

Symbols List

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- DCR Demand-capacity ratio, computed in accordance with Equation 1-13 or Equation 1-14 2-46

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- δ_{yA} Deflection at building level y of Building A, determined by an elastic analysis as defined in Chapter 3 11-28
- δ_y Yield displacement of building (Figure 3-1) 3-18
- E**
- e Actual eccentricity, ft (mm), measured in plan between the center of mass of the structure above the isolation interface and the center of rigidity of the isolation system, plus accidental eccentricity, ft (mm), taken as 5% of the maximum building dimension perpendicular to the direction of force under consideration 9-27
- e EBF link length, in. 5-40
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- E Modulus of elasticity, 29,000 ksi 5-39
- E Young's modulus 4-20
- E_{fe} Expected elastic modulus of frame material, psi 7-24
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- E_{me} Elastic modulus of masonry in compression as determined per Section 7.3.2.2, psi 7-24
- e_n Nail deformation at yield load level 8-33
- E_{se} Expected elastic modulus of reinforcing steel per Section 7.3.2.6, psi 7-24
- F**
- ϕ A capacity reduction coefficient used to reduce the design strength of new components to account for variations in material strength, cross-section dimension and construction quality 2-47
- ϕ Angle of internal friction, degrees 4-21
- ϕ Resistance factor = 1.0 5-40
- ϕ_i Modal displacement of floor i 9-28
- ϕ_{rj} Relative modal displacement in horizontal direction of energy dissipation device j 9-28
- F Force in an energy dissipation unit 9-26
- F^- Negative force, in k, in an isolator or energy dissipation unit during a single cycle of prototype testing at a displacement amplitude of D- 9-26
- f'_{dt} Lower bound of masonry diagonal tension strength, psi 7-25
- f'_m Lower bound of masonry compressive strength, psi 7-25
- f'_t Lower bound masonry tensile strength, psi 7-25
- F^+ Positive force, in k, in an isolator or energy dissipation unit during a single cycle of prototype testing at a displacement amplitude of D+ 9-26
- F_I and F_x Lateral load applied at floor levels i and x, respectively 3-17
- f_I Fundamental frequency of the building 9-27
- fa Axial stress 8-33
- F_a Factor to adjust spectral acceleration in the short period range for site class 2-46

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F_a Total lateral load applied to a single bay of diaphragm 3-17	F_{ye} Expected yield strength, ksi 5-39
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F_{te} Expected tensile strength, ksi 5-39	G_d Modulus of rigidity of diaphragm 8-33 given in AISC (1994a) 5-39
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- H Horizontal load on footing 4-20
- H Thickness of a soil layer in feet 2-46
- H/L Aspect ratio 8-33
- h_c Assumed web depth for stability, inches 5-40
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- h_n Height to roof level, feet 3-17
- H_{rw} Height of retaining wall 4-20
- h_v Height of story v 5-40
- h_v Shear buckling coefficient 5-40
- η Displacement multiplier, greater than 1.0, to account for the effects of torsion 3-18
- I**
- I Moment of inertia 4-20
- I Moment of inertia of section, in.4 7-24
- I_b Moment of inertia of beam, in.4 5-39
- I_c Moment of inertia of column 5-39
- I_{col} Moment of inertia of column section, in.4 7-24
- I_f Moment of inertia of smallest frame member confining infill panel, in.4 7-24
- J**
- J A coefficient used in linear analysis procedures to estimate the maximum earthquake forces that a component can sustain and correspondingly deliver to other components 2-46
- J Modification factor to recognize that the framing system cannot likely deliver the force Q_E because of nonlinear response in the framing system 3-17
- K**
- κ A reliability coefficient used to reduce component strength values for existing components based on the quality of knowledge about the component's properties 3-18
- κ A reliability coefficient used to reduce component strength values for existing components based on the quality of knowledge about the components' properties. See Section 2.7.2. 2-47
- κ Knowledge factor as defined in Section 1.7.2 7-26
- κ Reduction factor to account for uncertainty of existing construction 5-40
- k Exponent used for determining the vertical distribution of lateral forces 3-17
- k Lateral stiffness of wall or pier, lb/in. 7-25
- K' Storage stiffness 9-26
- K'' Loss stiffness 9-26
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K_e Stiffness of a link beam, kip-inch 5-39	k_{vn} Axial stiffness of nth pile in a pile group 4-20
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	L_d Single-bay diaphragm span 3-17
	LDP Linear Dynamic Procedure—a method of lateral response analysis 2-46
	L_{inf} Length of infill panel, in. 7-25
	L_p The limiting unbraced length between points of lateral restraint for the full plastic moment capacity to be effective (see AISC, 1994a) 5-39

L_r The limiting unbraced length between points of lateral support beyond which elastic lateral torsional buckling of the beam is the failure mode (see AISC, 1994a) 5-39	M_c Ultimate moment capacity of footing 4-20
LSP Linear Static Procedure—a method of lateral response analysis 2-46	M_{CE} Expected flexural strength of a member or joint, kip-in. 5-39
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λ Slenderness parameter 5-40	M_{CEy} Expected bending strength of a member about y-axis, kip-in. 5-39
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λ_2 Infill slenderness factor 7-26	M_p Plastic bending moment, kip-in. 5-39
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PI Plasticity Index for soil, determined as the difference in water content of soil at the liquid limit and plastic limit 2-46	q Vertical bearing pressure 4-20
P_i The total weight of the structure including dead, permanent live, and 25% of transient live loads acting on the columns and bearing walls within story level i 2-46	Q_c Ultimate bearing capacity 4-20
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PR Partially restrained 5-39	Q_{CE} Expected strength of a component or element action at the deformation level under consideration. See Tables 1-17 and 1-18. 3-17
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Q_D Dead load force (action) 3-17	r Governing radius of gyration, in. 5-40
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Q_E The calculated earthquake stress resultant in a component 2-46	R_p Component response modification factor, related to ductility of anchorage that varies from 1.25 to 6.0 (select appropriate value from Table 11-2) 11-28
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Q_G Gravity load force (action) 3-17	ρ Soil mass density 4-21
Q_G The calculated stress resultant in a component due to combined gravity loads, including dead, live, and snow, as applicable 2-46	ρ_g Area of total vertical wall or pier reinforcement to area of net mortared/grouted section 7-26
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	σ_o Effective vertical stress 4-21
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- S'_{DS} Design spectral response acceleration at short periods for damping other than 5%, g 2-47
- S_I Spectral response acceleration at a one-second period, obtained from response acceleration maps, g 2-46
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- S_a Spectral acceleration, g 2-46
- S_{aD} Design BSE-1 spectral response acceleration at any period T, g 2-46
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- S_{DI} 1-second, 5%-damped spectral acceleration, as set forth in Chapter 1 for the BSE-1 9-26
- S_{DI} Design spectral response acceleration at a one-second period for 5% damping, g 2-46
- S_{DIA} Design BSE-1 spectral response acceleration at a one-second period, g 2-47
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- SRM Simplified Rehabilitation Method 10-15
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- S_S Spectral response acceleration, g, at short periods obtained from response acceleration maps 4-20
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- \bar{s}_u The average value of the undrained soil shear strength in the upper 100 feet of soil, calculated in accordance with Equation 2-6, pounds/ft² 2-47
- s_u Undrained shear strength of soil, pounds/ft² 2-47
- ΣE_{Δ} Total energy dissipated, in in.-k, in the isolation system during a full cycle of response at the design displacement, DD 9-27
- ΣE_M Total energy dissipated, in in.-k, in the isolation system during a full cycle of response at the maximum displacement, DM 9-27
- ΣF_{+Dmax} Sum, for all isolator units, of the maximum absolute value of force, in in.-k, at a positive displacement equal to DD 9-27
- ΣF_{+Dmin} Sum, for all isolator units, of the minimum absolute value of force, k, at a positive displacement equal to DD 9-28

- ΣF^{+Mmax} Sum, for all isolator units, of the maximum absolute value of force, k, at a positive displacement equal to DM 9-28
- ΣF^{+Mmin} Sum, for all isolator units, of the minimum absolute value of force, k, at a positive displacement equal to DM 9-28
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- ΣF^{-Mmin} Sum, for all isolator units, of the minimum absolute value of force, k, at a negative displacement equal to DM 9-28
- T**
- T Fundamental period of the building in the direction under consideration 2-47, 3-17
- t Thickness of link stiffener, in. 5-40
- t Wall, pier or infill thickness, in. 7-25
- T_0 Period at which the constant acceleration and constant velocity regions of the design spectrum intersect 2-47, 3-17
- t_a Thickness of angle, in. 5-40
- t_{bf} Thickness of beam flange, in. 5-40
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- T_D Effective period, in seconds, of the seismic-isolated structure at the design displacement in the direction under consideration, as prescribed by Equation 9-3 9-27
- T_e Effective fundamental period of the building in the direction under consideration, for use with the Nonlinear Static Procedure 3-17
- T_e Effective fundamental-mode period, in seconds, of the building in the direction under consideration 9-27
- t_f Thickness of flange, in. 5-40
- T_i Elastic fundamental period of the building in the direction under consideration, for use with the Nonlinear Static Procedure 3-17
- t_{inf} Thickness of infill panel, in. 7-25
- T_M Effective period, in seconds, of the seismic-isolated structure at the maximum displacement in the direction under consideration, as prescribed by Equation 9-5 9-27
- t_p Thickness of flange plate, in. 5-40
- t_p Thickness of panel zone including doubler plates, in. 5-40
- T_s Secant fundamental period of a rehabilitated calculated using Equation 3-10 but replacing the effective stiffness (K_e) with the secant stiffness (K_s) at the target displacement 9-27
- t_w Thickness of plate wall 5-40
- t_w Thickness of web, in. 5-40
- t_z Thickness of panel zone (doubler plates not necessarily included), in. 5-40
- V**
- V Equivalent base shear 3-17
- V Shear to element or component 8-33
- v Shear per foot 8-33
- v'_s Shear wave velocity at high strain 4-21
- V^* Modified equivalent base shear 9-27

V_b The total lateral seismic design force or shear on elements of the isolation system or elements below the isolation system, as prescribed by Equation 9-8 9-27	\bar{v}_s The average value of the soil shear wave velocity in the upper 100 feet of soil, calculated in accordance with Equation 2-6, feet/sec 2-47
V_{bjs} Expected shear strength of wall or pier based on bed-joint shear stress, lb 7-25	V_s The total lateral seismic design force or shear on elements above the isolation system, as prescribed by Section 9.2.4.4B 9-27
V_e Shear demand in the column caused by the drift 10-15	V_t Total base shear determined by response history analysis 9-27
V_{CE} Expected shear strength of a member, kips 5-39	V_{tc} Lower bound of shear strength based on toe compressive stress for wall or pier, lb 7-25
V_{CE} Nominal shear capacity, lb 7-25	v_{te} Average bed-joint shear strength, psi 7-25
V_{CE} Shear strength of a link beam, kips 5-39	V_{test} Measured force at first movement of a masonry unit with in-place shear test, lb 7-25
V_{dt} Lower bound of shear strength based on diagonal tension for wall or pier, lb 7-25	v_{to} Bed-joint shear stress from single test, psi 7-25
V_{fre} Expected story shear strength of bare frame, lb 7-25	V_y Shear to element at yield 8-33
V_i The total calculated lateral shear force in story i due to earthquake response, assuming that the structure remains elastic 2-47	V_y Yield strength of the building in the direction under consideration, for use with the Nonlinear Static Procedure 3-17
V_{ine} Expected shear strength of infill panel, lb 7-25	V_{ya} Nominal shear strength of a member modified by the axial load magnitude, kips 5-39
V_n Nominal shear capacity of the column 10-15	W
V_m Expected shear strength of reinforced wall or pier based on masonry, lb 7-25	w Length of flange angle 5-40
v_{me} Expected masonry shear strength as determined per Equation 7-1, psi 7-25	w Water content of soil, calculated as the ratio of the weight of water in a unit volume of soil to the weight of soil in the unit volume, expressed as percentage 2-47
V_r Expected shear strength of wall or pier based on rocking, lb 7-25	W The total seismic dead load. For design of the isolation system, W is the total seismic dead load weight of the structure above the isolation interface 9-27
V_s Expected shear strength of wall or pier based on shear reinforcement, lb 7-25	W Total dead load and anticipated live load 3-17
v_s Shear wave velocity at low strain 4-21	
v_s Shear wave velocity in soil, in feet/sec 2-47	

W_D Energy dissipated, in in.-k, in a building or element thereof during a full cycle of displacement 9-27

w_i and w_x Portion of the total building weight corresponding to floor levels i and x , respectively 3-18

W_i and W_x Weight of floors i and x , respectively 3-17

W_p Component operating weight 11-28

w_z Width of panel zone between column flanges, in. 5-40

ω_1 $2\pi f_1$ 9-28

X

x Distance from the diaphragm center line 3-18

x Elevation in structure of component relative to grade elevation 11-28

X Height of upper support attachment at level x as measured from grade 11-28

Y

y The distance, in ft (mm), between the center of rigidity of the isolation system rigidity and the element of interest, measured perpendicular to the direction of seismic loading under consideration 9-27

Y Height of lower support attachment at level y as measured from grade 11-28

Z

Z Plastic section modulus, in.³ 5-39