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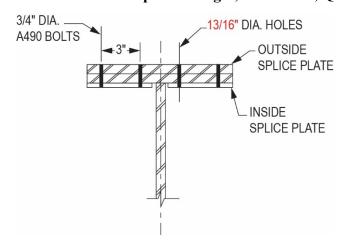
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### Revisions are shown in red.

# Vertical Forces Depth—Bridges, Scenario 1, Question 8

Variable	Value
$A_g$ (in <sup>2</sup> )	0.8
$A_e$ (in <sup>2</sup> )	0.95
$A_n$ (in <sup>2</sup> )	19.125
F <sub>yf</sub> (ksi)	22.55
$F_u$ (ksi)	24
$P_{fy}$ (ksi)	50
$\phi_u$	70
$\phi_y$	1,127.5

## Vertical Forces Depth—Bridges, Scenario 1, Question 11



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# Vertical Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Solution 3

 $L_r = 20 \text{ psf for roof}$ 

The value used to calculate trib area for the LL applied to the column at the basement level is calculated as follows:

$$L = L_o \left( 0.25 + \frac{15}{\sqrt{K_{LL} A_T}} \right)$$

 $K_{II} = 4$ 

ASCE 7 Sec. 4.7-1

 $A_T = 3 \times 900 \text{ ft}^2 = 2,700 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ tributary area}$ 

Per ASCE 7, C4.7.2:

"For multiple floors, areas for members supporting more than one floor are summed."

$$L = 100 \left( 0.25 + \frac{15}{\sqrt{4 \times 2,700}} \right) = 39.4 \text{ psf}$$

 $< 0.4L_o$  therefore use 40 psf for determination of column LL at the basement level

Live loads:

Roof live load =  $20 \text{ psf} \times 30 \text{ ft} \times 30 \text{ ft} = 18 \text{ kips}$ 

 $L = 40 \text{ psf} \times 3 \times 30 \text{ ft} \times 30 \text{ ft} = 108 \text{ kips}$ 

## **ASD (Allowable Stress Design)**

ASCE 7 Sec 2.4.1

Load combo

- 1) D = 474 kips
- 2) D + L = 474 kips + 108 kips = 582 kips (governs)
- 3)  $D + L_r = 474 \text{ kips} + 20 \text{ kips} = 494 \text{ kips}$
- 4)  $D + 0.75L + 0.75L_r = 474 \text{ kips} + 0.75(108 \text{ kips}) + 0.75(20 \text{ kips}) = 570 \text{ kips}$

Acceptable range: > 575 kips and < 590 kips

### LRFD (Strength Design)

ASCE 7 Sec 2.3.1

Load combo

- 1) 1.4D = 1.4(474 kips) = 663.6 kips
- 2)  $1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5L_r$

= 1.2(474 kips) = 1.6(108 kips) = 0.5(20 kips) = 751.6 kips (governs)

3)  $1.2D + 1.6 L_r + L$ 

= 1.2(474 kips) + 1.6(20 kips) + 108 kips = 708.8 kips

Acceptable range: > 750 kips and < 770 kips

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: ASD 575 to 590

LRFD 750 to 770

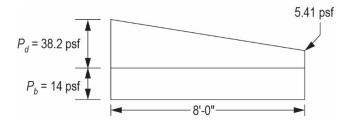
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# Vertical Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Solution 4

$$p_d = (2.33 \text{ ft})(16.6 \text{ pcf}) = 38.2 \text{ psf}$$
  
 $W = 4h_d = 4(2.33 \text{ ft}) = 9.32 \text{ ft}$   
 $P_b = 14 \text{ psf}$ 



$$\left[S = (14 + 5.41) \left(\frac{8 \text{ ft}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{12 \text{ ft}}{2}\right)\right] + \frac{(38.2 - 5.41)}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) (8 \text{ ft}) \left(\frac{12 \text{ ft}}{2}\right)$$
= 1.52 kips \( \lefta \) Governs snow

$$D + L_r = 2.09 + 0.48 = 2.57$$
 kips  
 $D + S = 2.09 + 0.990 = 3.08$  kips  $\leftarrow$  Governs

## LRFD (Strength Design)

$$1.2D + 1.6L_r = 3.28$$
 kips  $1.2D + 1.6S = 4.09$  kips

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: ASD 3.0 to 3.2 kips LRFD 4.0 to 4.2 kips

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# Vertical Forces Depth—Bridges, Scenario 1, Solution 4

Reference: AASHTO 6.10.1.1b

Component	Area	Y	Ay	$A(y-\overline{y})^2$	$I_0 = \left(\frac{bd^3}{12}\right)$ $b = b_E/3n$
Slab	$(72)(8)/25.5 =$ $22.6 \text{ in}^2$	54 in.	1,220.4 in <sup>3</sup>	$22.6(54 - 30.72)^2 = 12,248.26 \text{ in}^4$	120.47 in <sup>4</sup>
Fillet	$(18)(2)/25.5 = 1.41 \text{ in}^2$	49 in.	69.09 in <sup>3</sup>	$1.41(49 - 30.72)^2 = 471.16 \text{ in}^4$	0.47 in <sup>4</sup>
Top Flange	$(18)(1.5) = 27 \text{ in}^2$	47.25 in.	1,275.75 in <sup>3</sup>	$27(47.25 - 30.72)^{2}$ $= 7,377.50 \text{ in}^{4}$	5.06 in <sup>4</sup>
Web	$(0.625)(45) = 28.125 \text{ in}^2$	24 in.	675 in <sup>3</sup>	$28.125(24.0 - 30.72)^{2} = 1,270.08$ $in^{4}$	4,746.09 in <sup>4</sup>
Bottom Flange	$(18)(1.5) = 27 \text{ in}^2$	0.75 in.	20.25 in <sup>3</sup>	$27(0.75 - 30.72)^2 = 24,251.42 \text{ in}^4$	5.06 in <sup>4</sup>
	$\sum 106.14 \text{ in}^2$		3,260.49 in <sup>3</sup>	45,618.42 in <sup>4</sup>	4,877.15 in <sup>4</sup>

$$\sum 106.14 \text{ in}^2$$

$$3n = 3 \times 8.5 = 25.5$$

$$\overline{y} = \frac{3,260.49}{106.14} = 30.72 \text{ in.}$$

$$I_{LT} = 45,618.42 \text{ in}^4 + 4,877.15 \text{ in}^4 = 50,495.57 \text{ in}^4$$

$$S_{LT}^b = \frac{50,495.57 \text{ in}^4}{30.72 \text{ in.}} = 1,643.74 \text{ in}^3$$

$$f_{bLT} = 1,200/1,651.61 \text{ in}^3 \left(\frac{12 \text{ in.}}{\text{ft}}\right) = 8.76 \text{ ksi}$$

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: 8.25 to 9.25

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### Vertical Forces Depth—Bridges, Scenario 1, Solution 5

Weld E = 5/16 in.

3/4-in. stiffener to 5/8-in. web

3/4-in. stiffener controls

Use 1/4-in. weld

# Vertical Forces Depth—Bridges, Scenario 1, Solution 8

$$A_g = (16 \text{ in.})(1.5 \text{ in.}) = 24 \text{ in}^2$$

$$A_e = \frac{0.8 (70)}{0.95 (50)} (19.125) = 22.55 \text{ in}^2$$

$$A_n = \left[16 - 4\left(\frac{13}{16}\right)\right] (1.5) = 19.125 \text{ in}^2$$
Hole for 3/4-in.-diameter bolt
$$F_{yf} = 50 \text{ ksi}$$
Table 6.4.1-1
$$F_u = 70 \text{ ksi}$$
Table 6.4.1-1
$$P_{fy} = A_e F_{yf} = 1,127.5 \text{ kips}$$

$$\phi_u = 0.8$$

$$\phi_v = 0.95$$
6.5.4.2

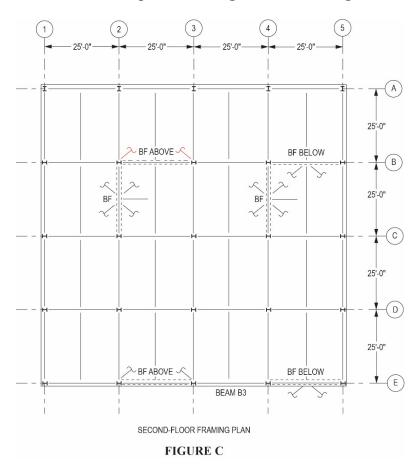
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# Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Figure C



### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Question 2

Based on the following information, the lightest W36 beam for Beam B1 in Figure E is

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Question 3

Based on the story forces provided in **Table 1** and effective brace length KL = 18 ft, the lightest round hollow steel section using a round HSS 7.500 brace member between the sixth floor and roof is:

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Question 4

Which of the elements identified in the figure are required to be designed for overstrength?

### Vertical Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Question 5

Based on story forces provided in **Table 1**, the governing axial force for Beam B3 in **Figure F** is:

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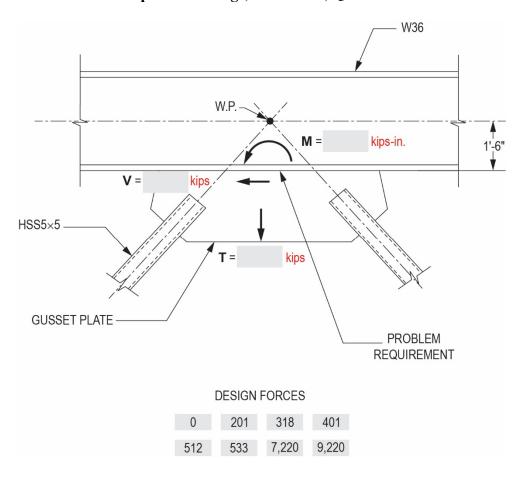
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### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Question 6

For this question, consider bolt failure states only. Based on the figure, the number of bolts required to transfer the axial force to the special concentric brace frame is:

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Question 7



## Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 1, Question 10

☐ A. Attachment of steel deck using steel headed stud anchors

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2

### **Material Specifications:**

Steel reinforcement ASTM A615,  $f_v = 60$  ksi

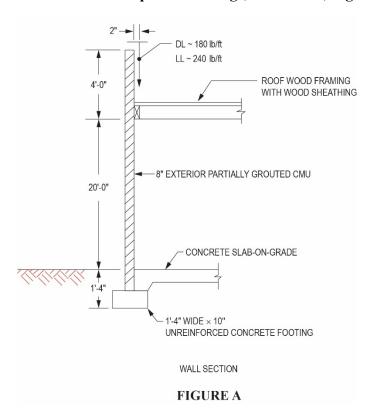
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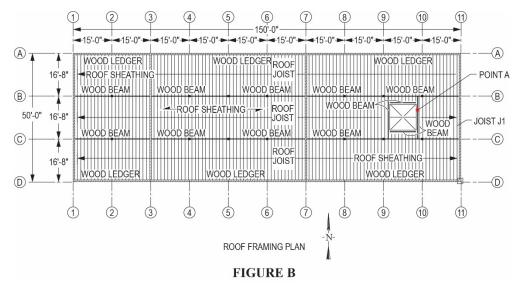
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## Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Figure A



# Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Figure B



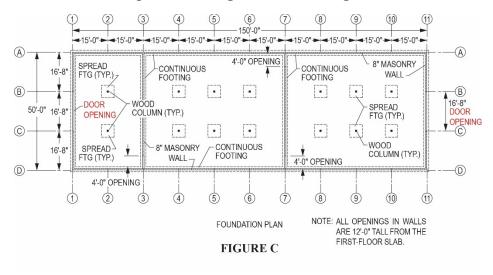
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### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Figure C



### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Question 1

Design Data:

Base wind speed = 142 mph

Exposure C

 $K_{zt} = 1.0$ 

 $K_e = 1.0$ 

The wind velocity pressure  $q_p$  (psf) at the top of the building's parapet is

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Question 2

Based on a wind velocity pressure of 50 psf and vertical reinforcement at 16 in. o.c., the wind design pressure p (psf) at the top of the windward parapet at Grid Line 5 is

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Question 3

Based on a wind velocity pressure of 50 psf and vertical reinforcement at 16 in. o.c., the building's leeward parapet design wind pressure p (psf) at Grid Line 5 is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Question 4

Assumptions:
$q_z = 35 \text{ psf at } 15 \text{ ft above floor slab}$
$q_h = 40$ psf at 20 ft above floor slab
Total leeward parapet design wind pressure = $85 \text{ psf}$ Anchorage from the wall to the roof has an effective wind area of $50 \text{ ft}^2$ .
Enclosed building
Literosed building
The wind loads $R_B$ (plf of roof) from the windward wall at Grid Line 5 that are resisted by the
roof diaphragm are
Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Question 5
Euterur Forces Depen Buildings, Section 2, Question 3
Based on the wind pressures in the table, the maximum moment $M_{max}$ (lb-ft) due to wind pressures on
the wall shown in <b>Figure A</b> is
Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Question 6
Assume an ASD moment of 1,080 ft-lb, or a strength level moment of 1,800 ft-lb. Based on Figure A,
the maximum spacing of #5 vertical bar reinforcement for bars placed at the center of the 8-in. CMU
wall is:
Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Question 7
Assumptions:
$q_h = 46 \text{ psf}$
Enclosed building Bridging/blocking fully braces bottom of joists.
Joists are spaced at 16 in. o.c.
totolo are spaced at 10 m. o.c.
The minimum 2× wood joist size required for bending stresses due to wind pressure on Joist J1
on the roof framing plan in <b>Figure B</b> is

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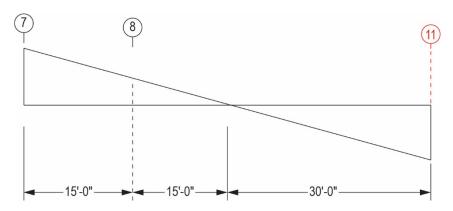
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## Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Question 8

For a distributed diaphragm wind load W of 2,300 plf (strength/LRFD level) and based on 2× joists and blocking at all panel edges, what are the required horizontal plywood nail size and spacing, respectively, along Grids 7 and 8?



### Lateral Forces Depth—Bridges, Scenario 1, Question 3

Assume half the mass of the columns contributes to the weight of the structure. The weight (kips) of the structure used to compute the period of the structure is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Solution 1

142 mph, Exposure C RC II, parapet 20–24 ft

 $q_p = 0.00256(K_z)(K_{zt})(K_d)(K_e)(V)^2$ at z of 20 ft,  $K_z = 0.90$ ; at z of 24 ft,  $K_z = 0.932$  $K_{zt} = 1.0$ ,  $K_d = 0.85$ ,  $K_e = 1.0$ 

 $q_p = 0.00256(0.932)(1.0)(0.85)(1.0)(142)^2 = 40.9 \text{ psf}$ 

Range: 40.5 to 41.5

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: 40.5 to 41.5

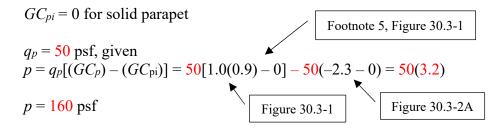
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## Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Solution 2

Effective wind area =  $4(4)/3 = 5.33 < 10 \text{ ft}^2$ ; use  $10 \text{ ft}^2$  Wall Zone 4 positive coefficient = +1.0 Roof Zone 2 uplift pressure coefficient = -2.3



#### THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: 155 to 165

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Solution 3

$$q_2 = 50 \text{ psf}$$
  
 $GC_{pi} = 0.00 \text{ (solid parapet)}$   
Effective wind area = 4.0 ft × 4.0 ft/3 = 5.33 ft<sup>2</sup>  
 $GC_p = \text{Figure } 30.3\text{-}1$ 

$$= -1.0 \times 0.9 = +0.9 = GC_p \text{ for } p_{\text{roof}}$$

$$-1.1 \times 0.9 = -0.99 = GC_p \text{ for } p_{\text{wall}}$$

$$p_{\text{roof}} = 50 \text{ psf } (0.9 - \emptyset) = 45 \text{ psf}$$

$$p_{\text{wall}} = 50 \text{ psf } (0.99 - \emptyset) = 49.5 \text{ psf}$$

$$p_{\text{total}} = 94.5 \text{ psf}$$

### THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: 90.0 to 99.0

### Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Solution 6

From NCEES PE Structural Reference Handbook:  $\frac{2}{jk} = (12)(3.81)^2(900)/1,080 = 12.1$ 

np = 0.019

 $npj = 16.11(1,080)(12)/12(3.81)^2(32,000) = 0.037$ 

 $\frac{np}{np} = 0.041$ 

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## Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Solution 7

Effective wind area need not be less than  $(16.67)(16.67/3) = 93 \text{ ft}^2$ Therefore, use effective wind area = 93 ft<sup>2</sup>

ASCE 7 Figure 30.3-2A, Zone 2:  $GC_p$  can be taken with range of -1.7 to -1.9

Design wind uplift pressure, LRFD/Strength: 
$$P = 46 \text{ psf} \left( \frac{-1.7 - 0.18}{-1.9 - 0.18} \right) = \frac{86.5 \text{ psf}}{95.7 \text{ psf}}$$

Distributed wind load on joist: 
$$W = \begin{pmatrix} 86.5 \text{ psf} \\ \text{to} \\ 95.7 \text{ psf} \end{pmatrix} (1.33 \text{ ft}) = \frac{115.0 \text{ plf}}{127.3 \text{ plf}}$$

Moment in joist: 
$$\frac{Wl^2}{8} = \frac{W(16.67 \text{ ft})^2}{8} = \frac{3,995 \text{ lb-ft}}{4,422 \text{ lb-ft}} = \frac{47,936 \text{ lb-in.}}{53,063 \text{ lb-in.}}$$

### ASD (Allowable Design)

$$S_{req} = \frac{(0.6)(47,936)}{1,656 \text{ psi}} = 17.4 \text{ in}^3$$

$$= \frac{(0.6)(53,063)}{1,656 \text{ psi}} = 19.2 \text{ in}^3$$

$$2 \times 8 S_x = 13.14 < 17.4 \text{ in}^3 \therefore \text{ NG}$$

$$2 \times 10 S_x = 21.39 > 19.2 \text{ in}^3 \therefore \text{ OK; use } 2 \times 10$$

#### LRFD (Strength Design)

$$S_{req} = M/F_b'$$

$$S_{req} = \frac{47,936 \text{ lb-in.}}{3,575 \text{ psi}} = 13.4 \text{ in}^2$$
  
to  
$$\frac{53,063 \text{ lb-in.}}{3,575 \text{ psi}} = 14.8 \text{ in}^2$$

$$2 \times 8 S_x = 13.14 < 13.4 \text{ in}^2$$
.: NG  
 $2 \times 10 S_x = 21.39 > 14.8 \text{ in}^2$ .: OK; use  $2 \times 10$ 

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## Lateral Forces Depth—Buildings, Scenario 2, Solution 8

# LRFD (Strength Design)

Shear at Grid Line 7: 
$$V_7 = 2,300 \text{ plf } (30 \text{ ft}) = 69,000 \text{ lb}$$
  
 $v_7 = 69,000 \text{ lb/}50 \text{ ft} = 1,380 \text{ lb/}ft$ 

# ASD (Allowable Design)

$$v_7 = 0.6(1,380 \text{ lb-ft}) = 828 \text{ lb-ft}$$
  
 $v_8 = 0.6(690 \text{ lb-ft}) = 414 \text{ lb-ft}$