Chapter 7 – Part 2 Horizontal Diaphragm Design

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Why Are Diaphragm Design Provisions Changing?

Driven by research including both testing and numerical studies

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- To better reflect diaphragm dynamic response
- To better reflect diaphragm deformation capacity
- Thought to provide better diaphragm performance at the same or potentially lower cost
- More detail later...





Overview of Diaphragm Design - NEHRP Diaphragm Tech Briefs



NIST, NEHRP Seismic Design Technical Brief No. 3, Seismic Design of Cast-in-Place Concrete Diaphragms, Chords and Collectors (2016)

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NIST, NEHRP Seismic Design Technical Brief No. 5, Seismic Design of Composite Steel Deck and Concrete-filled Diaphragms (2011)



NIST, NEHRP Seismic Design Technical Brief No. 10, Seismic Design of Wood Light-Frame Structural Diaphragms (2014)

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Method and ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section	Number of Stories Permitted	Diaphragm Systems Included	Comments
Traditional Sections 12.10.1 and 12.10.2	Any	All	 Not permitted for precast concrete diaphragms in SDC C through F Diaphragm design forces are determined using seismic design parameters (<i>R</i>, Ω₀, and C_d) for the vertical SFRS

Diaphragm	Seismic	Design	Methods
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Method and ASCE/SEI 7- 22 Section	Number of Stories Permitted	Diaphragm Systems Included	Comments
Alternative Section 12.10.3	Any	 Cast-in-place concrete Precast concrete Wood structural panel Bare steel deck Concrete-filled metal deck 	 Required for precast concrete diaphragms in SDC C through F, providing improved seismic performance Optional for other diaphragm types Better reflects vertical distribution of diaphragm forces R_s diaphragm design force reduction factor better reflects effect of diaphragm ductility and displacement capacity on diaphragm seismic forces Forces in collectors and their connections to vertical elements are amplified by 1.5 in place of Ω₀
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Method and ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section	Number of Stories Permitted	Diaphragm Systems Included	Comments
Alternative RWFD Section 12.10.4	One Story	 Wood structural panel Bare steel deck Diaphragm must meet scoping limitations of ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 12.10.4.1 	 Primarily intended for buildings with diaphragm spans of 100 feet or greater New <i>T</i>_{diaph}, <i>R</i>_{diaph}, Ω_{0-diaph}, and <i>C</i>_{d-diaph}, better reflect response of RWFD building type Provides better performance with the same or reduced construction cost





Introduction to Section 12.10.4 Alternative RWFD Design Method Studies Behind Alternative RWFD Design Method: FEMA, 2021. Seismic Design of Rigid Wall-Flexible Diaphragm Buildings: An Alternate Procedure (FEMA) P-1026), Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC Koliou, M., Filiatrault, A., Kelly, D., and Lawson, J., 2015a. "Buildings with Rigid Walls and Flexible Diaphragms I: Evaluation of Current U.S. Seismic Provisions," Journal of Structural Engineering, American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA. Koliou, M., Filiatrault, A., Kelly, D., and Lawson, J., 2015b. "Buildings with Rigid Walls and Flexible Diaphragms II: Evaluation of a New Seismic Design Approach Based on Distributed Diaphragm Yielding," Journal of Structural Engineering, American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA. Schafer, 2019. Research on the Seismic Performance of Rigid Wall Flexible Diaphragm Buildings with Bare Steel Deck Diaphragms, CFSRC Report 2019-2. Building Seismic Safety Council 💥) FEMA nehrp 15











































Alternative RWFD Design Method (Meeting Special Seismic Detailing Requirements, 12.10.4)

Step 1 - Check ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 12.10.4.1 Scoping Limitations

The following are the scoping limitations that must be checked. If the building conforms to all scoping limitations, it is eligible to use the ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 12.10.4 procedure.

- 1. All portions of the diaphragm shall be designed using the provisions of this section in both orthogonal directions.
- 2. The diaphragm shall consist of either a) a wood structural panel diaphragm designed in accordance with AWC SDPWS and fastened to wood framing members or wood nailers with sheathing nailing in accordance with the AWC SDPWS Section 4.2 nominal shear capacity tables, or b) a bare (untopped) steel deck diaphragm meeting the requirements of AISI S400 and AISI S310.
- 3. Toppings of concrete or similar materials that affect diaphragm strength or stiffness shall not be placed over the wood structural panel or bare steel deck diaphragm.













Alternative RWFD Design Method (Meeting Special Seismic Detailing Requirements AISI S400)
Section F3.5.1)	

e steel deck panel type shall be 36 in. (914 mm) wide, 1.5 in. (38.1 mm)
vn wide rib 6 in (152 mm) nitch (WP) deck
steel deck base steel thickness shall be greater than or equal to 295 in. (0.749 mm) and less than or equal to 0.0598 in. (1.52 mm).
steel deck material shall conform to Section A.3.1.1 of AISI S100 [CSA 36].
structural connection between the steel deck and the supporting steel mber (with minimum thickness of 1/8 in. (3.18 mm)) shall be limited to chanical connectors qualified in accordance with AISI S400 Section 5.1.1.

Item	Prescriptive Requirements
5	The structural connection perpendicular to the steel deck ribs shall be no less than a 36/4 pattern (12 in. (305 mm) on center) and no more than a 36/9 pattern (6 in. (152mm) on center) with double fasteners in the last panel rib.
6	The structural connection parallel to the steel deck ribs shall be spaced no less than 3 in. (76.2 mm) and no more than 24 in. (610 mm) and shall not be greater than the sidelap connection spacing.
7	The sidelap connection between steel deck shall be limited to #10, #12, or #14 screws sized such that shear in the screws is not the controlling limit state, or connectors qualified in accordance with AISI S400 Section E3.5.1.2

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Table 7.7-1: Compariso	on of Tradi	ional an	d Altern	ative RWFD De	esign Forc	es	
Diaphragm Design	Special	Transve	erse		Longitud	linal	
Method	Seismic Detailing met?	F _{px} (kips)	v _{px} (plf)	v _{px} amplified shear zone (plf)	F _{px} (kips)	v _{px} (plf)	v_{px} amplified shear zone (plf)
Traditional ASCE/SEI 7- 22 Section 12.10.1 and 12.10.2	NA	1,712	2,370	NA	1,459	1,220	NA
Alternative RWFD ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 12.10.4	Yes	1,266	1,760	2,640	1,296	1,080	1,620
Alternative RWFD ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 12.10.4	No	3,800	5,280	7,920	3,893	3,240	4,870

Diaphragm Design Method	Special Seismic	Chord Force	Collector Force T/C (kips)	
	Detailing met?	T/C		
		(kips)		
Traditional ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 12.10.1 and 12.10.2	NA	356	533	
Alternative RWFD ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 12.10.4	Yes	264	317	
Alternative RWFD ASCE/SEI 7-22 Section 12.10.4	No	791	713	





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