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## Shear Exhilaration!

Wood Shear Wall and Diaphragm Design per the 2021 IBC



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### Course Description

The overall strength of a building is a function of all of the components – roof, walls, floors, and foundation – working together as a unit. This session will provide a top-to-bottom overview of lateral design for wood framed structures with a focus on shear walls. Topics of discussion include load path continuity, shear wall design approaches, and force transfer around openings in shear walls.



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### Learning Objectives

1. Understand basic lateral load path through a simple building.
2. Recognize key components of a traditional shear wall and their role.
3. Comprehend the differences between shear wall design approaches.
4. Understand the mechanics behind designing force transfer around shear wall openings.



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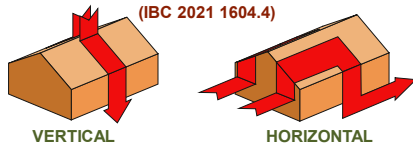
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### Load Path

“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.”

(IBC 2021 1604.4)



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### Vertical (Gravity) Load Path




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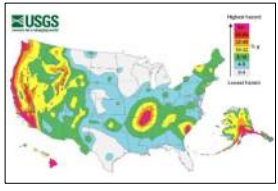
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### Lateral Loads: National Issue

Wind Hazard



Earthquake Hazard




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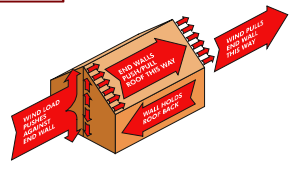
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### Lateral Loads (Wind)

$$F = PA$$

Effort is devoted to determining:  
P – wind pressure




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### Lateral Loads(Seismic)

$F = ma$

Effort is devoted to determining:  
a – acceleration

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### General Modes of Failure

<p><b>UPLIFT</b></p>	<p><b>OVERTURNING</b></p>
<p><b>BASE SHEAR</b></p>	<p><b>RACKING</b></p>

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### Lateral Forces

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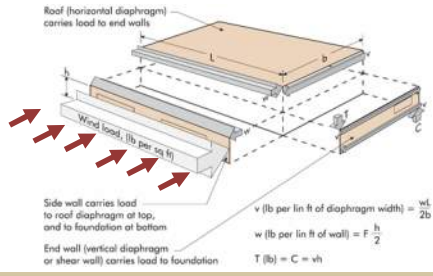
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### General Lateral Load Path



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### 2021 International Building Code (IBC)

- 2021 IBC**
  - Chapter 16 Loads
    - ASCE 7




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### Governing Codes for Engineered Wood Design

- 2021 IBC**
  - Chapter 23 Wood
  - ANSI/AWC NDS (National Design Specification for Wood Construction)
  - Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic SDPWS-21




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### 2021 IBC

- SDPWS-21 (Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic)
  - <https://awc.org/publications/2021-sdpws/>
  - Free view-only




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**Wood Structural Panels = Plywood or OSB  
(IBC Section 202 & IRC Section R202)**



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**Alternates?**



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### Wood Shear Wall and Diaphragms Design

#### Shear Values

- Function of fastener size and spacing, panel thickness and the specific gravity of the framing materials
- Values in tables in SDPWS-21
- 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  
 32/16  
 SIZED FOR SPACING  
 EXPOSURE 1  
 THICKNESS 0.451 IN.  
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 PS 2-18 SHEATHING  
 PRP-108 HUD-UM-40  
 15/32 CATEGORY

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### 2021 IBC

	Cases 1&3 Continuous Panel Joints Perpendicular to Framing	Cases 2&4 Continuous Panel Joints Parallel to Framing	Cases 5&6 Continuous Panel Joints Perpendicular and Parallel to Framing
Long Panel Direction Perpendicular to Supports	 Case 1 Roof Continuous panel joints Diaphragm boundaries	 Case 2 Roof Continuous panel joints Diaphragm boundaries	 Case 3 Roof Continuous panel joints Diaphragm boundaries
Long Panel Direction Parallel to Supports	 Case 4 Roof Continuous panel joints Diaphragm boundaries	 Case 5 Roof Continuous panel joints Diaphragm boundaries	 Case 6 Roof Continuous panel joints Diaphragm boundaries

(a) Panel span rating for out-of-plane loads may be lower than the span rating with the long panel direction perpendicular to supports. (See Section 12.7 and Section 12.3)




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### Shear Wall and Diaphragm Tables

- Tables removed from Ch 23 except for staples
- SDPWS-21 lists nominal values – require adjusting for ASD or LRFD




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## Wood Diaphragms Design

Table 4.2C Nominal Unit Shear Values for Sheathed Wood-Frame Diaphragms

Sheathing Grade	Common Nail Size and Length (in.) x Sheath diameter (in.) x Head diameter (in.)	Minimum Nail Spacing (in.)	Minimum Sheath Thickness (in.)	Minimum Number of Nails per Edge and End Joist	1/4 in. Nail Spacing at diaphragm boundaries and exterior panel edges						
					Case 1		Cases 2,3,4,5,6				
					PS1	PS2/PS3	PS4	PS5/PS6			
Structural I	66 (2 x 0.132 x 0.200)	1-1/4	5/16	2	400	3.5	7.0	350	3.0	4.0	
				3	500	7.0	3.5	380	4.5	4.0	
				4	600	10.5	7.0	400	6.0	4.0	
	100 (2-1/2 x 0.131 x 0.200)	1-1/2	5/8	2	380	7.0	3.5	380	3.0	4.0	
				3	480	14.0	7.0	400	4.5	4.0	
				4	580	21.0	10.5	420	6.0	4.0	
Sheathing and Single-Floor	66 (2 x 0.132 x 0.200)	1-1/4	5/16	2	420	3.5	7.0	370	3.0	4.0	
				3	520	7.0	3.5	400	4.0	4.0	
				4	620	10.5	7.0	420	5.0	4.0	
	100 (2-1/2 x 0.131 x 0.200)	1-1/2	5/8	2	400	7.0	3.5	380	3.0	4.0	
				3	500	14.0	7.0	400	4.0	4.0	
				4	600	21.0	10.5	420	5.0	4.0	
100 (2 x 0.148 x 0.312)	1-1/2	5/8	5/8	2	440	3.5	7.0	400	3.0	4.0	
				3	540	7.0	3.5	420	4.0	4.0	
				4	640	10.5	7.0	440	5.0	4.0	
	150 (3 x 0.148 x 0.312)	1-1/2	5/8	5/8	2	470	3.5	7.0	420	3.0	4.0
					3	570	7.0	3.5	440	4.0	4.0
					4	670	10.5	7.0	460	5.0	4.0

Wind Factors  
 ASD:  $v_s/2.0$   
 LRFD:  $0.8v_s$

Seismic Factors  
 ASD:  $v_s/2.8$   
 LRFD:  $0.5v_s$




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## Flexible, Rigid or Semi-Rigid SDPWS 4.1.7 & ASCE 7

### Which do you have?

- **Idealized as flexible**
  - Diaphragm load distributed to shear wall lines based on tributary area (common for wood frame)
    - Deflection of diaphragm > 2x average shear wall line deflection
    - Light-frame construction where any rigid non-structural topping is ≤ 1-1/2" thick AND shear walls meet drift limitations
- **Idealized as rigid**
  - Diaphragm load distributed to each shear wall based on relative wall stiffness in story below
    - Deflection of diaphragm ≤ 2x shear walls
- **Semi-rigid**
  - Diaphragm load distributed to shear walls based on relative stiffness of shear wall and diaphragm
- **Envelope**
  - Larger load of idealized flexible or idealized rigid considered for each element




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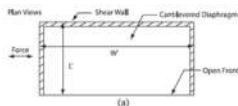
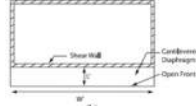
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### Open Front Wood Diaphragms (SDPWS-21 4.2.6)

- **Open front structures (cantilevered diaphragms)**
  - Changes consistent with ASCE 7
  - Increased limitations on story drift and building configuration



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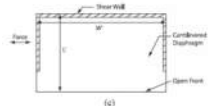
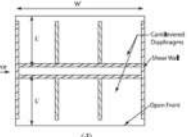
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### Prescribed Rigid Wood Diaphragms (SDPWS-21 4.2.6)

- **Open front structures (cantilevered diaphragms)**
  - w/ torsional irreg.  $L'/W' \leq 0.67:1$  for multistory  
 $L'/W' \leq 1:1$  for 1-story
  - $L' \leq 35$  feet



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### Deflections (4-term equations)


**Diaphragm (IBC §2305.2 Eq 23-1)**

$$\Delta_{dia} = \frac{5vL^3}{8EAW} + \frac{vL}{4Gt} + 0.188Len + \frac{\Sigma(x\Delta_c)}{2W}$$

**Shear Wall (IBC §2305.3 Eq 23-2)**

$$\Delta_{sw} = \frac{8vh^3}{EAb} + \frac{vh}{Gt} + 0.75hen + \frac{d_o h}{b}$$

APA Form L350 ([www.apawood.org](http://www.apawood.org)) has comprehensive listing of input parameters and examples



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### Deflection (3-term equation)

Diaphragm (SDPWS Table 4.2.3)

$$\Delta = \frac{5vL^3}{8EAW} + \frac{0.25vL}{1000G_a} + \frac{\sum(\Delta_c X)}{2W}$$

$G_a$  values for blocked and unblocked diaphragms




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### High Load Diaphragms

- SDPWS-21 4.2.8.1.2
- Uses multiple rows of nails
- ASD capacity up to 1,800 plf (seismic)
- ASD capacity up to 2,520 plf (wind)
- Shall be subject to special inspection per IBC Section 1705.5.1




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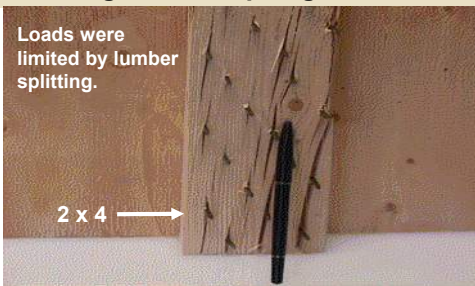
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### Footnotes to High-Load Diaphragm Table

Loads were limited by lumber splitting.




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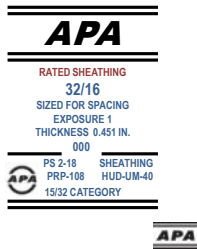
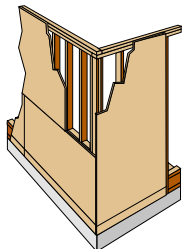
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### Wood's Strength Direction

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




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### Shear Wall Design Challenges (SDPWS-21 4.3.2)




**Segmented**

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




**Perforated**

- Code provides specific requirements
- The capacity is determined based on empirical equations and tables



**Force Transfer**

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




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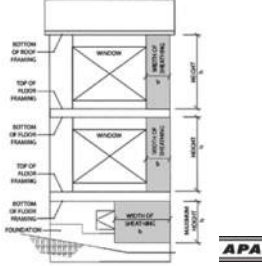

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### Height to Width Ratio (SDPWS-21 Figure 4D)

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


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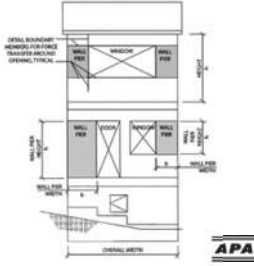

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### Height to Width Ratio (SDPWS-21 Figure 4E)

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


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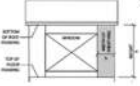
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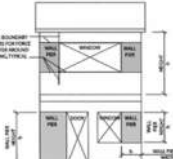
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### Aspect Ratio (SDPWS-21 4.3.3.2)


- 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) =  $1.25 - 0.125h/b$ 
  - Formerly applied only to high seismic



Excerpt Fig 4D  
h:w ratio Segmented



Excerpt Fig. 4E  
h:w ratio FTAO




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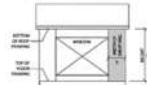
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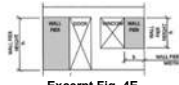
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### Shear Distribution Within Wall Line (SDPWS-21 4.3.5.5.1)


- 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  $2b/h$  for design. Aspect ratio factor (4.3.3.2) need not be applied.



Excerpt Fig 4D  
h:w ratio Segmented



Excerpt Fig. 4E  
h:w ratio FTAO




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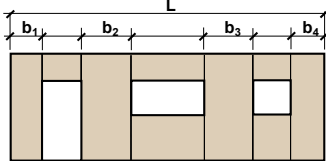
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### Aspect Ratio for Perforated Shear Walls (SDPWS-21 4.3.3.4)

- For wall segments  $2:1 < \text{aspect ratio} \leq 3.5:1$ 
  - Multiply those segments by  $2b_i/h$  in order to calculate  $b_i$  and  $\Sigma b_i$
  - Sections 4.3.3.2 and 4.3.5.5.1 don't apply






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### Segmented Wood Shear Walls

- Only full height segments are considered
- Max aspect ratio  
2:1 – without adjustment  
3.5:1 – with adjustment

Aspect ratio h:b as shown in figure

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### Segmented Approach

1. Unit Shear  
 $V = V/L_{\text{total segments}}$
2. Hold-down forces  
 $H = vh$
3. Allowable ASD Shear 2:1 < 3.5:1 walls apply reduction factor  
 $V_{\text{allowable}} = (V \text{ from table 4.3A} / 2.8 \text{ for seismic})(1.25 - 0.125h/b) > V \text{ lbs/ft}$   
 $V_{\text{allowable}} = (V \text{ from table 4.3A} / 2.8 \text{ for seismic})(2b/h) > V \text{ lbs/ft}$
4. Allowable ASD Shear 4' walls (2:1 h:b)  
 $V_{\text{allowable}} = (V \text{ from table 4.3A} / 2.8 \text{ for seismic}) > V \text{ lbs/ft}$

Note: For simplicity, dead load contribution and various footnote adjustments are omitted.

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### Segmented Approach

$V = 3,750 \text{ lbs}$

Code Limitation  
 height/width Ratio = 8:3.5  
 $1.25 - 0.125h/b = 1.25 - 0.125(8/3.5) = 0.964$   
 OR  
 $2b/h = 2(3.5)/8 = .875$

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### Segmented Approach

1. **Unit Shear**  
 $V = V/L = 3,750/15 = 250 \text{ lbs/ft}$
2. **Hold-down forces**  
 $H = v_h = 250 \times 8 = 2,000 \text{ lbs}$   
8 – hold-downs @ 2000+ lb capacity
3. **Allowable Shear 3'-6" walls**  
 $V_{\text{allowable}} = (1065/2.8) (1.25 - .125(8/3.5)) = 367 \text{ lbs/ft} > 250 \text{ lbs/ft}$   
 $V_{\text{allowable}} = (1065/2.8) (2(3.5/8)) = 333 \text{ lbs/ft} > 250 \text{ lbs/ft}$   
15/32 Category Rated Sheathing 8d @ 4" o.c. at 3.5' walls
1. **Allowable Shear 4' walls (2:1 h:w)**  
 $V_{\text{allowable}} = (730/2.8) \text{ lb/ft} = 261 > 250 \text{ lbs/ft}$   
15/32 Category Rated Sheathing 8d @ 6" o.c. @ 4' walls




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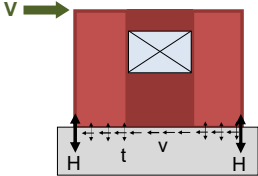
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### Perforated Shear Wall

- Openings accounted for by empirical adjustment factor
- Hold-downs only at ends
- Uplift between hold downs, t, at full height segments is also required



Aspect ratio applies to full height segment




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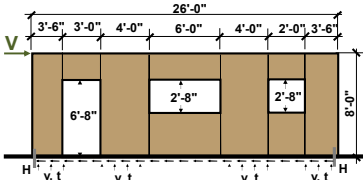
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### Perforated Shear Wall Approach



$V = 3,750 \text{ lbs}$

Height/width ratio = 8:3.5  
 $2b/h = (2)(3.5)/8 = 0.875$




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### Perforated Shear Wall Approach

1. Unit shear in the wall
 
$$\Sigma b_i = 0.875 \times (3.5+3.5) + 8 = 14'$$

$$v = 3,750/14 = 268 \text{ lb/ft}$$
2. Percent of full-height sheathed
 
$$A_{fhs}/A_{wall} = 14/26 = 0.54 \text{ (54\%)}$$
3. Percent of wall area openings
 
$$A_o/A_{wall} = (6'-8'' \times 3 + 2'-8'' \times 8')/(26' \times 8') = 0.20 \text{ (20\%)}$$




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### Perforated Shear Wall Approach

Table 4.3.5.6 Shear Capacity Adjustment Factor,  $C_o$

Table 4.3.5.6 Shear Capacity Adjustment Factor,  $C_o$ <sup>1</sup>

Percent Full-Height Sheathing ( $A_{fhs}/A_{wall}$ )	Percentage Wall Area Openings ( $A_o / A_{wall}$ )									
	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
	Shear Capacity Ratio, $C_o$									
10%	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.77	0.83	0.53	0.45	0.40	0.36
20%	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.91	0.71	0.59	0.50	0.43	0.38	-
30%	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.83	0.67	0.56	0.48	0.42	-	-
40%	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.77	0.63	0.53	0.45	-	-	-
50%	1.00	1.00	0.91	0.71	0.59	0.50	-	-	-	-
60%	1.00	1.00	0.83	0.67	0.56	-	-	-	-	-
70%	1.00	1.00	0.77	0.63	-	-	-	-	-	-
80%	1.00	0.91	0.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90%	1.00	0.83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100%	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1. Definitions of  $A_o$ ,  $A_{fhs}$ , and  $A_{wall}$  are provided in Eqs. 4.3-4.




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### Perforated Shear Wall Approach

4.  $C_o$  – Shear resistance adjustment factor
 
$$C_o = 0.88$$
5. Adjusted shear resistance
 
$$V_{allowable} = 1065/2.8 \times 0.88 = 335 \text{ lbs/ft} > 268 \text{ lbs/ft}$$

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### Perforated Shear Wall Approach

- 6. Uplift at perforated shear wall ends (hold-downs)  
 $H = 3750 \times 8 / (0.88 \times 14) = 2,435 \text{ lbs}$
- 7. In-plane shear anchorage  
 $V_{max} = 3750 / (0.88 \times 14) = 304 \text{ plf}$
- 8. Uplift anchorage between shear wall ends  
 $v_{max} = 3750 / (0.88 \times 14) = 304 \text{ plf}$  (at full segments only)
- 9. Deflection is determined based on the deflection of any segment of the wall divided by  $C_o$




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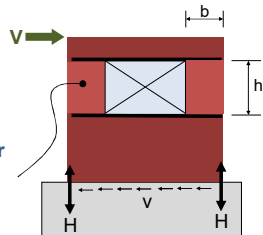
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### FTAO

- Openings accounted for by strapping or framing
  - “based on a rational analysis”
- Hold-downs only at ends
- h/b ratio defined by wall pier



Aspect ratio h:b as shown in figure

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### History of FTAO Research at APA

#### Joint research project

- APA –The Engineered Wood Association (Skaggs & Yeh)
- University of British Columbia (Lam & Li)
- USDA Forest Products Laboratory (Rammer & Wacker)

#### Study was initiated in 2009 to:

- Examine the variations of walls with code-allowable openings
- Examine the internal forces generated during full-scale testing
- Evaluate the effects of size of openings, size of full-height piers and different construction techniques
- Create analytical modeling to mimic testing data




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### Different Techniques for FTAO

- **Drag Strut Analogy**
- **Cantilever Beam Analogy**
- **Diekmann Method**
  - Thompson Method

The diagrams show: 1) Drag Strut Analogy: A wall section with a horizontal drag strut and vertical studs, with forces \$V\$ and \$H\$ indicated. 2) Cantilever Beam Analogy: A wall section treated as a cantilever beam with a horizontal force \$V\$ at the top. 3) Diekmann Method: A wall section with a horizontal force \$V\$ and vertical studs, showing internal force distributions.

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### Design Example Summary

- **Drag Strut Analogy**
  - F1 = 284 lbf
  - F2 = 493 lbf
- **Cantilever Beam Analogy**
  - F1 = 1,460 lbf
  - F2 = 2,540 lbf
- **Diekmann Method**
  - F1 = 567 lbf
  - F2 = 986 lbf

The diagram shows a wall section with a total height of 8' and a total width of 10.3'. A horizontal force of 2,000 lbf is applied to the left side. The wall has a central opening that is 4' high and 4' wide. The distance from the left edge to the start of the opening is 2.3'. The distance from the end of the opening to the right edge is 4'. The wall thickness is 2'.

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### 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
  - Thompson provides similar results as Diekmann
  - Thompson and 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 IBC wall bracing

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**FTAO Approach**

$V = 3,750 \text{ lbs}$   
 Height/width ratio =  
 $2'-8'' : 3'-6'' = 0.76:1$

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**FTAO Approach**

1. Calculate the hold-down forces:  
 $H = Vh/L = 3750 \times 8' / 19.5' = 1538 \text{ lbs}$
2. Solve for the unit shear above and below the openings:  
 $v_a = v_b = H / (h_a + h_b) = 1538 / (1.33' + 4') = 288 \text{ plf}$

*The unit shear above and below the openings is equivalent*

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### FTAO Approach

3. Find the total boundary force above and below the openings  
 First opening:  $O_1 = v_s \times (L_{o1}) = 288 \text{ plf} \times 6' = 1731 \text{ lbs}$   
 Second opening:  $O_2 = v_s \times (L_{o2}) = 288 \text{ plf} \times 2' = 577 \text{ lbs}$   
*The corner forces are based on the shear above and below the openings and only the piers adjacent to that unique opening.*

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### FTAO Approach

4. Calculate the corner forces:  
 $F_1 = O_1(L_1)/(L_1+L_2) = 865 \text{ lbs}$        $F_2 = O_1(L_2)/(L_1+L_2) = 865 \text{ lbs}$   
 $F_3 = O_2(L_2)/(L_2+L_3) = 308 \text{ lbs}$        $F_4 = O_2(L_3)/(L_2+L_3) = 269 \text{ lbs}$   
**Strap forces**

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### FTAO Approach

5. Tributary length of openings (ft) (Basis for calculating shear to each pier)  
*Ratio of the length of the pier x length of the opening it is adjacent to, then / (length of the pier + length of the pier on the other side of the opening).*  
 $T_1 = L_1(L_{o1})/(L_1+L_2) = 3'$        $T_2 = L_2(L_{o1})/(L_1+L_2) = 3'$   
 $T_3 = L_2(L_{o2})/(L_2+L_3) = 1.1'$        $T_4 = L_3(L_{o2})/(L_2+L_3) = 0.9'$

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### FTAO Approach

6. Unit shear beside the opening

$V_1 = (V/L)(L_1 + T_1)/L_1 = 337$  plf       $V_2 = (V/L)(T_2 + L_2 + T_3)/L_2 = 388$  plf  
 $V_3 = (V/L)(T_4 + L_3)/L_3 = 244$  plf      Check  $V_1 \times L_1 + V_2 \times L_2 + V_3 \times L_3 = V$ ? YES

*The shear of each pier = the total shear / the L of the wall x (length of the pier + its tributary length) / the length of the pier*

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### FTAO Approach

7. Resistance to corner forces

- $R_1 = V_1 L_1 = 1346$  lbs
- $R_2 = V_2 L_2 = 1551$  lbs
- $R_3 = V_3 L_3 = 853$  lbs

8. Difference of the corner force and resistance

- $R_1 - F_1 = 481$  lbs
- $R_2 - F_2 - F_3 = 378$  lbs
- $R_3 - F_4 = 583$  lbs

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### FTAO Approach

9. Unit shear in the corner zones

- $v_{a1} = (R_1 - F_1)/L_1 = 120$  plf
- $v_{a2} = (R_2 - F_2 - F_3)/L_2 = 95$  plf
- $v_{a3} = (R_3 - F_4)/L_3 = 167$  plf

*The unit shear of the corner zones = panel resistance (R) - the corner forces . R = the shear of the pier x the pier length.*

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### FTAO Approach

10. Check your solution – YES to all

- Line 1:  $v_{s1}(h_a+h_b)+v_1(h_c)=H?$
- Line 2:  $v_{s2}(h_a+h_b)-v_2(h_a+h_b)-V_1(h_c)=0?$
- Line 3:  $v_{s3}(h_a+h_b)+V_2(h_c)-v_3(h_a+h_b)=0?$
- Line 4 = Line 3
- Line 5:  $v_{s5}(h_a+h_b)-v_{s5}(h_a+h_b)-V_3(h_c)=0?$
- Line 6:  $v_{s5}(h_a+h_b)+V_3(h_c)=H?$

*Once all segment shears are calculated, check the design by summing the shears vertically along each line. The 1st and last = hold-down force, and the rest should = zero.*

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### FTAO Approach

V = 3,750 lbs  
Height/width ratio = 2'-8" : 3'-6"  
2 – hold-downs @ 1550 lb capacity

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### FTAO Approach

Table 4.3A Nominal Unit Shear Capacities for Sheathed Wood-Frame Shear Walls <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Sheathing Material	Minimum Nominal Panel Thickness (in.)	Minimum Nail Spacing Length in Sheathing Member (in.)	Nail Type & Size <sup>5</sup>	Panel Edge Nail Spacing (in.)								
				End		Intermediate		End		Intermediate		
				s <sub>1</sub> (in.)	s <sub>2</sub> (in.)	s <sub>3</sub> (in.)	s <sub>4</sub> (in.)	s <sub>5</sub> (in.)	s <sub>6</sub> (in.)	s <sub>7</sub> (in.)	s <sub>8</sub> (in.)	
Wood Sheathed Masonry	3/8"	1-3/8"	8d common nail (2" x 1 1/4" x 0.205)"	100	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
				120	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
				140	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
				160	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
				180	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
Wood Sheathed Masonry	3/8"	1-3/8"	8d common nail (2" x 1 1/4" x 0.205)"	100	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
				120	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
				140	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
				160	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
				180	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	

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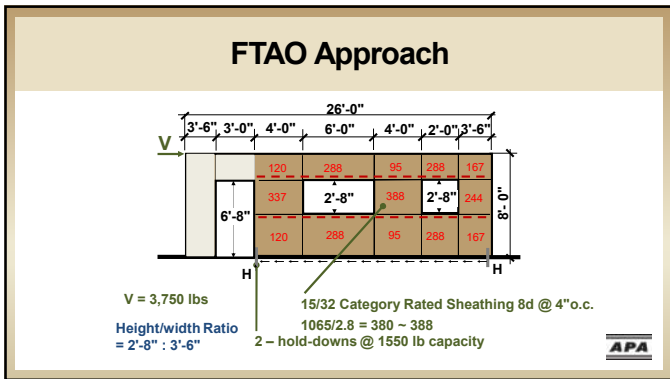
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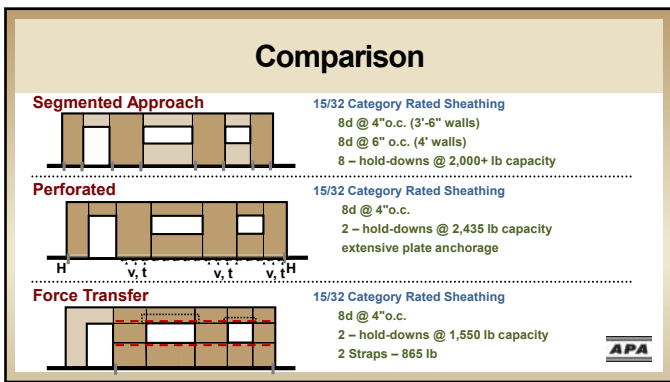
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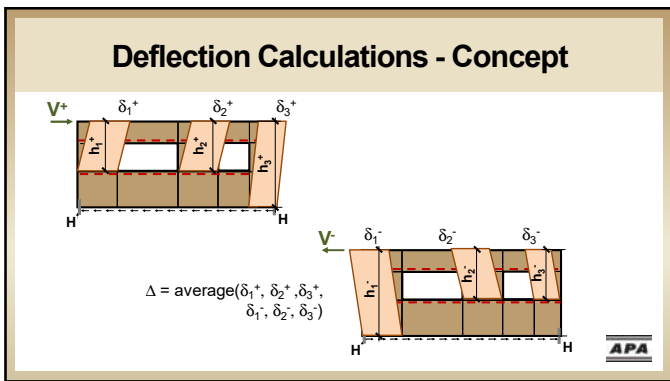
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### FTAO Technical Note, Form T555

- **Technical Note: Design for Force Transfer Around Openings (FTAO)**
- **Presents a rational analysis for applying FTAO to walls with asymmetric piers and walls with multiple openings**
- **Based on Wall 12 testing configuration**
- **Includes a design example with 2 wall openings**

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### APA FTAO Calculator

- Excel-based tool updated January 2022
- 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 corresponds with FTAO Technical Note, Form T555




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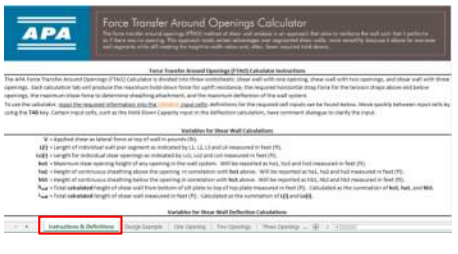
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### APA FTAO Calculator

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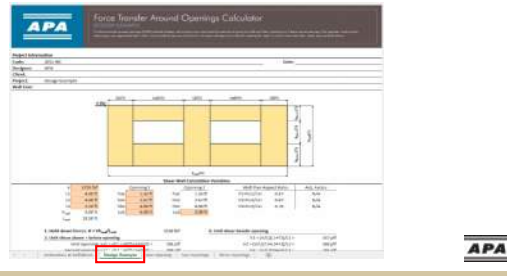
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### FTAO Calculator: Design Example

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### FTAO Calculator: Three Openings

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The screenshot shows the 'Force Transfer Around Openings Calculator' interface. It includes a structural diagram of a wall with three rectangular openings. Below the diagram is a table for 'Shear Wall Calculated Values' with columns for 'Type', 'Value', and 'Units'. A red box highlights the 'Shear Capacity' value in the table.

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### FTAO Calculator: Design Output

**Design output:**

- Required sheathing capacity (includes adjustment factor)
- Required strap force above and below openings
- Required hold-down force
- Maximum deflection

Design Summary			
Req. Sheathing Capacity	388 plf	4-Term Deflection	0.329 in.
Req. Strap Force	860 lbf	4-Term Story Drift %	0.014 %
Req. HD Force	3330 lbf	3-Term Deflection	0.352 in.
Req. Shear Wall Anchorage Force	352 plf	3-Term Story Drift %	0.015 %

\*\*The Design Summary assumes that the shear wall is designed as blocked.

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### FTAO Calculator

The screenshot shows the detailed design output from the FTAO Calculator. It includes a table for 'Shear Wall Calculated Values' and a table for 'Sheathing Capacity Values'. A red box highlights a note: 'The calculator does not check the sheathing selection for the required capacity calculated above.'

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## FTAO Calculator

**Three-Term Equation Deflection Check**

$$\frac{h_m^3}{EAB} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{v_i h_i^3}{1000G_i D} \leq \frac{h_m^3}{1000G_i D} \quad (4.3-1)$$

Sheathing	Fiber 1.1		Fiber 2.1		Fiber 2.2		Fiber 2.3		Fiber 2.4		Units
	Net	Rd correction	Net	Rd correction	Net	Rd correction	Net	Rd correction	Net	Rd correction	
Year	317	317	306	306	288	288	288	288	288	288	(yr)
Volume	481	481	506	506	358	358	368	368	368	368	(cuft)
E	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	(psi)
h <sub>i</sub>	3.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	(in)
A <sub>i</sub>	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	(in <sup>2</sup> )
G <sub>i</sub>	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	(kips/in <sup>2</sup> )
D	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	(in)
HD Capacity	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	(lb/ft)
HD Ratio	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	(in)

Fiber 1 (Left)			Fiber 2 (Right)			Total
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	
Bending	0.019	0.176	0.007	0.067	0.153	0.620
Shear	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	
Sum	0.022	0.179	0.010	0.070	0.156	

Fiber 1 (Left)			Fiber 2 (Right)			Total
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	
Bending	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.030
Shear	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	
Sum	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	

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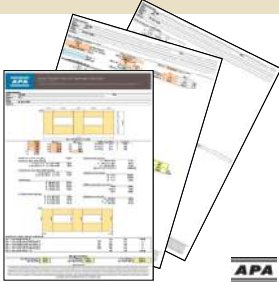
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## FTAO Calculator: Final Output

- **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



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