup>b, c</sup> (Multiply length from Table R602.10.3(3) by this factor)	APPLICABLE METHODS
1	Story height (Section 301.3)	Any story	≤ 10 feet	1.0	All methods
			> 10 feet and ≤ 12 feet	1.2	
2	Braced wall line spacing, townhouses in SDC C	Any story	≤ 35 feet	1.0	
			> 35 feet and ≤ 50 feet	1.43	
3	Braced wall line spacing, in SDC D <sub>1</sub> , D <sub>2</sub> , D <sub>3</sub>	Any story	> 25 feet and ≤ 30 feet	1.2	
			> 30 feet and ≤ 35 feet	1.4	
4	Wall dead load	Any story	> 8 psf and < 15 psf	1.0	
			< 8 psf	0.85	
5	Roof/ceiling dead load for wall supporting	1-, 2- or 3-story building	≤ 15 psf	1.0	
		2- or 3-story building	> 15 psf and ≤ 25 psf	1.1	
		1-story building or top story	> 15 psf and ≤ 25 psf	1.2	

# Example #I – Detached Garage

## Step 5: Apply Seismic Adjustment Factors (cont.)

6	Walls with stone or masonry veneer, townhouses in SDC C <sup>a, b</sup>		1.0	All methods
			1.5	
			1.5	

# Example #I – Detached Garage

## Step 5: Apply Seismic Adjustment Factors (cont.)

7	Walls with stone or masonry veneer, detached one- and two-family dwellings in SDC D <sub>1</sub> –D <sub>3</sub> <sup>a, b</sup>	Any story	See Section R602.10.6.5.4		BV-WSP
8	Walls with stone or masonry veneer, detached one- and two-family dwellings in SDC D <sub>1</sub> –D <sub>3</sub> <sup>a, b</sup>	First and second story of two-story dwelling	Limited brick veneer on second story. See Section R602.10.6.5.3.	1.2	WSP, CS-WSP
9	Interior gypsum board finish (or equivalent)	Any story	Omitted from inside face of braced wall panels	1.5	DWB, WSP, SFB, PBS, PCP, HPS, CS-WSP, CS-G, CS-SFB
10	Horizontal blocking	Any story	Horizontal blocking omitted	2.0	WSP, PBS, CS-WSP

### Example #1 – Detached Garage

□ Step 5: Apply Seismic Adjustment Factors (cont.)

Adjusted Braced Wall Length for Seismic:

LS = 4.0' \* 1.0' \* 1.0' \* 1.0' \* 1.0' \* 1.5' \* 1.0 = 6.0' / BWL

Story Height

Wall DL

Veneer

Blocking

BWL Spacing

Roof DL

Interior Gypsum

How many BWP per BWL are required?

What is the minimum width of the BWPs?

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### Example #1 – Detached Garage

□ Step 6: What Bracing Length Controls?

Wind: Adjusted Length = 4.9' / BWL

Seismic: Adjusted Length = 6.0' / BWL

→ 6.0' / BWL

While that is the calculated braced wall length, it does not control!

How many BWP per BWL are required?

What is the minimum width of the BWPs?

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### Example #1 – Detached Garage

□ The last two steps (#7 & #8) are to verify the locations of the braced walls and their spacing.

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### Example #1 – Detached Garage

□ 7.5' / BWL

□ Step 7: BWL Locations & Spacing

□ Step 8: BWP Locations & Spacing

20' - 0"

20' - 0"

16' 0"

3' 0"

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Diagram of a square room with dimensions 20' - 0" by 20' - 0". A door is located on the bottom wall, 16' 7" from the left corner. A quarter-circle arc with a radius of 3' 6" is shown in the bottom right corner.

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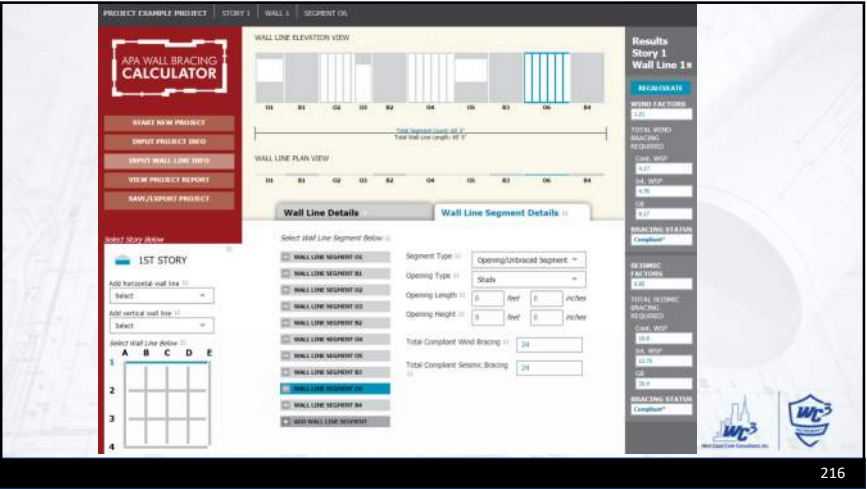
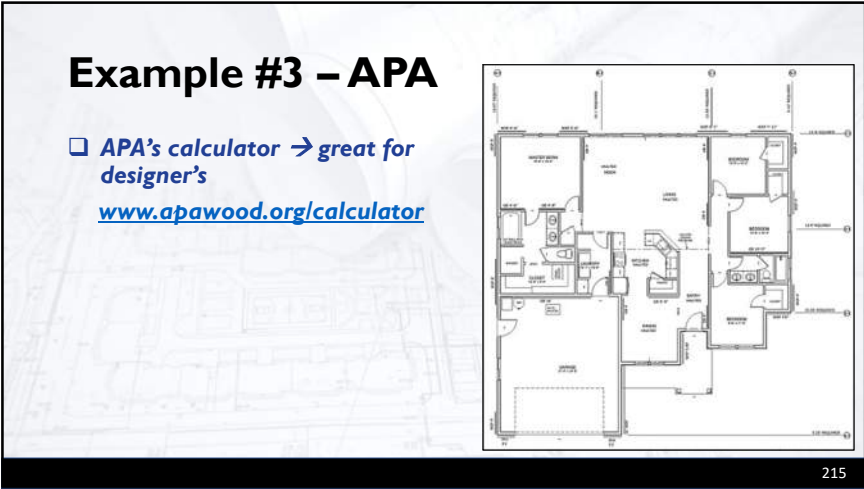
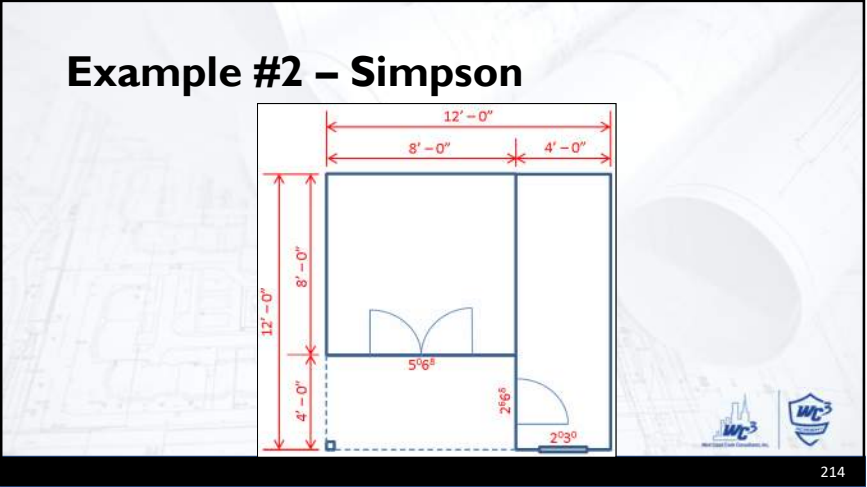



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WIND		
Tabulated Wind Bracing Amount	2.3 ft	2.3 ft
Exposure Height Factor	1	1
Eave-to-Ridge Height Factor	0.7	0.7
Wind Wall Height Factor	0.9	0.9
Number of BWL Factor	1	1
Holdown Factor	1	1
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1.4	1.4
Wind GB Construction Factor	1	1
Required Wind Bracing Amount	2.03 ft	2.03 ft
SEISMIC		
Tabulated Seismic Bracing Amount	3 ft	3 ft
Seismic Wall Height Factor	1	1
BWL Spacing Factor	1	1
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1.5	1.5
Seismic GB Construction Factor	1	1
Wall Dead Load Factor	0.85	0.85
Roof Dead Load Factor	1	1
Vaneer Factor	1	1
Required Seismic Bracing Amount	3.93 ft	3.93 ft
RESULTS		
Length of Wall Bracing Required	5.93 ft	5.93 ft

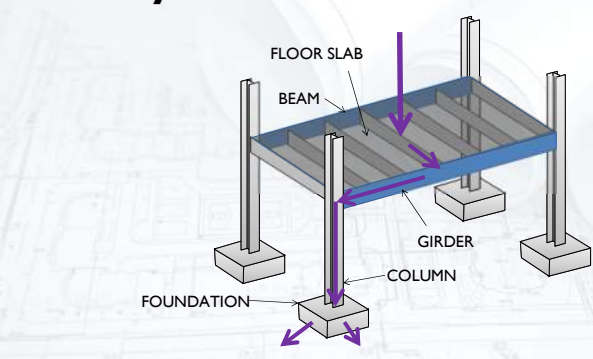




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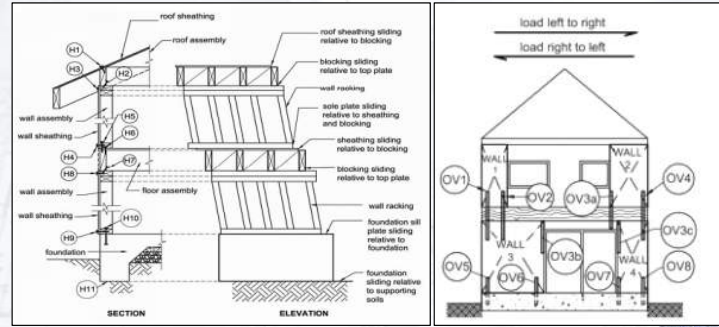
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FLOOR SLAB  
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GIRDER  
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### Lateral Load Path

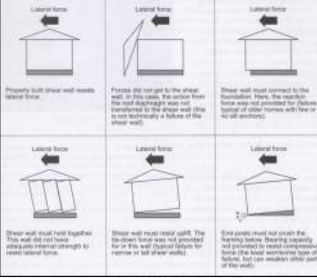


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ELEVATION

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### Lateral Load Path

- **IRC R502.2.1:**
  - “A load path for lateral forces shall be provided between floor framing and braced wall panels located above or below a floor...”
- **Connections, connections, connections!!!**

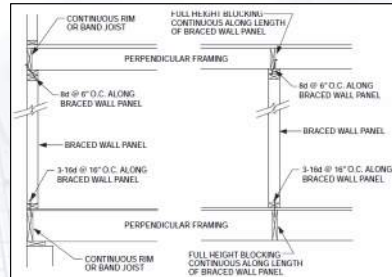


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## Lateral Load Path

### Braced Wall Connections (R602.10.8):

- Framing **perpendicular** to BWP
- A rim joist, band joist, or blocking shall be provided along entire length of BWP.
- Fastening shall be per Table R602.3(1)



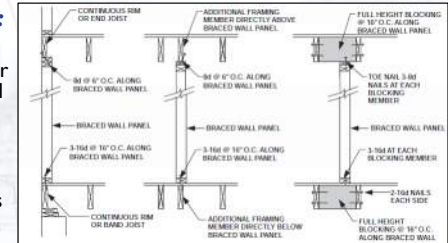
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## Lateral Load Path

### Braced Wall Connections:

- Framing **parallel** to BWP
- A rim joist, end joist, or other parallel framing member shall be provided directly above and below the BWP.
- Where not possible, full-depth blocking at 16\"o.c. to the parallel framing members to each side of BWP.
- Fastening shall be per Table R602.3(1) & Figure R602.10.8(2)



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## Lateral Load Path

### Braced Wall Connections (R602.10.8):

- BWP to **concrete or masonry** → per IRC R403.1.6
- Foundation anchorage (IRC R403.1.6):
  - Sill plates treated against decay and termites
  - $\frac{1}{2}$ " anchor bolts having 7" minimum embedment
  - Spaced ≤ 6-feet o.c.
  - Located in **middle-third** of plate
  - Two minimum per plate
  - Place within 12" of end but not closer than 7db
  - Anchor bolts can be placed while concrete is still plastic → 2021 IRC change



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## Lateral Load Path

### Braced Wall Connections (R602.10.8):

- Foundation anchorage – SDC C, D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub> & D<sub>2</sub>
  - Only applies to townhouses in SDC C
  - 3"x3"x0.229" plate washers for full length of BWL
  - Max. anchor spacing is 4-feet for 2-story buildings
- Stepped cripple walls → R602.10.10
  - Bracing is limited to WSP and CSP-WSP
  - BWP spacing 14-feet max. edge-to-edge
  - May require 4" o.c. edge nailing



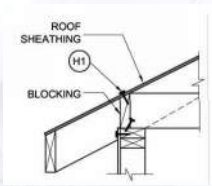
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# Lateral Load Path

## Connections to Roof Framing (R602.10.8.2):

- Top Plates:
  - Attached to rafters and trusses per IRC Table R602.3(1)
  - Top plate splice → (8) 16d common nails on each side
  - Blocking (or band joist, rim, header joist, or truss) shall be provided between rafters and roof trusses at BWP.
  - Not required over openings in continuous sheathed BWL.

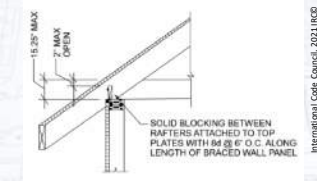


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# Lateral Load Path

## Connections to Roof Framing (R602.10.8.2):

- SDC A, B & C:
  - Blocking not required if  $d \leq 9.25\text{-inches}$
  - If  $> 9.25\text{-inches}$  and  $\leq 15.25\text{-inches}$ , blocking may comply with Figure R602.10.8.2(1)



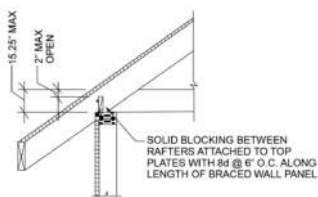
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# Lateral Load Path

## Connections to Roof Framing (R602.10.8.2):

- SDC D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>, & D<sub>2</sub>:
  - If  $\leq 15.25\text{-inches}$ , blocking may comply with Figure R602.10.8.2(1)



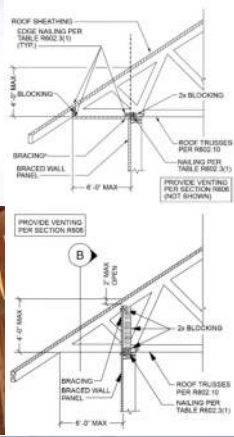
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# Lateral Load Path

## Connections to Roof Framing (R602.10.8.2):

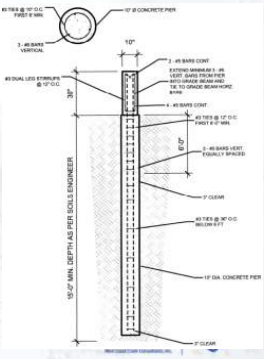
- SDC D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>, & D<sub>2</sub> (cont.):
  - If  $> 15.25\text{-inches}$ , there are four options...
    - Soffit blocking panels
    - Vertical blocking panels
    - Truss blocking
    - Other acceptable methods



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# Lateral Load Path

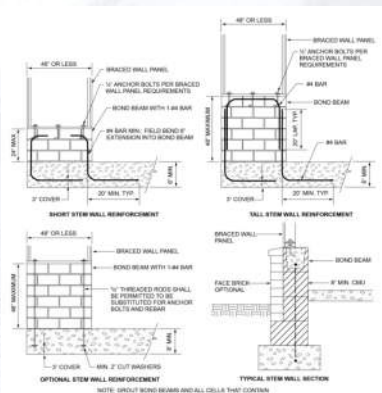
- BWP Support (R602.10.9):**
  - Cantilevered floor joists → IRC R502.3.3
    - Shall not exceed nominal depth of joist
    - Alternate #1 → Table R502.3.3(1) – dimension lumber only
    - Alternate #2 → exterior balconies – dimension lumber only
  - Post- or pier-supported raised floor systems → engineered



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# Lateral Load Path

- BWP Support (R602.10.9):**
  - Masonry stem walls ≤ 48" long → IRC Figure R602.10.9
  - Masonry stem walls > 48" → IRC R403.1
  - Concrete stem walls ≤ 48" long, and > 12" tall, and < 6" thick → IRC Figure R602.10.9



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# Gravity & Lateral Load Paths

- Fastening - Table R602.3(1):**
  - #1: Blocking to top plate, toe nail (3-10d)
  - #6: Rafter or roof truss to plate, toe nail (3-16d)
  - #8: Built-up studs, face nail (10d @ 16"o.c.)
  - #9: Wall corners, face nail (16d @ 12"o.c.)

TABLE R602.3(1) FASTENING SCHEDULE			
ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING ELEMENTS	NUMBER AND TYPE OF FASTENER <sup>1,2</sup>	SPACING AND LOCATION
Roof			
1	Blocking between ceiling joists or rafters to top plate	4-8d box (2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " x 0.113") or 3-8d common (2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " x 0.131"); or 3-10d box (3" x 0.128"); or 3-3" x 0.131" nails	Toe nail
2	Ceiling joists to top plate	4-8d box (2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " x 0.113"); or 3-8d common (2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " x 0.131"); or 3-10d box (3" x 0.128"); or 3-3" x 0.131" nails	Per joist, toe nail

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# E. Miscellaneous

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### A Portal Frame with Hold Downs for Engineered Applications

- The JKR panel frame design, as shown in Figure 1, was envisioned primarily for use in bearing an environmental light-tight construction. However, it can also be used to engineered applications as illustrated in the structural photo. The panel frame is not actually a narrow shell because it consists of two by means of a semi-rigid, tension-membrane frame. The expanded frame is integrated in the function of the panel frame, thus, the effective frame width is more than just the wall segment, but includes the frame height that extends beyond the wall segment. For this, the resulting mechanism, the wall segment satisfies requirements of the code do not apply to the wall members of the JKR panel frame.

**FIGURE 1**  
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS FOR AN EXTERIOR, FRAME GLASS WINDOW WITH DOUBLE GLAZING

**notes:**

1. Glass panes shall be 1/2" thick, annealed, clear, and free of defects.
2. Spacer bar shall be 1/2" thick, aluminum, and free of defects.
3. Sealant shall be 1/2" thick, polysulfide, and free of defects.
4. Weatherstripping shall be 1/2" thick, neoprene, and free of defects.
5. Drainage channel shall be 1/2" thick, aluminum, and free of defects.
6. Exterior frame shall be 1/2" thick, aluminum, and free of defects.
7. Interior frame shall be 1/2" thick, aluminum, and free of defects.
8. Sill shall be 1/2" thick, aluminum, and free of defects.
9. All dimensions are in inches, unless otherwise specified.
10. All materials shall be of standard quality, unless otherwise specified.
11. All construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the International Building Code (IBC).
12. All construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).
13. All construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the International Mechanical Code (IMC).
14. All construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the International Plumbing Code (IPC).
15. All construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the International Fire Code (IFC).
16. All construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the International Electrical Code (IEC).
17. All construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the International Fire and Safety Code (IFSC).
18. All construction shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the International Building and Construction Code (IBCC).
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- CS-PF
  - **SDC A, B, C:** 16" is = 1.5 x Actual length (**not = 48"**)
  - **SDC D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>:** 16" is = Actual length (**not = 48"**)
- No foundation holdowns
- Can be used at upper floors\*
  - Not allowed for engineered design



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## ABTO Research Report

### Appendix A: Wall Bracing Design and Plan Check Worksheet


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# Plan Review Tools



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Checklist for Wood-Framed Wall Bracing

1. Cover Sheet for Construction Documents

☐ Verify wall bracing drawings in the notes and Cover Page.

☐ Indicate that bracing and fasteners are designed in accordance with Table 601.2(1).

2. Bracing of Walls

☐ Check bracing: Continuous bracing

☐ Provision for bracing of building engineering design, see item 7

☐ Bracing using other code

☐ Bracing Schedule (Continuous bracing)

☐ Bracing engineering design, see item 7

3. Wood Wall Cross-Section

☐ Identify WFL

☐ Identify all critical wall segments

☐ Identify bracing material type

☐ Provide continuity of WFL location - R 602.3.3

4. Wood Wall Frame Detail

☐ On each WFL, show WFL location

☐ On each WFL, show spacing between WFLs

☐ Show width of each WFL

☐ Show nail type

☐ Fasten WFLs with hold-downs

☐ Detail floor bracing

5. Required Length of Bracing

☐ Determine in tables for required adjusted bracing length in each WFL. Specify adjustment factors.



☐ Determine in tables for required bracing length in each WFL.

☐ Compare in tables for required bracing length in each WFL.

☐ Compare required vs. provided length.

Notes: 1. It is acceptable to use computer programs providing detailed output.

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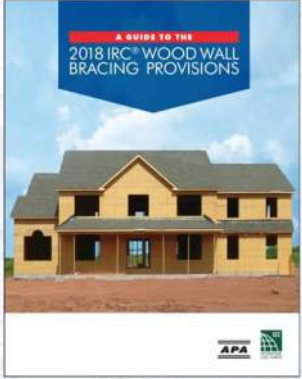
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# Other Resources

☐ APA/ICC Guide to Wall Bracing

☐ APA → [apawood.org/wall-bracing](http://apawood.org/wall-bracing);  
Includes a 5-part webinar series on wall bracing with ICC and AIA CEUs




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# PART 6

## Open Discussion





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