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The Shear Path – Roof to Foundation

For Wood Framed Structures



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Learning Objectives

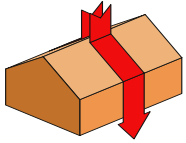
- Understand the complete lateral load path
- Identify common framing errors within this path
- Discuss code requirements for critical details

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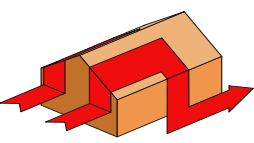
Load Path

“Any system or method of construction to be used shall be based on a rational analysis in accordance with well established principles of mechanics. Such analysis shall result in a system that provides a complete load path capable of transferring loads from their point of origin to the load-resisting elements.”

(CBC 2010 1604.4)

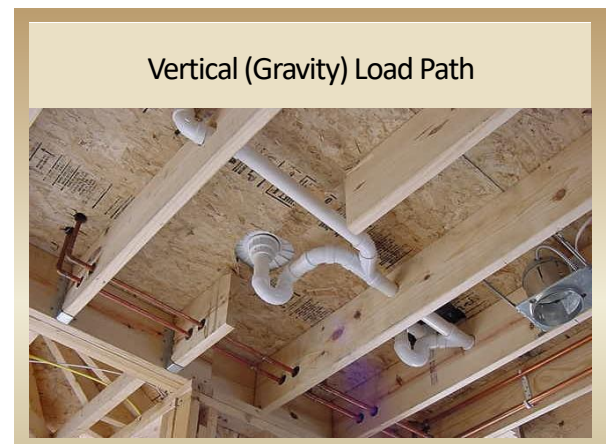


VERTICAL



HORIZONTAL

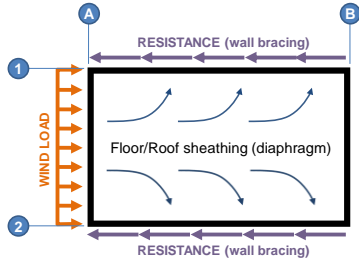
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Lateral Load Path

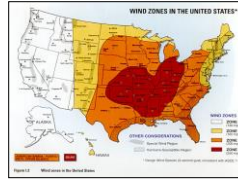
Big Picture

Loaded wall versus resisting walls

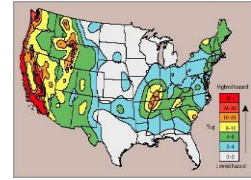


Lateral Loads: National Issue

Wind Hazard



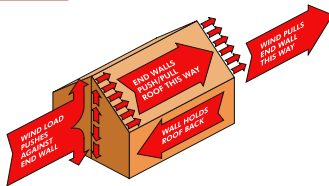
Earthquake Hazard



Lateral Loads(Wind)

$$F = PA$$

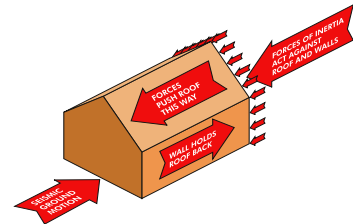
Effort is devoted to determining:
P – wind pressure



Lateral Loads(Seismic)

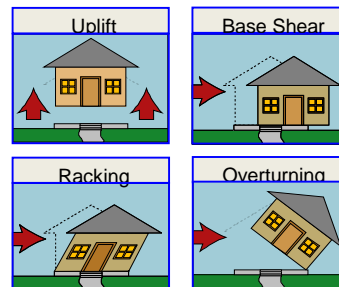
$$F = ma$$

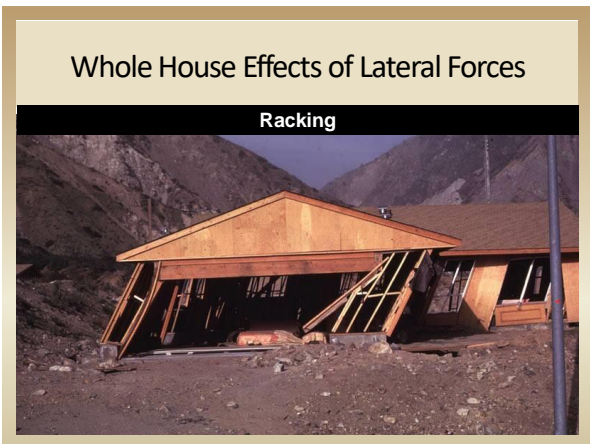
Effort is devoted to determining:
a – acceleration

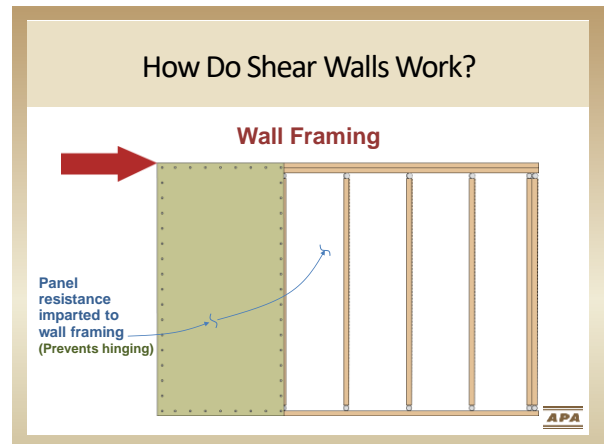
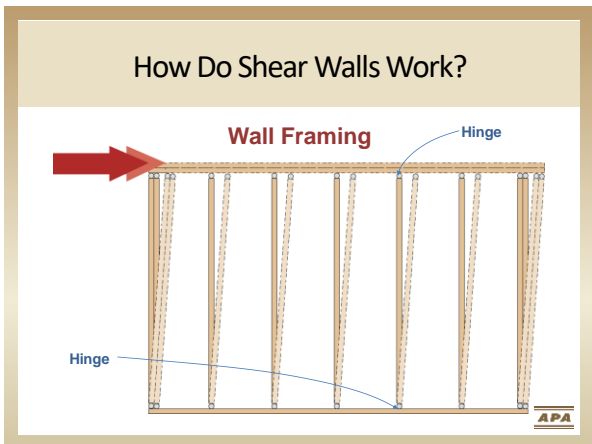


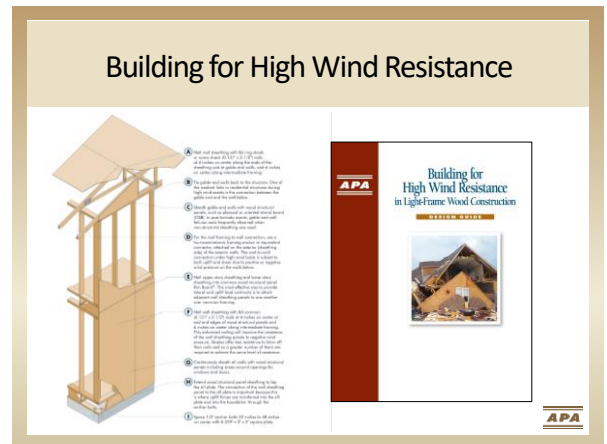
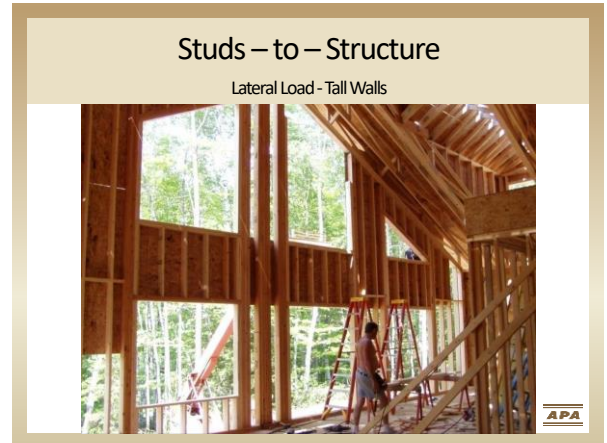
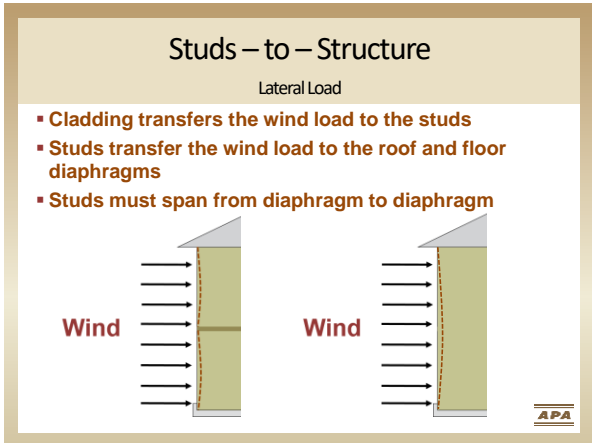
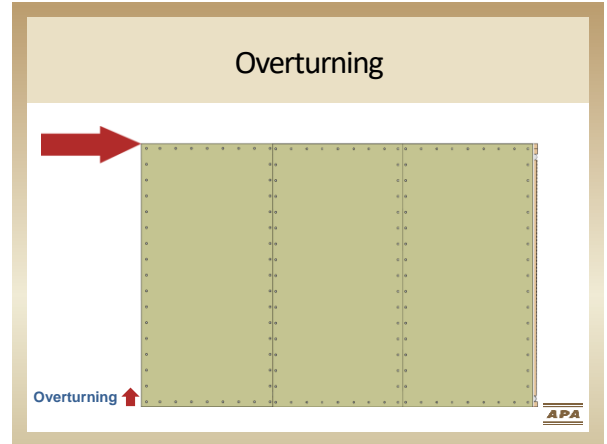
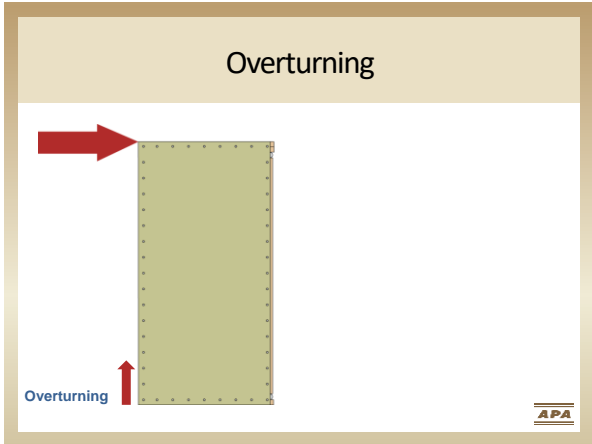
Wood – Light and Flexible

General Modes of Failure

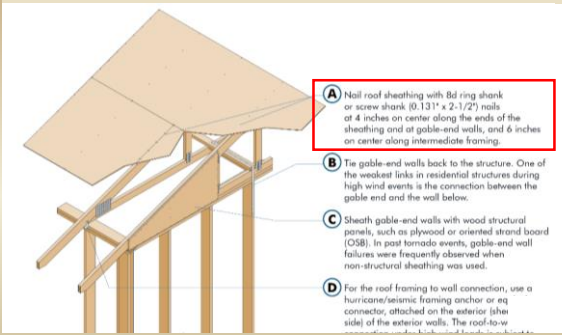








Roof Sheathing Connection



Roof Sheathing Connection

Texas Tornado – December 2015



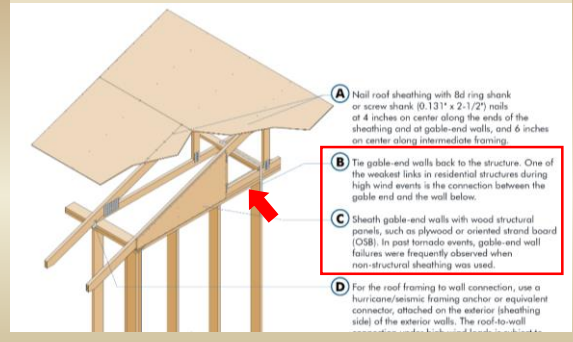
Roof Sheathing - to - Roof Rafters/Trusses

Uplift Load

Nebraska Tornado – June 2017



Gable Ends

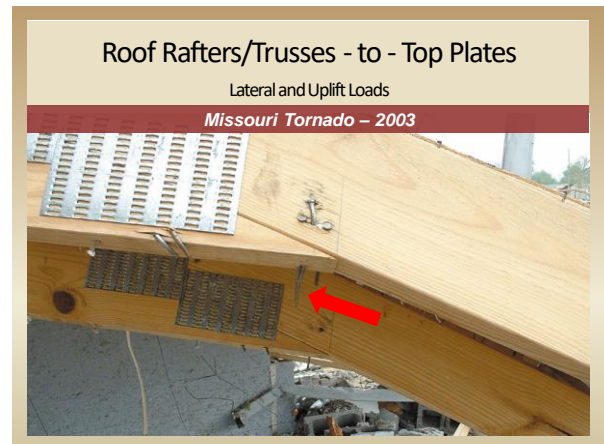
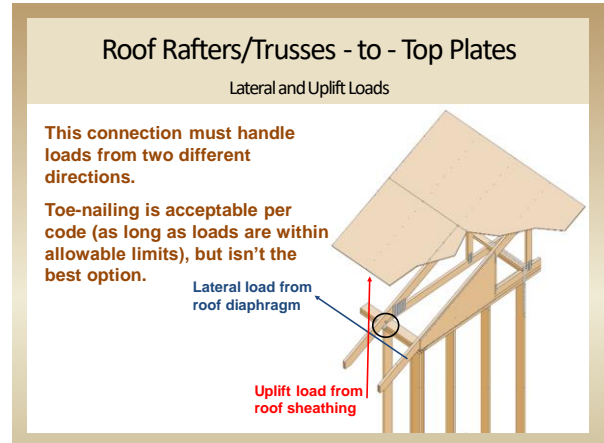
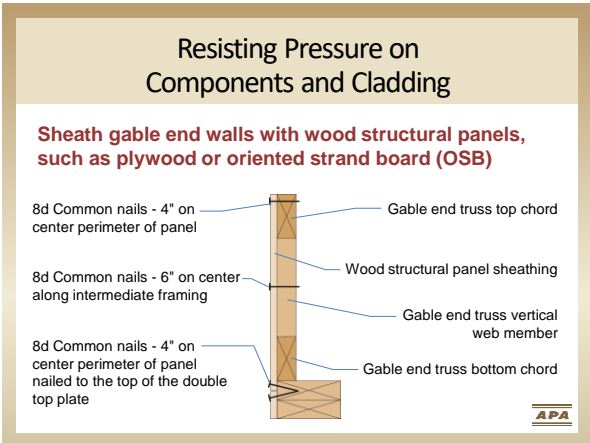
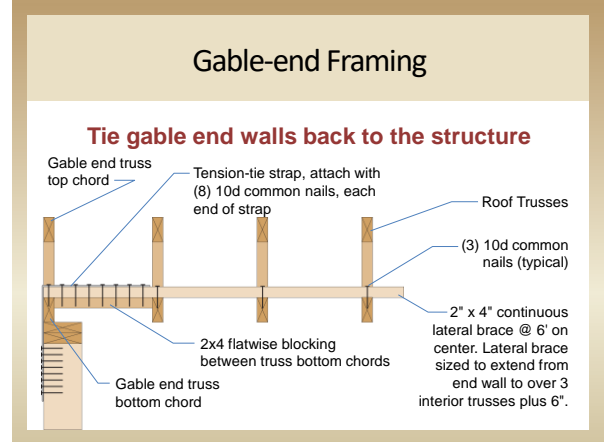


Fayetteville, North Carolina – 2011 Tornadoes



Texas Tornado – December 2015







Top Plate – to – Wall Sheathing

Uplift Loads

Wall sheathing should be fastened to both top plates, but the top-top plate at a minimum – and not just at braced wall panels

The uplift load is transferred to the wall sheathing at all locations around the perimeter of the structure.

Top Plate – to – Wall Sheathing

Uplift Loads

Garland, Texas – 2015

Top Plate – to – Wall Sheathing

Uplift Loads

Uplift loads must be accounted for all the way down to the foundation (just like any other load).

Dead load of structure can be used to counteract it.

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Top Plate – to – Wall Sheathing

Lateral Loads

Wall sheathing should be fastened to both top plates, but the top-top plate at a minimum.

The top plate acts as a 'collector' for the lateral load and transfers that load to the braced wall panel locations - the lateral load is only transferred to the wall sheathing at braced wall panel locations.

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Floor Sheathing – to – Wall Sheathing

Lateral Loads

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Floor Sheathing – to – Wall Sheathing

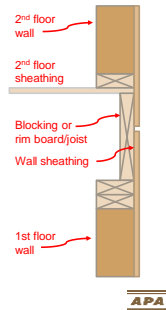
Lateral Loads

The load is transferred from the floor sheathing into the joist blocking or rim board/joist.

The blocking or rim board/joist acts as a 'collector' for the lateral load and transfers that load to the braced wall panel locations

The load is transferred into the sheathing at the braced wall panel locations – depends on how/where the braced wall panels are attached.

Wall sheathing should be fastened to the rim board or the top plates.



Wall Sheathing – to – Framing

Lateral Loads



- The wall sheathing and framing work together to move the lateral load down to the base of the wall
- The engineer may require a tighter fastener spacing than the standard spacing required by code (6" o.c. edges, 12" o.c. field for WSP) if the panel is a shear panel (engineered).

Missouri Tornado – 2003

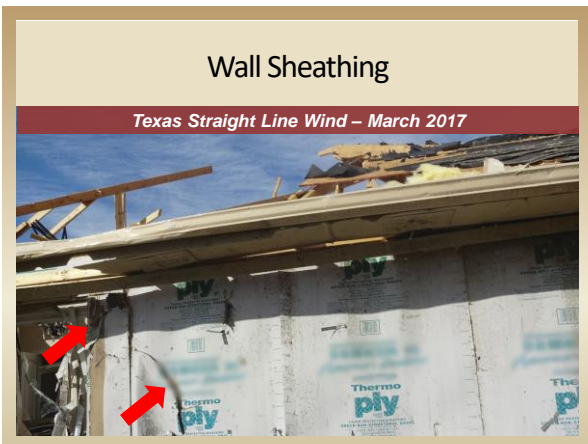


Nebraska Tornado – June 2017



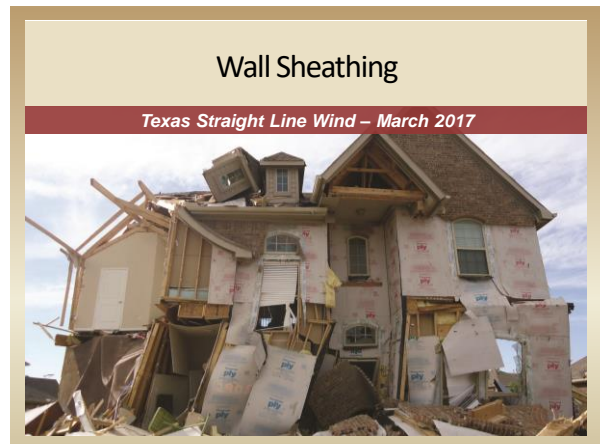
Wall Sheathing

Texas Straight Line Wind – March 2017



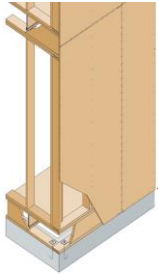
Wall Sheathing

Texas Straight Line Wind – March 2017



Wall Sheathing – to – Sill Plate

Lateral and Uplift Loads



- Sheathing must be fastened to the bottom plate.
- Make sure staples are aligned parallel to the bottom plate to ensure both legs are engaged.
- At this point, uplift loads from the suction on the roof are at their smallest due to dead load of the structure.

Attachment to sill plate



Wall Sheathing – to – Sill Plate

Lateral and Uplift Loads



Wall Sheathing – to – Sill Plate

Lateral and Uplift Loads

Tornados of the South – 2011



Wall Sheathing – to – Sill Plate

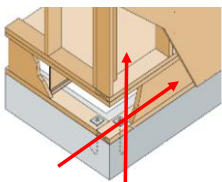
Lateral and Uplift Loads

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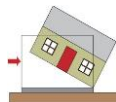


Sill Plate – to – Foundation

Lateral and Overturning Loads



- At this point, the lateral loads and the overturning loads are at their maximum.



- Hold downs transfer the overturning loads from the structure to the foundation

- Anchor bolts transfer the lateral loads from the sill plate to the foundation.



Sill Plate – to – Foundation

Lateral and Uplift Loads

Texas Tornado – December 2015



Sill Plate – to – Foundation

Lateral and Uplift Loads

Texas Tornado – December 2015



No anchor bolts
– PAFs only!


This is where all the wind load is trying to go!

If the wind load cannot get out of the structure and into the foundation, it will take the home with it.

Governing Codes for Engineered Wood Design


2016 CBC (2015 IBC)

- Chapter 23 Wood
- NDS-2015 (National Design Specification for Wood Construction)
- SDPWS-15 (Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic)



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Wood Structural Panels are by definition either Plywood or OSB (2302 & R202)



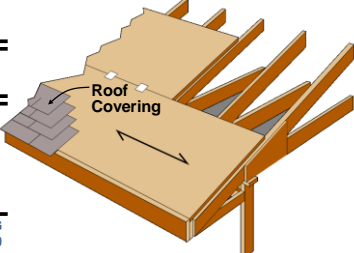
Wood Shear Wall and Diaphragms Design

- **Function of: fastener's size, spacing and panel thickness**
- **Values in Tables in SDPWS-08**
- **Alternately, capacities can be calculated by principles of mechanics**

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Wood's Strength Direction

- **Rated Sheathing**
 - Floor, wall or roof
 - Plywood or OSB




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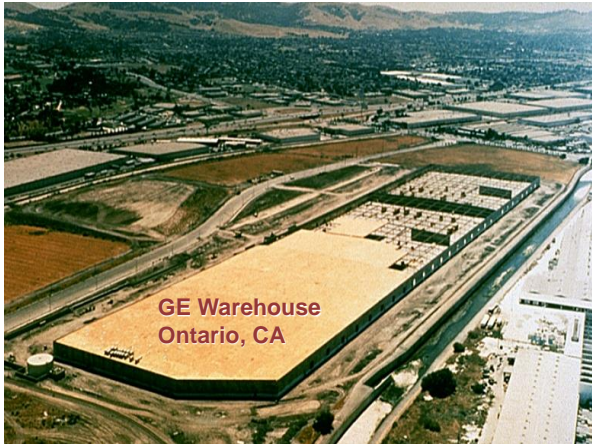
RATED SHEATHING
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SIZED FOR SPACING
EXPOSURE 1
THICKNESS 0.451 IN.
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PS 2-10 SHEATHING
PRP-108 HUD-UM-40
15/32 CATEGORY

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High load diaphragms





High Load Diaphragms

- SDPWS-08 4.2.7.1.2
- Uses multiple rows of nails
- ASD capacity up to 1800 plf (seismic)
- ASD capacity up to 2520 plf (wind)
- Shall be subject to special inspection IAW CBC Section 1704.6.1

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Footnotes to High-Load Diaphragm Table

Loads were limited by lumber splitting.

2 x 4

High-Load Diaphragm Fastening Pattern (SDPWS-15 Fig 4C)

3" nominal, two lines of fasteners

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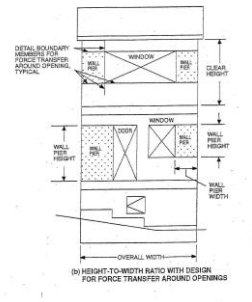
Height to width ratio (SDPWS-08 Figure 4D & 4E)

- For shear walls and perforated shear walls
- h:w must not exceed 2:1 or 3.5:1 ratio

(a) HEIGHT-TO-WIDTH RATIO FOR SHEAR WALLS AND PERFORATED SHEAR WALLS

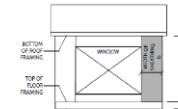
Height to width ratio (SDPWS-08 Figure 4F)

- For force transfer around opening shear walls
- h:w must not exceed 2:1 or 3.5:1 ratio

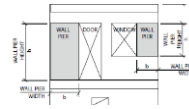


Aspect ratio (SDPWS-15 4.3.4.2)

- Definition of h and w is the same as previous code
- ALL shear walls with $2:1 < \text{aspect ratios} \leq 3.5:1$ shall apply reduction factor, aspect ratio factor
- Aspect Ratio Factor (WSP) = $1.25 - 0.125h/bs$
 - Formerly applied only to high seismic



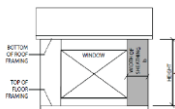
Excerpt Fig 4D
h:w ratio Segmented



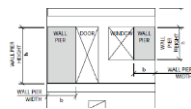
Excerpt Fig. 4E
h:w ratio FTAO

Shear distribution to shear walls in line (SDPWS-15 4.3.3.4.1)

- Individual shear walls in line shall provide the same calculated deflection. Exception:
 - Nominal shear capacities of shear walls having $2:1 < \text{aspect ratio} \leq 3.5:1$ are multiplied by $2bs/h$ for design. Aspect ratio factor (4.3.4.2) need not be applied.



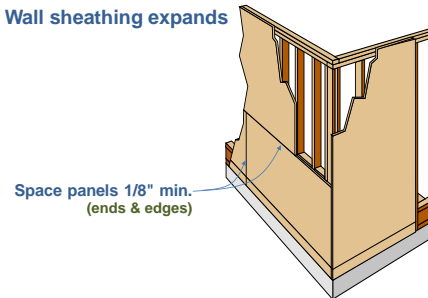
Excerpt Fig 4D
h:w ratio Segmented



Excerpt Fig. 4E
h:w ratio FTAO

Wood Moves

- Wall sheathing expands



Wood Moves

- High Risk Application
 - Parallel to supports
 - Edge nailing 4" o.c. or closer
 - Long lasting rainy weather

Minimizing Buckling of Wood Structural Panels

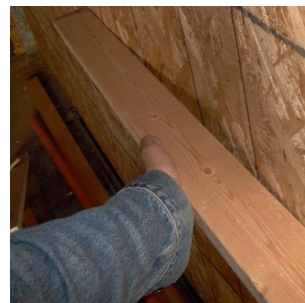
Form D-408.14
September 2012

Buckling of wood structural panel sheathing such as plywood or oriented strand board (OSB) occasionally results when increased moisture conditions cause the wood to expand. Such buckling may occur between supports or between rails along supports. Although structural properties are unaffected, the wariness affects the building's appearance and may lead to complaints. Builders can significantly reduce the potential for buckling by assuring minimal moisture-content increase in service and/or providing for its natural effects.

High risk because the conditions may reduce edge gap's effectiveness in absorbing panel expansion.

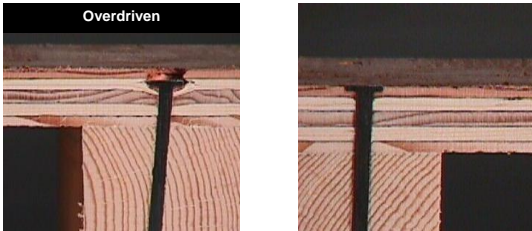


Wood Moves



Consistency Counts

Overdriven fasteners



Consistency Counts

Overdriven Fasteners

Overdriven Fasteners	Overdriven Distance	Action
≤ 20%	< 1/8"	None
> 20%	< 1/8"	Add 1 for every two overdriven
Any	> 1/8"	

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Consistency Counts

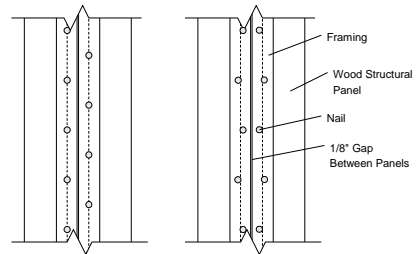
Overdriven Fasteners

Overdriven Fasteners	Overdriven Distance	Action
Any	Due to Thickness Swelling	None

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Staggered Nailing



Nailing not staggered

Nailing staggered

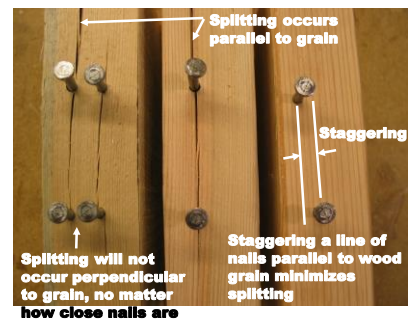


Material Properties of Wood

- Splitting happens because wood is relatively weak perpendicular to grain
 - Nails too close (act like a wedge)



Material Properties of Wood



Material Properties of Wood



- Staggered nailing in tightly nailed shear wall helps prevent splitting of framing

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Load Path Continuity



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Shear Wall Design Challenges



Shear Wall Design Challenges (SDPWS 4.3.5)



Segmented

1. Aspect Ratio up to 2:1 for wind and seismic
2. Aspect ratio up to 3.5:1, if allowable shear is reduced by $1.25-0.125h/bs$



Force Transfer

1. Code does not provide guidance for this method
2. Different approaches using rational analysis could be used

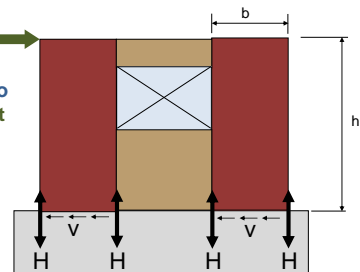


Perforated

1. Code provides specific requirements
2. The capacity is determined based on empirical equations and tables

Segmented Wood Shear Walls (SDPWS-08/15 Section 4.3.5.1)

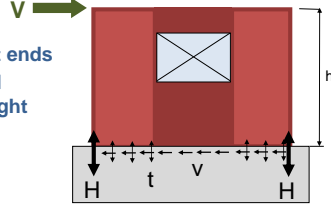
- Only full height segments V are considered
- Max aspect ratio
 - * 2:1 – without adjustment
 - * 3.5:1 – with adjustment
 - * New to SDPWS-15



Aspect ratio $h:b_s$ as shown in figure

Perforated Shear Wall (SDPWS-15 4.3.5.3)

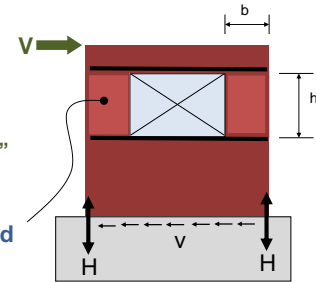
- Openings accounted for by empirical adjustment factor
- Hold-downs only at ends
- Uplift between hold downs, t , at full height segments is also required
- Limited to 870 μft (ASD, seismic)



Aspect ratio applies to full height segment (dotted)

FTAO (SDPWS-08/15 Section 4.3.5.2)

- Openings accounted for by strapping or framing
- "based on a rational analysis"
- Hold-downs only at ends
- H/w ratio defined by wall pier



Aspect ratio $h:b$ as shown in figure

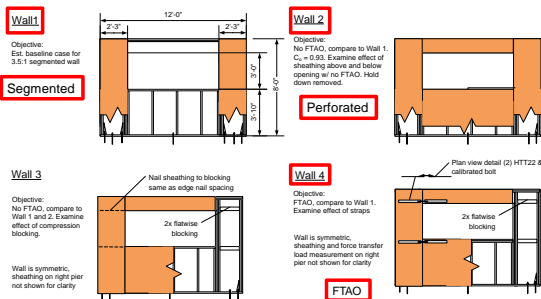
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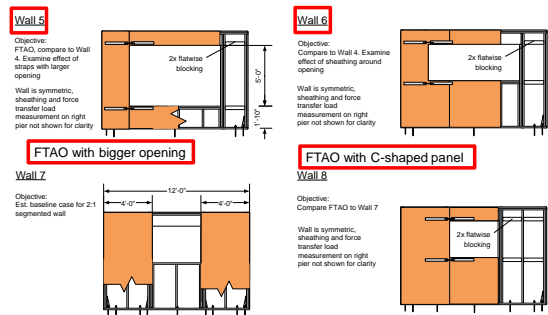
Test Plan

- 12 wall configurations tested (with and without FTAO applied)
- Wall nailing; 10d commons (0.148" x 3") at 2" o.c.
- Sheathing; 15/32 Perf Cat oriented strand board (OSB) APA STR I
- All walls were 12 feet long and 8 feet tall
- Cyclic loading protocol following ASTM E2126, Method C, CUREE Basic Loading Protocol

Test Plan



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Wall 9

Objective: Compare FTAO to Wall 7 and 8. Collect FTAO data for wall with larger opening.

Wall is symmetric, sheathing and force transfer load measurement on right pier not shown for clarity.

Wall 10

Objective: FTAO for 3.5:1 Aspect ratio pier wall. No sheathing below opening. Two hold downs on pier (fixed case).

Wall is symmetric, sheathing and force transfer load measurement on right pier not shown for clarity.

Wall 11

Objective: FTAO for 3.5:1 Aspect ratio pier wall. No sheathing below opening. One hold down on pier (pinned case).

Wall is symmetric, sheathing and force transfer load measurement on right pier not shown for clarity.

Wall 12

Objective: FTAO for asymmetric multiple pier wall.

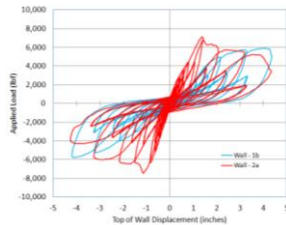
FTAO with multiple openings and asymmetric piers.

Measured vs Predicted Strap Forces

Wall ID	Measured Strap Forces (lb) ⁽¹⁾		Error ⁽²⁾ For Predicted Strap Forces at ASD Capacity (%)							
	Top	Bottom	Drag Strut Technique		Cantilever Beam Technique		Diemann Technique		SEAOC/Thompson Technique	
			Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom
Wall 4a	687	1,465	176%	92%	96%	183%	132%	103%	115%	115%
Wall 4b	560	1,477	219%	83%	90%	184%	133%	109%	115%	115%
Wall 4c ⁽³⁾	668	1,316	183%	93%	67%	207%	149%	41%	129%	102%
Wall 4d	1,006	1,665	122%	73%	44%	164%	118%	27%	102%	102%
Wall 5a	1,883	1,809	89%	68%	32%	25%	173%	204%	160%	160%
Wall 5c ⁽⁴⁾	1,611	1,744	76%	70%	38%	26%	187%	238%	166%	166%
Wall 5d	1,633	2,307	72%	93%	37%	20%	141%	23%	125%	125%
Wall 6a	421	477	281%	25%	106%	57%	41%	103%	27%	27%
Wall 6b	639	614	201%	19%	75%	44%	31%	103%	27%	27%
Wall 8a	985	1,347	118%	85%	58%	35%	138%	26%	120%	120%
Wall 8b ⁽⁵⁾	1,493	1,079	75%	108%	53%	44%	124%	17%	150%	150%
Wall 9a	1,676	1,653	89%	70%	47%	33%	185%	21%	166%	166%
Wall 9b	1,671	1,594	89%	73%	47%	37%	185%	21%	172%	172%
Wall 10a	1,580	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	73%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	46%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾
Wall 10b	2,002	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	58%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	38%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾
Wall 11a	2,466	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	47%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾
Wall 11b	3,062	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	33%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	26%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾
Wall 12a	917	1,163	91%	96%	53%	54%	128%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾
Wall 12b	1,083	1,002	60%	109%	44%	40%	138%	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾	n.a. ⁽⁶⁾

Local Response

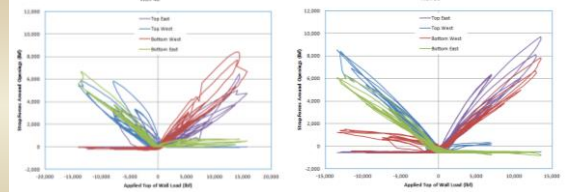
- The response curves are representative for wall 1 & 2
- Compares segmented piers vs. sheathed with no straps
- Observe the increased stiffness of perforated shear (Wall 2) vs. the segmented shear (Wall 1)



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Local Response

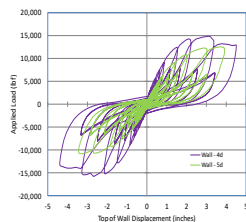
- Comparison of opening size vs. strap forces
- Compared Wall 4 to 5



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Global Response

- Comparison of opening size vs. strap forces
- Wall 4 vs. 5d reduction in stiffness with larger opening
- Wall 4 & 5d demonstrated increased stiffness as well as strength over the segmented walls 1 & 2
- Larger openings resulting in both lower stiffness and lower strength.
- Relatively brittle nature of the perforated walls
- Shear walls resulted in sheathing tearing



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Conclusions

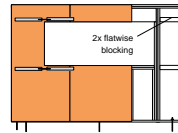
- 12 assemblies tested, examining the three approaches to designing and detailing walls with openings
 - Segmented
 - Perforated Shear Wall
 - Force Transfer Around Openings
- Walls detailed for FTAO resulted in better global response

Conclusions

- **Comparison of analytical methods with tested values for walls detailed as FTAO**
 - The drag strut technique was consistently **un-conservative**
 - The cantilever beam technique was consistently **ultra-conservative**
 - SEAO/Thompson provides similar results as Diekmann
 - SEAO/Thompson & Diekmann techniques provided reasonable agreement with measured strap forces
- **Better guidance to engineers will be developed by APA for FTAO**
 - Summary of findings for validation of techniques
 - New tools for IRC wall bracing

C-shaped Panels

- **APA FTAO Test Wall 6**
- **Framing status quo**
- **Reduce/eliminate strap force**



Advancements in FTAO

Strapping Above and Below Openings

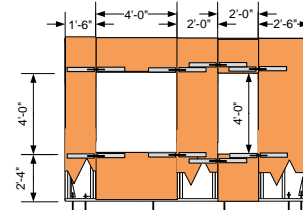
- **SDWPS Section 4.3.5.2 specifies collectors**
 - Full length horizontal elements. Top & Bottom Plates, drag struts, beams, etc..
 - Transfer forces from diaphragm into shear wall
- **Strapping is not a collector**
 - Can be discontinuous
 - Resists internal tension forces not shear
 - Similar to hold downs at end of wall



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Multiple Openings

- **APA FTAO Testing Wall 12**
 - Multiple openings
 - Asymmetric pier widths
- **Diekmann Rational Analysis**

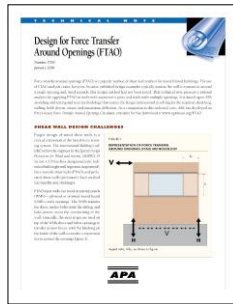


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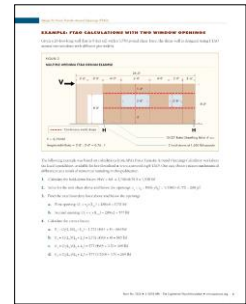
FTAO Technical Note: Form T555

- Technical Note: Design for Force Transfer Around Openings (FTAO)
 - APA Form T555
- Presents a rational analysis for applying FTAO to walls with asymmetric piers and walls with multiple openings
- Based on Wall 12 testing configuration



FTAO Technical Note: Form T555

- Provides a design example for FTAO wall with two window openings
- FTAO Calculator: Companion to Technical Note



APA FTAO Calculator

- Excel-based tool released January 2018
- Based on design methodology developed by Diekmann
- Calculates:
 - Max hold-down force for uplift resistance
 - Required horizontal strap force above and below openings
 - Max shear force for sheathing attachments
 - Max deflection
- Design example (Form T555)



APA Force Transfer Around Openings Calculator
This calculator is an Excel-based tool for professional designers that uses FTAO methodology to calculate maximum hold-down force for uplift resistance, the required horizontal strap force for the tension straps above and below openings, the maximum shear force to determine sheathing attachment, and the maximum deflection of the wall system. The calculator includes worksheets for shear walls with one, two, and three openings and a design example.

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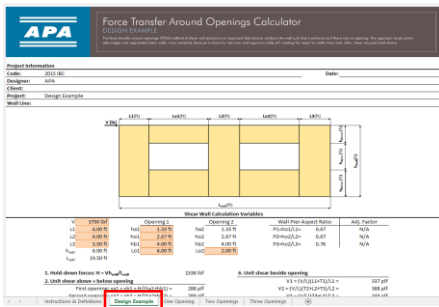
The APA Force Transfer Around Openings (FTAO) Calculator is divided into three worksheets: shear wall with one opening, shear wall with two openings, and shear wall with three openings. Each calculation tab will produce the maximum hold-down force for uplift resistance, the required horizontal strap force for the tension straps above and below openings, the maximum shear force to determine sheathing attachment, and the maximum deflection of the wall system.

Variables for Shear Wall Calculations
 V = Applied shear as lateral force at top of wall in pounds (lb)
 L1, L2, L3, L4 = Length of individual wall pier segment as indicated by L1, L2, L3 and L4 measured in feet (ft)
 L12 = Length of individual clear openings as indicated by L12, L23 and L34 measured in feet (ft)
 h1, h2 = Maximum clear opening height of any opening in the wall system. Will be reported as h1, h2 and h3 measured in feet (ft)
 h1a = Height of continuous sheathing above the opening in correlation with h1 above. Will be reported as h1a, h2a and h3a measured in feet (ft)
 h1b = Height of continuous sheathing below the opening in correlation with h1 below. Will be reported as h1b, h2b and h3b measured in feet (ft)
 L_{shear} = Total calculated length of shear wall from bottom of sill plate to top of top plate measured in feet (ft). Calculated as the summation of h1, h2, h3a, and h3b.



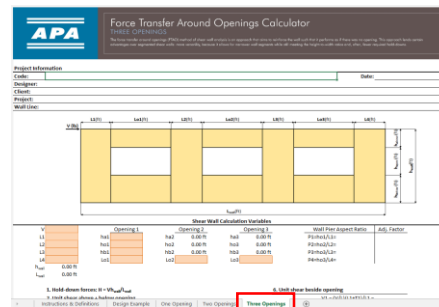
FTAO Calculator: Design Example

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FTAO Calculator: Three Openings

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FTAO Calculator: Design Output

Design output:

- Required sheathing capacity
- Required strap force above and below openings
- Required hold-down force
- Maximum deflection

Design Summary

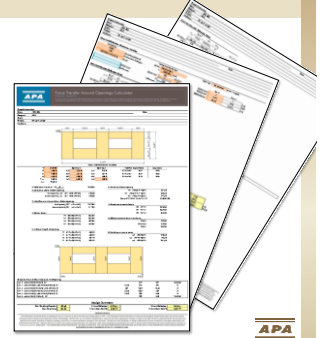
Req. Sheathing Capacity	388 psf	4-Term Deflection	0.316 in.	3-Term Deflection	0.335 in.
Req. Strap Force	965 lbf	4-Term Story Drift %	0.013 %	3-Term Story Drift %	0.014 %
Req. HD Force (lb)	1538 lbf		See Page 2		See Page 3



FTAO Calculator: Final Output

Final Design Output

- Summary of input parameters
- FTAO shear wall analysis
- Summary of final design requirements
- Total calculated deflection
- Three-page shear wall design to include in calculation package
 - Print directly from Excel
 - Save as PDF

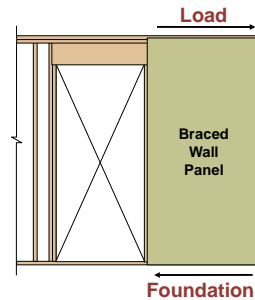


2015/2018 IRC Wood Wall Bracing Provisions

- <http://shop.iccsafe.org/a-guide-to-the-2015-irc-wood-wall-bracing-provisions-1.html>



Load Path

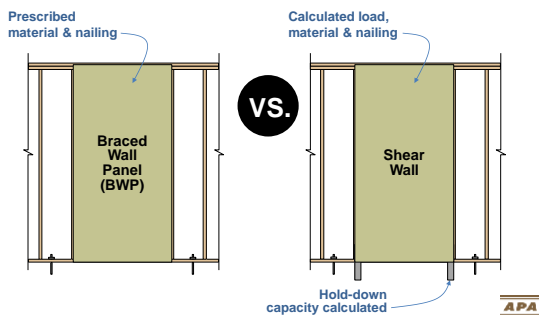


R301.1 Application

The construction of buildings... shall result in a... complete load path... for the transfer of all loads... to the foundation.



Stiffened Walls



Wall Bracing

R602.10 Wall Bracing

"Where a building, or portion thereof, does not comply with one or more of the bracing requirements in this section, those portions shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Section R301.1."



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APA Wall Bracing Calculator

Benefits:

- The user locates the bracing segments, which offers user creativity while automating the code check flagging incorrect or insufficient design.
- The output makes plan review clear, concise, and implementation into the construction plans straightforward.

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APA Wall Bracing Calculator

Benefits:

- Integrated code sections for quick reference
- Designer control over the project details
- Storage on your personal computer

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IRC Wall Bracing Primer

- Establish Design Criteria
- Define BWLs
- Define BWPs in each BWL
- Define the required length of bracing per BWL in accordance with the Wind & Seismic tables
- If step 3 > 4, done. If step 3 < 4, add additional BWPs.

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APA Wall Bracing Calculator

Step 1

- Entering Project Information
 - New Project
 - Import Existing Project

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APA Wall Bracing Calculator

Step 1

- Design Criteria
 - Code
 - SDC
 - Wind Speed
 - Number of Stories, etc

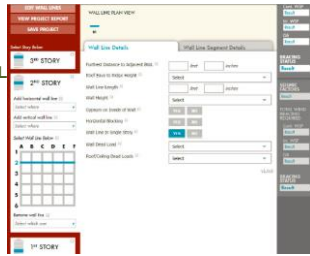
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Step 2

- **Wall Line Details**
 - Distance to adjacent BWL
 - Line Length
 - Wall Height
 - Gypsum, Blocking, etc.

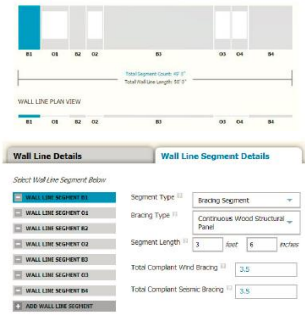


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APA Wall Bracing Calculator

Step 3

- **Wall Line Segment Details**
 - Length BWPs
 - BWP material
 - BWP spacing
 - Total Compliant Bracing: Wind/Seismic

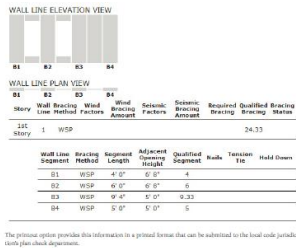


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APA Wall Bracing Calculator

Step 4

- **Producing a Project Report**
 - PDF or Print
 - Summary Elevations
 - Wind & Seismic factor
 - Qualified Bracing vs. Required Bracing



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