# Chapter 8 Nonstructural Components: Fundamentals and Design Examples

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## Learning Objectives

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- Understand the parameters influencing nonstructural response
- Understand key changes coming in ASCE/SEI 7-22, including
  - The new seismic design force equation
  - How equipment support structures and platforms are handled
  - How distribution system supports are handled
- Understand how to use the 2020 NEHRP Provision Design Examples as a resource for nonstructural component design



## **Outline of Presentation**

#### **Fundamentals**

- Overview and code development process
- Parameters influencing nonstructural response
- Seismic design force equation
- Equipment support structures and platforms and distribution system supports
- Accommodation of seismic relative displacements
- Code change summary



### **Design Examples**

- Architectural concrete wall panel
- Seismic analysis of egress stairs
- HVAC fan unit support
- Piping system seismic design
- Elevated vessel seismic design

Note: Images without references are taken from FEMA P-2192-V1. Full references for partial citations are given in FEMA P-2192-V1.

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# **Fundamentals**

**Nonstructural Components** 

































Location of Component		Component Ductility			
	Resonance	Category	Assumed Ductility	$\left(\frac{PCA}{PFA}\right)$	$\frac{F_p}{W_p} = (0.4S_{DS}) \times \left[\frac{H_f}{R_{\mu}}\right] \times \left[\frac{C_{AR}}{R_{po}}\right] \times I$
Ground	More Likely	Elastic	µ <sub>comp</sub> =1	2.5	
		Low	µ <sub>comp</sub> =1.25	2.0	
		Moderate	µ <sub>comp</sub> =1.5	1.8	
		High	µ <sub>comp</sub> ≥2	1.4	
	Less Likely	Any	-	1.0	
Roof or	More Likely	Elastic	$\mu_{comp}=1$	4.0	
Elevated Floor		Low	μ <sub>comp</sub> =1.25	2.8	
		Moderate	µ <sub>comp</sub> =1.5	2.2	
		High	µ <sub>comp</sub> ≥2	1.4	
	Less Likely	Any	-	1.0	





































**Nonstructural Components** 















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# ASCE/SEI 7-22 Parameters and Coefficients

- Design coefficients and factors for seismic force-resisting system (Table 12.2-1) Steel SMRF: R = 8.0 and  $\Omega_0 = 3.0$
- Short period design spectral acceleration,  $S_{DS} = 1.487$
- Seismic Importance Factor,  $I_e = 1.0$
- Component Importance Factor,  $I_p = 1.0$
- Redundancy factor,  $\rho = 1.0$
- Height of attachment at Level 3, z = 40.5 ft
- Average roof height, h = 67.5 ft
- Story height,  $h_{sx} = 13.5$  ft





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# ASCE/SEI 7-22 Parameters and Coefficients • Force amplification factor as a function of height in the structure, $H_f$ $a_1 = \frac{1}{T_a} = \frac{1}{0.81 \, \text{s}} = 1.23 \le 2.5$ $a_2 = [1 - (0.4/T_a)^2] = [1 - (0.4/0.81 \, \text{s})^2] = 0.76 \ge 0$ $H_f = 1 + a_1 \left(\frac{z}{h}\right) + a_2 \left(\frac{z}{h}\right)^{10} = 1 + 1.23 \left(\frac{40.5 \, \text{ft}}{67.5 \, \text{ft}}\right) + 0.76 \left(\frac{40.5 \, \text{ft}}{67.5 \, \text{ft}}\right)^{10} = 1.74$ Compare $H_f$ value using alternative equation that does not require $T_a$ : $H_f = 1 + 2.5 \left(\frac{z}{h}\right) = 1 + 2.5 \left(\frac{40.5 \, \text{ft}}{67.5 \, \text{ft}}\right) = 2.50$ (44% increase) • Structure ductility reduction factor, $R_\mu$ $R_\mu = (1.1 R/(I_e \Omega_0))^{1/2} = (1.1(8/((1)(3)))^{1/2} = 1.71 \ge 1.3)$



















### Prescribed Seismic Forces: Fasteners of the Connecting System

- The "fasteners of the connecting system" category is intended to apply to the connections with limited ductility that can have a brittle failure mechanism.
- Spandrel panel and glass weight,  $W_p = D = 8,775 \text{ lb} + 1,470 \text{ lb} = 10,245 \text{ lb}$
- Seismic design force, Fp

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$$\begin{split} F_p &= 0.4 S_{DS} I_p W_p \left[ \frac{H_f}{R_{\mu}} \right] \left[ \frac{C_{AR}}{R_{po}} \right] = 0.4 (1.487) (1.0) (W_p) \left[ \frac{1.74}{1.71} \right] \left[ \frac{2.8}{1.5} \right] = 1.129 W_p \quad \text{(controlling equation)} \\ F_{p,max} &= 1.6 S_{DS} I_p W_p = 1.6 (1.487) (1.0) (W_p) = 2.379 W_p \\ F_{p,min} &= 0.3 S_{DS} I_p W_p = 0.3 (1.487) (1.0) (W_p) = 0.446 W_p \\ F_p &= 1.1291 W_p = 1.129 (10,245 \text{ lb}) = 11,568 \text{ lb} \qquad \text{(controlling seismic design force)} \\ \text{For this example, } F_p \text{ almost triples when compared to the spandrel panel wall element} \end{split}$$

For this example,  $F_p$  almost triples when compared to the spandrel panel wall element calculations.

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**Prescribed Seismic Displacements** Calculations based on allowable story drift requirements. Since this is a five-story building, does not use masonry in the primary seismic force-resisting system, and it is in Risk Category II, the allowable story drift is  $0.020h_{sx}$ Story height,  $h_{sx} = 13.5$  ft Height of upper and lower support attachment for column cover,  $h_x = 47.75$  ft and  $h_y = 41.75$  ft Seismic relative displacements,  $D_{pI}$  $D_p = \frac{(h_x - h_y)\Delta_{aA}}{h_{sx}} = \frac{(47.75 \text{ft} - 41.75 \text{ft})(12 \text{ in./ft})(0.020 h_{sx})}{h_{sx}} = 1.44 \text{ in.}$  $D_{pl} = D_p I_e = D_p I_e = (1.44 \text{ in.})(1.0) = 1.44 \text{ in.}$ The joints at the top and bottom of the column cover must be designed to accommodate an in-plane relative displacement of 1.44 inches. Building Seismid Safety Council FEMA nehrp 62





















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### ASCE/SEI 7-22 Parameters and Coefficients

- Stair flight weight,  $W_p = \left(20 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}\right) (10.083 \text{ ft long})(3.5 \text{ ft wide}) = 706 \text{ lb}$
- Stair landing weight,  $W_p = \left(20 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2}\right) (7.333 \text{ ft long})(3.5 \text{ ft wide}) = 513 \text{ lb}$

Approximate fundamental period of the supporting structure, *T<sub>a</sub>* (Section 12.8.2.1)

- □ E-W direction steel SCBF:  $T_a = C_t h_n^x = (0.02)(70 \text{ ft})^{0.75} = 0.484 \text{ s}$
- □ N-S direction steel SMRF:  $T_a = C_t h_n^x = (0.028)(70 \text{ ft})^{0.8} = 0.838 \text{ s}$

Per Section 13.3.1.1, for structures with combinations of seismic force-resisting systems, the lowest value of  $T_a$  shall be used. For this example,  $T_a = 0.484$  s controls.










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#### **Stairway Design Load Combinations**

- The egress stairway and connections should be designed for the linear combination: Design Load Combination = Inertial Force Demand + Displacement-Induced Demand
- For this example, the following load combinations would be required in the analysis:  $EQX = \pm F_{pX}$

 $EQY = \pm F_{pY} \pm EQY_{drift}$ 

The unrestrained connection in the X-direction (longitudinal direction) and the induced demand at the fixed connection in the Y-direction (transverse direction) at Level 4 shall be able to accommodate the story drift, and the seismic relative displacements.

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### ASCE/SEI 7-22 Parameters and Coefficients

- Design coefficients and factors for seismic force-resisting system (Table 12.2-1) Bearing wall system – ordinary reinforced masonry shear wall: R = 2.0 and  $\Omega_0 = 2.5$
- Short period design spectral acceleration,  $S_{DS} = 0.474$
- Seismic Importance Factor,  $I_e = 1.0$
- Component Importance Factor,  $I_p = 1.0$
- Redundancy factor,  $\rho = 1.0$
- Height of attachment at roof, z = 36 ft
- Average roof height, h = 36 ft





# ASCE/SEI 7-22 Parameters and Coefficients • Force amplification factor as a function of height in the structure, $H_f$ $a_1 = \frac{1}{T_a} = \frac{1}{0.29 \text{ s}} = 3.45 > 2.5$ , use $a_1 = 2.5$ $a_2 = [1 - (0.4/T_a)^2] = [1 - (0.4/0.29 \text{ s})^2] = -0.90 < 0$ , use $a_2 = 0$ $H_f = 1 + a_1 \left(\frac{z}{h}\right) + a_2 \left(\frac{z}{h}\right)^{10} = 1 + 2.5 \left(\frac{36}{36 \text{ ft}}\right) + 0 \left(\frac{36}{36 \text{ ft}}\right)^{10} = 3.5$ For supporting structures with $T_a \le 0.4$ s, the parameters $a_1$ and $a_2$ are controlled by their limits, i.e., $a_1 = 2.5$ and $a_2 = 0$ . • Structure ductility reduction factor, $R_\mu$ $R_\mu = (1.1 R/(I_e \Omega_0))^{1/2} = (1.1(2/((1.0)(2.5)))^{1/2} = 0.94 < 1.3$ , use $R_\mu = 1.3$







#### Prescribed Seismic Forces: Case 1: Direct Attachment to Structure

Horizontal seismic load effect, E<sub>h</sub>

 $Q_E = F_p = 1,072 \text{ lb}$ 

 $E_h = \rho Q_E = (1.0)(1,072 \text{ lb}) = 1,072 \text{ lb}$ 

• Vertical seismic load effect,  $E_v$ 

 $E_v = 0.2S_{DS}D = (0.2)(0.474g)(3,000 \text{ lb}) = 284 \text{ lb}$ 

 Basic Load Combinations for Strength Design to determine the design member and connection forces to be used in conjunction with seismic loads:

 $1.2D + E_v + E_h + L + 0.2S \qquad \text{(Load Combination 6)}$ 

 $0.9D - E_v + E_h$  (Load Combination 7)

For nonstructural components, the terms *L* and S are typically zero.















## Proportioning and Design: Case 2: Support on Vibration Isolation Springs • Basic Load Combination 6: $1.2D + E_v + E_h + L + 0.2S$ $T_u = \frac{1.2D - E_v}{4} - \frac{E_h h}{2} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{b} + \frac{\sin \theta}{a} \right) = \frac{1.2(3,000 \text{ lb}) - 284 \text{ lb}}{4} - \frac{(4.550 \text{ lb})(2 \text{ ft})}{2} \left( \frac{\cos(38.16^\circ)}{5.5 \text{ ft}} + \frac{\sin(38.16^\circ)}{7 \text{ ft}} \right) = -223 \text{ lb}}{6\mu}$ $C_u = \frac{1.2D + E_v}{4} + \frac{E_h h}{2} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{b} + \frac{\sin \theta}{a} \right) = \frac{1.2(3,000 \text{ lb}) - 284 \text{ lb}}{4} + \frac{(4.550 \text{ lb})(2 \text{ ft})}{2} \left( \frac{\cos(38.16^\circ)}{5.5 \text{ ft}} + \frac{\sin(38.16^\circ)}{7 \text{ ft}} \right) = 2,023 \text{ lb}}{7 \text{ ft}}$ $U_u = \frac{E_h}{4} = \frac{4.550 \text{ lb}}{4} = 1,138 \text{ lb}$ • Basic Load Combination 6: $1.2D + E_v + E_h + L + 0.2S$ $T_u = \frac{0.9D - E_v}{4} - \frac{E_h h}{2} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{b} + \frac{\sin \theta}{a} \right) = \frac{0.9(3,000 \text{ lb}) - 284 \text{ lb}}{4} - \frac{(4.550 \text{ lb})(2 \text{ ft})}{2} \left( \frac{\cos(38.16^\circ)}{5.5 \text{ ft}} + \frac{\sin(38.16^\circ)}{7 \text{ ft}} \right) = -448 \text{ lb}}{6\mu} = \frac{0.99(3,000 \text{ lb}) - 284 \text{ lb}}{4} + \frac{(4.550 \text{ lb})(2 \text{ ft})}{2} \left( \frac{\cos(38.16^\circ)}{5.5 \text{ ft}} + \frac{\sin(38.16^\circ)}{7 \text{ ft}} \right) = 1,798 \text{ lb}}$ $U_u = \frac{E_h}{4} = \frac{4.550 \text{ lb}}{4} = 1,138 \text{ lb}$ • The vibration isolator would be designed to resist these forces.























### ASCE/SEI 7-22 Parameters and Coefficients

#### Coefficients for Mechanical and Electrical components (Table 13.6-1)

- Distribution systems 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:
  - $\Box C_{AR} = 2.2$
  - $R_{po} = 2.0$
  - $\square \ \Omega_{0p} = 1.75$
- Distribution system supports hot-rolled steel bracing:

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$$\Box C_{AR} = 1.0$$

$$R_{po} = 1.5$$

 $\square$   $\Omega_{0p} = 2.0$ 

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#### **Piping and Braces Parameters**

- Gravity (non-seismic) support spacing, L<sub>grav sup</sub> = 10 ft
- Lateral brace spacing, L<sub>lat brace</sub> = 40 ft
- Longitudinal brace spacing,  $L_{long brace} = 80$  ft
- Length from Support 1 to mechanical unit,  $L_{1M} = 9$  ft
- ASTM A53 pipe with threaded connections,  $F_{\gamma} = 35,000$  psi
- System working pressure, P = 200 psi
- 4-inch diameter water-filled pipe weight,  $D = W_p = 16.4 \text{ plf}$
- 6-inch diameter water-filled pipe weight,  $D = W_p = 31.7 \text{ plf}$

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### Proportioning and Design: Pipe Supports and Bracing

#### **Transverse Lateral Loads**

Pipes are idealized as continuous beams spanning between pinned connections, representing the transverse braces. Reaction at the beam's midspan is calculated as:

$$P_Z = \frac{5}{8} W(L_{left} + L_{right})$$

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For Piping Run "A", we analyze the transverse Support 1, which is adjacent to the mechanical unit. The total length between the support and the unit is  $L_{1M} = 9$  ft

$$P_{Z1A} = \left(\frac{5}{8}\right) W(L_{left} + L_{right}) = \left(\frac{5}{8}\right) (\rho F_p)(L_{1M} + L_{lat \ brace})$$
$$P_{Z1A} = \left(\frac{5}{8}\right) (1)(0.914) \left(16.4 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}}\right) (9 \text{ ft} + 40 \text{ ft}) = 459 \text{ lb}$$

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#### **Elevated Vessel Description**

#### **Example Summary**

- Nonstructural components: Mechanical and electrical – pressure vessel not supported on skirts
- Building seismic force-resisting system: Special reinforced concrete shear walls

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- Equipment support: Equipment support structures and platforms Seismic Force-Resisting Systems with R > 3
- Occupancy: Storage
- Risk Category: II
- Component Importance Factor:  $I_p = 1.0$
- Number of stories: 3
- *S<sub>DS</sub>* = 1.20
- *S*<sub>1</sub> = 0.65

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- The vessel contains a non-hazardous compressed non-flammable gas.
- The weight of the vessel is less than 5% the total weight of the building structure, which is below the 20% threshold where ASCE/SEI 7-22 requires it be designed as a nonbuilding structure per Chapter 15.











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### ASCE/SEI 7-22 Parameters and Steel Material Properties

- Vessel and legs weight,  $D_{ves} = W_{p,ves} = 5,000 \text{ lb}$
- Supporting frame weight,  $D_{sup} = W_{p,sup} = 1,000 \text{ lb}$
- Vessel leg length,  $L_{leg} = 18$  in.

Steel material properties

- HSS sections: ASTM A500 Grade B,  $F_y = 46,000$  psi,  $F_u = 58,000$  psi
- Bars and Plates: ASTM A36,  $F_y = 36,000$  psi,  $F_u = 58,000$  psi
- Pipes: ASTM A53 Grade B,  $F_y = 35,000 \text{ psi}$ ,  $F_u = 60,000 \text{ psi}$
- Bolts and threaded rods: ASTM A307






























# **Proportioning and Design: Vessel Support and Attachments**

#### Vessel Leg Design

- Section properties of the vessel leg: A = 1.02 in.<sup>2</sup> and Z = 0.713 in.<sup>3</sup>
- Maximum axial compressive stress in the leg:

$$f_a = \frac{C_u}{A} = \frac{5,291 \text{ lb}}{1.02 \text{ in.}^2} = 5,291 \text{ psi}$$

Moment and bending stress in the leg, assuming pinned-fixed condition at connections:

$$M_u = (V_u)(L_{leg}) = (952 \text{ lb})(18 \text{ in.}) = 17,138 \text{ lb}-\text{in}$$

$$f_b = \frac{M_u}{Z} = \frac{17,138 \text{ lb} - \text{in.}}{0.713 \text{ in}^3} = 24,036 \text{ psi}$$

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- Permissible compressive strength, and bending strength:  $F_a = F_{bw} = 31,500 \text{ psi}$
- Combined loading:

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$$\left|\frac{f_a}{F_a} + \frac{f_b}{F_{bw}}\right| = \left|\frac{5,291 \text{ psi}}{31,500 \text{ psi}} + \frac{24,036 \text{ psi}}{31,500 \text{ psi}}\right| = 0.93 \le 1.0 \text{ } \textbf{>} \textbf{OK}$$

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### **Support Frame Braces**

- Maximum brace force occurs when loads are resisted by two braces.
- Horizontal force:

$$V_{brace} = \frac{E_{h,ves} + E_{h,sup}}{2 \text{ braces}} = \frac{3,808 \text{ lb} + 762 \text{ lb}}{2 \text{ braces}} = 2,285 \text{ lb/brace}$$

- Length of the brace:  $L = \sqrt{(5 \text{ ft})^2 + (6 \text{ ft})^2} = 7.81 \text{ ft}$
- Tension force in the brace:

$$T_u = \left(\frac{7.81 \text{ ft}}{6 \text{ ft}}\right) (2,285 \text{ lb}) = 2,974 \text{ lb}$$
 (tension)

- Nominal tensile capacity of 5/8-inch-diameter ASTM A307 threaded rods:  $\phi r_n = 10,400$  lb
- Threaded rods are adequate,  $\phi r_n > T_u$ , 10,400 lb > 2,974 lb  $\rightarrow$ OK





# **Proportioning and Design: Supporting Frame**

### **Anchor Bolts**

- The combination that results in net tension on the anchors will govern. Thus, the Load Combination 7 including overstrength is applied:  $0.9D E_v + E_{mh}$  where  $E_{mh} = \Omega_{0p}Q_E$
- Vertical design tension force:

$$T_u = 0.9 (P_{g,sup}) - P_{Ev,sup} - \Omega_{0p} P_{Eh,col}$$

- $T_u = 0.9(1,500 \text{ lb}) 360 \text{ lb} (2.0)(5,161 \text{ lb}) = -9,333 \text{ lb}$
- Horizontal design shear force:

 $V_u = \Omega_{0p} V_{Eh,col} = (2.0)(1,143 \text{ lb}) = 2,285 \text{ lb}$ 

When comparing the support frame column forces to the connection to the floor slab forces, the tension force increases by 124%, and the shear force increases by 100%.



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