

# Nonstructural Bracing

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# SUMMARY

Historical Performance

Seismic Hazard

Expected Performance

Code Bracing Requirements

# Historical Performance

## LACK OF BRACING & ANCHORAGE



# Historical Performance

## CONDUIT



# Historical Performance

## CONTROL EQUIPMENT



# Historical Performance

## UTILITIES INTO BUILDING



# Historical Performance

## DUCTS



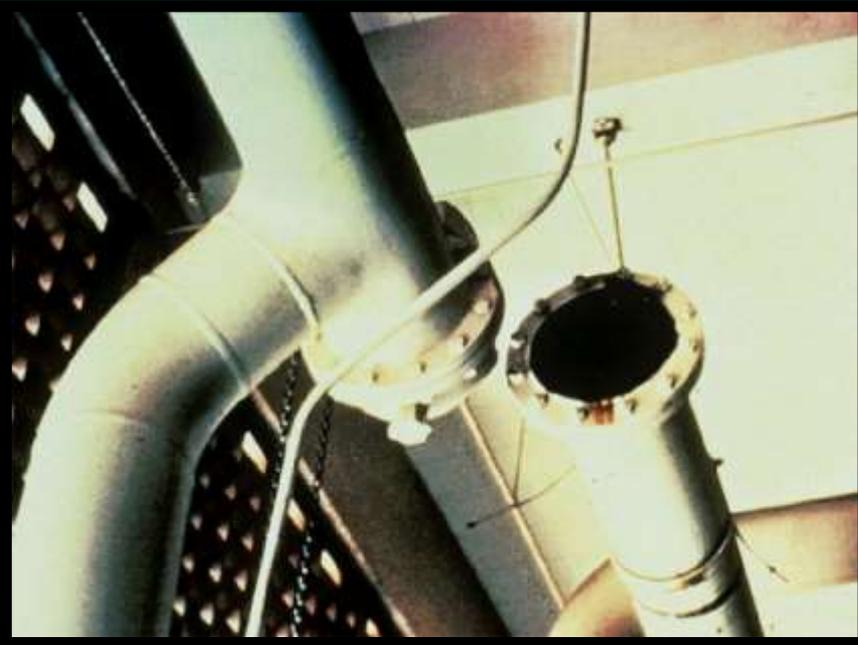
# Historical Performance

## **FIRE SPRINKLER**



# Historical Performance

## PIPING



# Historical Performance

## PARTITION WALLS



# Historical Performance

## SUSPENDED CEILING SYSTEMS

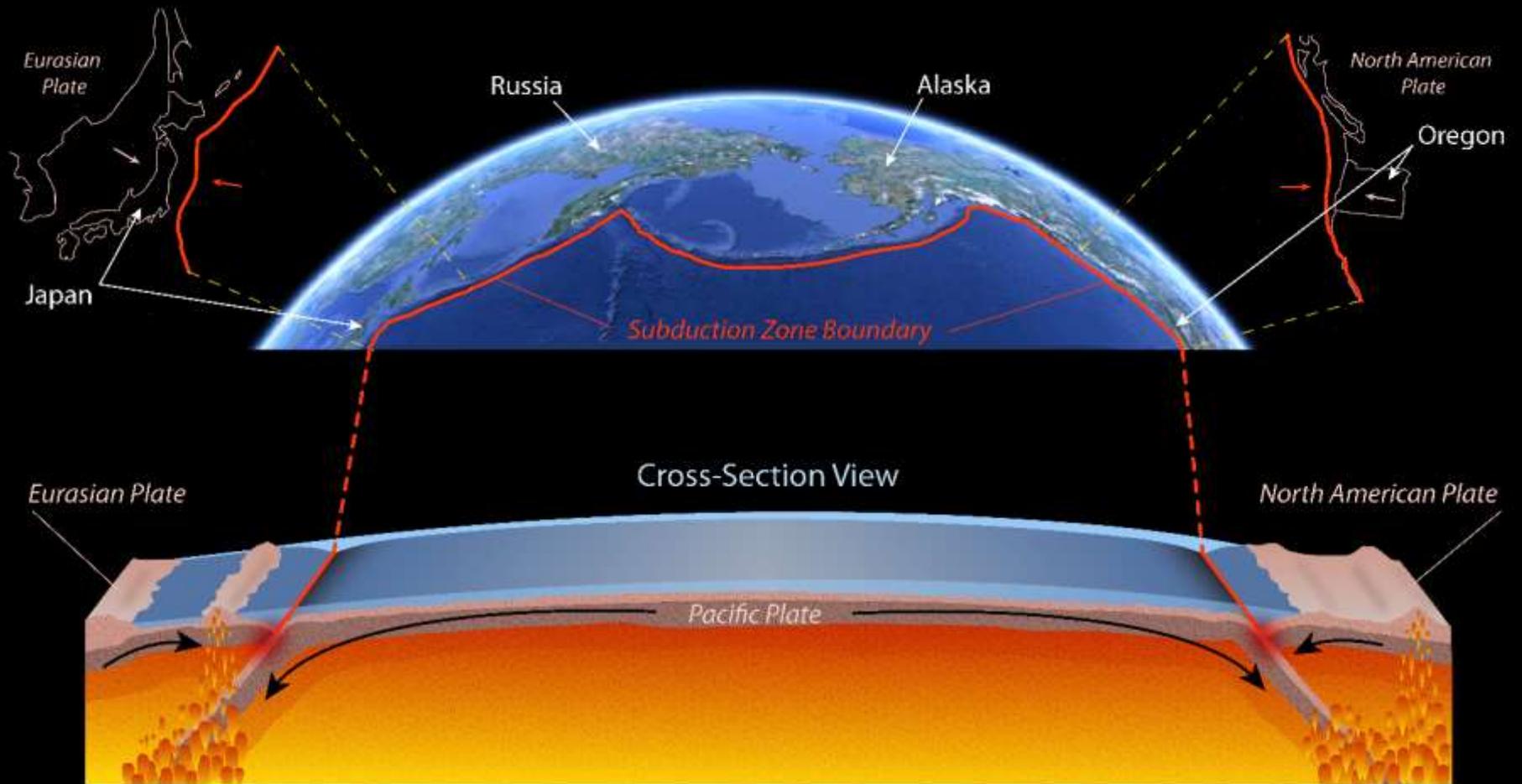


# Historical Performance

## STAIRS

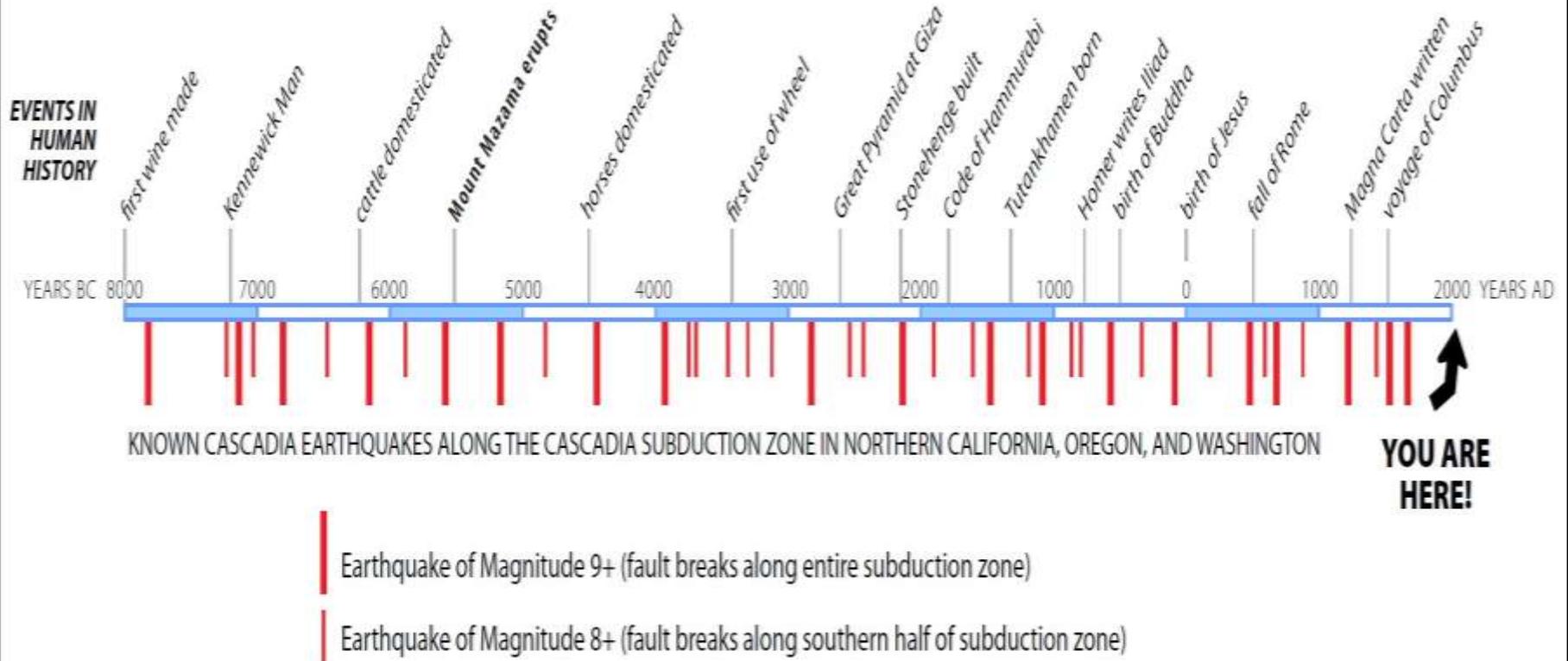


# Pacific Northwest Hazard



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## CASCADIA EARTHQUAKE TIME LINE

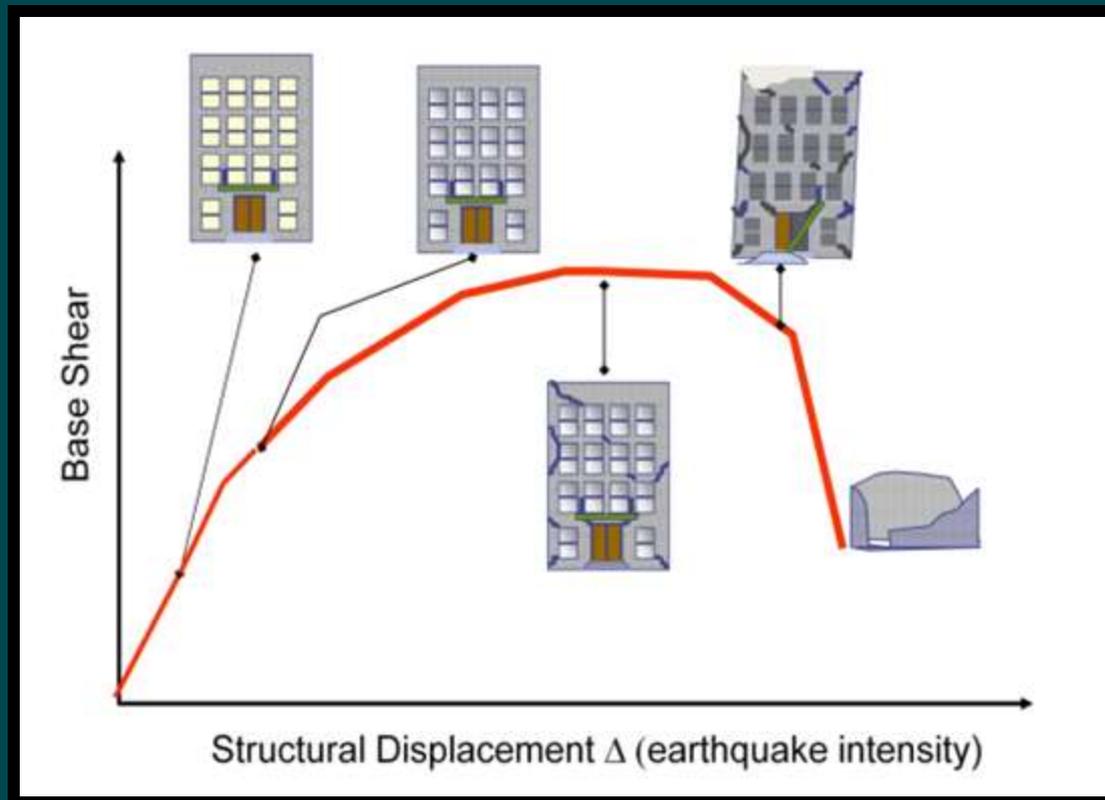


Comparison of the history of subduction zone earthquakes along the Cascadia Subduction Zone in northern California, Oregon, and Washington, with events from human history. Ages of earthquakes are derived from study and dating of submarine landslides triggered by the earthquakes. Earthquake data provided by Chris Goldfinger, Oregon State University; time line by Ian P. Madin, DOGAMI.

# Expected Performance

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What **performance** does the **building code** provide?



# Expected Performance



How does the code **differentiate** between different **levels of performance**?

Scope

Size

Weight considerations  
for nonstructural  
components

**IMPORTANCE  
FACTOR**

# General Requirements

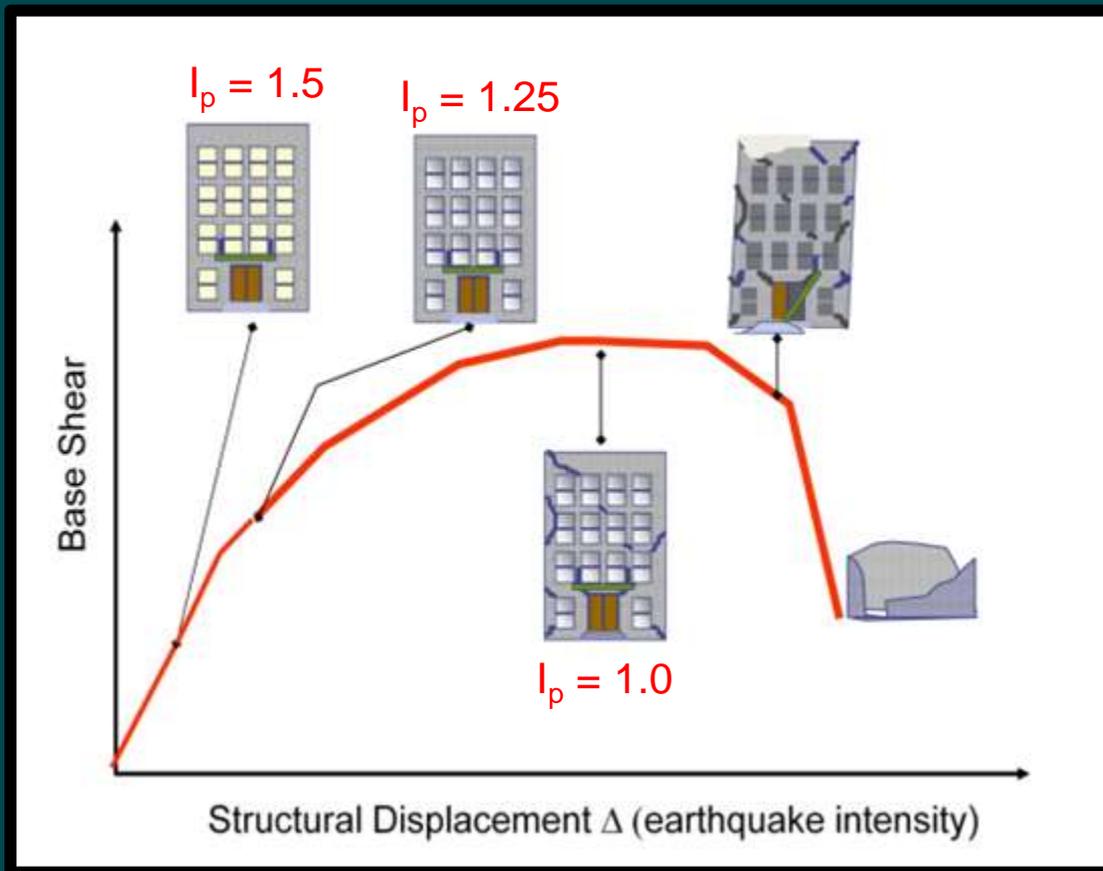
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How does the code define **demands** for nonstructural components?

**SEISMIC  
DESIGN  
FORCE**

$$F_p = \frac{0.4 a_p S_{DS}}{(R_p)} I_p \left(1 + 2 \frac{z}{h}\right) W_p$$

# Expected Performance



# Building Code Requirements

**Table 13.6-1 Seismic Coefficients for Mechanical and Electrical Components**

Mechanical and Electrical Components	$a_p^a$	$R_p^b$
Air-side HVAC, fans, air handlers, air conditioning units, cabinet heaters, air distribution boxes, and other mechanical components constructed of sheet metal framing	2.5	6.0
Wet-side HVAC, boilers, furnaces, atmospheric tanks and bins, chillers, water heaters, heat exchangers, evaporators, air separators, manufacturing or process equipment, and other mechanical components constructed of high-deformability materials	1.0	2.5
Engines, turbines, pumps, compressors, and pressure vessels not supported on skirts and not within the scope of Chapter 15	1.0	2.5
Skirt-supported pressure vessels not within the scope of Chapter 15	2.5	2.5
Elevator and escalator components	1.0	2.5
Generators, batteries, inverters, motors, transformers, and other electrical components constructed of high deformability materials	1.0	2.5
Motor control centers, panel boards, switch gear, instrumentation cabinets, and other components constructed of sheet metal framing	2.5	6.0
Communication equipment, computers, instrumentation, and controls	1.0	2.5
Roof-mounted stacks, cooling and electrical towers laterally braced below their center of mass	2.5	3.0
Roof-mounted stacks, cooling and electrical towers laterally braced above their center of mass	1.0	2.5
Lighting fixtures	1.0	1.5
Other mechanical or electrical components	1.0	1.5

# Building Code Requirements

Vibration Isolated Components and Systems <sup>b</sup>		
Components and systems isolated using neoprene elements and neoprene isolated floors with built-in or separate elastomeric snubbing devices or resilient perimeter stops	2.5	2.5
Spring isolated components and systems and vibration isolated floors closely restrained using built-in or separate elastomeric snubbing devices or resilient perimeter stops	2.5	2.0
Internally isolated components and systems	2.5	2.0
Suspended vibration isolated equipment including in-line duct devices and suspended internally isolated components	2.5	2.5
Distribution Systems		
Piping in accordance with ASME B31, including in-line components with joints made by welding or brazing	2.5	12.0
Piping in accordance with ASME B31, including in-line components, constructed of high or limited deformability materials, with joints made by threading, bonding, compression couplings, or grooved couplings	2.5	6.0
Piping and tubing not in accordance with ASME B31, including in-line components, constructed of high-deformability materials, with joints made by welding or brazing	2.5	9.0
Piping and tubing not in accordance with ASME B31, including in-line components, constructed of high- or limited-deformability materials, with joints made by threading, bonding, compression couplings, or grooved couplings	2.5	4.5
Piping and tubing constructed of low-deformability materials, such as cast iron, glass, and nonductile plastics	2.5	3.0
Ductwork, including in-line components, constructed of high-deformability materials, with joints made by welding or brazing	2.5	9.0
Ductwork, including in-line components, constructed of high- or limited-deformability materials with joints made by means other than welding or brazing	2.5	6.0
Ductwork, including in-line components, constructed of low-deformability materials, such as cast iron, glass, and nonductile plastics	2.5	3.0
Electrical conduit and cable trays	2.5	6.0
Bus ducts	1.0	2.5
Plumbing	1.0	2.5
Manufacturing or process conveyors (nonpersonnel)	2.5	3.0

# SUSPENDED CEILINGS



# Architectural Components

## SUSPENDED CEILINGS

2" oversize ring around sprinkler head



# Mechanical Components

## HVAC EQUIPMENT



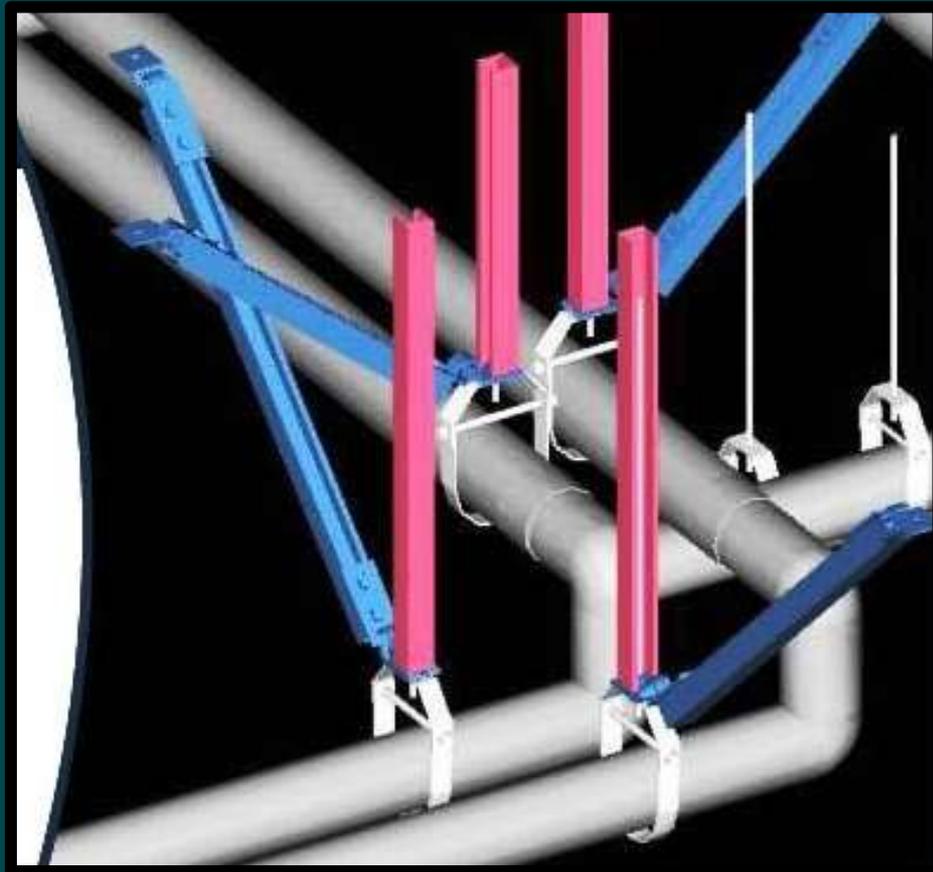
# Plumbing Components

## **FIRE SPRINKLERS**



# Piping Components

## **NON FIRE SPRINKLERS**



# OTHER COMPONENTS

## COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT



# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS





# FURNISHING ANCHORAGE



# Specifying Nonstructural Requirements

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**When does the Code require certification of equipment?**

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*When equipment is required to remain operable after design level earthquake*

Components with hazardous substances shall be certified as maintaining containment

# Specifying Nonstructural Requirements

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What does **certification** entail?

Testing



# Specifying Nonstructural Requirements



What does **certification** entail?

Testing

Experience Data

Inherently Rugged + Analysis

# HOW DO I ADDRESS BRACING ???

## Design Options for Nonstructural Bracing

### Prescriptive Method

- Pre-engineered designs for nonstructural bracing w/o consideration of local conditions.
- Design Professional often does not visit project site.
- May not include provisions for pipe thrust restraint or thermal expansion

# HOW DO I ADDRESS BRACING ???

## Design Options for Nonstructural Bracing

### Prescriptive Method

- Provides generic bracing details and connection details to structure (may not be constructible)
- Method often neglects existing conditions (i.e. conflicts)
- Some limitations to MEP configurations and materials of construction
- Difficult to use with congested systems/spaces.





# HOW DO I ADDRESS BRACING ???

## Design Options for Nonstructural Bracing

### Custom Engineered Designs

- More cost-effective than Prescriptive Method
- Custom designs include seismic brace locations, bracing details, and connection details to structure
- Designed to local design criteria

# HOW DO I ADDRESS BRACING ???

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### Custom Engineered Designs

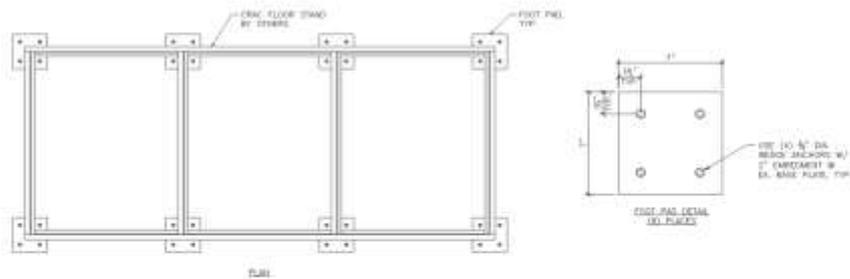
- Custom designs can include provisions for thrust restraint and thermal expansion
- No limitations to MEP configurations or materials of construction
- Eliminate installation conflicts with other systems

# HOW DO I ADDRESS BRACING ???

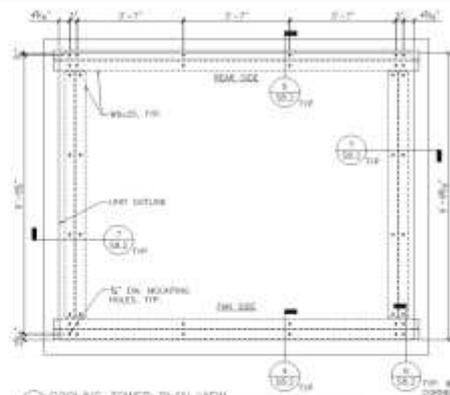
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### Custom Engineered Designs

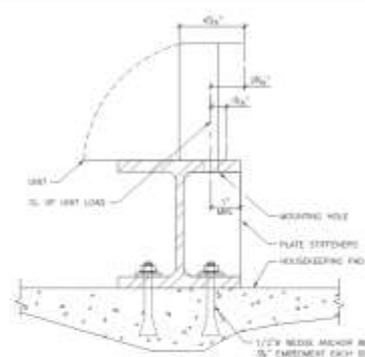
- Address structural support design & alterations (pads/support structures/etc.)
- Use for both New and Existing
- Only use Custom for Existing



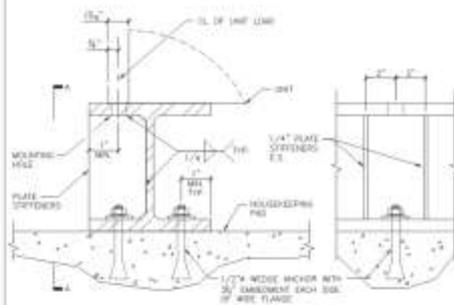
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SEE 110-111



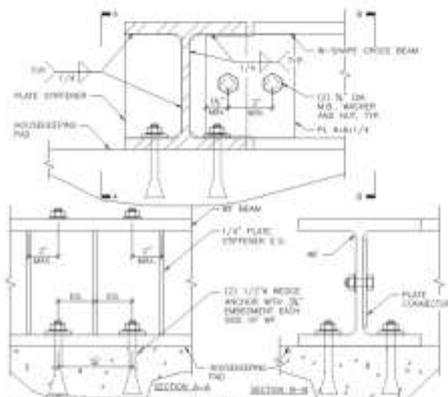
3 COOLING TOWER PLAN VIEW  
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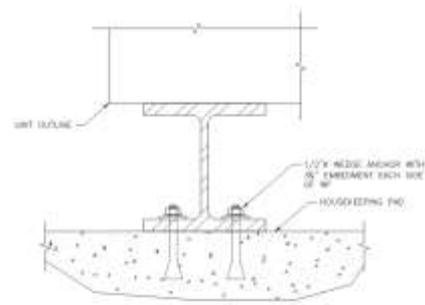
4 TYPICAL COOLING TOWER FAN INLET SIDE ANCHORAGE DETAIL  
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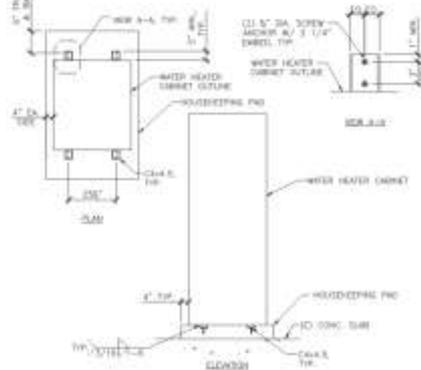
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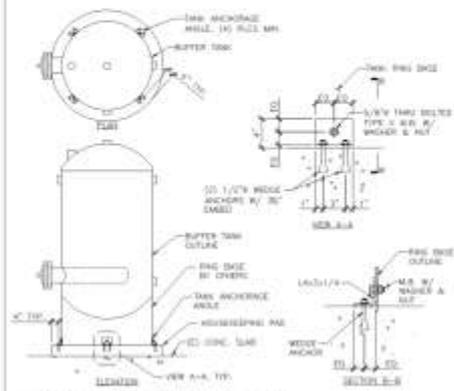
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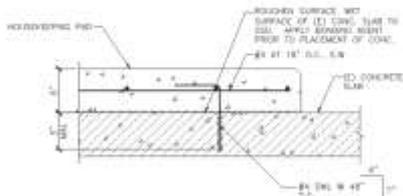
7 TYPICAL COOLING TOWER WF ANCHORAGE DETAIL  
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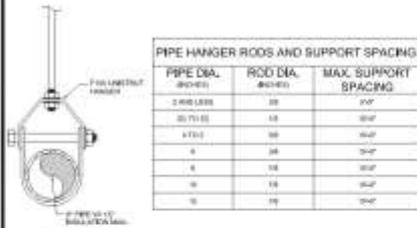
8 TYPICAL WATER HEATER ANCHOR DETAIL  
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9 TYPICAL BUFFER TANK ANCHOR DETAIL  
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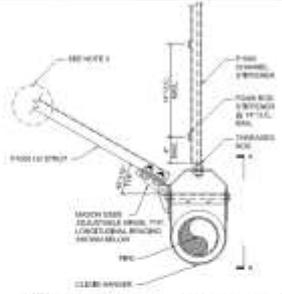
10 TYPICAL HOUSETEERING PAD DETAIL  
SEE 110-111 FOR BALANCE OF INFORMATION



PIPE HANGER RODS AND SUPPORT SPACING		
PIPE DIA. (INCHES)	ROD DIA. (INCHES)	MAX. SUPPORT SPACING (FOOT)
2 AND LESS	3/8	50'
3 TO 4	1/2	50'
5	3/4	50'
6	1	50'
8	1 1/4	50'
10	1 1/2	50'

- NOTES:
1. TRANSVERSE PIPE SUPPORT.
  2. PROVIDE SERVICING SPACING AT SPACING TRANSVERSE 50' TO 54' MAX. LONGITUDINAL 50' TO 54' MAX.
  3. SEE DETAIL 2 FOR SERVICING SPACING DETAIL.

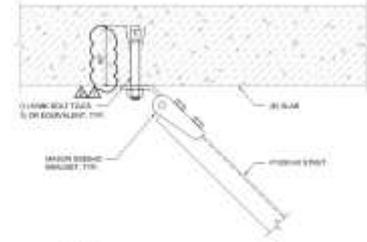
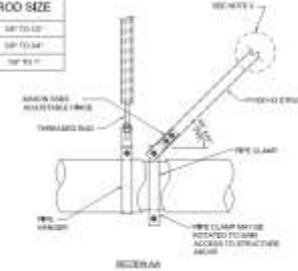
1. **TYPE PIPE SUPPORT**



SSRS SIZE	ROD SIZE
SSRS4	3/8" TO 1/2"
SSRS6	1/2" TO 3/4"
SSRS8	3/4" TO 1"

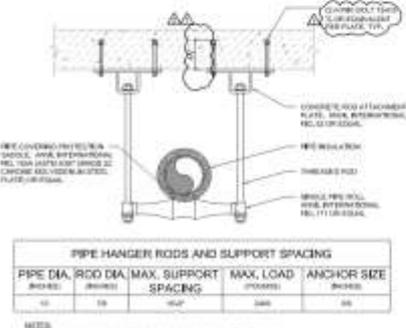
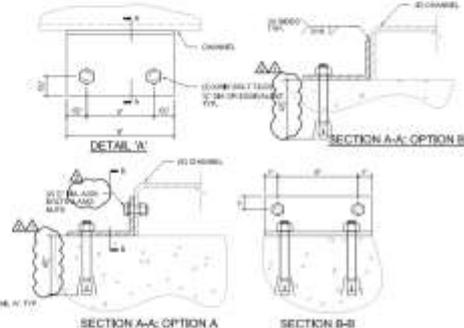
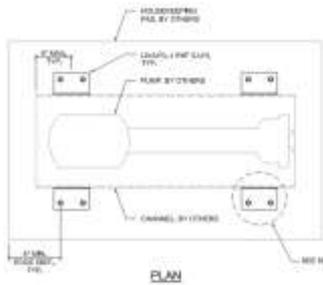
- NOTES:
1. SEE DETAIL 1 FOR CONNECTION INFORMATION NOT SHOWN OR NOTED.
  2. PROVIDE SERVICING SPACING AT SPACING TRANSVERSE 50' TO 54' MAX. LONGITUDINAL 50' TO 54' MAX.
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2. **TYPE SINGLE PIPE SUPPORT WITH SEISMIC BRACING**



NOTE: SLAB IS ASSUMED TO BE A 4" SLAB BY DESIGN BY OTHERS. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CHANNELS SET 100' TO 120' ON CENTER.

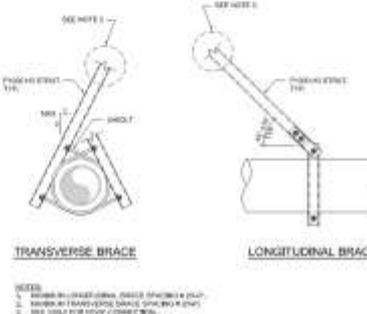
3. **TYPE BRACE CONNECTION TO CEILING OR FLOOR SLAB**



PIPE HANGER RODS AND SUPPORT SPACING			
PIPE DIA. (INCHES)	ROD DIA. (INCHES)	MAX. SUPPORT SPACING (FOOT)	ANCHOR SIZE (INCHES)
10	1 1/2	50'	5/8"
12	1 3/4	50'	5/8"

- NOTES:
1. ALL ANCHORS TO BE SET IN 4" OR 6" CONCRETE.
  2. SEE DETAIL 2 FOR SERVICING SPACING DETAIL.

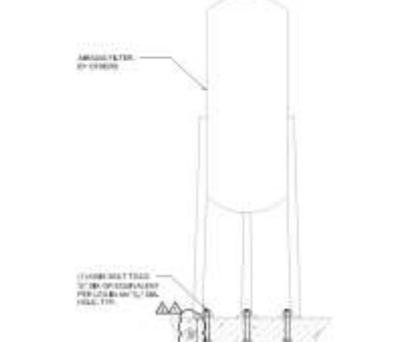
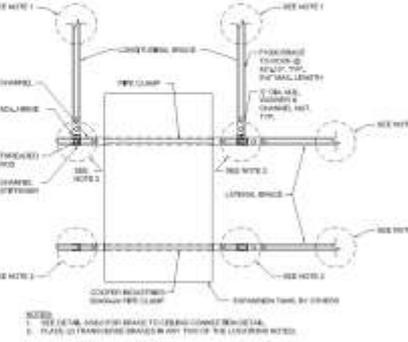
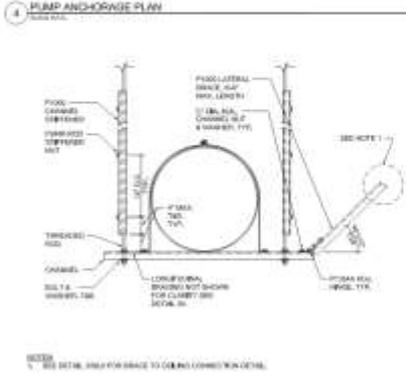
5. **ENGINE EXHAUST PIPE HANGER**



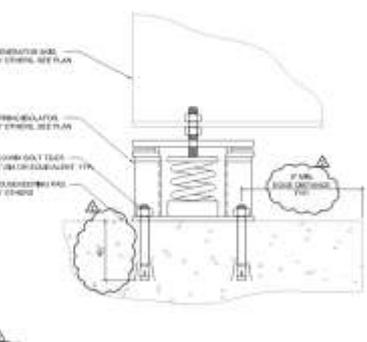
TRANSVERSE BRACE LONGITUDINAL BRACE

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6. **SINGLE PIPE BRACING W/O VERTICAL HANGER**



9. **AIR/GAS FILTER ANCHORAGE**



10. **SPRING ISOLATOR ANCHORAGE**

7. **TRAPEZE HANGER**

8. **TRAPEZE SEISMIC BRACING**

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