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Dear Ms. Forson and Mr. Black:

Reid Middleton and our consultant team, under the direction of The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Washington Geological Survey (WGS) School Seismic Safety Project, have conducted seismic evaluations of 222 school buildings and 5 fire stations throughout Washington State. This letter is transmitting the results of these seismic assessments for each school district that graciously participated in this statewide study. We understand that you will be forwarding this letter and the accompanying seismic screening reports to each school district for their reference and use.

Many disparate studies on improving the seismic safety of our public school buildings have been performed over the last several decades. Experts in building safety, geologic hazards, emergency management, education, and even the news media have been asserting for decades that seismic risks in older public school buildings represent a risk to our communities. The time to act is now, before we have a damaging earthquake and/or tsunami that could be catastrophic. This statewide school seismic safety assessment project provides a unique opportunity to draw attention to the need for statewide seismic safety policies and funding on behalf of all school districts that will help enable school districts to increase the seismic safety of their older buildings to make them safer for students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community.

It is not the intent of this study to create an unfunded mandate for school districts to seismically upgrade their schools without associated funding or statewide seismic safety policy support. The overall goal of this study was to screen and evaluate the current levels of seismic vulnerabilities of a statewide selection of our older public school buildings and to use the data and information to help quantify funding and policy needs to improve the seismic safety of our public schools. In this process, we are using the information to inform not only the Governor

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and the Legislature of the policy and funding needs for seismically safe schools but also the school districts that participated in the study.

School Buildings Evaluated in the Ridgefield School District

We appreciate Ridgefield School District's participation and invaluable assistance in this statewide project. The following school district buildings were included as part of this study:

1. Union Ridge Elementary School, Covered Play Area
2. Union Ridge Elementary School, Main Building

The seismic screening of these buildings was performed using the American Society of Civil Engineers' Standard 41-17, *Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit of Existing Buildings* (ASCE 41-17), national standard Tier 1 structural and nonstructural seismic screening checklists specific to each building's structure type.

The WGS also conducted seismic site class assessments to measure the shear wave velocity and determine the soil site class at each campus. Site class is an approximation of how much soils at a site will amplify earthquake-induced ground motions and is a critical parameter used in seismic design. Reid Middleton subsequently used this information in their seismic screening analyses.

The following table is a list of available seismic assessment information used in our study:

School Building	Year Constructed	FEMA Building Classification	Structural Drawings Available for Review
Union Ridge Elementary School, Covered Play Area	1993	Wood Frame	Yes
Union Ridge Elementary School, Main Building	1952	Wood Frame	Yes

Detailed descriptions of the seismic screening evaluations of these buildings can be found in the individual building reports and the ASCE 41-17 Tier 1 screening checklist documents enclosed with this letter. This information will also be available for download on the WGS website: https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/geology/geologic-hazards/earthquakes-and-faults/school-seismic-safety.

These Tier 1 seismic screening checklists are often the first step employed by structural engineers when trying to determine the seismic vulnerabilities of existing buildings and to begin a process of mitigating these seismic vulnerabilities. School district facilities management personnel and their design consultants should be able to take advantage of this information to help inform and address seismic risks in existing or future renovation, repair, or modernization projects.

It is important to note that information used for these school seismic screenings was limited to available construction drawings and limited site observations by our team of licensed structural engineers to observe the general conditions and configuration of each building being seismically screened. In many cases, construction drawings were not available for review as noted in the table above. Due to the limited scope of the study, our team of engineers were not able to perform more-detailed investigations above ceilings, behind wall finishes, in confined spaces, or in other areas obstructed from view. Where building component seismic adequacy was unknown due to lack of available information, the unknown conditions were indicated as such on the ASCE 41-17 Tier 1 checklists. Additional field investigations are recommended for the "unknown" seismic evaluation checklist items if more-definitive determinations of seismic safety compliance and further development of seismic mitigation strategies are desired.

Nonstructural Seismic Screening

The enclosed ASCE 41-17 Tier 1 Nonstructural Seismic Screening checklists can provide immediate guidance on seismic deficiencies in nonstructural elements. Mitigating the risk of earthquake impacts from these nonstructural elements should be addressed as soon as practical by school districts. Some nonstructural elements may be easily mitigated by installing seismic bracing of tall cabinets, moving heavy contents to the bottom of shelving, and adding seismic strapping or bracing to water tanks and overhead elements (light fixtures, mechanical units, piping, fire protection systems, etc.).

It is often most economical to mitigate nonstructural seismic hazards when the building is already undergoing mechanical, electrical, plumbing, or architectural upgrades or modernizations. Enclosed with these nonstructural seismic screening checklists are excerpts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publication E-74 entitled, *Reducing the Risks of Nonstructural Earthquake Damage* (FEMA E-74). We have included these FEMA publication excerpts to help illustrate typical seismic mitigation measures that can potentially be implemented by district facilities and maintenance personnel.

Structural Seismic Screening

The enclosed ASCE 41-17 Tier 1 Structural Seismic Screening checklists have evaluation statements that are reviewed for specific building elements and systems to determine if these items are seismically compliant, noncompliant, not applicable, or unknown. These evaluation statements provide guidance on which structural systems and elements have identified seismic deficiencies and should be investigated further. Further seismic evaluations beyond these seismic screening checklists typically consist of more-detailed seismic structural analyses to better define the seismic vulnerabilities and risks. This information is then used to determine cost-effective ways to seismically improve these buildings with stand-alone seismic upgrade projects or incrementally as part of other ongoing building maintenance, repair, or modernization projects. Consequently, implementing seismic structural mitigation strategies

typically requires that they be developed as a part of longer-term capital improvements and modernization programs developed by the school district and their design consultants.

Next Steps

Due to the screening nature of the ASCE 41-17 Tier 1 procedures, an in-depth seismic evaluation and analysis of these buildings may be needed before detailed seismic upgrades or improvements, conceptual designs, and probable construction cost estimates are developed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the engineering reports or would like to discuss this further, please contact us.

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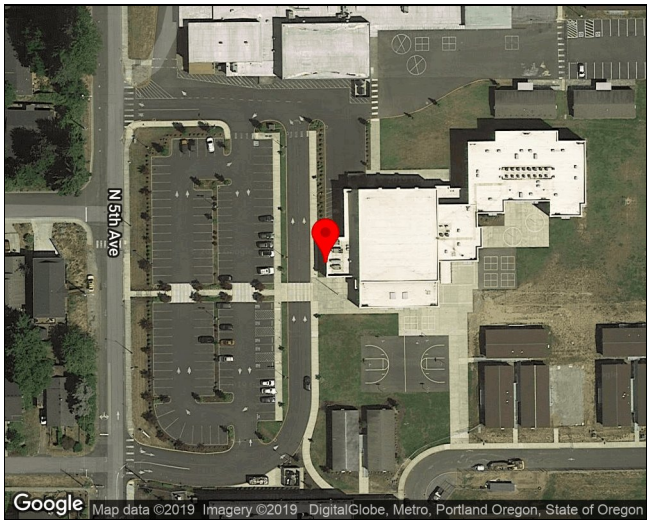
1. Ridgefield, Union Ridge Elementary School, Covered Play Area

1.1 Building Description

Building Name:	Covered Play Area
Facility Name:	Union Ridge Elementary School
District Name:	Ridgefield
ICOS Latitude:	45.817
ICOS Longitude:	-122.742
ICOS County/District ID:	6122
ICOS Building ID:	
ASCE 41 Bldg Type:	W2
Enrollment:	777
Gross Sq. Ft. :	2,217
Year Built:	1993
Number of Stories:	1
$S_{XS\ BSE\text{-}2E}$:	0.846
$S_{X1\ BSE\text{-}2E}$:	0.539
ASCE 41 Level of Seismicity:	High
Site Class:	D
V_{S30}(m/s):	268
Liquefaction Potential:	Very Low
Tsunami Risk:	None
Structural Drawings Available:	Yes
Evaluating Firm:	WRK Engineers



The Union Ridge Elementary School Covered Play Area is a one-story wood-framed structure. The building is constructed on level ground and is located in Ridgefield, Washington. The 1993 building is rectangular in plan, roughly 34 feet by 64 feet, with a roof height of approximately 20 feet. The covered play area was included in the 1993 modernization of the elementary school. The roof system is composed of 5/8-inch T&G plywood sheathing over wood joists and glulam beams. The lateral system in the transverse direction is wood shear walls with plywood sheathing. There is no building type available in ASCE 41-17 for the lateral system in the longitudinal direction, which is composed of HSS columns. The HSS columns are spaced at 30’-0” on center. The structure shares the site with the main elementary school building to the south and another covered play area. The second covered play area’s lateral system is HSS columns as well.

1.1.1 Building Use

The covered play area includes a basketball court with basketball hoops attached to the wood shear walls. The elementary school has over 770 student occupants.

1.1.2 Structural System

Table 1.1-1. Structural System Description of Union Ridge Elementary School

Structural System	Description
Structural Roof	The roof system consists of 5/8-inch T&G plywood sheathing over TJI wood joists. The wood joists span between 5 1/8-inch by 22 ½-inch glulam beams.
Structural Floor(s)	The floor is a concrete slab-on-grade.
Foundations	The foundation is a conventional shallow foundation with a continuous wall footing under the wood shear walls and spread footings under the HSS columns.
Gravity System	The roof system spans between glulam beams. The glulam beams span between the 2x8 wood stud walls.
Lateral System	The lateral forces are resisted by the plywood roof sheathing and transferred to the plywood shear walls in the transverse direction. The longitudinal direction consists only of HSS columns bolted to the foundation and is not included in ASCE 41-17 as a building type.

1.1.3 Structural System Visual Condition

Table 1.1-2. Structural System Condition Description of Union Ridge Elementary School

Structural System	Description
Structural Roof	No visible signs of corrosion, damage, or deterioration.
Structural Floor(s)	No visible signs of corrosion, damage, or deterioration.
Foundations	Unknown.
Gravity System	No visible signs of corrosion, damage, or deterioration.
Lateral System	Corrosion of plywood sheathing at base of plywood shear walls is evident due to water damage and infiltration.

1.2 Seismic Evaluation Findings

1.2.1 Structural Seismic Deficiencies

The structural seismic deficiencies identified during the Tier 1 evaluation are summarized below. Commentary for each deficiency is also provided based on this evaluation.

Table 1-3. Identified Structural Seismic Deficiencies for Ridgefield Union Ridge Elementary School Covered Play Area

Deficiency	Description
Load Path	Non-complaint in longitudinal direction. No seismic-force-resisting system in longitudinal direction to transfer seismic forces from the diaphragm to the foundation. The addition of lateral force resisting elements, such as cantilevered steel columns or frames, in the longitudinal direction may be appropriate.
Redundancy	No shear walls in the longitudinal direction. The addition of lateral force resisting elements, such as cantilevered steel columns or frames, in the longitudinal direction may be appropriate.
Diagonally Sheathed and Unblocked Diaphragms	Unblocked diaphragm. Diaphragm strengthening through the addition of blocking and additional diaphragm nailing may be appropriate to mitigate seismic risk.

1.2.2 Structural Checklist Items Marked as 'U'nknown

Where building structural component seismic adequacy was unknown due to lack of available information or limited observation, the structural checklist items were marked as “unknown”. These items require further investigation if definitive determination of compliance or noncompliance is desired. The unknown structural checklist items identified during the Tier 1 evaluation are summarized below. Commentary for each unknown item is also provided based on the evaluation.

Table 1-4. Identified Structural Checklist Items Marked as Unknown for Ridgefield Union Ridge Elementary School Covered Play Area

Unknown Item	Description
Liquefaction	The liquefaction potential of site soils is unknown at this time given available information. Very low liquefaction potential is identified per ICOS based on state geologic mapping. Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine liquefaction potential.
Slope Failure	Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine susceptibility to slope failure.
Surface Fault Rupture	Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine whether site is near locations of expected surface fault ruptures.

1.3.1 Nonstructural Seismic Deficiencies

The nonstructural seismic deficiencies identified during the Tier 1 evaluation are summarized below. Commentary for each deficiency is also provided based on this evaluation. Some nonstructural deficiencies may be able to be mitigated by school district staff. Other nonstructural components that require more substantial mitigation may be more appropriately included in a long-term mitigation strategy. Some typical conceptual details for the seismic upgrade of nonstructural components can be found in the FEMA E-74 Excerpts appendix.

Table 1-5. Identified Nonstructural Seismic Deficiencies for Ridgefield Union Ridge Elementary School Covered Play Area

Deficiency	Description

The Tier 1 nonstructural seismic evaluation performed for this school building could not confirm nonstructural seismic deficiencies due to limited access for visual observation and/or lack of existing drawings available for review. Please refer to the next page of this report for the list of nonstructural items marked as “unknown” and commentary indicating the need for further investigation or the likelihood of compliance or non-compliance based on the age of construction.

Photos:

Figure 1-1. Union Ridge Elementary School Covered Play Area - Plywood Shear Walls in Transverse Direction

Figure 1-2. Union Ridge Elementary School Covered Play Area - HSS Columns in Longitudinal Direction

Ridgefield, Union Ridge Elementary School, Covered Play Area

17-2 Collapse Prevention Basic Configuration Checklist

Building record drawings have been reviewed, when available, and a non-destructive field investigation has been performed for the subject building. Each of the required checklist items are marked Compliant (C), Noncompliant (NC), Not Applicable (N/A), or Unknown (U). Items marked Compliant indicate conditions that satisfy the performance objective, whereas items marked Noncompliant or Unknown indicate conditions that do not. Certain statements might not apply to the building being evaluated.

Low Seismicity

Building System - General

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Load Path	The structure contains a complete, well-defined load path, including structural elements and connections, that serves to transfer the inertial forces associated with the mass of all elements of the building to the foundation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.2.1.10)		X			Non-complaint in longitudinal direction. No seismic-force-resisting system in longitudinal direction to transfer seismic forces from the diaphragm to the foundation. The addition of lateral force resisting elements, such as cantilevered steel columns or frames, in the longitudinal direction may be appropriate.
Adjacent Buildings	The clear distance between the building being evaluated and any adjacent building is greater than 0.25% of the height of the shorter building in low seismicity, 0.5% in moderate seismicity, and 1.5% in high seismicity. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.2.1.2)	X				
Mezzanines	Interior mezzanine levels are braced independently from the main structure or are anchored to the seismic-force-resisting elements of the main structure. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.1.3; Commentary: Sec. A.2.1.3)			X		

Building System - Building Configuration

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Weak Story	The sum of the shear strengths of the seismic-force-resisting system in any story in each direction is not less than 80% of the strength in the adjacent story above. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.1; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.2)			X		

Soft Story	The stiffness of the seismic-force-resisting system in any story is not less than 70% of the seismic-force-resisting system stiffness in an adjacent story above or less than 80% of the average seismic-force-resisting system stiffness of the three stories above. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.2; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.3)			X		
Vertical Irregularities	All vertical elements in the seismic-force-resisting system are continuous to the foundation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.3; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.4)	X				
Geometry	There are no changes in the net horizontal dimension of the seismic-force-resisting system of more than 30% in a story relative to adjacent stories, excluding one-story penthouses and mezzanines. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.4; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.5)			X		
Mass	There is no change in effective mass of more than 50% from one story to the next. Light roofs, penthouses, and mezzanines need not be considered. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.5; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.6)			X		
Torsion	The estimated distance between the story center of mass and the story center of rigidity is less than 20% of the building width in either plan dimension. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.6; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.7)	X				

Moderate Seismicity **(Complete the Following Items in Addition to the Items for Low Seismicity)**

Geologic Site Hazards

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Liquefaction	Liquefaction-susceptible, saturated, loose granular soils that could jeopardize the building's seismic performance do not exist in the foundation soils at depths within 50 ft (15.2 m) under the building. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.1; Commentary: Sec. A.6.1.1)				X	The liquefaction potential of site soils is unknown at this time given available information. Very low liquefaction potential is identified per ICOS based on state geologic mapping. Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine liquefaction potential.
Slope Failure	The building site is located away from potential earthquake-induced slope failures or rockfalls so that it is unaffected by such failures or is capable of accommodating any predicted movements without failure. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.1; Commentary: Sec. A.6.1.2)				X	Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine susceptibility to slope failure.

Surface Fault Rupture	Surface fault rupture and surface displacement at the building site are not anticipated. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.1; Commentary: Sec. A.6.1.3)				X	Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine whether site is near locations of expected surface fault ruptures.

High Seismicity (Complete the Following Items in Addition to the Items for Low and Moderate Seismicity)

Foundation Configuration

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Overturning	The ratio of the least horizontal dimension of the seismic-force-resisting system at the foundation level to the building height (base/height) is greater than 0.6Sa. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.3; Commentary: Sec. A.6.2.1)	X				
Ties Between Foundation Elements	The foundation has ties adequate to resist seismic forces where footings, piles, and piers are not restrained by beams, slabs, or soils classified as Site Class A, B, or C. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.4; Commentary: Sec. A.6.2.2)			X		

17-6 Collapse Prevention Structural Checklist for Building Type W2

Building record drawings have been reviewed, when available, and a non-destructive field investigation has been performed for the subject building. Each of the required checklist items are marked Compliant (C), Noncompliant (NC), Not Applicable (N/A), or Unknown (U). Items marked Compliant indicate conditions that satisfy the performance objective, whereas items marked Noncompliant or Unknown indicate conditions that do not. Certain statements might not apply to the building being evaluated.

Low and Moderate Seismicity

Seismic-Force-Resisting System

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Redundancy	The number of lines of shear walls in each principal direction is greater than or equal to 2. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.1.1)		X			No shear walls in the longitudinal direction. The addition of lateral force resisting elements, such as cantilevered steel columns or frames, in the longitudinal direction may be appropriate.
Shear Stress Check	The shear stress in the shear walls, calculated using the Quick Check procedure of Section 4.4.3.3, is less than the following values: Structural panel sheathing – 1,000 lb/ft; Diagonal sheathing – 700 lb/ft; Straight sheathing – 100 lb/ft; All other conditions – 100 lb/ft. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.1)	X				
Stucco (Exterior Plaster) Shear Walls	Multi-story buildings do not rely on exterior stucco walls as the primary seismic-force-resisting system. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.2)			X		
Gypsum Wallboard or Plaster Shear Walls	Interior plaster or gypsum wallboard is not used for shear walls on buildings more than one story high with the exception of the uppermost level of a multi-story building. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.3)			X		
Narrow Wood Shear Walls	Narrow wood shear walls with an aspect ratio greater than 2-to-1 are not used to resist seismic forces. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.4)	X				
Walls Connected Through Floors	Shear walls have an interconnection between stories to transfer overturning and shear forces through the floor. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.5)			X		
Hillside Site	For structures that are taller on at least one side by more than one-half story because of a sloping site, all shear walls on the downhill slope have an aspect ratio less than 1-to-1. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.3; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.6)			X		

Cripple Walls	Cripple walls below first-floor-level shear walls are braced to the foundation with wood structural panels. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.7)			X		
Openings	Walls with openings greater than 80% of the length are braced with wood structural panel shear walls with aspect ratios of not more than 1.5-to-1 or are supported by adjacent construction through positive ties capable of transferring the seismic forces. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.5; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.8)			X		

Connections

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Wood Posts	There is a positive connection of wood posts to the foundation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.7.3.3; Commentary: Sec. A.5.3.3)			X		
Wood Sills	All wood sills are bolted to the foundation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.7.3.3; Commentary: Sec. A.5.3.4)	X				
Girder-Column Connection	There is a positive connection using plates, connection hardware, or straps between the girder and the column support. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.7.4.1; Commentary: Sec. A.5.4.1)	X				

High Seismicity (Complete the Following Items in Addition to the Items for Low & Moderate Seismicity)

Connections

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Wood Sill Bolts	Sill bolts are spaced at 6 ft (1.8 m) or less with acceptable edge and end distance provided for wood and concrete. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.7.3.3; Commentary: Sec. A.5.3.7)	X				

Diaphragms

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Diaphragm Continuity	The diaphragms are not composed of split-level floors and do not have expansion joints. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.4.1.1)	X				
Roof Chord Continuity	All chord elements are continuous, regardless of changes in roof elevation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.4.1.3)	X				
Diaphragm Reinforcement at Openings	There is reinforcing around all diaphragm openings larger than 50% of the building width in either major plan dimension. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.1.5; Commentary: Sec. A.4.1.8)			X		
Straight Sheathing	All straight-sheathed diaphragms have aspect ratios less than 2-to-1 in the direction being considered. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.4.2.1)			X		

Spans	All wood diaphragms with spans greater than 24 ft (7.3 m) consist of wood structural panels or diagonal sheathing. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.4.2.2)	X				
Diagonally Sheathed and Unblocked Diaphragms	All diagonally sheathed or unblocked wood structural panel diaphragms have horizontal spans less than 40 ft (12.2 m) and have aspect ratios less than or equal to 4-to-1. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.4.2.3)		X			Unblocked diaphragm. Diaphragm strengthening through the addition of blocking and additional diaphragm nailing may be appropriate to mitigate seismic risk.
Other Diaphragms	The diaphragms do not consist of a system other than wood, metal deck, concrete, or horizontal bracing. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.5; Commentary: Sec. A.4.7.1)	X				

Ridgefield, Union Ridge Elementary School, Covered Play Area

17-38 Nonstructural Checklist

Notes:
C = Compliant, NC = Noncompliant, N/A = Not Applicable, and U = Unknown.
Performance Level: HR = Hazards Reduced, LS = Life Safety, and PR = Position Retention.
Level of Seismicity: L = Low, M = Moderate, and H = High

Life Safety Systems

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
LSS-1 Fire Suppression Piping. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Fire suppression piping is anchored and braced in accordance with NFPA-13. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.1)			X		
LSS-2 Flexible Couplings. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Fire suppression piping has flexible couplings in accordance with NFPA-13. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.2)			X		
LSS-3 Emergency Power. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Equipment used to power or control Life Safety systems is anchored or braced. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.1)			X		
LSS-4 Stair and Smoke Ducts. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Stair pressurization and smoke control ducts are braced and have flexible connections at seismic joints. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.14.1)			X		
LSS-5 Sprinkler Ceiling Clearance. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Penetrations through panelized ceilings for fire suppression devices provide clearances in accordance with NFPA-13. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.3)			X		
LSS-6 Emergency Lighting. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-LMH	Emergency and egress lighting equipment is anchored or braced. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.3.1)			X		

Hazardous Materials

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
HM-1 Hazardous Material Equipment. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Equipment mounted on vibration isolators and containing hazardous material is equipped with restraints or snubbers. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.2)			X		
HM-2 Hazardous Material Storage. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Breakable containers that hold hazardous material, including gas cylinders, are restrained by latched doors, shelf lips, wires, or other methods. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.3; Commentary: Sec. A.7.15.1)			X		
HM-3 Hazardous Material Distribution. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Piping or ductwork conveying hazardous materials is braced or otherwise protected from damage that would allow hazardous material release. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.4)			X		

HM-4 Shutoff Valves. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Piping containing hazardous material, including natural gas, has shutoff valves or other devices to limit spills or leaks. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.3)			X		
HM-5 Flexible Couplings. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Hazardous material ductwork and piping, including natural gas piping, have flexible couplings. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.15.4)			X		
HM-6 Piping or Ducts Crossing Seismic Joints. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Piping or ductwork carrying hazardous material that either crosses seismic joints or isolation planes or is connected to independent structures has couplings or other details to accommodate the relative seismic displacements. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5, 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.6)			X		

Partitions

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
P-1 Unreinforced Masonry. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Unreinforced masonry or hollow-clay tile partitions are braced at a spacing of at most 10 ft (3.0 m) in Low or Moderate Seismicity, or at most 6 ft (1.8 m) in High Seismicity. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.1.1)			X		
P-2 Heavy Partitions Supported by Ceilings. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	The tops of masonry or hollow-clay tile partitions are not laterally supported by an integrated ceiling system. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.1)			X		
P-3 Drift. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Rigid cementitious partitions are detailed to accommodate the following drift ratios: in steel moment frame, concrete moment frame, and wood frame buildings, 0.02; in other buildings, 0.005. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.1.2)			X		
P-4 Light Partitions Supported by Ceilings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	The tops of gypsum board partitions are not laterally supported by an integrated ceiling system. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.1)			X		
P-5 Structural Separations. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Partitions that cross structural separations have seismic or control joints. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.1.3)			X		
P-6 Tops. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	The tops of ceiling-high framed or panelized partitions have lateral bracing to the structure at a spacing equal to or less than 6 ft (1.8 m). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.1.4)			X		

Ceilings

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
C-1 Suspended Lath and Plaster. HR-H; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Suspended lath and plaster ceilings have attachments that resist seismic forces for every 12 ft2 (1.1 m2) of area. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.3)			X		
C-2 Suspended Gypsum Board. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Suspended gypsum board ceilings have attachments that resist seismic forces for every 12 ft2 (1.1 m2) of area. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.3)			X		
C-3 Integrated Ceilings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Integrated suspended ceilings with continuous areas greater than 144 ft2 (13.4 m2) and ceilings of smaller areas that are not surrounded by restraining partitions are laterally restrained at a spacing no greater than 12 ft (3.6 m) with members attached to the structure above. Each restraint location has a minimum of four diagonal wires and compression struts, or diagonal members capable of resisting compression. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.2)			X		
C-4 Edge Clearance. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	The free edges of integrated suspended ceilings with continuous areas greater than 144 ft2 (13.4 m2) have clearances from the enclosing wall or partition of at least the following: in Moderate Seismicity, 1/2 in. (13 mm); in High Seismicity, 3/4 in. (19 mm). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.4)			X		
C-5 Continuity Across Structure Joints. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	The ceiling system does not cross any seismic joint and is not attached to multiple independent structures. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.5)			X		
C-6 Edge Support. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	The free edges of integrated suspended ceilings with continuous areas greater than 144 ft2 (13.4 m2) are supported by closure angles or channels not less than 2 in. (51 mm) wide. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4 ; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.6)			X		
C-7 Seismic Joints. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Acoustical tile or lay-in panel ceilings have seismic separation joints such that each continuous portion of the ceiling is no more than 2,500 ft2 (232.3 m2) and has a ratio of long-to-short dimension no more than 4-to-1. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.7)			X		

Light Fixtures

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
LF-1 Independent Support. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Light fixtures that weigh more per square foot than the ceiling they penetrate are supported independent of the grid ceiling suspension system by a minimum of two wires at diagonally opposite corners of each fixture. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4, 13.7.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.3.2)			X		
LF-2 Pendant Supports. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Light fixtures on pendant supports are attached at a spacing equal to or less than 6 ft. Unbraced suspended fixtures are free to allow a 360-degree range of motion at an angle not less than 45 degrees from horizontal without contacting adjacent components. Alternatively, if rigidly supported and/or braced, they are free to move with the structure to which they are attached without damaging adjoining components. Additionally, the connection to the structure is capable of accommodating the movement without failure. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.3.3)			X		
LF-3 Lens Covers. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Lens covers on light fixtures are attached with safety devices. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.3.4)			X		

Cladding and Glazing

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
CG-1 Cladding Anchors. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Cladding components weighing more than 10 lb/ft2 (0.48 kN/m2) are mechanically anchored to the structure at a spacing equal to or less than the following: for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity, 6 ft (1.8 m); for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 4 ft (1.2 m) (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.1)			X		
CG-2 Cladding Isolation. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	For steel or concrete moment-frame buildings, panel connections are detailed to accommodate a story drift ratio by the use of rods attached to framing with oversize holes or slotted holes of at least the following: for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity, 0.01; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 0.02, and the rods have a length-to-diameter ratio of 4.0 or less. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.3)			X		

CG-3 Multi-Story Panels. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	For multi-story panels attached at more than one floor level, panel connections are detailed to accommodate a story drift ratio by the use of rods attached to framing with oversize holes or slotted holes of at least the following: for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity, 0.01; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 0.02, and the rods have a length-to-diameter ratio of 4.0 or less. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.4)			X		
CG-4 Threaded Rods. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Threaded rods for panel connections detailed to accommodate drift by bending of the rod have a length-to-diameter ratio greater than 0.06 times the story height in inches for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity and 0.12 times the story height in inches for Life Safety in High Seismicity and Position Retention in any seismicity. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.9)			X		
CG-5 Panel Connections. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Cladding panels are anchored out of plane with a minimum number of connections for each wall panel, as follows: for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity, 2 connections; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 4 connections. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.5)			X		
CG-6 Bearing Connections. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Where bearing connections are used, there is a minimum of two bearing connections for each cladding panel. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.6)			X		
CG-7 Inserts. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Where concrete cladding components use inserts, the inserts have positive anchorage or are anchored to reinforcing steel. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.7)			X		
CG-8 Overhead Glazing. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Glazing panes of any size in curtain walls and individual interior or exterior panes more than 16 ft2 (1.5 m2) in area are laminated annealed or laminated heat-strengthened glass and are detailed to remain in the frame when cracked. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.8)			X		

Masonry Veneer

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
M-1 Ties. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Masonry veneer is connected to the backup with corrosion-resistant ties. There is a minimum of one tie for every 2-2/3 ft2 (0.25 m2), and the ties have spacing no greater than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 36 in. (914 mm); for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 24 in. (610 mm). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.5.1)			X		
M-2 Shelf Angles. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Masonry veneer is supported by shelf angles or other elements at each floor above the ground floor. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.5.2)			X		
M-3 Weakened Planes. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Masonry veneer is anchored to the backup adjacent to weakened planes, such as at the locations of flashing. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.5.3)			X		
M-4 Unreinforced Masonry Backup. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	There is no unreinforced masonry backup. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.1, 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.7.2)			X		
M-5 Stud Tracks. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	For veneer with coldformed steel stud backup, stud tracks are fastened to the structure at a spacing equal to or less than 24 in. (610 mm) on center. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.1, 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.6.)			X		
M-6 Anchorage. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	For veneer with concrete block or masonry backup, the backup is positively anchored to the structure at a horizontal spacing equal to or less than 4 ft along the floors and roof. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.1, 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.7.1)			X		
M-7 Weep Holes. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	In veneer anchored to stud walls, the veneer has functioning weep holes and base flashing. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.5.6)			X		
M-8 Openings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	For veneer with cold-formed-steel stud backup, steel studs frame window and door openings. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.1, 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.6.2)			X		

Parapets, Cornices, Ornamentation, and Appendages

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
PCOA-1 URM Parapets or Cornices. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Laterally unsupported unreinforced masonry parapets or cornices have height-tothickness ratios no greater than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 2.5; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 1.5. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.8.1)			X		

PCOA-2 Canopies. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Canopies at building exits are anchored to the structure at a spacing no greater than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 10 ft (3.0 m); for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 6 ft (1.8 m). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.8.2)			X		
PCOA-3 Concrete Parapets. HR-H; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Concrete parapets with height-to-thickness ratios greater than 2.5 have vertical reinforcement. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.8.3)			X		
PCOA-4 Appendages. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Cornices, parapets, signs, and other ornamentation or appendages that extend above the highest point of anchorage to the structure or cantilever from components are reinforced and anchored to the structural system at a spacing equal to or less than 6 ft (1.8 m). This evaluation statement item does not apply to parapets or cornices covered by other evaluation statements. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.8.4)			X		

Masonry Chimneys

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
MC-1 URM Chimneys. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Unreinforced masonry chimneys extend above the roof surface no more than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 3 times the least dimension of the chimney; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 2 times the least dimension of the chimney. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.9.1)			X		
MC-2 Anchorage. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Masonry chimneys are anchored at each floor level, at the topmost ceiling level, and at the roof. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.9.2)			X		

Stairs

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
S-1 Stair Enclosures. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Hollow-clay tile or unreinforced masonry walls around stair enclosures are restrained out of plane and have height-to-thickness ratios not greater than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 15-to-1; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 12-to-1. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2, 13.6.8; Commentary: Sec. A.7.10.1)			X		

S-2 Stair Details. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	The connection between the stairs and the structure does not rely on post-installed anchors in concrete or masonry, and the stair details are capable of accommodating the drift calculated using the Quick Check procedure of Section 4.4.3.1 for moment-frame structures or 0.5 in. for all other structures without including any lateral stiffness contribution from the stairs. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.8; Commentary: Sec. A.7.10.2)			X		

Contents and Furnishings

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
CF-1 Industrial Storage Racks. HR-LMH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Industrial storage racks or pallet racks more than 12 ft high meet the requirements of ANSI/RMI MH 16.1 as modified by ASCE 7, Chapter 15. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.1)			X		
CF-2 Tall Narrow Contents. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-MH.	Contents more than 6 ft (1.8 m) high with a height-to-depth or height-to-width ratio greater than 3-to-1 are anchored to the structure or to each other. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.2)			X		
CF-3 Fall-Prone Contents. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	Equipment, stored items, or other contents weighing more than 20 lb (9.1 kg) whose center of mass is more than 4 ft (1.2 m) above the adjacent floor level are braced or otherwise restrained. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.3)			X		
CF-4 Access Floors. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Access floors more than 9 in. (229 mm) high are braced. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.10; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.4)			X		
CF-5 Equipment on Access Floors. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Equipment and other contents supported by access floor systems are anchored or braced to the structure independent of the access floor. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.7 13.6.10; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.5)			X		
CF-6 Suspended Contents. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Items suspended without lateral bracing are free to swing from or move with the structure from which they are suspended without damaging themselves or adjoining components. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.6)			X		

Mechanical and Electrical Equipment

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
ME-1 Fall-Prone Equipment. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	Equipment weighing more than 20 lb (9.1 kg) whose center of mass is more than 4 ft (1.2 m) above the adjacent floor level, and which is not in-line equipment, is braced. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.4)			X		

ME-2 In-Line Equipment. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	Equipment installed in line with a duct or piping system, with an operating weight more than 75 lb (34.0 kg), is supported and laterally braced independent of the duct or piping system. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.5)			X		
ME-3 Tall Narrow Equipment. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-MH.	Equipment more than 6 ft (1.8 m) high with a height-to-depth or height-to-width ratio greater than 3-to-1 is anchored to the floor slab or adjacent structural walls. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.6)			X		
ME-4 Mechanical Doors. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Mechanically operated doors are detailed to operate at a story drift ratio of 0.01. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.7)			X		
ME-5 Suspended Equipment. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Equipment suspended without lateral bracing is free to swing from or move with the structure from which it is suspended without damaging itself or adjoining components. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1, 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.8)			X		
ME-6 Vibration Isolators. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Equipment mounted on vibration isolators is equipped with horizontal restraints or snubbers and with vertical restraints to resist overturning. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.9)			X		
ME-7 Heavy Equipment. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Floor supported or platform-supported equipment weighing more than 400 lb (181.4 kg) is anchored to the structure. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1, 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.10)			X		
ME-8 Electrical Equipment. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Electrical equipment is laterally braced to the structure. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.11)			X		
ME-9 Conduit Couplings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Conduit greater than 2.5 in. (64 mm) trade size that is attached to panels, cabinets, or other equipment and is subject to relative seismic displacement has flexible couplings or connections. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.8; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.12)			X		

Piping

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
PP-1 Flexible Couplings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Fluid and gas piping has flexible couplings. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.2)			X		
PP-2 Fluid and Gas Piping. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Fluid and gas piping is anchored and braced to the structure to limit spills or leaks. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.4)			X		

PP-3 C-Clamps. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	One-sided C-clamps that support piping larger than 2.5 in. (64 mm) in diameter are restrained. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.5)			X		
PP-4 Piping Crossing Seismic Joints. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Piping that crosses seismic joints or isolation planes or is connected to independent structures has couplings or other details to accommodate the relative seismic displacements. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.6)			X		

Ducts

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
D-1 Duct Bracing. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Rectangular ductwork larger than 6 ft2 (0.56 m2) in cross-sectional area and round ducts larger than 28 in. (711 mm) in diameter are braced. The maximum spacing of transverse bracing does not exceed 30 ft (9.2 m). The maximum spacing of longitudinal bracing does not exceed 60 ft (18.3 m). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.14.2)			X		
D-2 Duct Support. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Ducts are not supported by piping or electrical conduit. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.14.3)			X		
D-3 Ducts Crossing Seismic Joints. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Ducts that cross seismic joints or isolation planes or are connected to independent structures have couplings or other details to accommodate the relative seismic displacements. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.14.4)			X		

Elevators

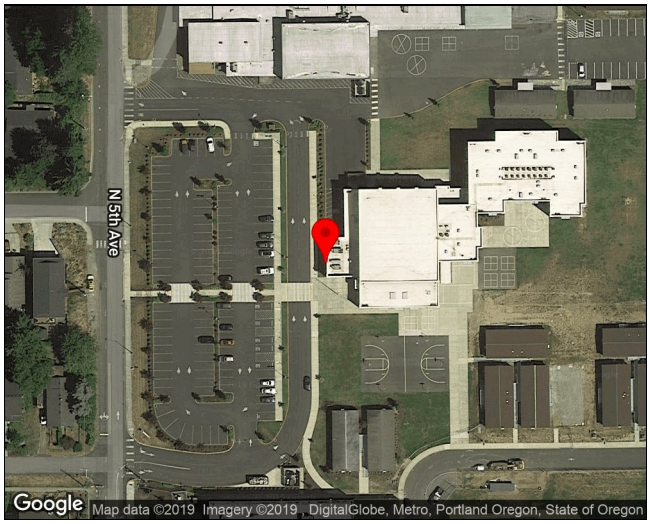
EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
EL-1 Retainer Guards. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	Sheaves and drums have cable retainer guards. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.1)			X		
EL-2 Retainer Plate. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	A retainer plate is present at the top and bottom of both car and counterweight. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.2)			X		
EL-3 Elevator Equipment. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Equipment, piping, and other components that are part of the elevator system are anchored. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.3)			X		
EL-4 Seismic Switch. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Elevators capable of operating at speeds of 150 ft/min or faster are equipped with seismic switches that meet the requirements of ASME A17.1 or have trigger levels set to 20% of the acceleration of gravity at the base of the structure and 50% of the acceleration of gravity in other locations. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.4)			X		

EL-5 Shaft Walls. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Elevator shaft walls are anchored and reinforced to prevent toppling into the shaft during strong shaking. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.5)			X		
EL-6 Counterweight Rails. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	All counterweight rails and divider beams are sized in accordance with ASME A17.1. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.6)			X		
EL-7 Brackets. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	The brackets that tie the car rails and the counterweight rail to the structure are sized in accordance with ASME A17.1. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.7)			X		
EL-8 Spreader Bracket. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Spreader brackets are not used to resist seismic forces. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.8)			X		
EL-9 Go-Slow Elevators. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	The building has a go-slow elevator system. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.9)			X		

1. Ridgefield, Union Ridge Elementary School, Main Building

1.1 Building Description

Building Name:	Main Building
Facility Name:	Union Ridge Elementary School
District Name:	Ridgefield
ICOS Latitude:	45.817
ICOS Longitude:	-122.742
ICOS County/District ID:	6122
ICOS Building ID:	18602
ASCE 41 Bldg Type:	W2
Enrollment:	777
Gross Sq. Ft. :	46,178
Year Built:	1952
Number of Stories:	1
$S_{XS\ BSE\text{-}2E}$:	0.846
$S_{X1\ BSE\text{-}2E}$:	0.539
ASCE 41 Level of Seismicity:	High
Site Class:	D
V_{S30}(m/s):	268
Liquefaction Potential:	Very Low
Tsunami Risk:	None
Structural Drawings Available:	Yes
Evaluating Firm:	WRK Engineers



The Union Ridge Elementary School building is a one-story concrete and wood-framed structure. The building is constructed on level ground and is located in Ridgefield, Washington. The 1952 building is L-shaped in plan, roughly 340 feet by 340 feet, with a roof height of approximately 14 feet. The elementary school underwent a modernization in 1993. Original building construction consists of 8-inch concrete walls and wall piers. Wood-framed walls were added in the 1993 modernization. The multipurpose room is wood-framed and rectangular in plan, 94 feet by 60 feet, with a maximum roof height of 28 feet. The exterior walls on the north and west sides contain mostly windows for the entire length. The roof system is a mixture of diagonal sheathing and Tectum roof panels over wood framing. The building shares the site with Valley Ridge Middle School to the south, a covered play shed, and a playground to the east.

1.1.1 Building Use

The elementary school building includes classrooms, a media room, a computer lab, a kitchen, storage rooms, a multipurpose room, and administrative offices. The elementary school has over 770 student occupants.

1.1.2 Structural System

Table 1.1-1. Structural System Description of Union Ridge Elementary School

Structural System	Description
Structural Roof	The roof system consists of Tectum roof panels over glulam beams and wood purlins at the multipurpose room and the choral room. The roof system elsewhere is diagonal sheathing over wood framing.
Structural Floor(s)	The floor is a concrete slab-on-grade.
Foundations	The foundation is a conventional shallow foundation with continuous wall footings and spread footings.
Gravity System	The roof system spans between concrete and wood-framed bearing walls. Steel columns support glulam beam framing at the multipurpose room and at locations where beams frame into walls above windows.
Lateral System	A mixture of concrete walls and wood shear walls resist the lateral forces in the longitudinal and transverse directions.

1.1.3 Structural System Visual Condition

Table 1.1-2. Structural System Condition Description of Union Ridge Elementary School

Structural System	Description
Structural Roof	Minor damage and corrosion of ceiling finishes evident.
Structural Floor(s)	No visible signs of corrosion, damage, or deterioration.
Foundations	Unknown.
Gravity System	Cracking evident in wood beams.
Lateral System	No visible signs of corrosion, damage, or deterioration.

1.2 Seismic Evaluation Findings

1.2.1 Structural Seismic Deficiencies

The structural seismic deficiencies identified during the Tier 1 evaluation are summarized below. Commentary for each deficiency is also provided based on this evaluation.

Table 1-3. Identified Structural Seismic Deficiencies for Ridgefield Union Ridge Elementary School Main Building

Deficiency	Description
Torsion	Building has eccentric stiffness. Further investigation is required to determine torsional effects on the lateral system. Strengthening of the lateral system through the addition of new shear walls may be appropriate to mitigate seismic risk.
Overturning	Ratio of least horizontal dimension of seismic-force-resisting system to building height is greater than 0.6Sa. Additional overturning resistance, such as additional footings, hold-downs, and shear walls, may be appropriate to mitigate seismic risk. Further investigation is required.
Shear Stress Check	Pseudo shear stress is greater than 1000 lb/ft. The building likely requires wood shear wall strengthening or the addition of new wood shear walls. Further investigation is required.
Other Diaphragms	Tectum roof deck at gym. Diaphragm strengthening at gym may be appropriate to mitigate seismic risk, such as installing plywood sheathing.

1.2.2 Structural Checklist Items Marked as 'U'nknown

Where building structural component seismic adequacy was unknown due to lack of available information or limited observation, the structural checklist items were marked as “unknown”. These items require further investigation if definitive determination of compliance or noncompliance is desired. The unknown structural checklist items identified during the Tier 1 evaluation are summarized below. Commentary for each unknown item is also provided based on the evaluation.

Table 1-4. Identified Structural Checklist Items Marked as Unknown for Ridgefield Union Ridge Elementary School Main Building

Unknown Item	Description
Load Path	No original drawings. Unknown load path from roof to original concrete shear walls to footing. Unknown if out-of-plane detailing exists at original concrete exterior walls. This item requires further investigation to make a final determination and to develop a mitigation recommendation, if necessary.
Liquefaction	The liquefaction potential of site soils is unknown at this time given available information. Very low liquefaction potential is identified per ICOS based on state geologic mapping. Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine liquefaction potential.
Slope Failure	Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine susceptibility to slope failure.
Surface Fault Rupture	Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine whether site is near locations of expected surface fault ruptures.
Wood Sills	Compliant at walls added in 1993 renovation. Unknown at original. Further field investigation is required at the original building to make a final determination and to develop a mitigation recommendation, if necessary. The addition of post-installed sill anchors may be appropriate.
Wood Sill Bolts	Compliant at walls added in 1993 renovation. Unknown at original. Further field investigation is required at the original building to make a final determination and to develop a mitigation recommendation, if necessary. The addition of post-installed sill anchors may be appropriate.

1.3.1 Nonstructural Seismic Deficiencies

The nonstructural seismic deficiencies identified during the Tier 1 evaluation are summarized below. Commentary for each deficiency is also provided based on this evaluation. Some nonstructural deficiencies may be able to be mitigated by school district staff. Other nonstructural components that require more substantial mitigation may be more appropriately included in a long-term mitigation strategy. Some typical conceptual details for the seismic upgrade of nonstructural components can be found in the FEMA E-74 Excerpts appendix.

Table 1-5. Identified Nonstructural Seismic Deficiencies for Ridgefield Union Ridge Elementary School Main Building

Deficiency	Description
CF-2 Tall Narrow Contents. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-MH.	Anchorage is required for tall narrow contents more than six feet high to provide overturning restraint.
ME-3 Tall Narrow Equipment. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-MH.	Anchorage is required for tall narrow equipment more than six feet high to provide overturning restraint.

1.3.2 Nonstructural Checklist Items Marked as 'U'nknown

Where building nonstructural component seismic adequacy was unknown due to lack of available information or limited observation, the nonstructural checklist items were marked as “unknown”. These items require further investigation if definitive determination of compliance or noncompliance is desired. The unknown nonstructural checklist items identified during the Tier 1 evaluation are summarized below. Commentary for each unknown item is also provided based on the evaluation.

Some nonstructural deficiencies may be able to be mitigated by school district staff. Other nonstructural components that require more substantial mitigation may be more appropriately included in a long-term mitigation strategy. Some typical conceptual details for the seismic upgrade of nonstructural components can be found in the FEMA E-74 Excerpts appendix.

Table 1-6. Identified Nonstructural Checklist Items Marked as Unknown for Ridgefield Union Ridge Elementary School Main Building

Unknown Item	Description
P-3 Drift. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Further investigation required to verify detailing of rigid cementitious partitions for drift.
C-1 Suspended Lath and Plaster. HR-H; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Further investigation is required to review suspended ceiling attachments.
C-2 Suspended Gypsum Board. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Further investigation is required to review suspended ceiling attachments.
LF-1 Independent Support. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Further investigation is required to review the support system for light fixtures. All light fixtures in grid ceiling system should have seismic bracing.

Photos:

Figure 1-1. Union Ridge Elementary School - West Exterior

Figure 1-2. Union Ridge Elementary School - Southeast Exterior

Figure 1-3. Union Ridge Elementary School - West Exterior at North Wing

Figure 1-4. Union Ridge Elementary School - North Exterior

Figure 1-5. Covered Walkway at North Wing

Figure 1-6. Gymnasium with Tectum Roof Panels and Glulam Beam Framing

Figure 1-7. Library with Unknown Light Fixture Bracing

Figure 1-8. Classroom in North Wing

Figure 1-9. Classroom with Tectum Roof Panels and Glulam Beam Framing

Figure 1-10. Tall, Narrow Contents Unbraced - Typical Throughout

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17-2 Collapse Prevention Basic Configuration Checklist

Building record drawings have been reviewed, when available, and a non-destructive field investigation has been performed for the subject building. Each of the required checklist items are marked Compliant (C), Noncompliant (NC), Not Applicable (N/A), or Unknown (U). Items marked Compliant indicate conditions that satisfy the performance objective, whereas items marked Noncompliant or Unknown indicate conditions that do not. Certain statements might not apply to the building being evaluated.

Low Seismicity

Building System - General

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Load Path	The structure contains a complete, well-defined load path, including structural elements and connections, that serves to transfer the inertial forces associated with the mass of all elements of the building to the foundation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.2.1.10)				X	No original drawings. Unknown load path from roof to original concrete shear walls to footing. Unknown if out-of-plane detailing exists at original concrete exterior walls. This item requires further investigation to make a final determination and to develop a mitigation recommendation, if necessary.
Adjacent Buildings	The clear distance between the building being evaluated and any adjacent building is greater than 0.25% of the height of the shorter building in low seismicity, 0.5% in moderate seismicity, and 1.5% in high seismicity. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.2.1.2)			X		
Mezzanines	Interior mezzanine levels are braced independently from the main structure or are anchored to the seismic-force-resisting elements of the main structure. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.1.3; Commentary: Sec. A.2.1.3)			X		

Building System - Building Configuration

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Weak Story	The sum of the shear strengths of the seismic-force-resisting system in any story in each direction is not less than 80% of the strength in the adjacent story above. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.1; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.2)			X		

Soft Story	The stiffness of the seismic-force-resisting system in any story is not less than 70% of the seismic-force-resisting system stiffness in an adjacent story above or less than 80% of the average seismic-force-resisting system stiffness of the three stories above. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.2; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.3)			X		
Vertical Irregularities	All vertical elements in the seismic-force-resisting system are continuous to the foundation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.3; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.4)	X				
Geometry	There are no changes in the net horizontal dimension of the seismic-force-resisting system of more than 30% in a story relative to adjacent stories, excluding one-story penthouses and mezzanines. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.4; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.5)			X		
Mass	There is no change in effective mass of more than 50% from one story to the next. Light roofs, penthouses, and mezzanines need not be considered. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.5; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.6)			X		
Torsion	The estimated distance between the story center of mass and the story center of rigidity is less than 20% of the building width in either plan dimension. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.2.6; Commentary: Sec. A.2.2.7)		X			Building has eccentric stiffness. Further investigation is required to determine torsional effects on the lateral system. Strengthening of the lateral system through the addition of new shear walls may be appropriate to mitigate seismic risk.

Moderate Seismicity (Complete the Following Items in Addition to the Items for Low Seismicity)

Geologic Site Hazards

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Liquefaction	Liquefaction-susceptible, saturated, loose granular soils that could jeopardize the building's seismic performance do not exist in the foundation soils at depths within 50 ft (15.2 m) under the building. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.1; Commentary: Sec. A.6.1.1)				X	The liquefaction potential of site soils is unknown at this time given available information. Very low liquefaction potential is identified per ICOS based on state geologic mapping. Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine liquefaction potential.

Slope Failure	The building site is located away from potential earthquake-induced slope failures or rockfalls so that it is unaffected by such failures or is capable of accommodating any predicted movements without failure. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.1; Commentary: Sec. A.6.1.2)				X	Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine susceptibility to slope failure.
Surface Fault Rupture	Surface fault rupture and surface displacement at the building site are not anticipated. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.1; Commentary: Sec. A.6.1.3)				X	Requires further investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine whether site is near locations of expected surface fault ruptures.

High Seismicity (Complete the Following Items in Addition to the Items for Low and Moderate Seismicity)

Foundation Configuration

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Overturning	The ratio of the least horizontal dimension of the seismic-force-resisting system at the foundation level to the building height (base/height) is greater than 0.6Sa. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.3; Commentary: Sec. A.6.2.1)		X			Ratio of least horizontal dimension of seismic-force-resisting system to building height is greater than 0.6Sa. Additional overturning resistance, such as additional footings, hold-downs, and shear walls, may be appropriate to mitigate seismic risk. Further investigation is required.
Ties Between Foundation Elements	The foundation has ties adequate to resist seismic forces where footings, piles, and piers are not restrained by beams, slabs, or soils classified as Site Class A, B, or C. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.4.3.4; Commentary: Sec. A.6.2.2)			X		

17-6 Collapse Prevention Structural Checklist for Building Type W2

Building record drawings have been reviewed, when available, and a non-destructive field investigation has been performed for the subject building. Each of the required checklist items are marked Compliant (C), Noncompliant (NC), Not Applicable (N/A), or Unknown (U). Items marked Compliant indicate conditions that satisfy the performance objective, whereas items marked Noncompliant or Unknown indicate conditions that do not. Certain statements might not apply to the building being evaluated.

Low and Moderate Seismicity

Seismic-Force-Resisting System

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Redundancy	The number of lines of shear walls in each principal direction is greater than or equal to 2. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.1.1)	X				Compliant. However, no shear line at exterior north wall at east wing.
Shear Stress Check	The shear stress in the shear walls, calculated using the Quick Check procedure of Section 4.4.3.3, is less than the following values: Structural panel sheathing – 1,000 lb/ft; Diagonal sheathing – 700 lb/ft; Straight sheathing – 100 lb/ft; All other conditions – 100 lb/ft. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.1)		X			Pseudo shear stress is greater than 1000 lb/ft. The building likely requires wood shear wall strengthening or the addition of new wood shear walls. Further investigation is required.
Stucco (Exterior Plaster) Shear Walls	Multi-story buildings do not rely on exterior stucco walls as the primary seismic-force-resisting system. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.2)			X		
Gypsum Wallboard or Plaster Shear Walls	Interior plaster or gypsum wallboard is not used for shear walls on buildings more than one story high with the exception of the uppermost level of a multi-story building. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.3)			X		
Narrow Wood Shear Walls	Narrow wood shear walls with an aspect ratio greater than 2-to-1 are not used to resist seismic forces. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.4)	X				
Walls Connected Through Floors	Shear walls have an interconnection between stories to transfer overturning and shear forces through the floor. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.5)			X		
Hillside Site	For structures that are taller on at least one side by more than one-half story because of a sloping site, all shear walls on the downhill slope have an aspect ratio less than 1-to-1. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.3; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.6)			X		
Cripple Walls	Cripple walls below first-floor-level shear walls are braced to the foundation with wood structural panels. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.7)			X		

Openings	Walls with openings greater than 80% of the length are braced with wood structural panel shear walls with aspect ratios of not more than 1.5-to-1 or are supported by adjacent construction through positive ties capable of transferring the seismic forces. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.5.3.6.5; Commentary: Sec. A.3.2.7.8)			X		

Connections

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Wood Posts	There is a positive connection of wood posts to the foundation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.7.3.3; Commentary: Sec. A.5.3.3)	X				
Wood Sills	All wood sills are bolted to the foundation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.7.3.3; Commentary: Sec. A.5.3.4)				X	Compliant at walls added in 1993 renovation. Unknown at original. Further field investigation is required at the original building to make a final determination and to develop a mitigation recommendation, if necessary. The addition of post-installed sill anchors may be appropriate.
Girder-Column Connection	There is a positive connection using plates, connection hardware, or straps between the girder and the column support. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.7.4.1; Commentary: Sec. A.5.4.1)	X				

High Seismicity **(Complete the Following Items in Addition to the Items for Low & Moderate Seismicity)**

Connections

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Wood Sill Bolts	Sill bolts are spaced at 6 ft (1.8 m) or less with acceptable edge and end distance provided for wood and concrete. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.7.3.3; Commentary: Sec. A.5.3.7)				X	Compliant at walls added in 1993 renovation. Unknown at original. Further field investigation is required at the original building to make a final determination and to develop a mitigation recommendation, if necessary. The addition of post-installed sill anchors may be appropriate.

Diaphragms

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
Diaphragm Continuity	The diaphragms are not composed of split-level floors and do not have expansion joints. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.4.1.1)	X				

Roof Chord Continuity	All chord elements are continuous, regardless of changes in roof elevation. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.1.1; Commentary: Sec. A.4.1.3)	X				
Diaphragm Reinforcement at Openings	There is reinforcing around all diaphragm openings larger than 50% of the building width in either major plan dimension. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.1.5; Commentary: Sec. A.4.1.8)			X		
Straight Sheathing	All straight-sheathed diaphragms have aspect ratios less than 2-to-1 in the direction being considered. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.4.2.1)			X		
Spans	All wood diaphragms with spans greater than 24 ft (7.3 m) consist of wood structural panels or diagonal sheathing. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.4.2.2)	X				
Diagonally Sheathed and Unblocked Diaphragms	All diagonally sheathed or unblocked wood structural panel diaphragms have horizontal spans less than 40 ft (12.2 m) and have aspect ratios less than or equal to 4-to-1. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.4.2.3)	X				
Other Diaphragms	The diaphragms do not consist of a system other than wood, metal deck, concrete, or horizontal bracing. (Tier 2: Sec. 5.6.5; Commentary: Sec. A.4.7.1)		X			Tectum roof deck at gym. Diaphragm strengthening at gym may be appropriate to mitigate seismic risk, such as installing plywood sheathing.

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17-38 Nonstructural Checklist

Notes:
C = Compliant, NC = Noncompliant, N/A = Not Applicable, and U = Unknown.
Performance Level: HR = Hazards Reduced, LS = Life Safety, and PR = Position Retention.
Level of Seismicity: L = Low, M = Moderate, and H = High

Life Safety Systems

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
LSS-1 Fire Suppression Piping. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Fire suppression piping is anchored and braced in accordance with NFPA-13. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.1)			X		No fire suppression
LSS-2 Flexible Couplings. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Fire suppression piping has flexible couplings in accordance with NFPA-13. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.2)			X		
LSS-3 Emergency Power. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Equipment used to power or control Life Safety systems is anchored or braced. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.1)			X		No emergency generator
LSS-4 Stair and Smoke Ducts. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Stair pressurization and smoke control ducts are braced and have flexible connections at seismic joints. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.14.1)			X		No stairs
LSS-5 Sprinkler Ceiling Clearance. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Penetrations through panelized ceilings for fire suppression devices provide clearances in accordance with NFPA-13. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.3)			X		
LSS-6 Emergency Lighting. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-LMH	Emergency and egress lighting equipment is anchored or braced. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.3.1)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

Hazardous Materials

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
HM-1 Hazardous Material Equipment. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Equipment mounted on vibration isolators and containing hazardous material is equipped with restraints or snubbers. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.2)			X		
HM-2 Hazardous Material Storage. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Breakable containers that hold hazardous material, including gas cylinders, are restrained by latched doors, shelf lips, wires, or other methods. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.3; Commentary: Sec. A.7.15.1)			X		
HM-3 Hazardous Material Distribution. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Piping or ductwork conveying hazardous materials is braced or otherwise protected from damage that would allow hazardous material release. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.4)			X		

HM-4 Shutoff Valves. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Piping containing hazardous material, including natural gas, has shutoff valves or other devices to limit spills or leaks. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.3)			X		
HM-5 Flexible Couplings. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Hazardous material ductwork and piping, including natural gas piping, have flexible couplings. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.15.4)			X		
HM-6 Piping or Ducts Crossing Seismic Joints. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Piping or ductwork carrying hazardous material that either crosses seismic joints or isolation planes or is connected to independent structures has couplings or other details to accommodate the relative seismic displacements. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5, 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.6)			X		

Partitions

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
P-1 Unreinforced Masonry. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Unreinforced masonry or hollow-clay tile partitions are braced at a spacing of at most 10 ft (3.0 m) in Low or Moderate Seismicity, or at most 6 ft (1.8 m) in High Seismicity. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.1.1)			X		
P-2 Heavy Partitions Supported by Ceilings. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	The tops of masonry or hollow-clay tile partitions are not laterally supported by an integrated ceiling system. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.1)			X		
P-3 Drift. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Rigid cementitious partitions are detailed to accommodate the following drift ratios: in steel moment frame, concrete moment frame, and wood frame buildings, 0.02; in other buildings, 0.005. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.1.2)				X	Further investigation required to verify detailing of rigid cementitious partitions for drift.
P-4 Light Partitions Supported by Ceilings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	The tops of gypsum board partitions are not laterally supported by an integrated ceiling system. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.1)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
P-5 Structural Separations. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Partitions that cross structural separations have seismic or control joints. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.1.3)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
P-6 Tops. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	The tops of ceiling-high framed or panelized partitions have lateral bracing to the structure at a spacing equal to or less than 6 ft (1.8 m). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.1.4)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

Ceilings

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
C-1 Suspended Lath and Plaster. HR-H; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Suspended lath and plaster ceilings have attachments that resist seismic forces for every 12 ft2 (1.1 m2) of area. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.3)				X	Further investigation is required to review suspended ceiling attachments.
C-2 Suspended Gypsum Board. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Suspended gypsum board ceilings have attachments that resist seismic forces for every 12 ft2 (1.1 m2) of area. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.3)				X	Further investigation is required to review suspended ceiling attachments.
C-3 Integrated Ceilings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Integrated suspended ceilings with continuous areas greater than 144 ft2 (13.4 m2) and ceilings of smaller areas that are not surrounded by restraining partitions are laterally restrained at a spacing no greater than 12 ft (3.6 m) with members attached to the structure above. Each restraint location has a minimum of four diagonal wires and compression struts, or diagonal members capable of resisting compression. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.2)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
C-4 Edge Clearance. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	The free edges of integrated suspended ceilings with continuous areas greater than 144 ft2 (13.4 m2) have clearances from the enclosing wall or partition of at least the following: in Moderate Seismicity, 1/2 in. (13 mm); in High Seismicity, 3/4 in. (19 mm). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.4)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
C-5 Continuity Across Structure Joints. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	The ceiling system does not cross any seismic joint and is not attached to multiple independent structures. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.5)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
C-6 Edge Support. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	The free edges of integrated suspended ceilings with continuous areas greater than 144 ft2 (13.4 m2) are supported by closure angles or channels not less than 2 in. (51 mm) wide. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4 ; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.6)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
C-7 Seismic Joints. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Acoustical tile or lay-in panel ceilings have seismic separation joints such that each continuous portion of the ceiling is no more than 2,500 ft2 (232.3 m2) and has a ratio of long-to-short dimension no more than 4-to-1. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.2.7)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

Light Fixtures

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
LF-1 Independent Support. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Light fixtures that weigh more per square foot than the ceiling they penetrate are supported independent of the grid ceiling suspension system by a minimum of two wires at diagonally opposite corners of each fixture. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.4, 13.7.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.3.2)				X	Further investigation is required to review the support system for light fixtures. All light fixtures in grid ceiling system should have seismic bracing.
LF-2 Pendant Supports. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Light fixtures on pendant supports are attached at a spacing equal to or less than 6 ft. Unbraced suspended fixtures are free to allow a 360-degree range of motion at an angle not less than 45 degrees from horizontal without contacting adjacent components. Alternatively, if rigidly supported and/or braced, they are free to move with the structure to which they are attached without damaging adjoining components. Additionally, the connection to the structure is capable of accommodating the movement without failure. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.3.3)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
LF-3 Lens Covers. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Lens covers on light fixtures are attached with safety devices. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.3.4)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

Cladding and Glazing

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
CG-1 Cladding Anchors. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Cladding components weighing more than 10 lb/ft2 (0.48 kN/m2) are mechanically anchored to the structure at a spacing equal to or less than the following: for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity, 6 ft (1.8 m); for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 4 ft (1.2 m) (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.1)			X		No cladding
CG-2 Cladding Isolation. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	For steel or concrete moment-frame buildings, panel connections are detailed to accommodate a story drift ratio by the use of rods attached to framing with oversize holes or slotted holes of at least the following: for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity, 0.01; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 0.02, and the rods have a length-to-diameter ratio of 4.0 or less. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.3)			X		No cladding

CG-3 Multi-Story Panels. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	For multi-story panels attached at more than one floor level, panel connections are detailed to accommodate a story drift ratio by the use of rods attached to framing with oversize holes or slotted holes of at least the following: for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity, 0.01; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 0.02, and the rods have a length-to-diameter ratio of 4.0 or less. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.4)			X		No cladding
CG-4 Threaded Rods. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Threaded rods for panel connections detailed to accommodate drift by bending of the rod have a length-to-diameter ratio greater than 0.06 times the story height in inches for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity and 0.12 times the story height in inches for Life Safety in High Seismicity and Position Retention in any seismicity. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.9)			X		No cladding
CG-5 Panel Connections. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Cladding panels are anchored out of plane with a minimum number of connections for each wall panel, as follows: for Life Safety in Moderate Seismicity, 2 connections; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 4 connections. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.5)			X		No cladding
CG-6 Bearing Connections. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Where bearing connections are used, there is a minimum of two bearing connections for each cladding panel. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.6)			X		No cladding
CG-7 Inserts. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Where concrete cladding components use inserts, the inserts have positive anchorage or are anchored to reinforcing steel. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.4; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.7)			X		No cladding
CG-8 Overhead Glazing. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Glazing panes of any size in curtain walls and individual interior or exterior panes more than 16 ft2 (1.5 m2) in area are laminated annealed or laminated heat-strengthened glass and are detailed to remain in the frame when cracked. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.4.8)			X		No cladding

Masonry Veneer

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
M-1 Ties. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Masonry veneer is connected to the backup with corrosion-resistant ties. There is a minimum of one tie for every 2-2/3 ft2 (0.25 m2), and the ties have spacing no greater than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 36 in. (914 mm); for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 24 in. (610 mm). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.5.1)			X		No masonry veneer
M-2 Shelf Angles. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Masonry veneer is supported by shelf angles or other elements at each floor above the ground floor. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.5.2)			X		No masonry veneer
M-3 Weakened Planes. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Masonry veneer is anchored to the backup adjacent to weakened planes, such as at the locations of flashing. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.5.3)			X		No masonry veneer
M-4 Unreinforced Masonry Backup. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	There is no unreinforced masonry backup. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.1, 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.7.2)			X		No masonry veneer
M-5 Stud Tracks. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	For veneer with coldformed steel stud backup, stud tracks are fastened to the structure at a spacing equal to or less than 24 in. (610 mm) on center. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.1, 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.6.)			X		No masonry veneer
M-6 Anchorage. HR-not required; LS-MH; PR-MH.	For veneer with concrete block or masonry backup, the backup is positively anchored to the structure at a horizontal spacing equal to or less than 4 ft along the floors and roof. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.1, 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.7.1)			X		No masonry veneer
M-7 Weep Holes. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	In veneer anchored to stud walls, the veneer has functioning weep holes and base flashing. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.5.6)			X		No masonry veneer
M-8 Openings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	For veneer with cold-formed-steel stud backup, steel studs frame window and door openings. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.1.1, 13.6.1.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.6.2)			X		No masonry veneer

Parapets, Cornices, Ornamentation, and Appendages

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
PCOA-1 URM Parapets or Cornices. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Laterally unsupported unreinforced masonry parapets or cornices have height-tothickness ratios no greater than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 2.5; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 1.5. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.8.1)			X		

PCOA-2 Canopies. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Canopies at building exits are anchored to the structure at a spacing no greater than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 10 ft (3.0 m); for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 6 ft (1.8 m). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.8.2)			X		
PCOA-3 Concrete Parapets. HR-H; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Concrete parapets with height-to-thickness ratios greater than 2.5 have vertical reinforcement. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.8.3)			X		
PCOA-4 Appendages. HR-MH; LS-MH; PR-LMH.	Cornices, parapets, signs, and other ornamentation or appendages that extend above the highest point of anchorage to the structure or cantilever from components are reinforced and anchored to the structural system at a spacing equal to or less than 6 ft (1.8 m). This evaluation statement item does not apply to parapets or cornices covered by other evaluation statements. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.8.4)			X		

Masonry Chimneys

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
MC-1 URM Chimneys. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Unreinforced masonry chimneys extend above the roof surface no more than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 3 times the least dimension of the chimney; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 2 times the least dimension of the chimney. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.9.1)			X		None observed
MC-2 Anchorage. HR-LMH; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Masonry chimneys are anchored at each floor level, at the topmost ceiling level, and at the roof. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.9.2)			X		None observed

Stairs

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
S-1 Stair Enclosures. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	Hollow-clay tile or unreinforced masonry walls around stair enclosures are restrained out of plane and have height-to-thickness ratios not greater than the following: for Life Safety in Low or Moderate Seismicity, 15-to-1; for Life Safety in High Seismicity and for Position Retention in any seismicity, 12-to-1. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.2, 13.6.8; Commentary: Sec. A.7.10.1)			X		

S-2 Stair Details. HR-not required; LS-LMH; PR-LMH.	The connection between the stairs and the structure does not rely on post-installed anchors in concrete or masonry, and the stair details are capable of accommodating the drift calculated using the Quick Check procedure of Section 4.4.3.1 for moment-frame structures or 0.5 in. for all other structures without including any lateral stiffness contribution from the stairs. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.8; Commentary: Sec. A.7.10.2)			X		

Contents and Furnishings

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
CF-1 Industrial Storage Racks. HR-LMH; LS-MH; PR-MH.	Industrial storage racks or pallet racks more than 12 ft high meet the requirements of ANSI/RMI MH 16.1 as modified by ASCE 7, Chapter 15. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.1)			X		
CF-2 Tall Narrow Contents. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-MH.	Contents more than 6 ft (1.8 m) high with a height-to-depth or height-to-width ratio greater than 3-to-1 are anchored to the structure or to each other. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.2)		X			Anchorage is required for tall narrow contents more than six feet high to provide overturning restraint.
CF-3 Fall-Prone Contents. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	Equipment, stored items, or other contents weighing more than 20 lb (9.1 kg) whose center of mass is more than 4 ft (1.2 m) above the adjacent floor level are braced or otherwise restrained. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.3)			X		None observed
CF-4 Access Floors. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Access floors more than 9 in. (229 mm) high are braced. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.10; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.4)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
CF-5 Equipment on Access Floors. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Equipment and other contents supported by access floor systems are anchored or braced to the structure independent of the access floor. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.7 13.6.10; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.5)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
CF-6 Suspended Contents. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Items suspended without lateral bracing are free to swing from or move with the structure from which they are suspended without damaging themselves or adjoining components. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.8.2; Commentary: Sec. A.7.11.6)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

Mechanical and Electrical Equipment

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
ME-1 Fall-Prone Equipment. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	Equipment weighing more than 20 lb (9.1 kg) whose center of mass is more than 4 ft (1.2 m) above the adjacent floor level, and which is not in-line equipment, is braced. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.4)			X		

ME-2 In-Line Equipment. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	Equipment installed in line with a duct or piping system, with an operating weight more than 75 lb (34.0 kg), is supported and laterally braced independent of the duct or piping system. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.5)			X		
ME-3 Tall Narrow Equipment. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-MH.	Equipment more than 6 ft (1.8 m) high with a height-to-depth or height-to-width ratio greater than 3-to-1 is anchored to the floor slab or adjacent structural walls. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.6)		X			Anchorage is required for tall narrow equipment more than six feet high to provide overturning restraint.
ME-4 Mechanical Doors. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-MH.	Mechanically operated doors are detailed to operate at a story drift ratio of 0.01. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.6.9; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.7)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
ME-5 Suspended Equipment. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Equipment suspended without lateral bracing is free to swing from or move with the structure from which it is suspended without damaging itself or adjoining components. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1, 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.8)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
ME-6 Vibration Isolators. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Equipment mounted on vibration isolators is equipped with horizontal restraints or snubbers and with vertical restraints to resist overturning. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.9)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
ME-7 Heavy Equipment. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Floor supported or platform-supported equipment weighing more than 400 lb (181.4 kg) is anchored to the structure. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.1, 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.10)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
ME-8 Electrical Equipment. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Electrical equipment is laterally braced to the structure. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.7; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.11)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
ME-9 Conduit Couplings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Conduit greater than 2.5 in. (64 mm) trade size that is attached to panels, cabinets, or other equipment and is subject to relative seismic displacement has flexible couplings or connections. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.8; Commentary: Sec. A.7.12.12)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

Piping

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
PP-1 Flexible Couplings. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Fluid and gas piping has flexible couplings. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.2)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
PP-2 Fluid and Gas Piping. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Fluid and gas piping is anchored and braced to the structure to limit spills or leaks. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.4)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

PP-3 C-Clamps. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	One-sided C-clamps that support piping larger than 2.5 in. (64 mm) in diameter are restrained. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.5)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
PP-4 Piping Crossing Seismic Joints. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Piping that crosses seismic joints or isolation planes or is connected to independent structures has couplings or other details to accommodate the relative seismic displacements. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.3, 13.7.5; Commentary: Sec. A.7.13.6)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

Ducts

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
D-1 Duct Bracing. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Rectangular ductwork larger than 6 ft2 (0.56 m2) in cross-sectional area and round ducts larger than 28 in. (711 mm) in diameter are braced. The maximum spacing of transverse bracing does not exceed 30 ft (9.2 m). The maximum spacing of longitudinal bracing does not exceed 60 ft (18.3 m). (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.14.2)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
D-2 Duct Support. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Ducts are not supported by piping or electrical conduit. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.14.3)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"
D-3 Ducts Crossing Seismic Joints. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Ducts that cross seismic joints or isolation planes or are connected to independent structures have couplings or other details to accommodate the relative seismic displacements. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.6; Commentary: Sec. A.7.14.4)			X		Non-applicable due to ASCE 41 Performance Level: "Life Safety (LS)"

Elevators

EVALUATION ITEM	EVALUATION STATEMENT	C	NC	N/A	U	COMMENT
EL-1 Retainer Guards. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	Sheaves and drums have cable retainer guards. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.1)			X		No elevators
EL-2 Retainer Plate. HR-not required; LS-H; PR-H.	A retainer plate is present at the top and bottom of both car and counterweight. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.2)			X		No elevators
EL-3 Elevator Equipment. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Equipment, piping, and other components that are part of the elevator system are anchored. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.3)			X		No elevators
EL-4 Seismic Switch. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Elevators capable of operating at speeds of 150 ft/min or faster are equipped with seismic switches that meet the requirements of ASME A17.1 or have trigger levels set to 20% of the acceleration of gravity at the base of the structure and 50% of the acceleration of gravity in other locations. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.4)			X		No elevators

EL-5 Shaft Walls. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Elevator shaft walls are anchored and reinforced to prevent toppling into the shaft during strong shaking. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.5)			X		No elevators
EL-6 Counterweight Rails. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	All counterweight rails and divider beams are sized in accordance with ASME A17.1. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.6)			X		No elevators
EL-7 Brackets. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	The brackets that tie the car rails and the counterweight rail to the structure are sized in accordance with ASME A17.1. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.7)			X		No elevators
EL-8 Spreader Bracket. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	Spreader brackets are not used to resist seismic forces. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.8)			X		No elevators
EL-9 Go-Slow Elevators. HR-not required; LS-not required; PR-H.	The building has a go-slow elevator system. (Tier 2: Sec. 13.7.11; Commentary: Sec. A.7.16.9)			X		No elevators

FEMA E-74 Nonstructural Seismic Bracing Excerpts

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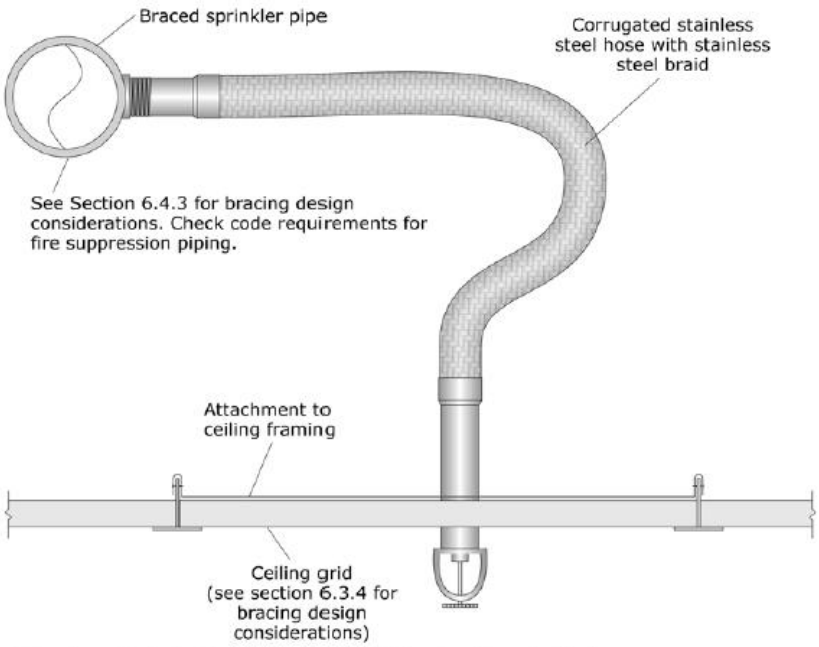

Note: for seismic design category D, E & F, the flexible sprinkler hose fitting must accommodate at least 1" of ceiling movement without use of an oversized opening. Alternatively, the sprinkler head must have a 2" oversize ring or adapter that allows 1" movement in all directions.

Figure G-1. Flexible Sprinkler Drop.

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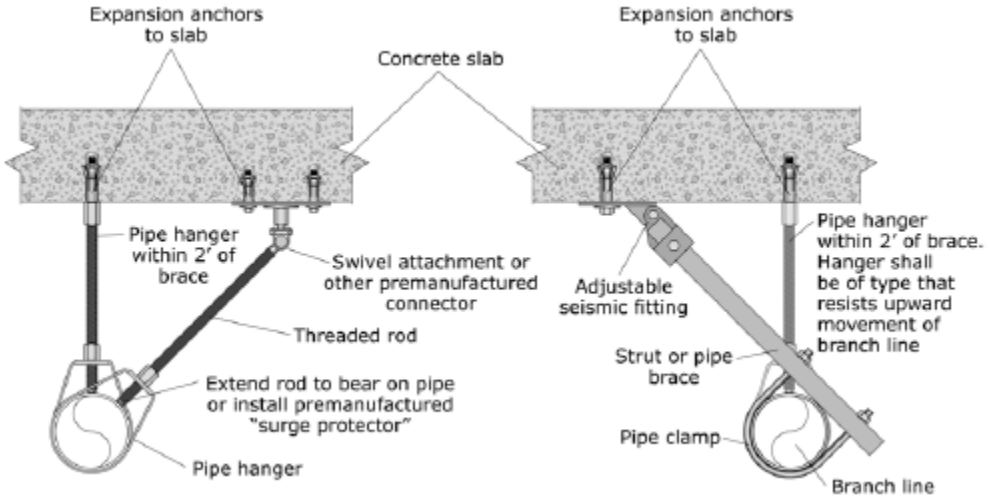

Figure G-2. End of Line Restraint.

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Partitions

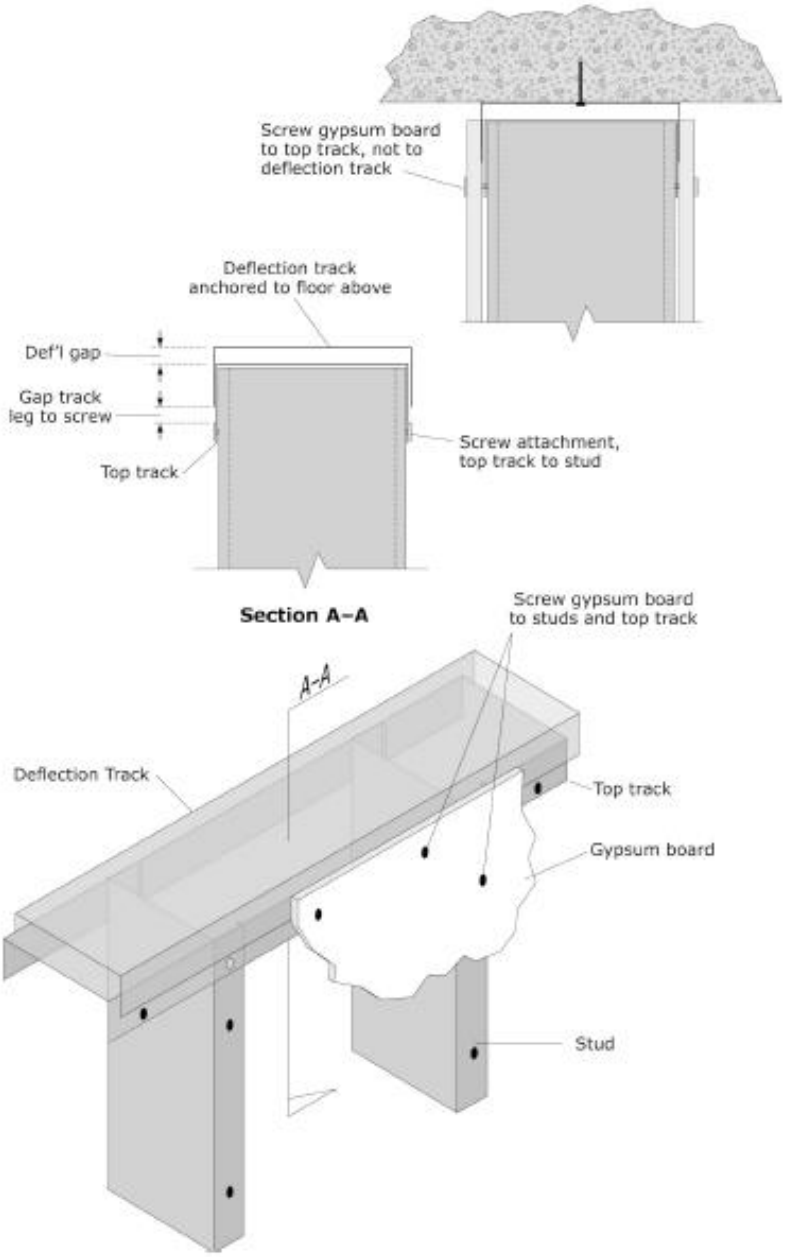

Figure G-3. Mitigation Schemes for Bracing the Tops of Metal Stud Partitions Walls.

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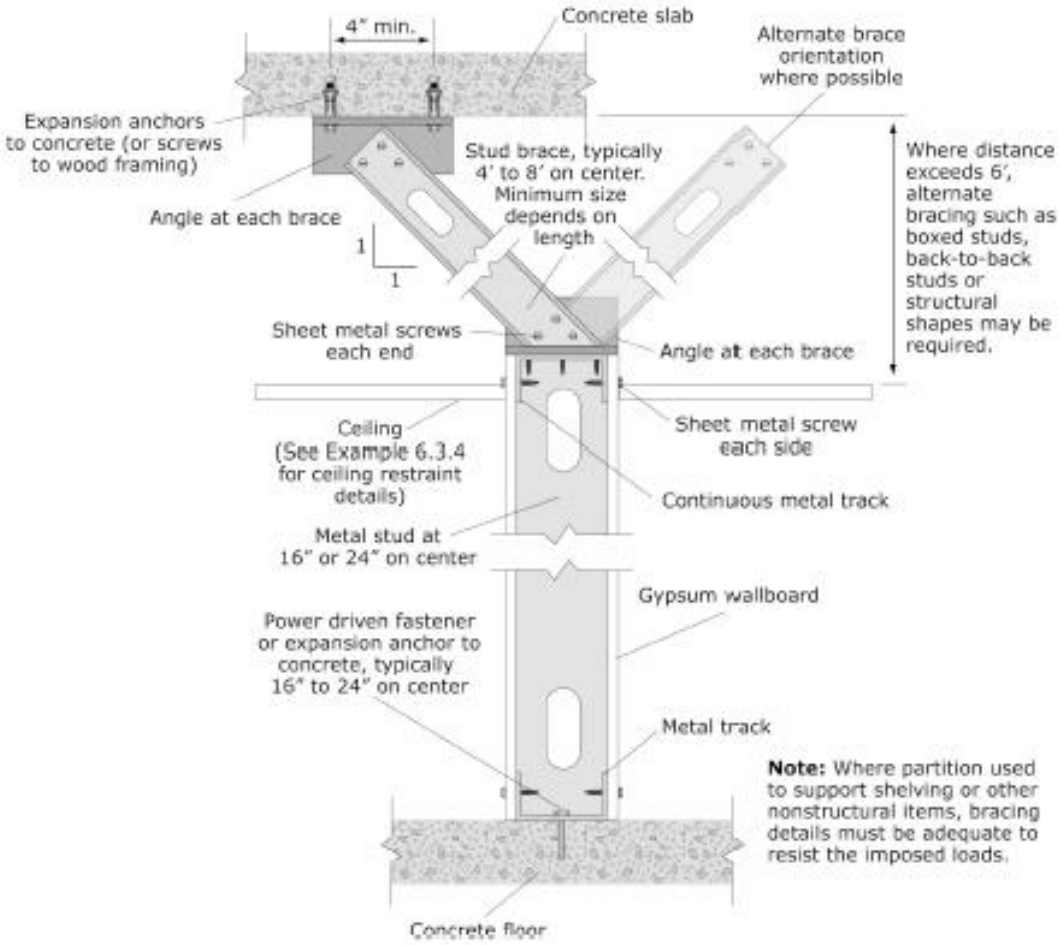

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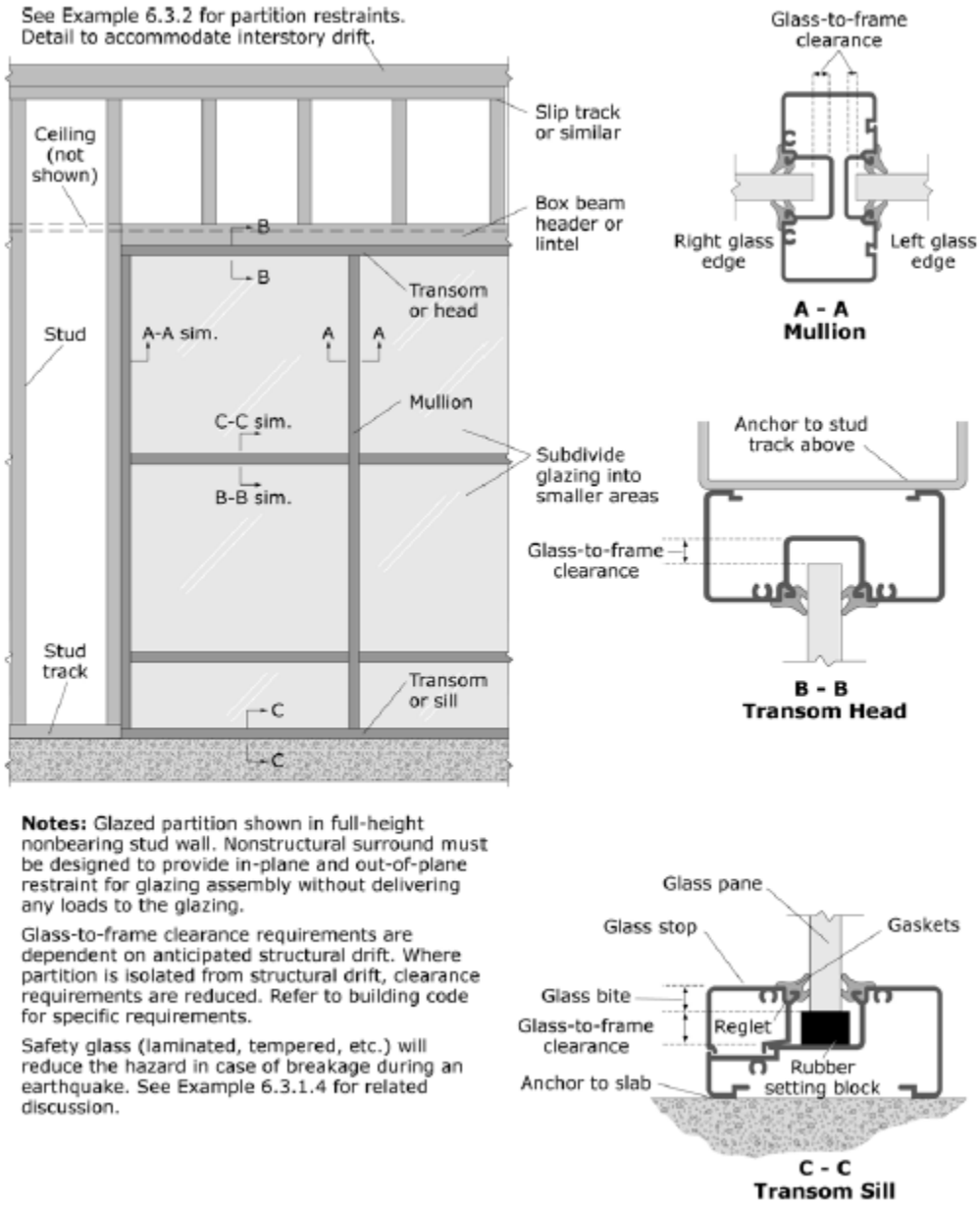

Notes: Glazed partition shown in full-height nonbearing stud wall. Nonstructural surround must be designed to provide in-plane and out-of-plane restraint for glazing assembly without delivering any loads to the glazing.

Glass-to-frame clearance requirements are dependent on anticipated structural drift. Where partition is isolated from structural drift, clearance requirements are reduced. Refer to building code for specific requirements.

Safety glass (laminated, tempered, etc.) will reduce the hazard in case of breakage during an earthquake. See Example 6.3.1.4 for related discussion.

Figure G-5. Full-height Glazed Partition.

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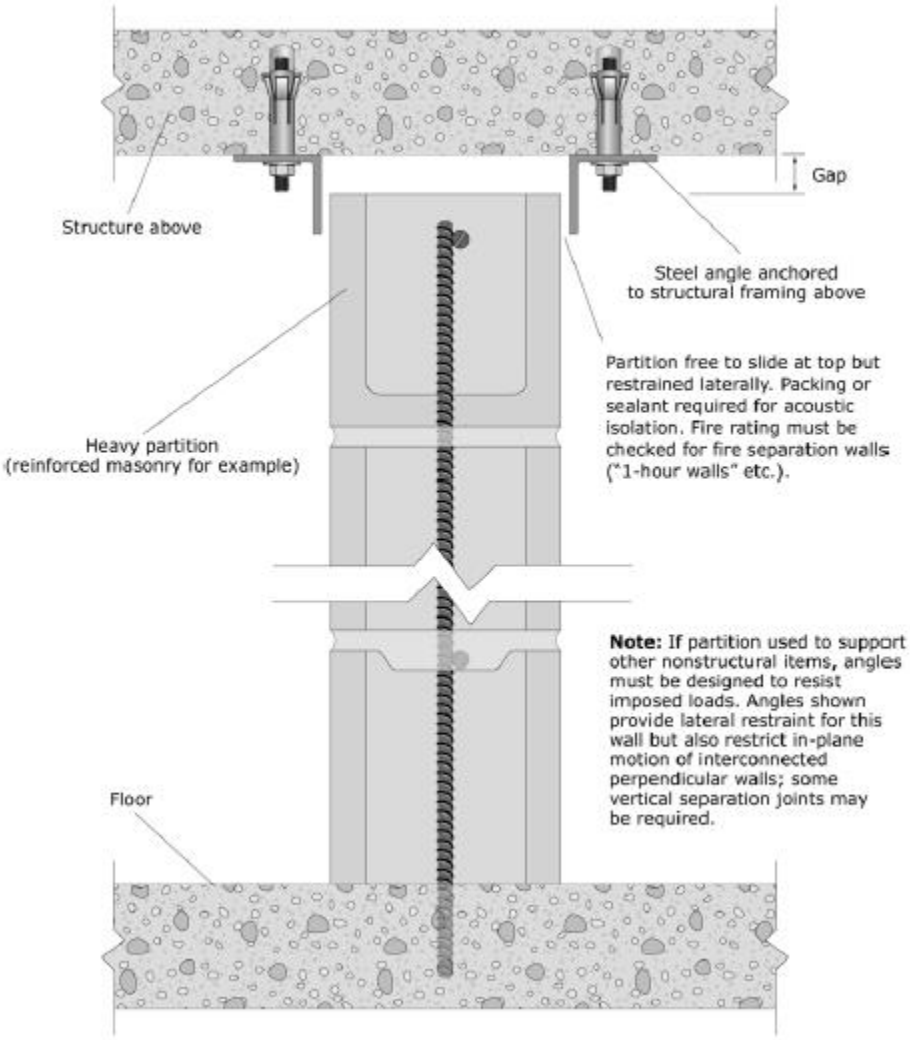

Figure G-6. Full-height Heavy Partition.

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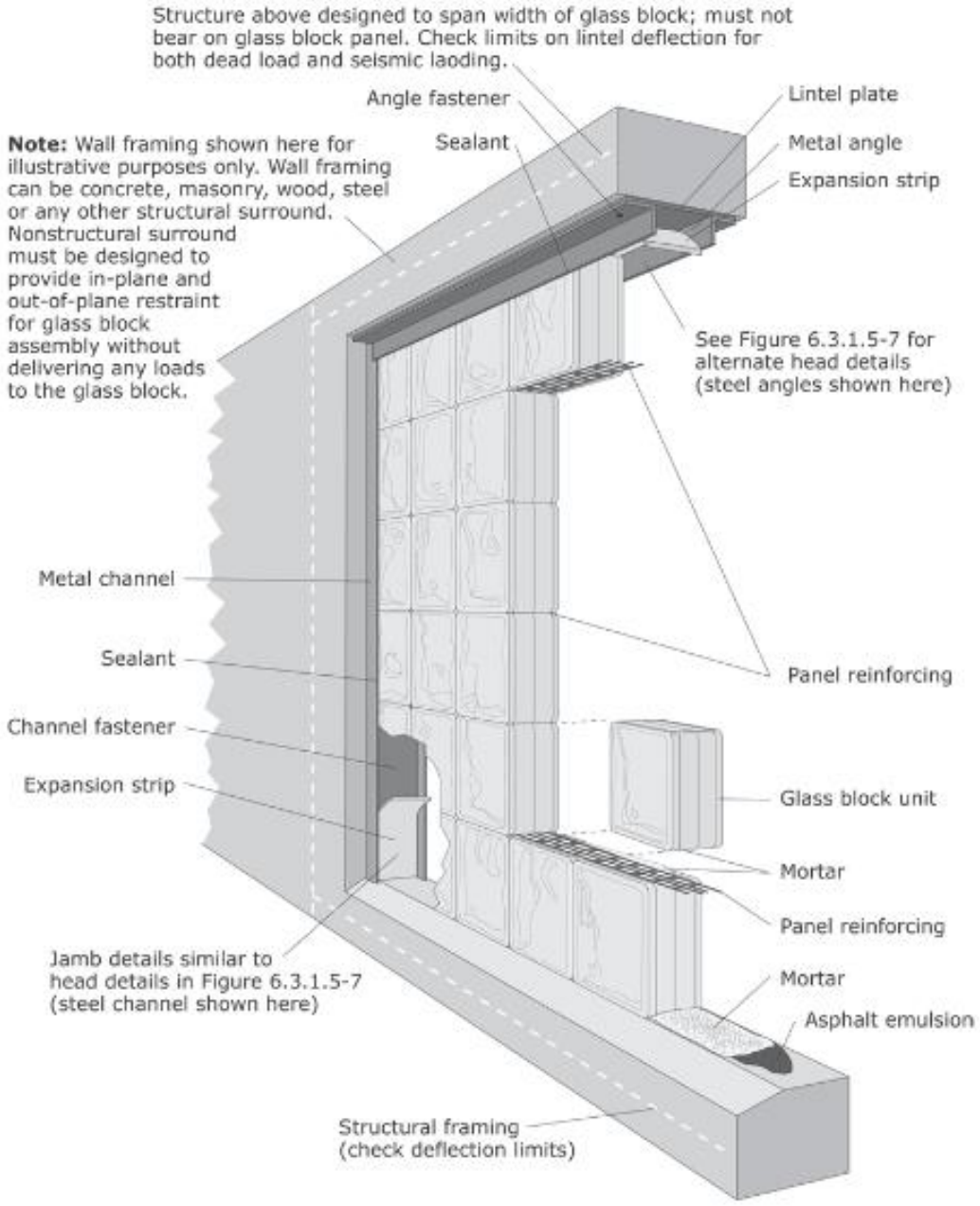

Figure G-7. Typical Glass Block Panel Details.

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Ceilings

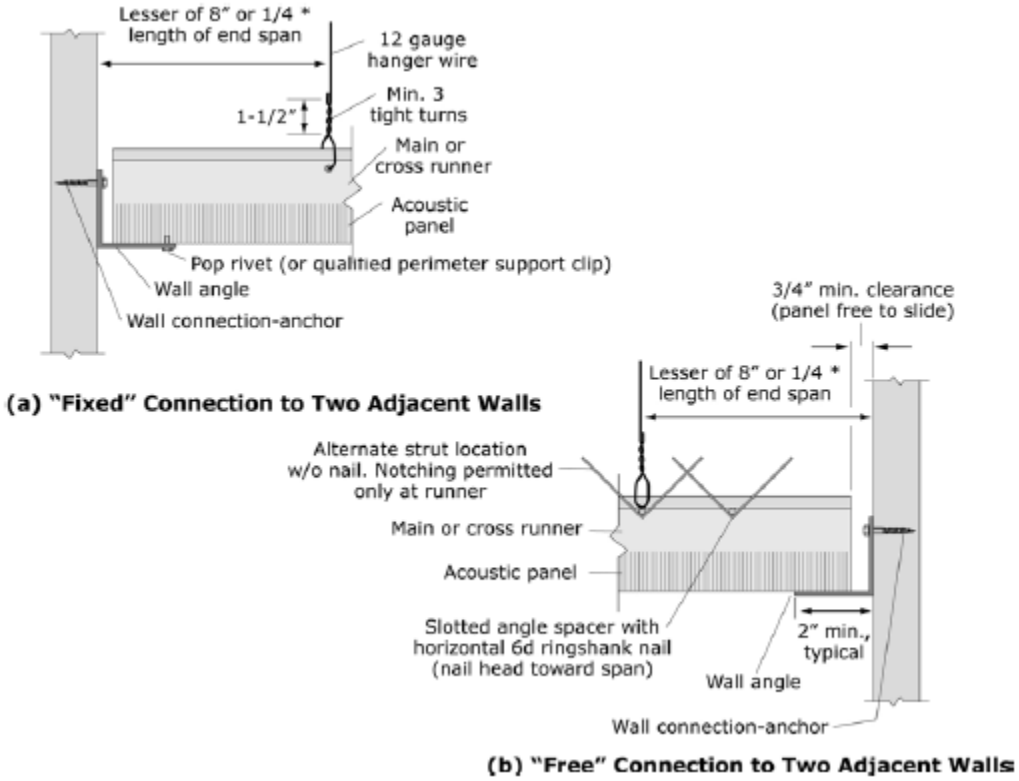

Figure G-8. Suspension System for Acoustic Lay-in Panel Ceilings – Edge Conditions.

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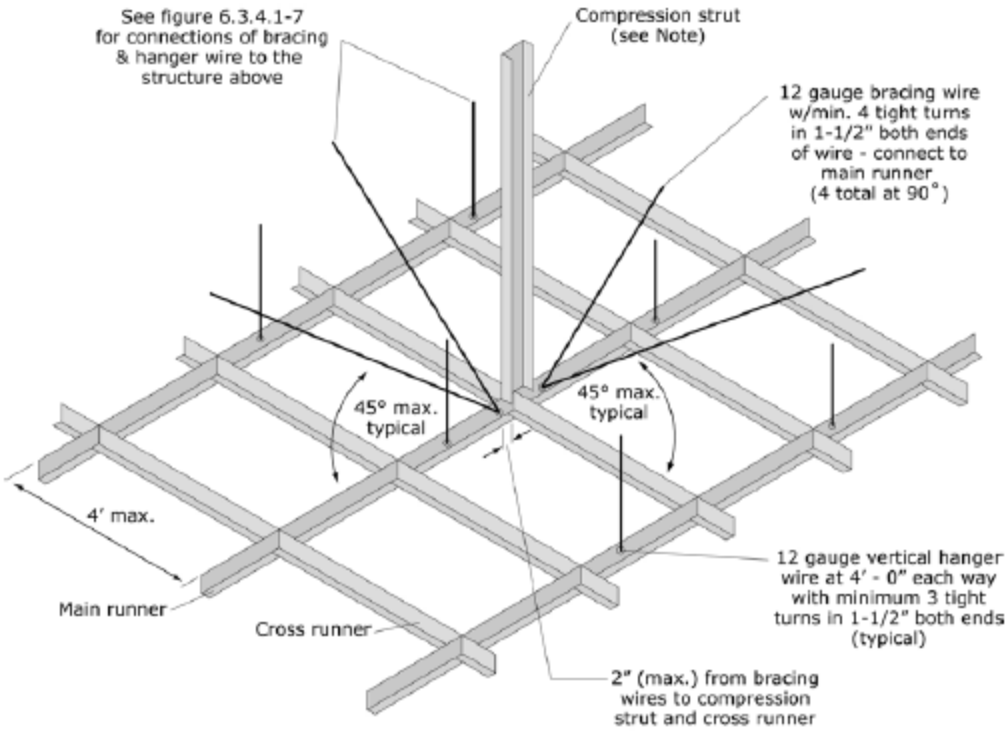

Note: Compression strut shall not replace hanger wire. Compression strut consists of a steel section attached to main runner with 2 - #12 sheet metal screws and to structure with 2 - #12 screws to wood or 1/4" min. expansion anchor to structure. Size of strut is dependent on distance between ceiling and structure (l/r ≤ 200). A 1" diameter conduit can be used for up to 6', a 1-5/8" X 1-1/4" metal stud can be used for up to 10'

Per DSA IR 25-5, ceiling areas less than 144 sq. ft, or fire rated ceilings less than 96 sq. ft., surrounded by walls braced to the structure above do not require lateral bracing assemblies when they are attached to two adjacent walls. (ASTM E580 does not require lateral bracing assemblies for ceilings less than 1000 sq. ft.; see text.)

Figure G-9. Suspension System for Acoustic Lay-in Panel Ceilings – General Bracing Assembly.

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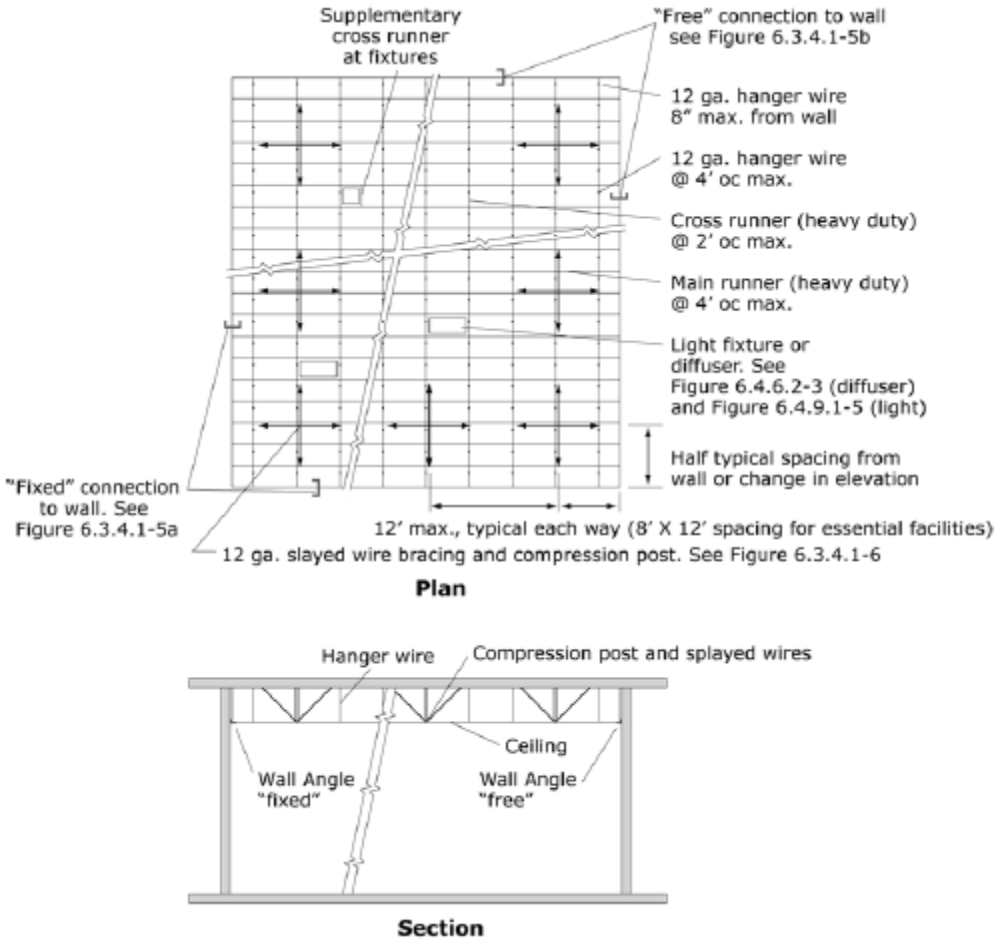

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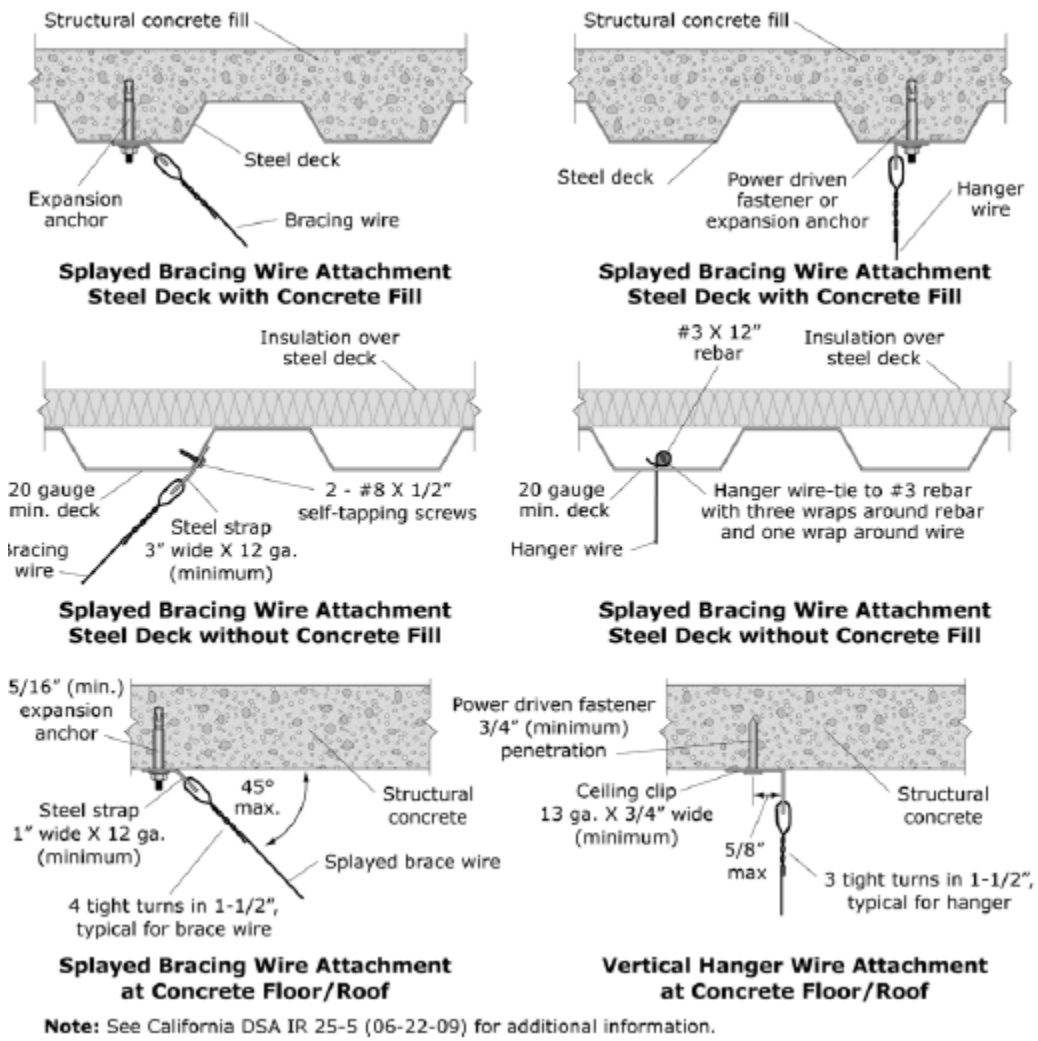

Figure G-11. Suspension System for Acoustic Lay-in Panel Ceilings – Overhead Attachment Details.

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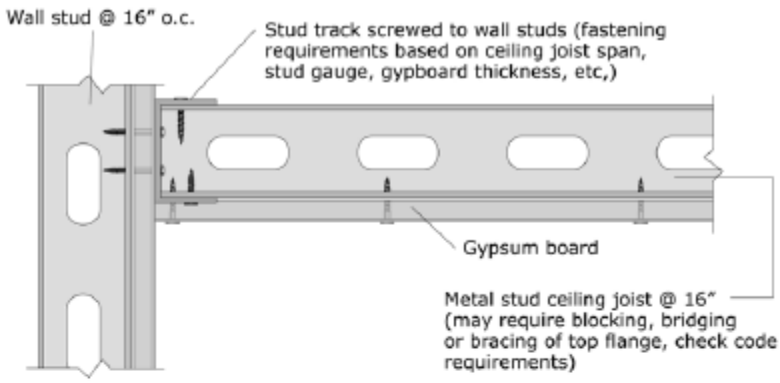
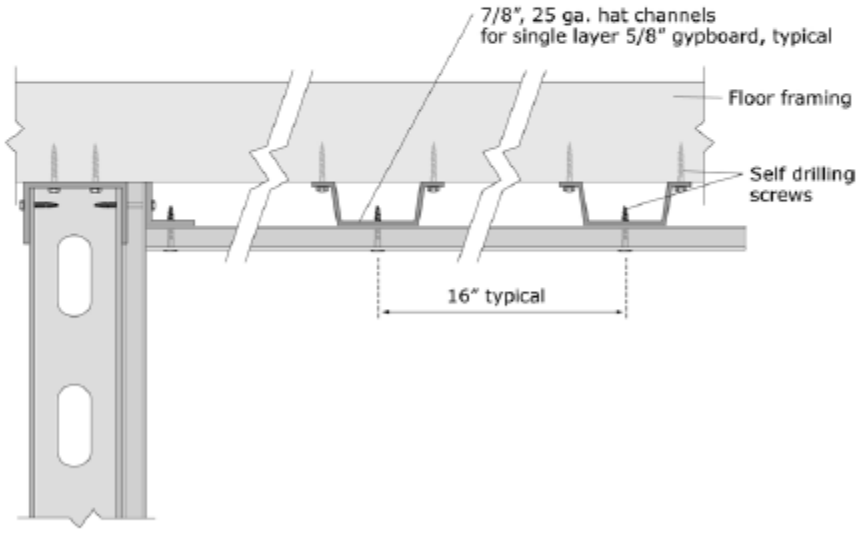


a) Gypsum board attached directly to ceiling joists



b) Gypsum board attached directly to furring strips (hat channel or similar)

Note: Commonly used details shown; no special seismic details are required as long as furring and gypboard secured. Check for certified assemblies (UL listed, FM approved, etc.) if fire or sound rating required.

Figure G-12. Gypsum Board Ceiling Applied Directly to Structure.

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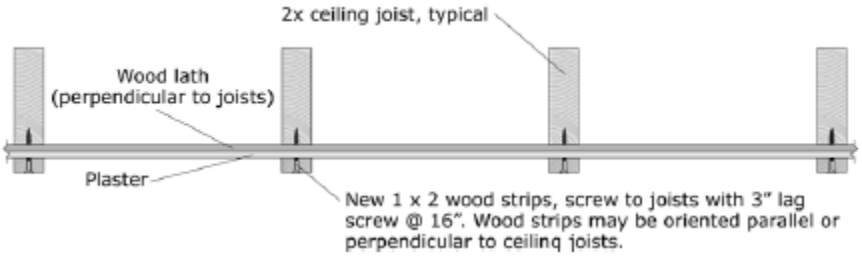

Figure G-13. Retrofit Detail for Existing Lath and Plaster.

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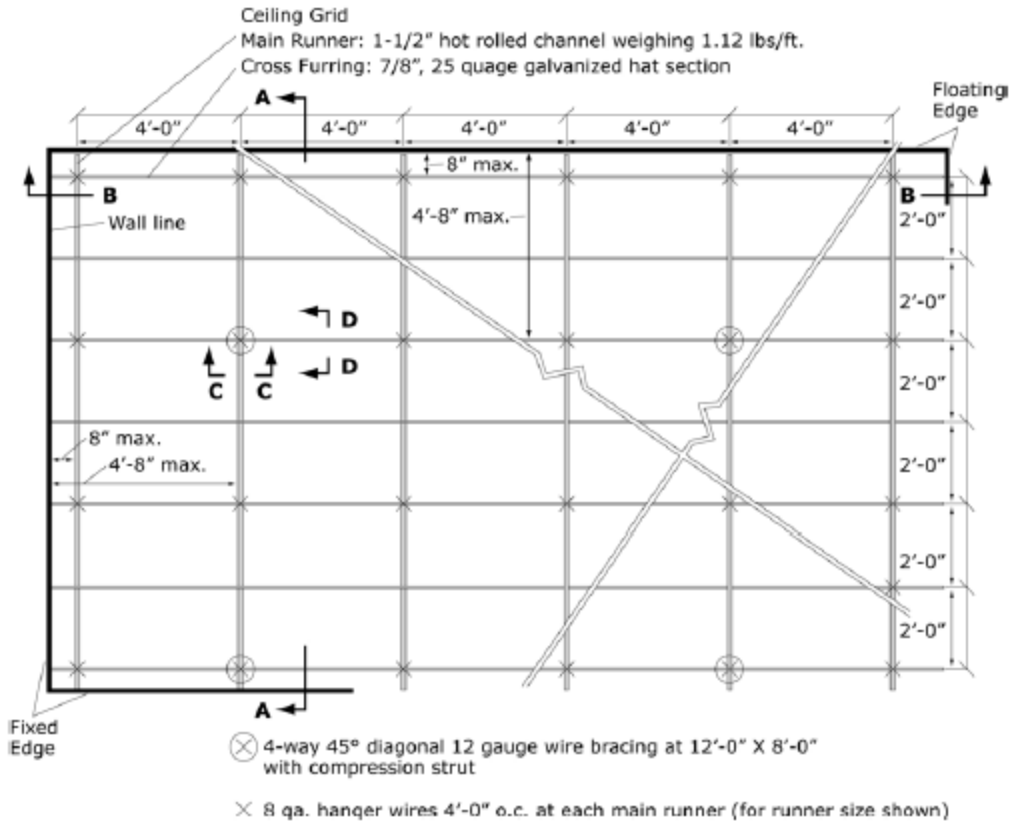

Figure G-14. Diagrammatic View of Suspended Heavy Ceiling Grid and Lateral Bracing.

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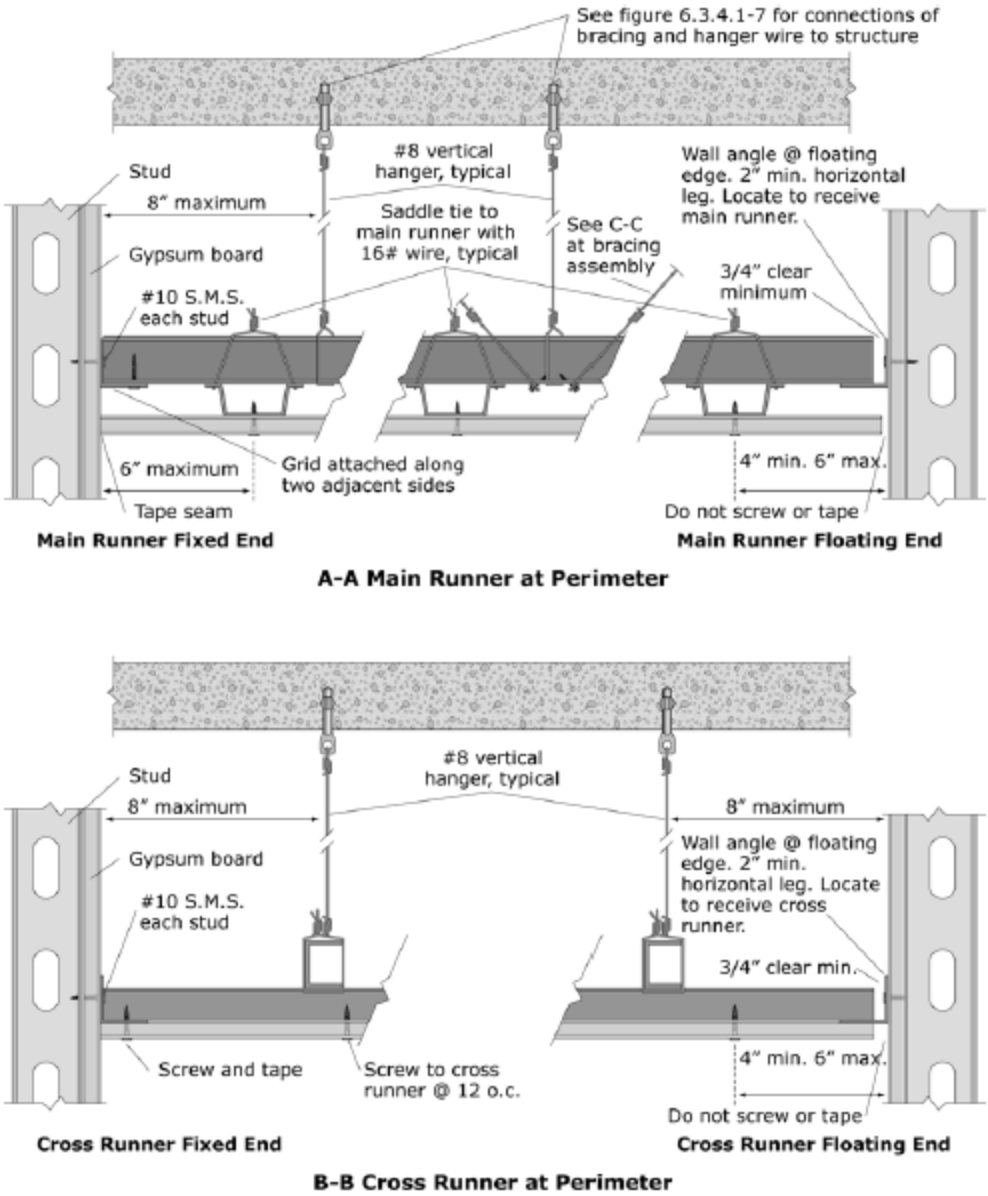

Figure G-15. Perimeter Details for Suspended Gypsum Board Ceiling.

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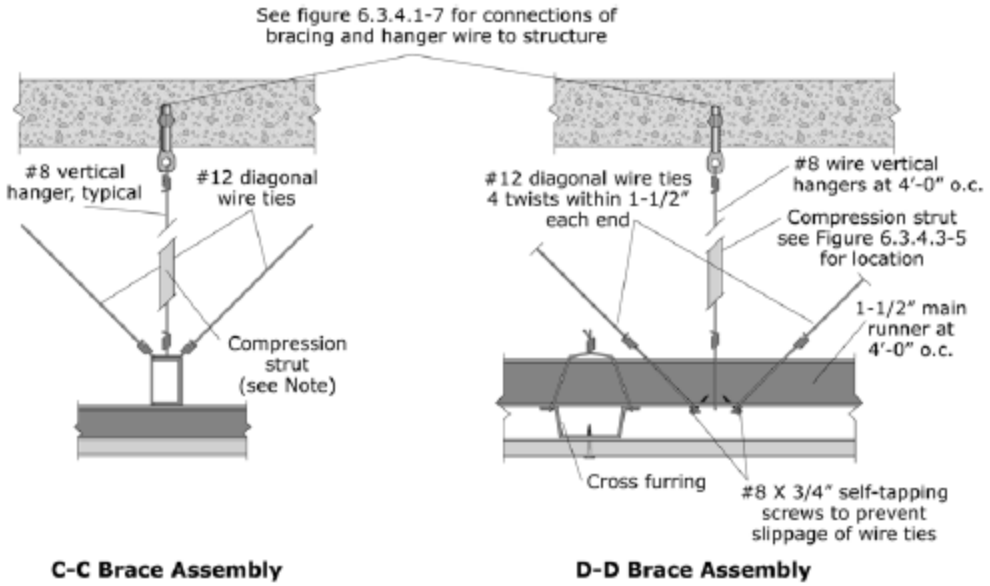

Note: Compression strut shall not replace hanger wire. Compresion strut consists of a steel section attached to main runner with 2 - #12 sheet metal screws and to structure with 2 - #12 screws to wood or 1/4" min. expansion anchor to concrete. Size of strut is dependent on distance between ceiling and structure (l/r ≤ 200). A 1" diameter conduit can be used for up to 6', a 1-5/8" X 1-1/4" metal stud can be used for up to 10'. See figure 6.3.4.1-6 for example of bracing assembly.

Figure G-16. Details for Lateral Bracing Assembly for Suspended Gypsum Board Ceiling.

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Light Fixtures

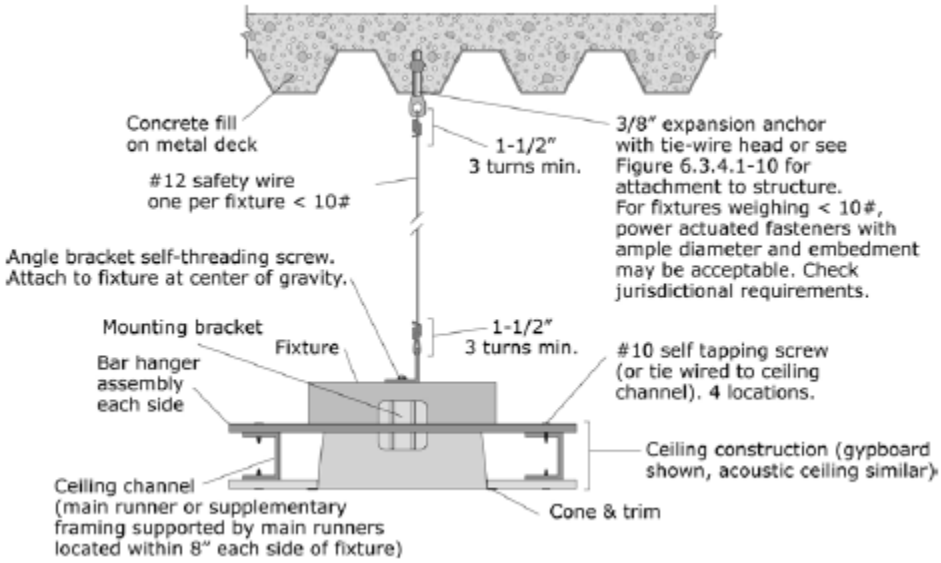

Figure G-17. Recessed Light Fixture in suspended Ceiling (Fixture Weight < 10 pounds).

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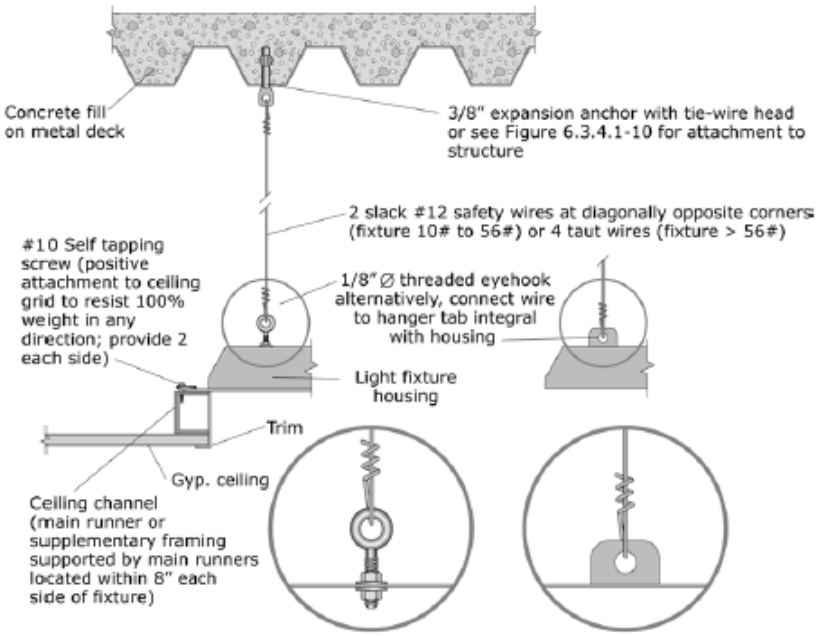

Figure G-18. Recessed Light Fixture in suspended Ceiling (Fixture Weight 10 to 56 pounds).

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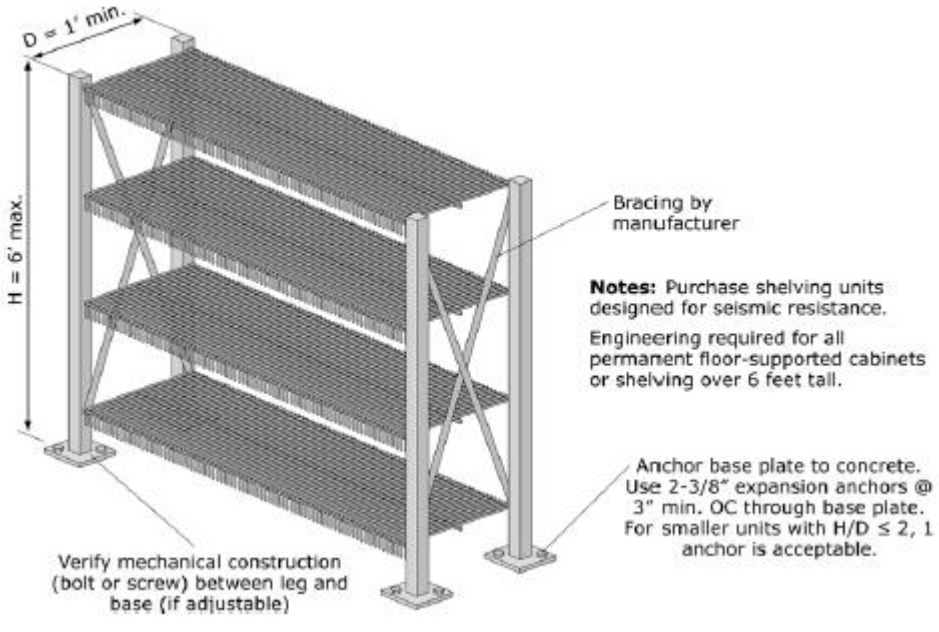

Figure G-19. Light Storage Racks.

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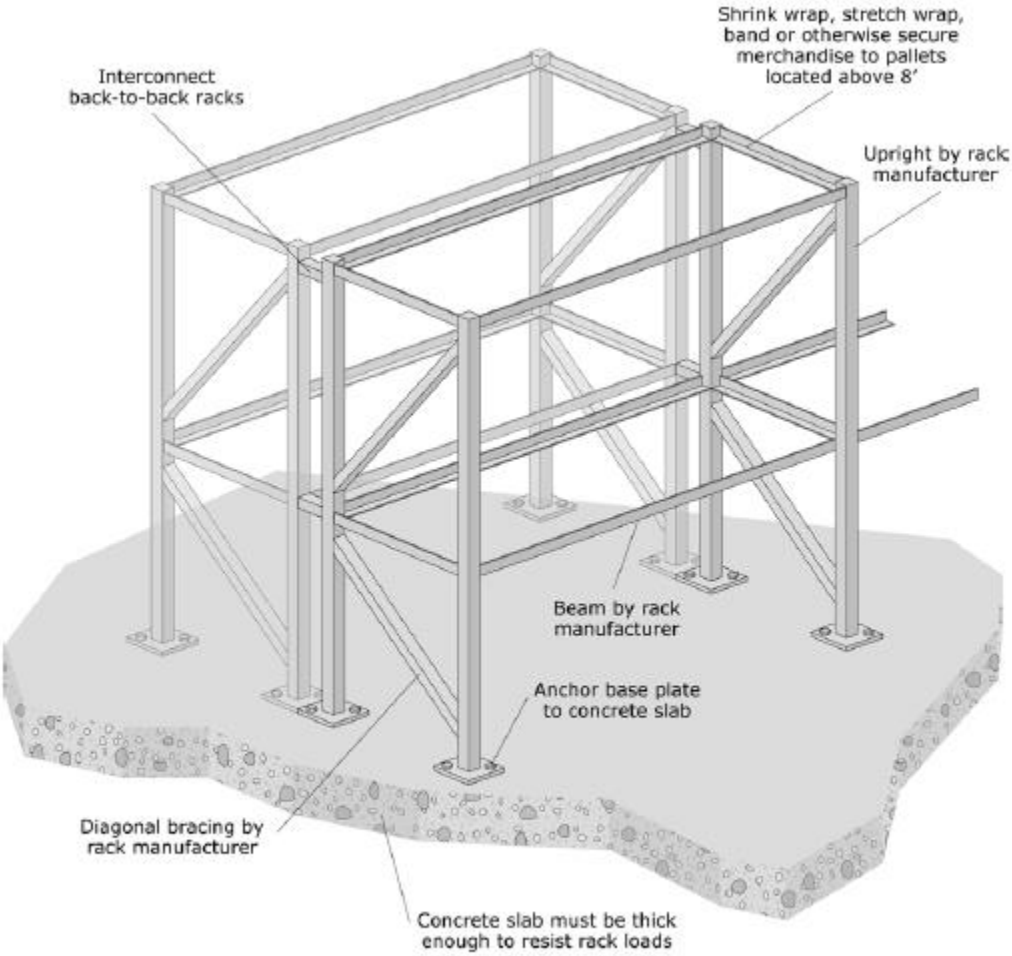

Note: Purchase storage racks designed for seismic resistance. Storage racks may be classified as either nonstructural elements or nonbuilding structures depending upon their size and support conditions. Check the applicable code to see which provisions apply.

Figure G-20. Industrial Storage Racks.

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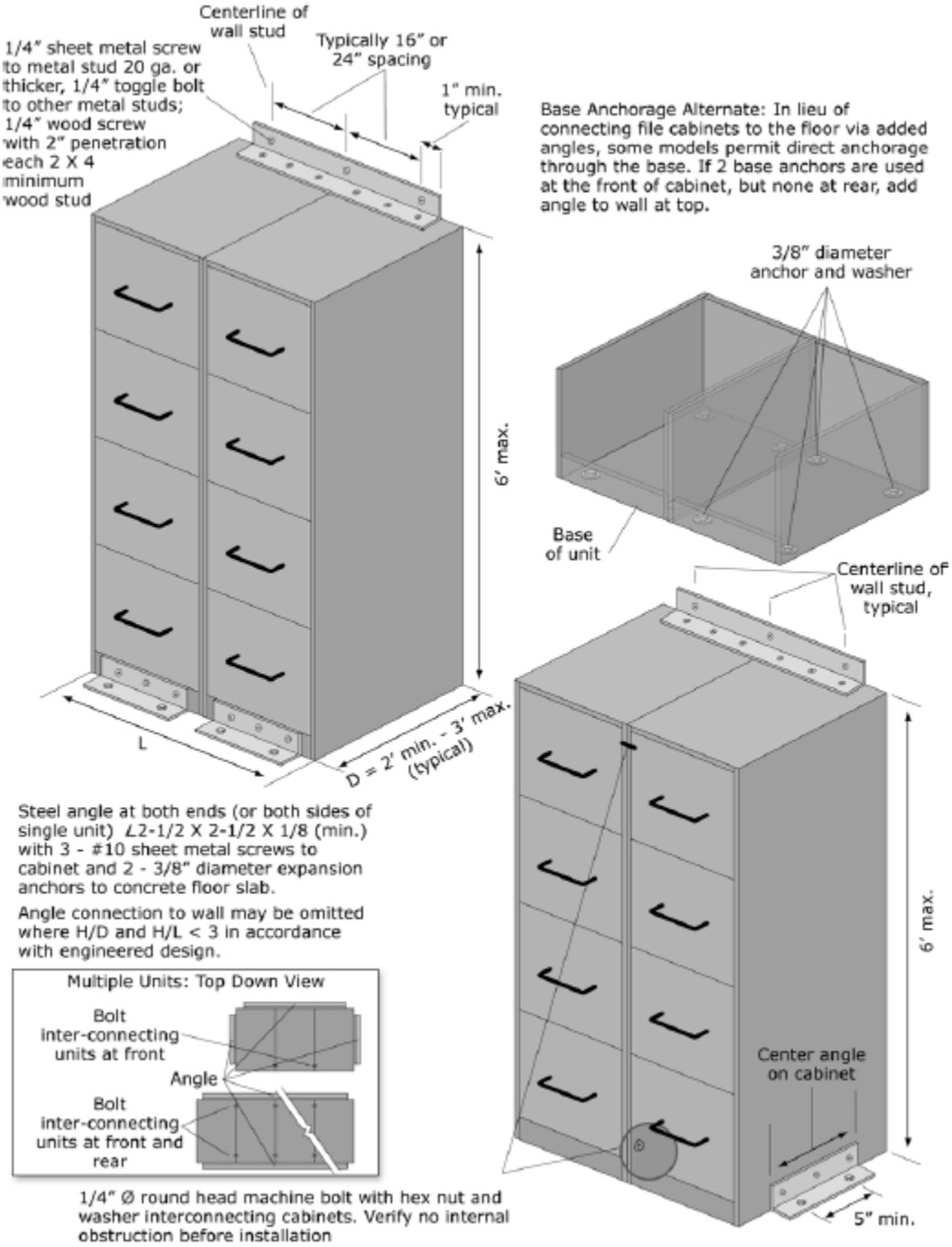

Figure G-21. Wall-mounted File Cabinets.

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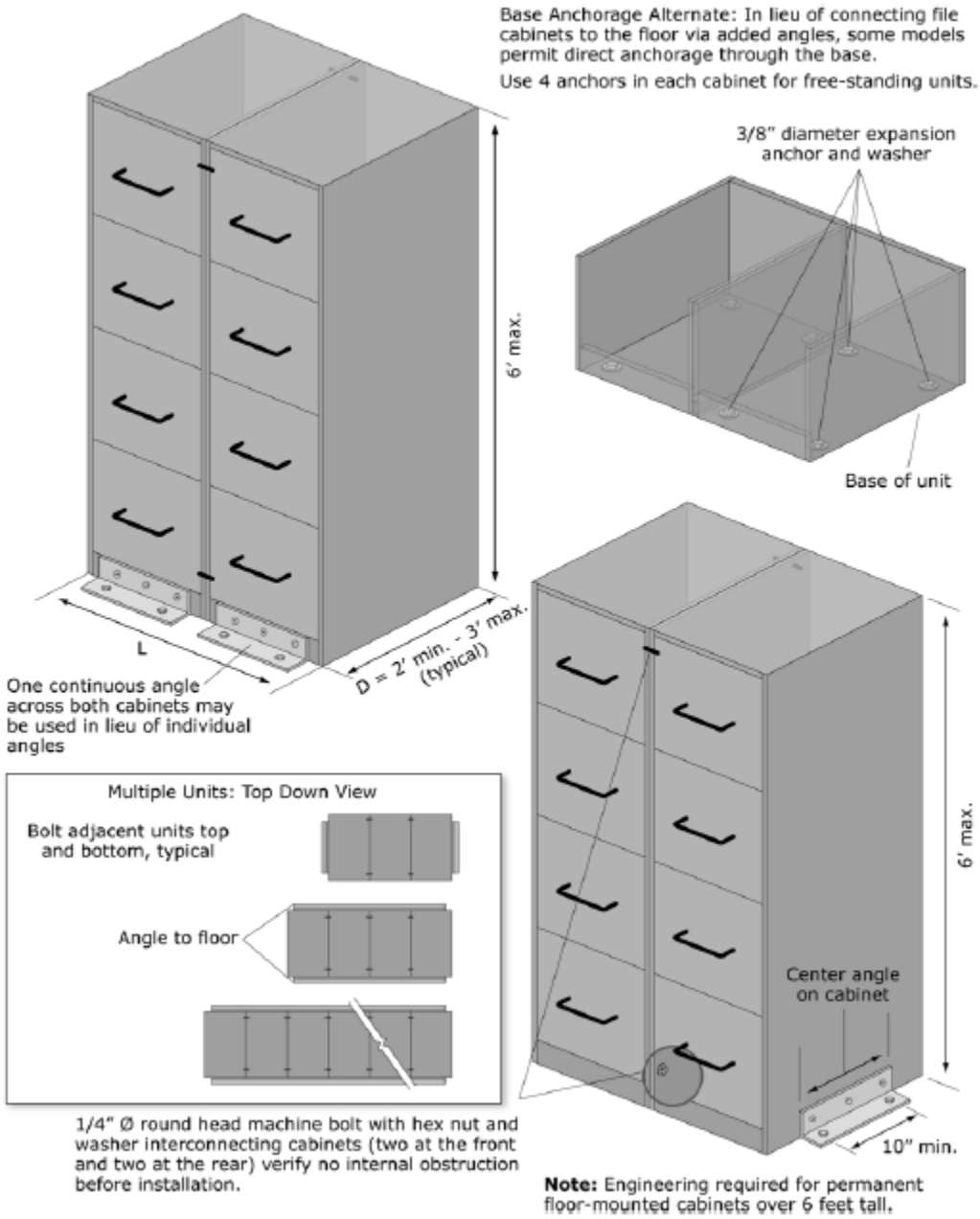

Figure G-22. Base Anchored File Cabinets.

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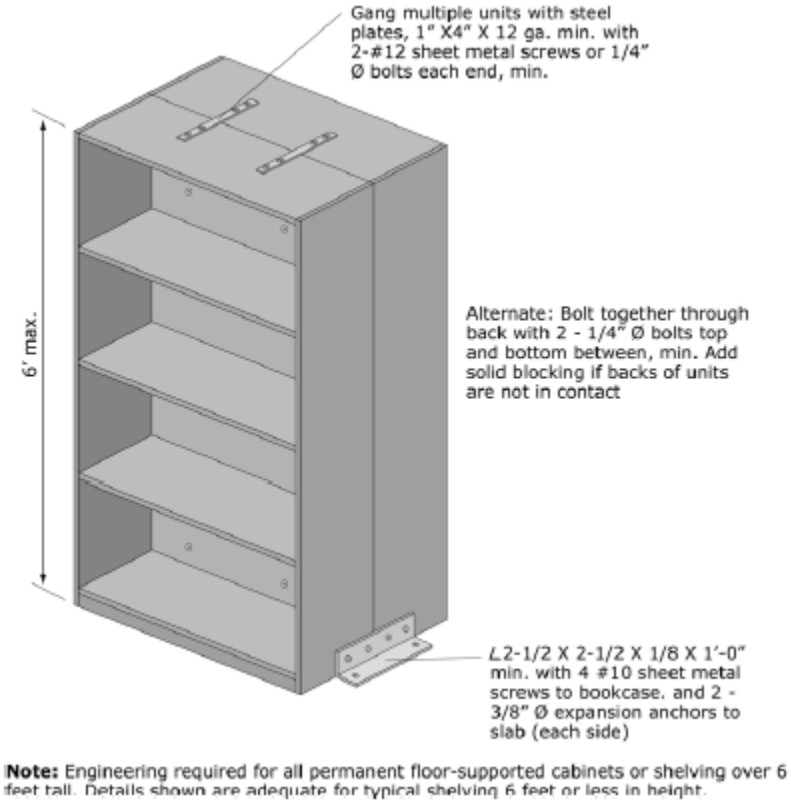

Figure G-23. Anchorage of Freestanding Book Cases Arranged Back to Back.

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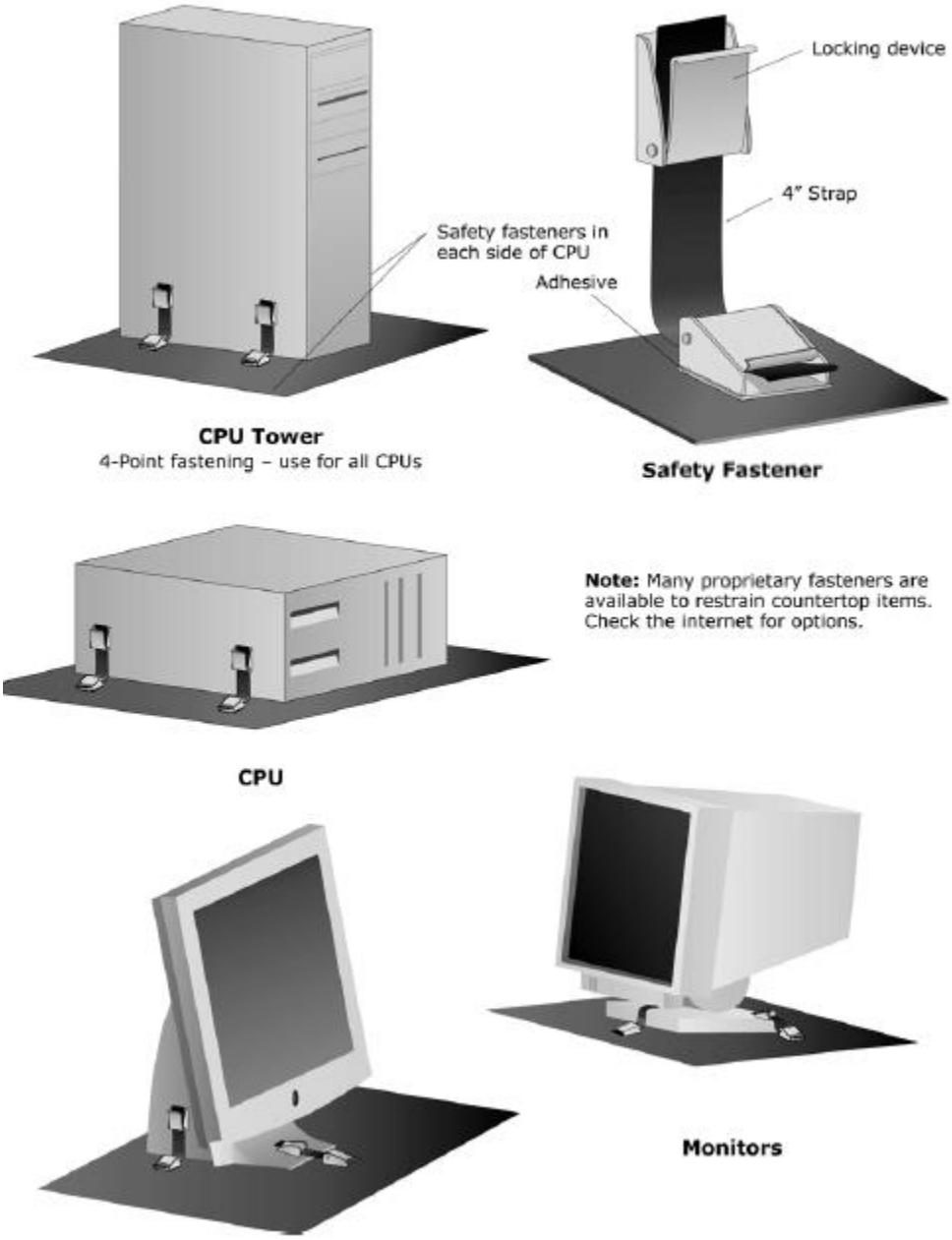

Figure G-24. Desktop Computers and Accessories.

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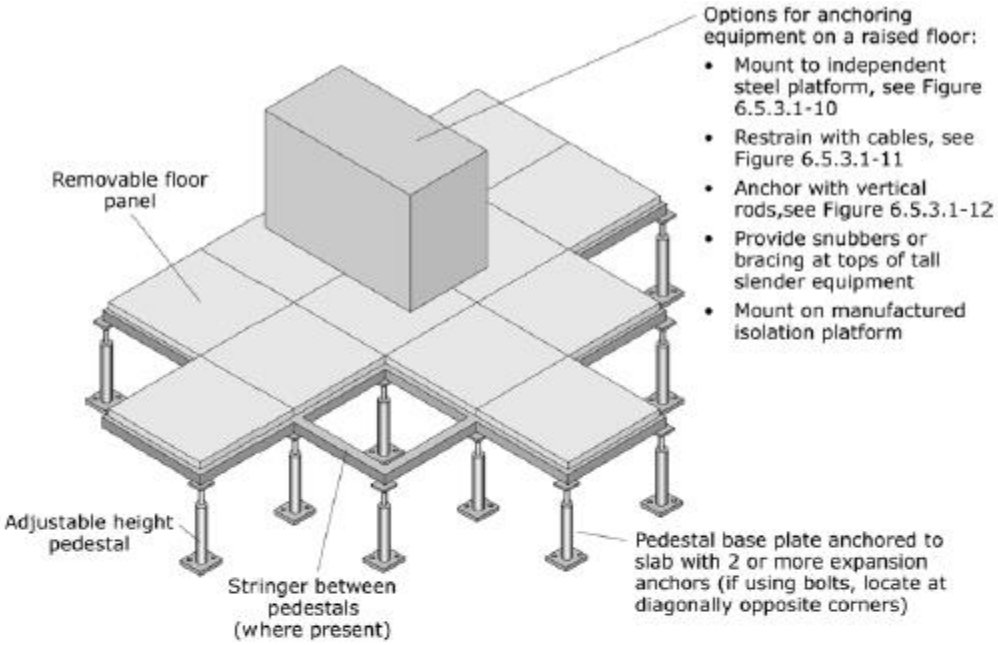
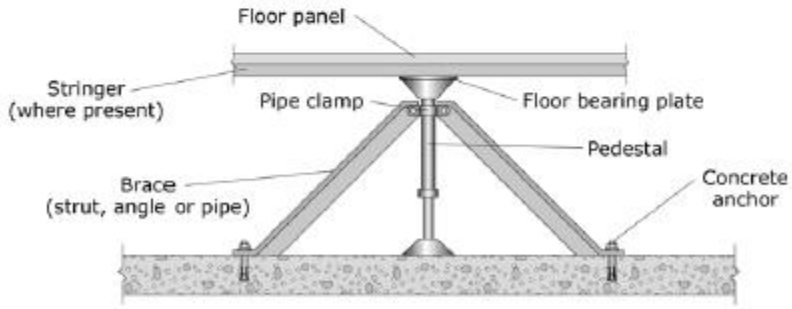


Cantilevered Access Floor Pedestal



Braced Access Floor Pedestal
(use for tall floors or where pedestals are not strong enough to resist seismic forces)

Note: For new floors in areas of high seismicity, purchase and install systems that meet the applicable code provisions for "special access floors."

Figure G-25. Equipment Mounted on Access Floor.

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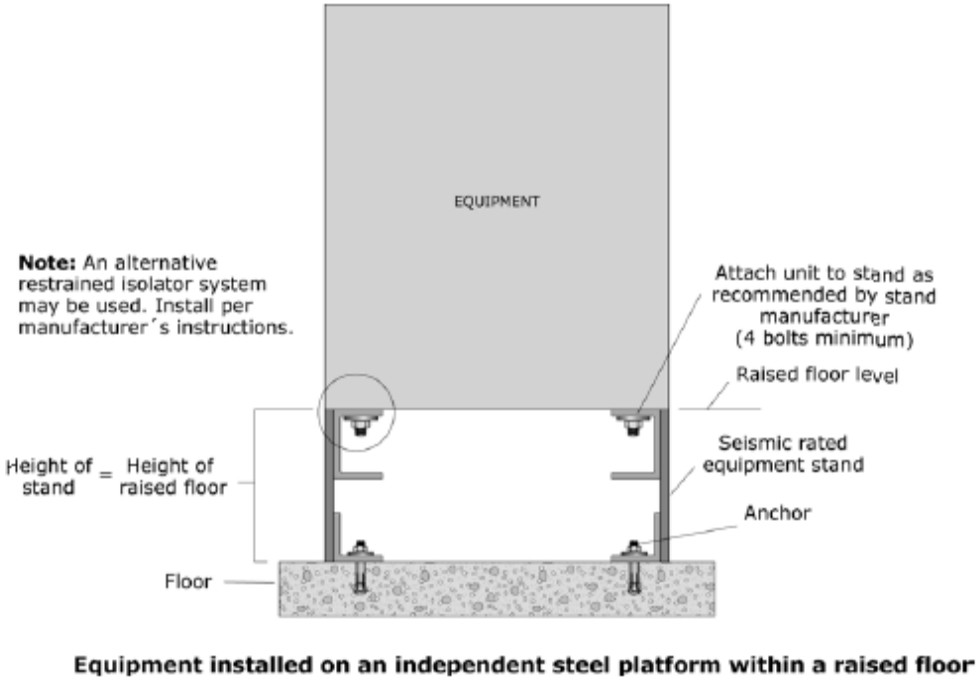

Figure G-26. Equipment Mounted on Access Floor – Independent Base.

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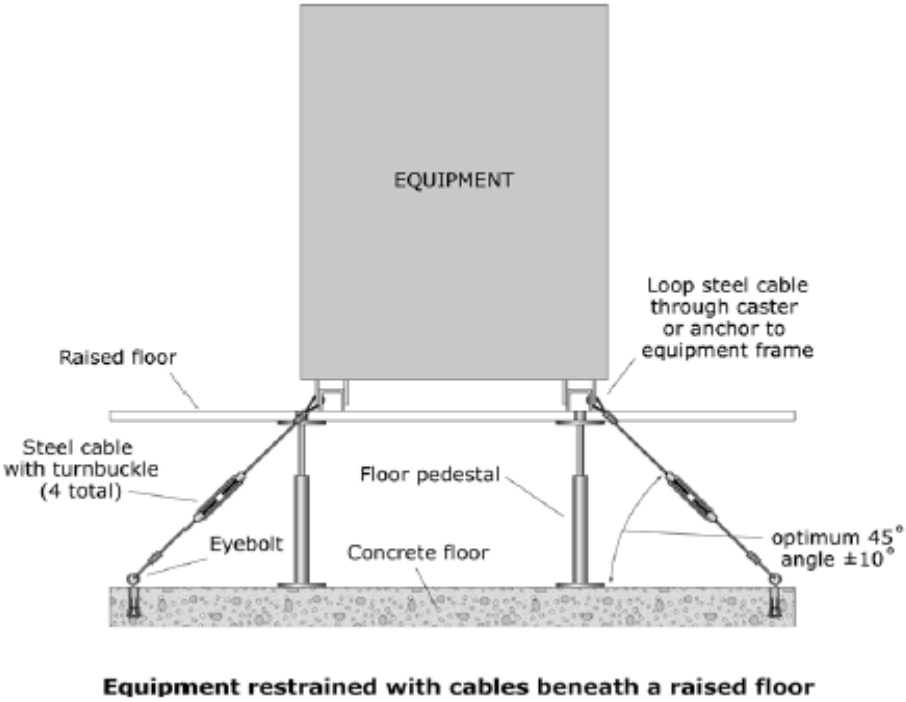

Figure G-27. Equipment Mounted on Access Floor – Cable Braced.

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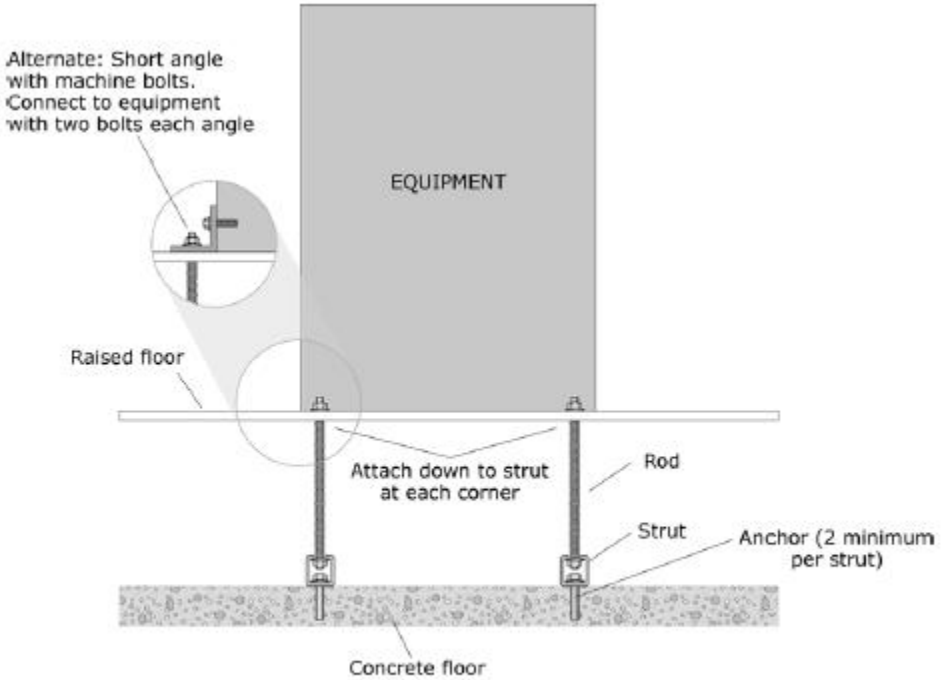

Equipment anchored with vertical rods beneath a raised floor

Figure G-28. Equipment Mounted on Access Floor – Tie-down Rods.

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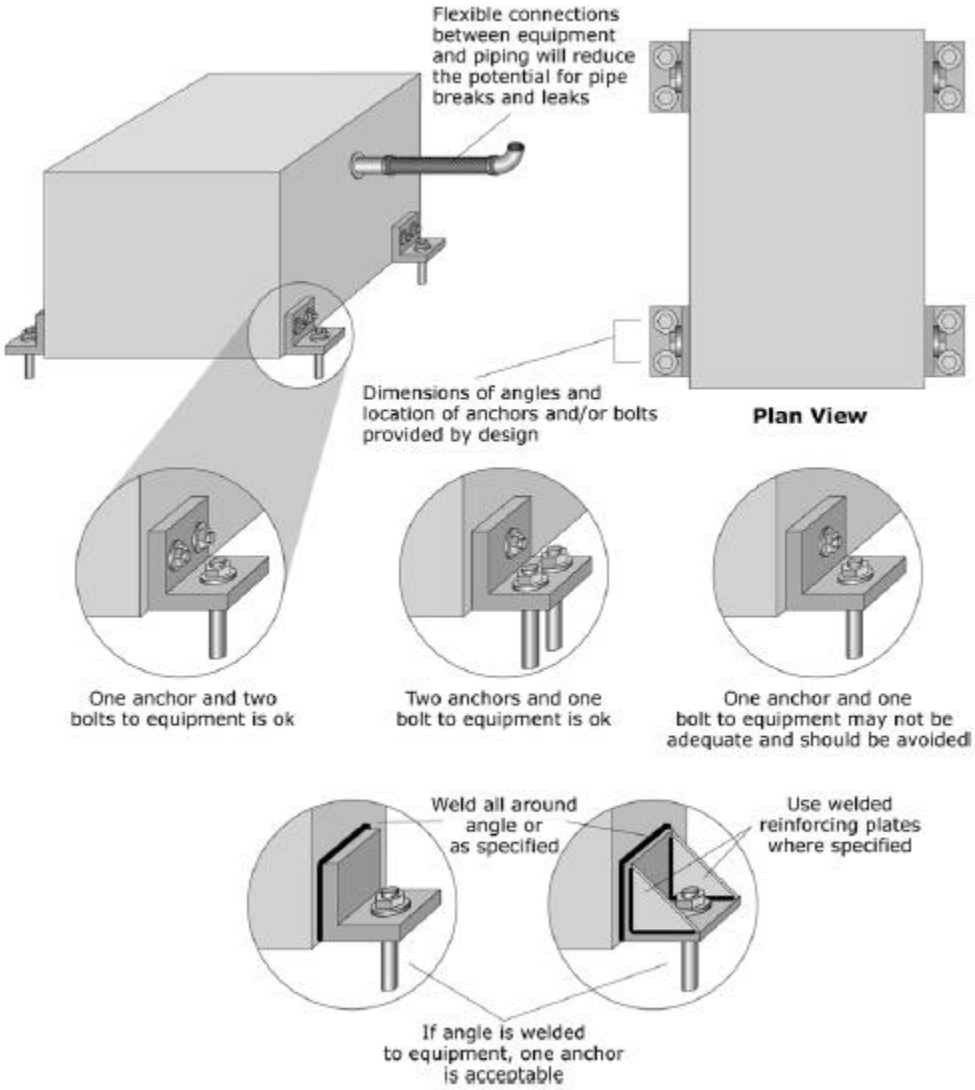

Note: Rigidly mounted equipment shall have flexible connections for the fuel lines and piping.

Figure G-29. Rigidly Floor-mounted Equipment with Added Angles.

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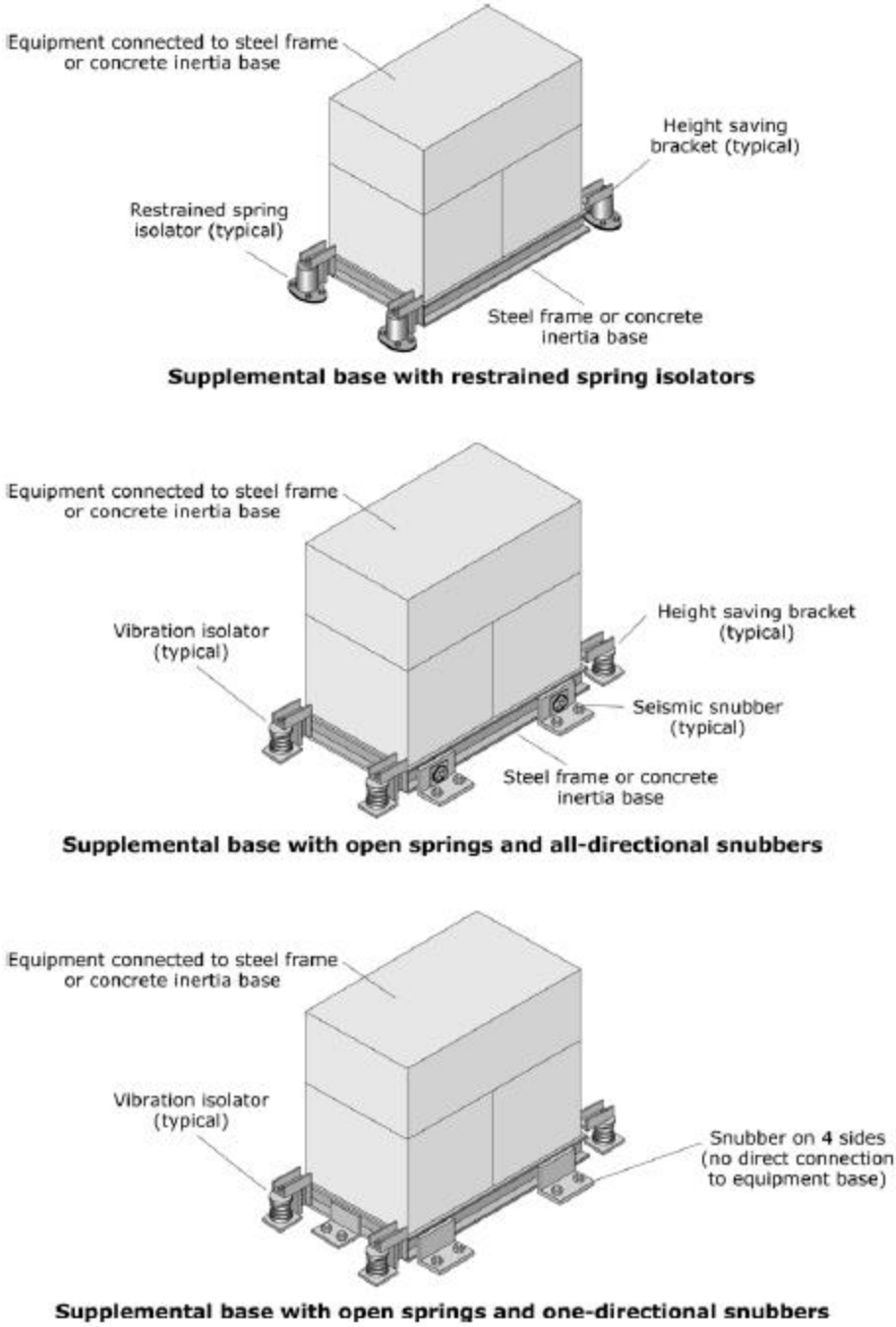

Figure G-30. HVAC Equipment with Vibration Isolation.

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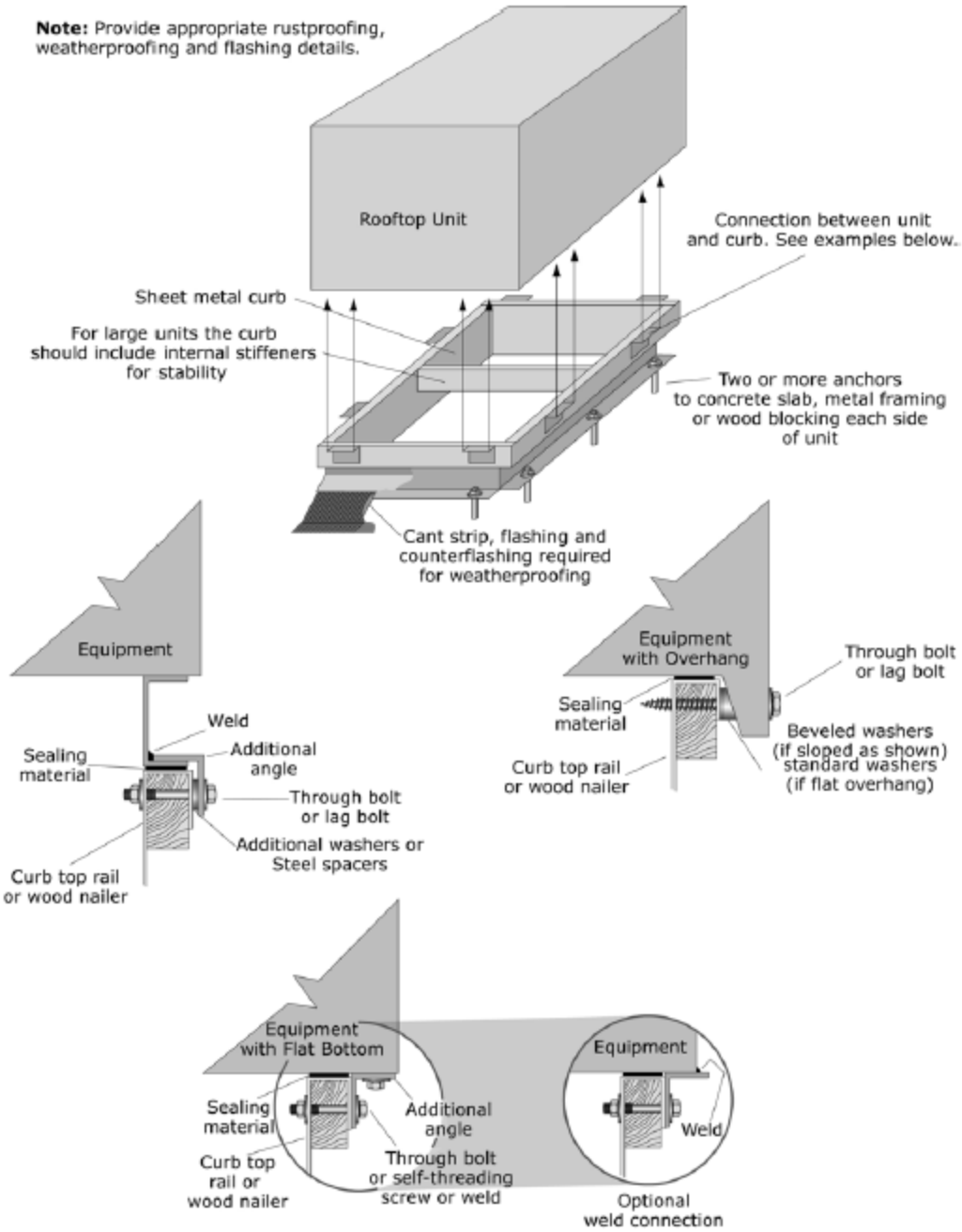

Figure G-31. Rooftop HVAC Equipment.

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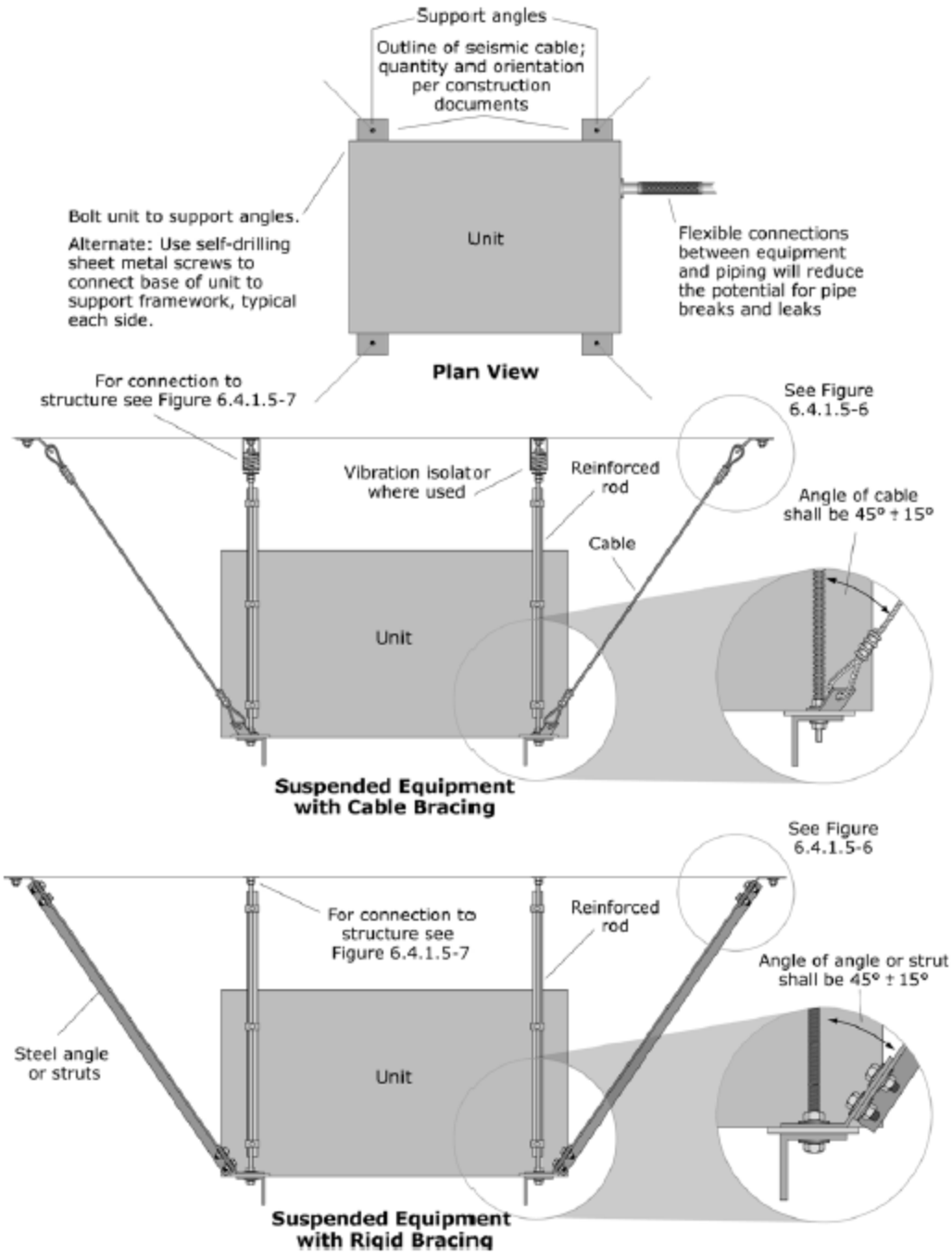

Figure G-32. Suspended Equipment.

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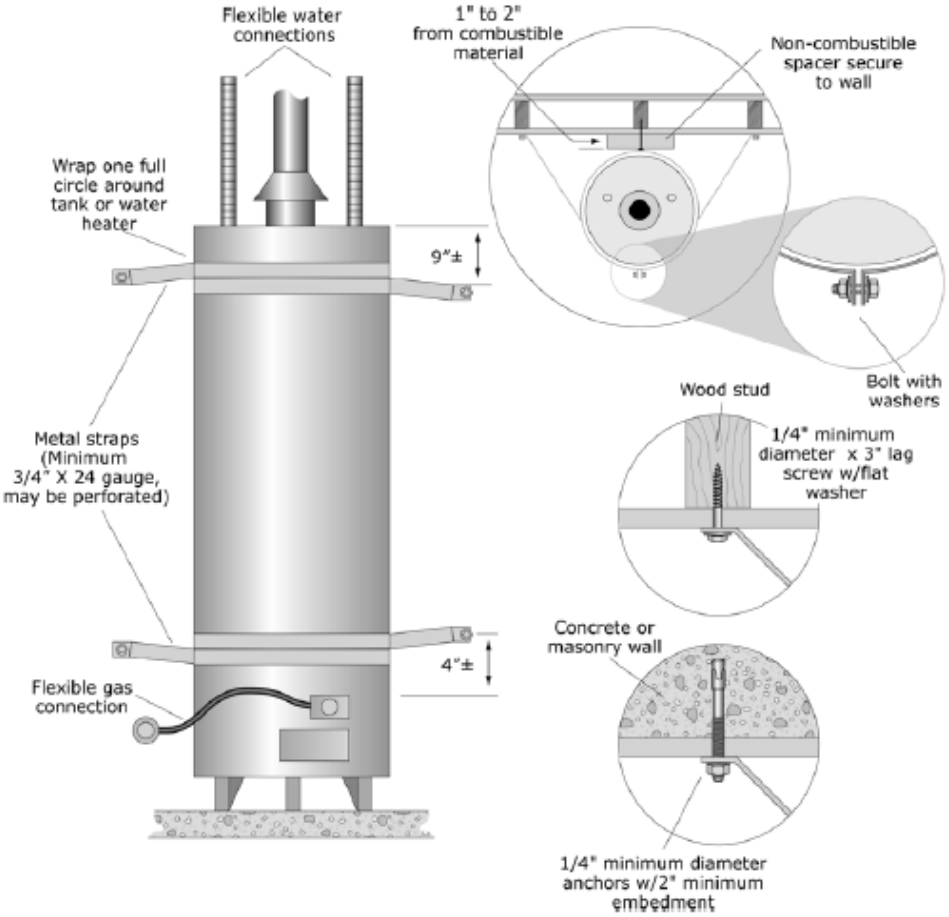

Figure G-33. Water Heater Strapping to Backing Wall.

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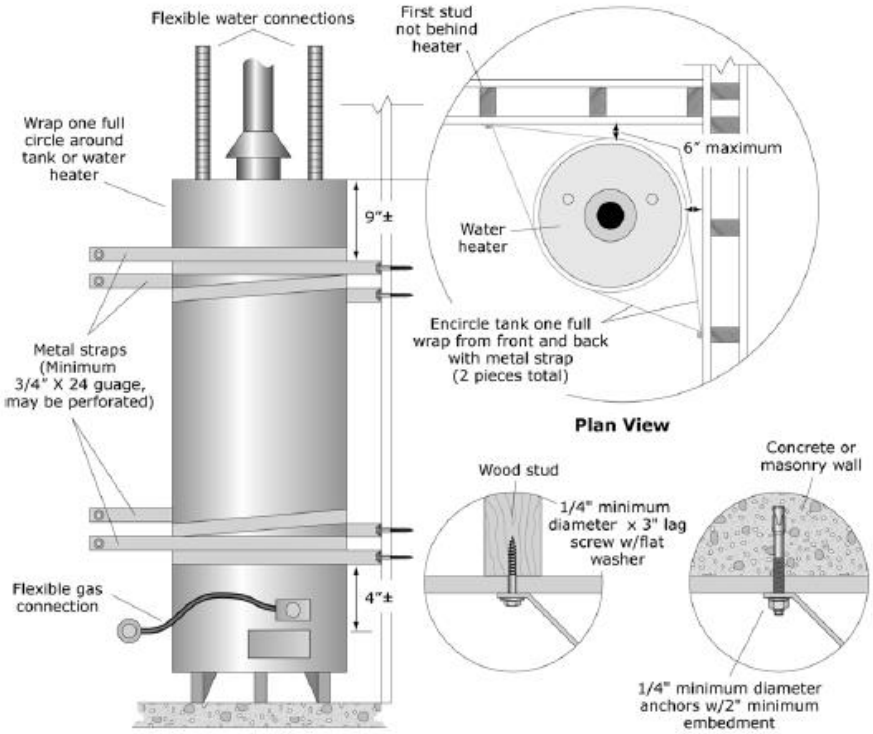

Figure G-34. Water Heater – Strapping at Corner Installation.

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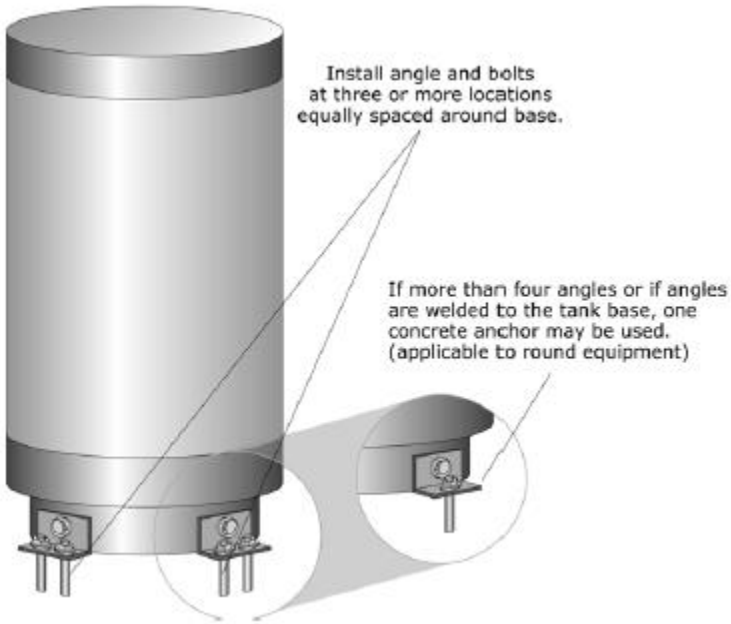

Figure G-35. Water Heater – Base Mounted.

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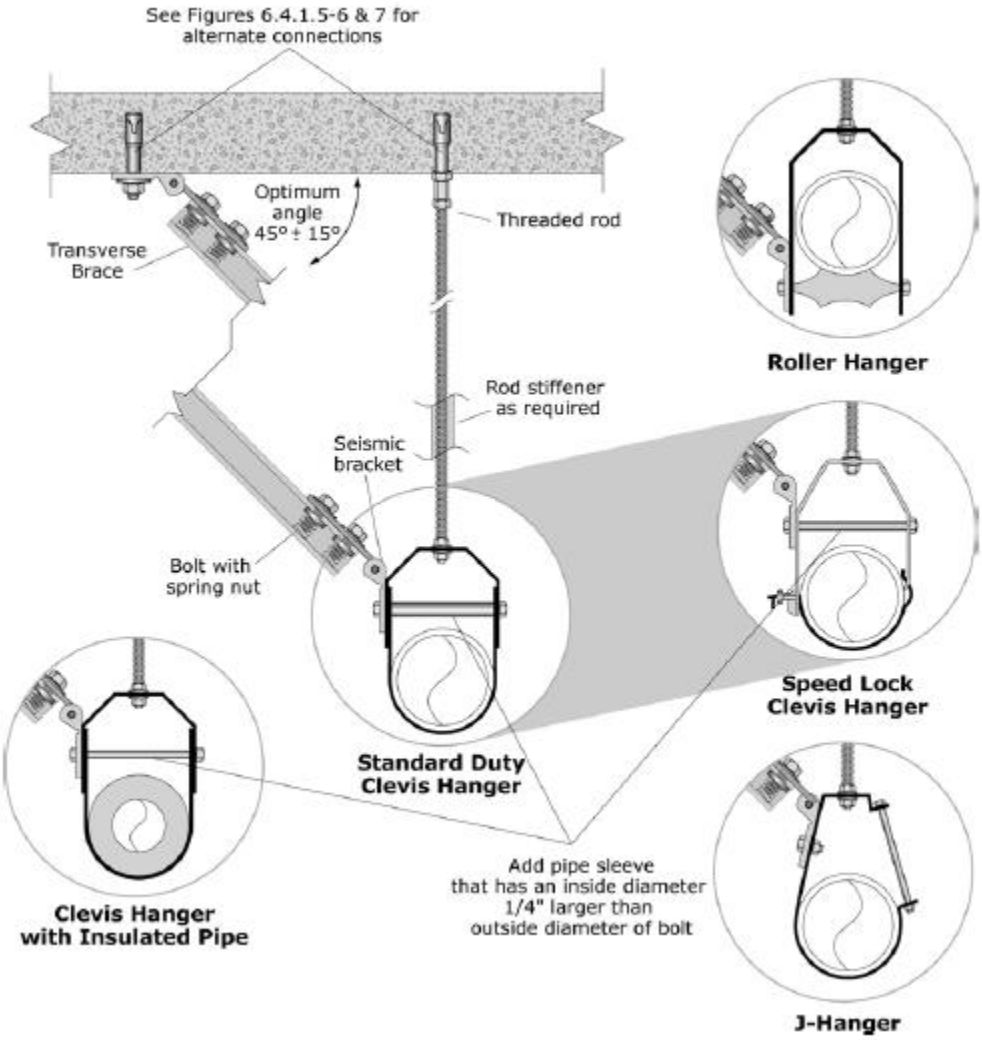

Figure G-36. Rigid Bracing – Single Pipe Transverse.

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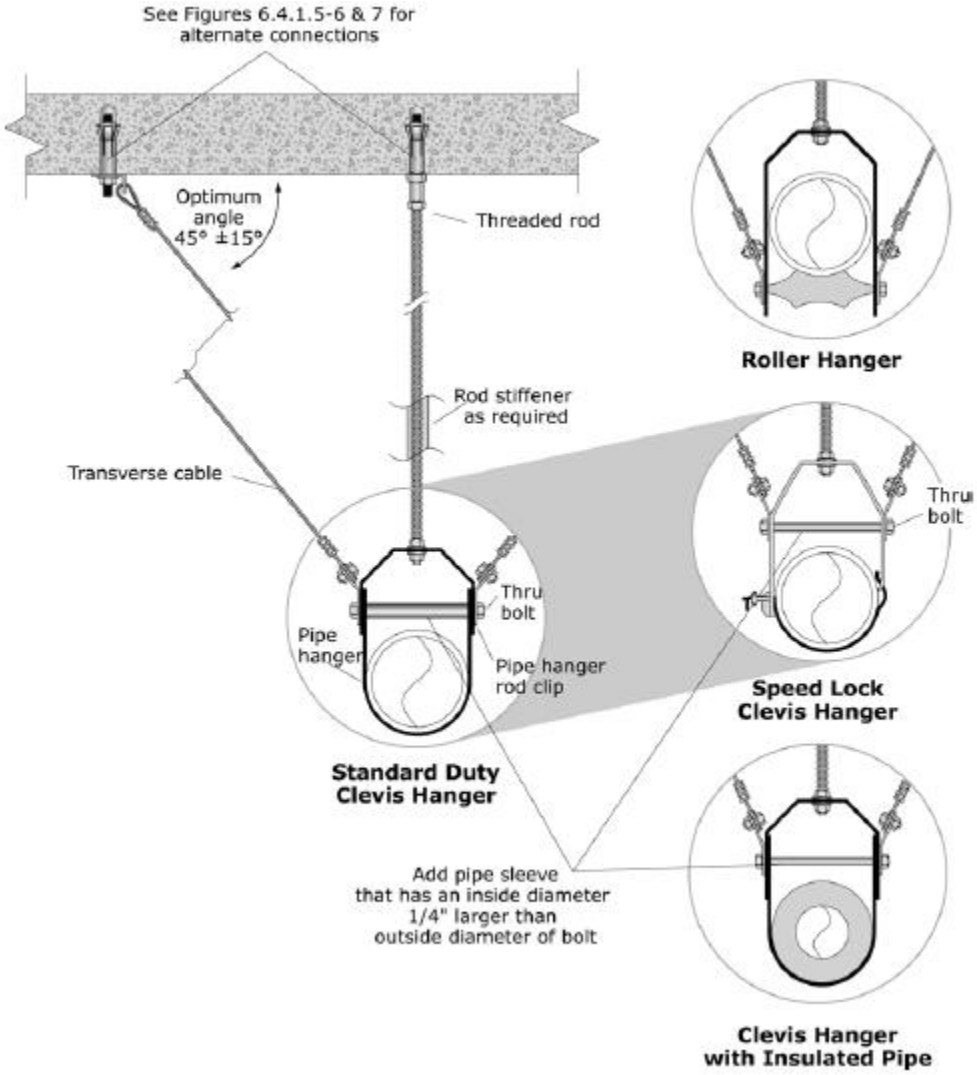

Figure G-37. Cable Bracing – Single Pipe Transverse.

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Electrical and Communications

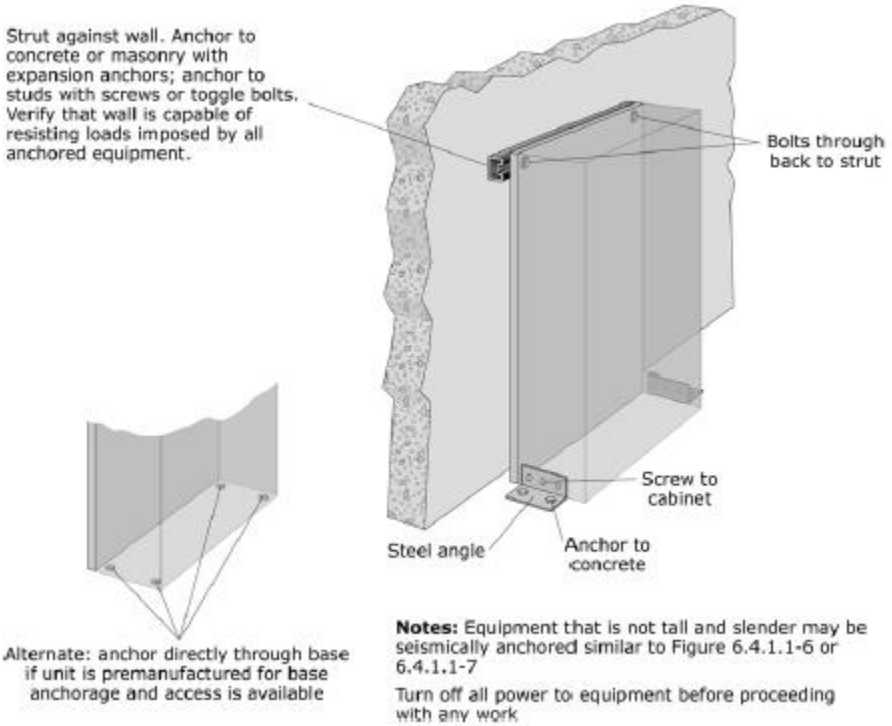

Figure G-38. Electrical Control Panels, Motor Controls Centers, or Switchgear.

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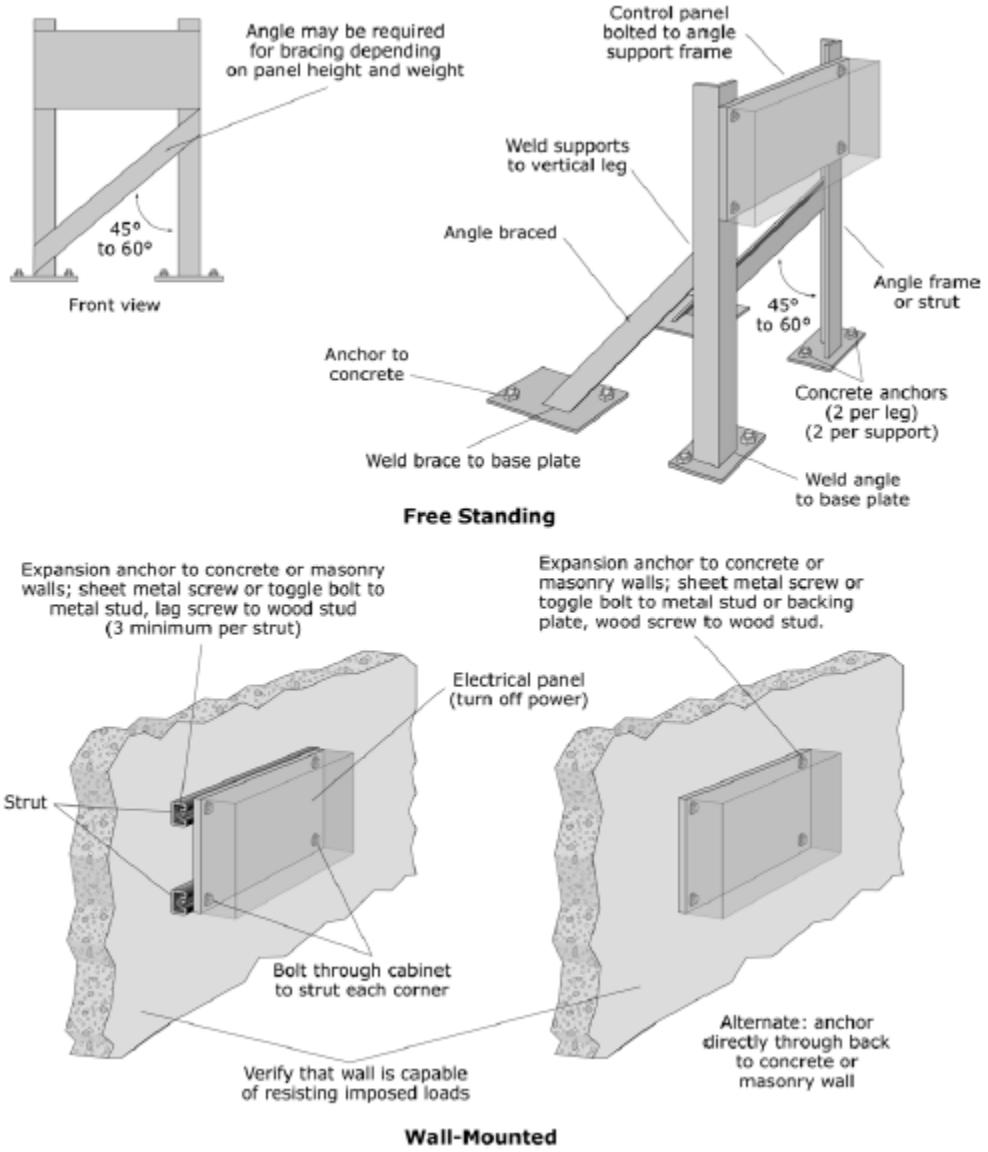

Figure G-39. Freestanding and Wall-mounted Electrical Control Panels, Motor Controls Centers, or Switchgear.

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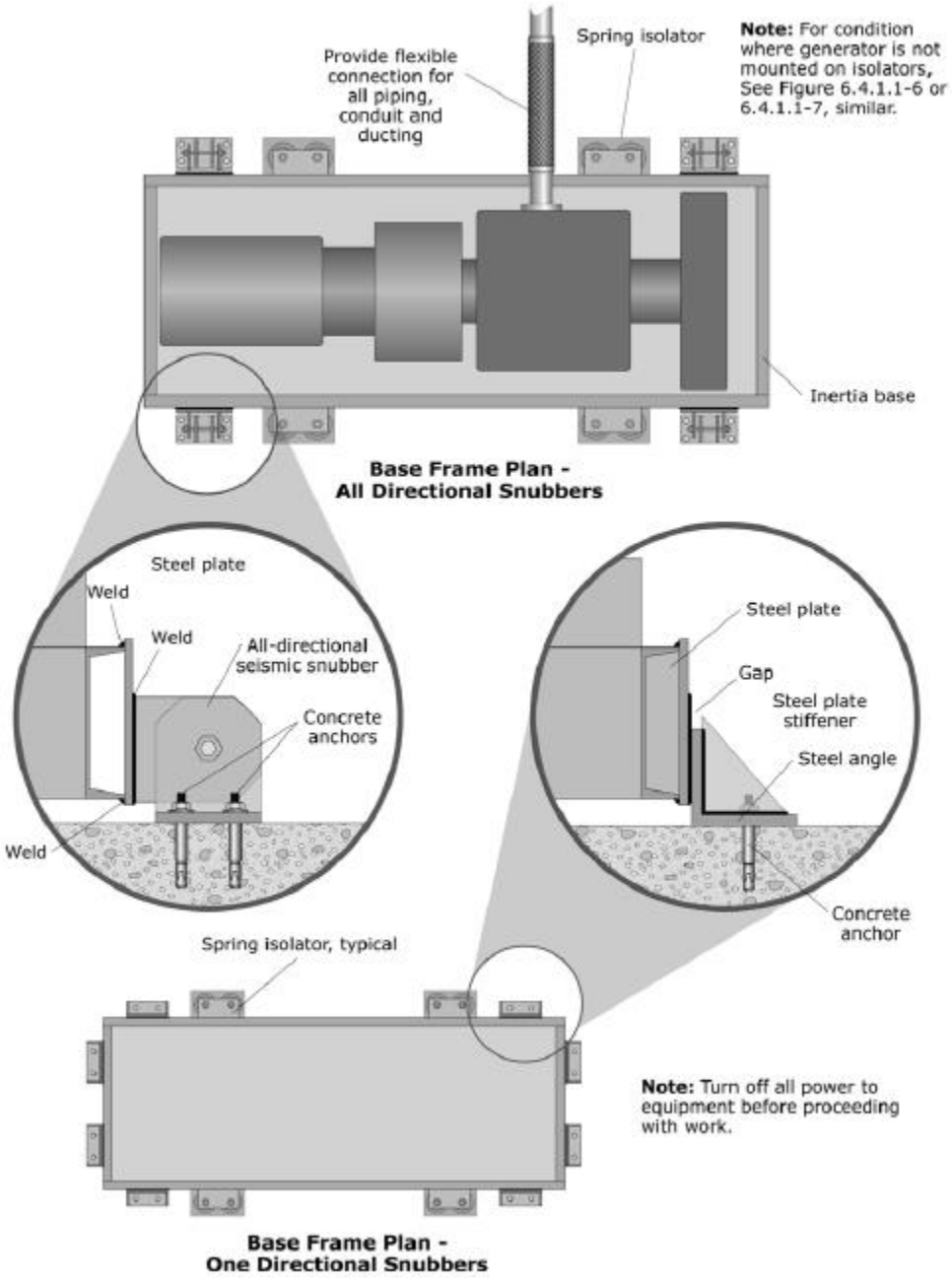

Figure G-40. Emergency Generator.
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