

Design of Mass Timber Diaphragms and the New CLT Diaphragm Design Guide

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Background

Glue Laminated Timber (Glulam)
Beams & columns



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
Solid sawn laminations



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
SCL laminations



Photo: Freres Lumber



Photo: StructureCraft



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Dowel-Laminated Timber (DLT)



Photo: StructureCraft

Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT)



Photo: Think Wood

Glue-Laminated Timber (GLT)

Plank orientation



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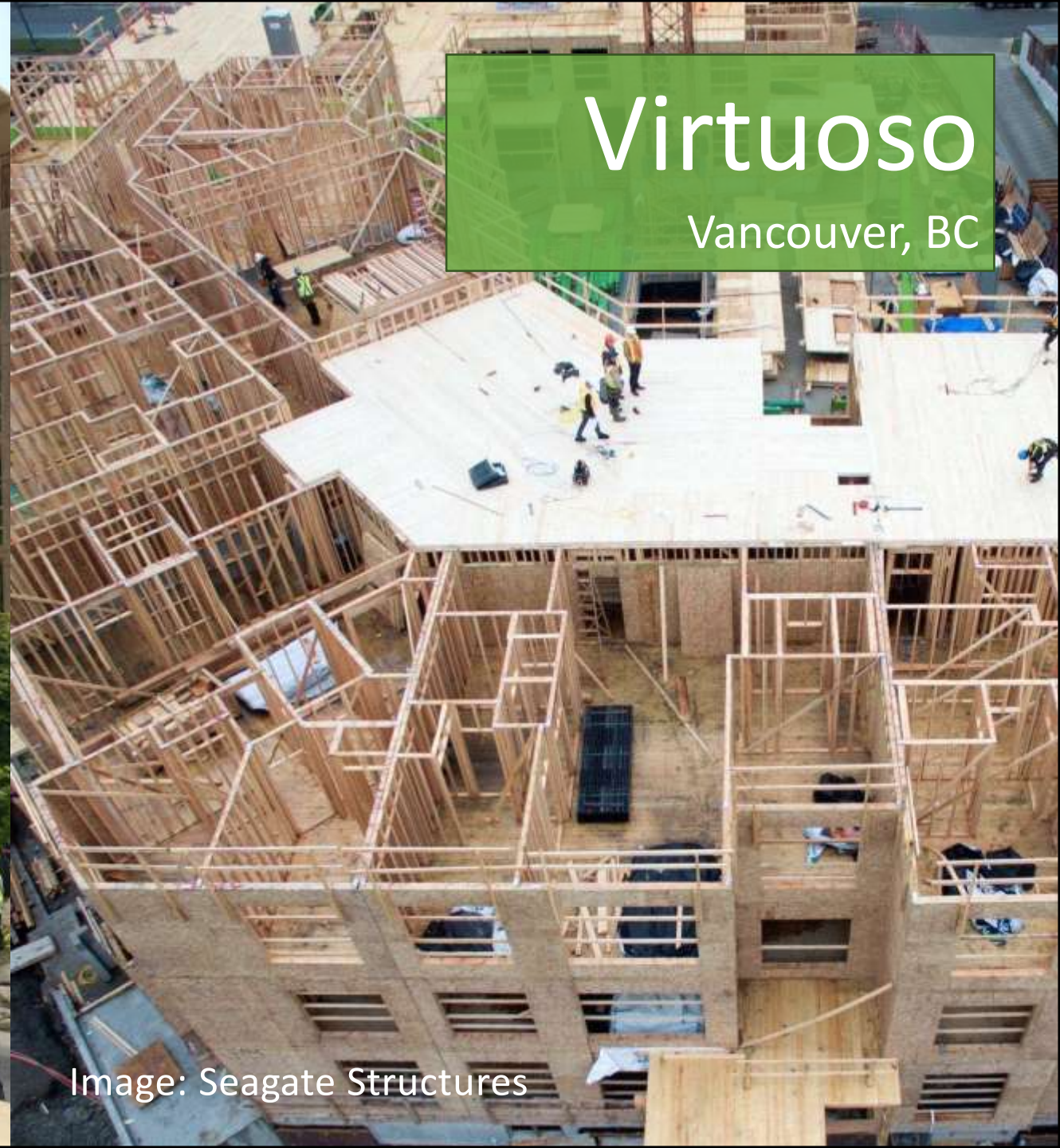
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Hybrid Mass Timber and Steel Framing?

Brentwood Library

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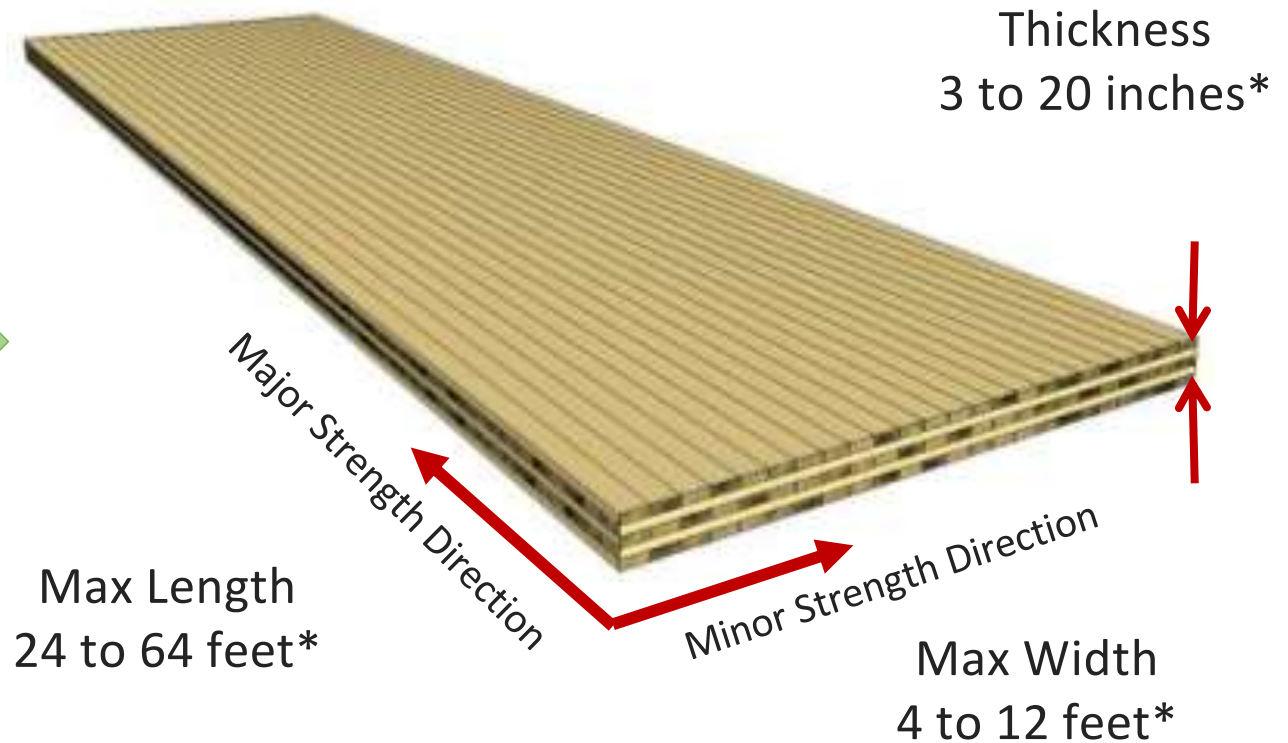
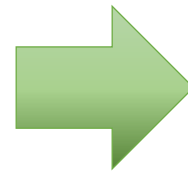
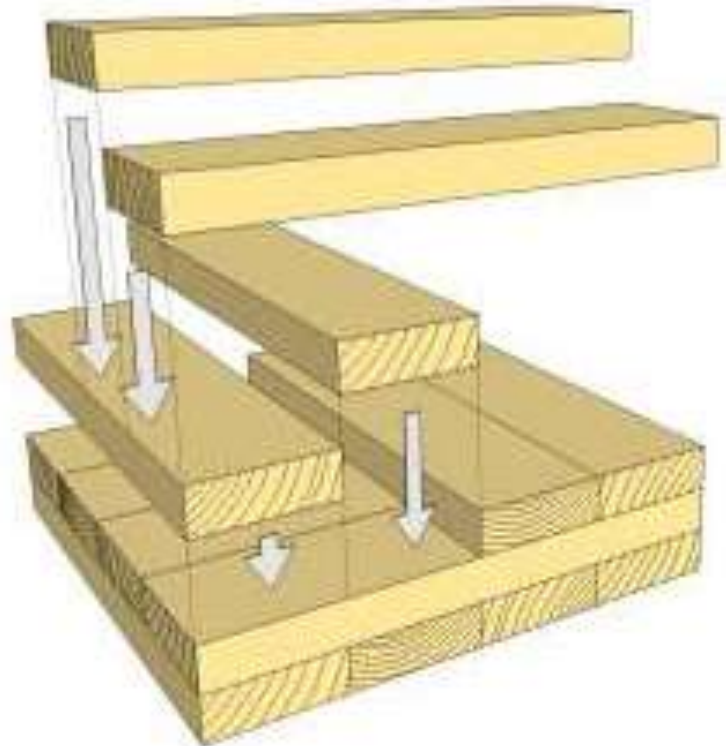
What is CLT?

3+ layers of laminations

Solid Sawn or Structural Composite Lumber Laminations

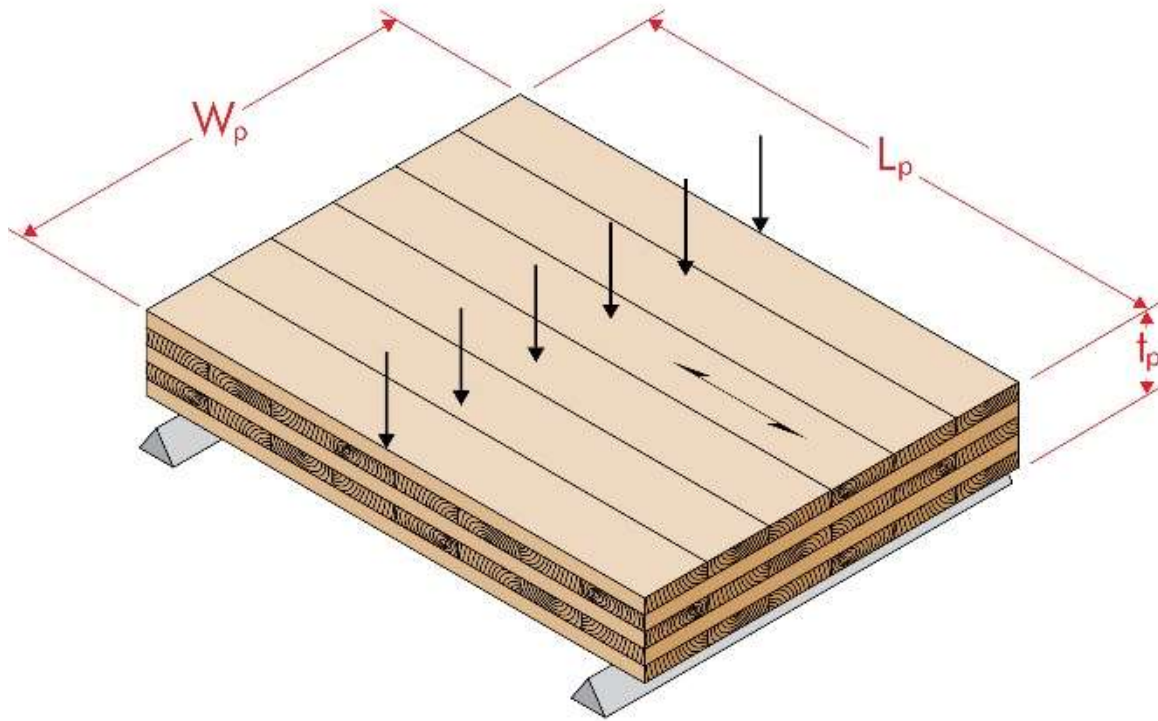
Cross-Laminated Layup

Glued with Structural Adhesives

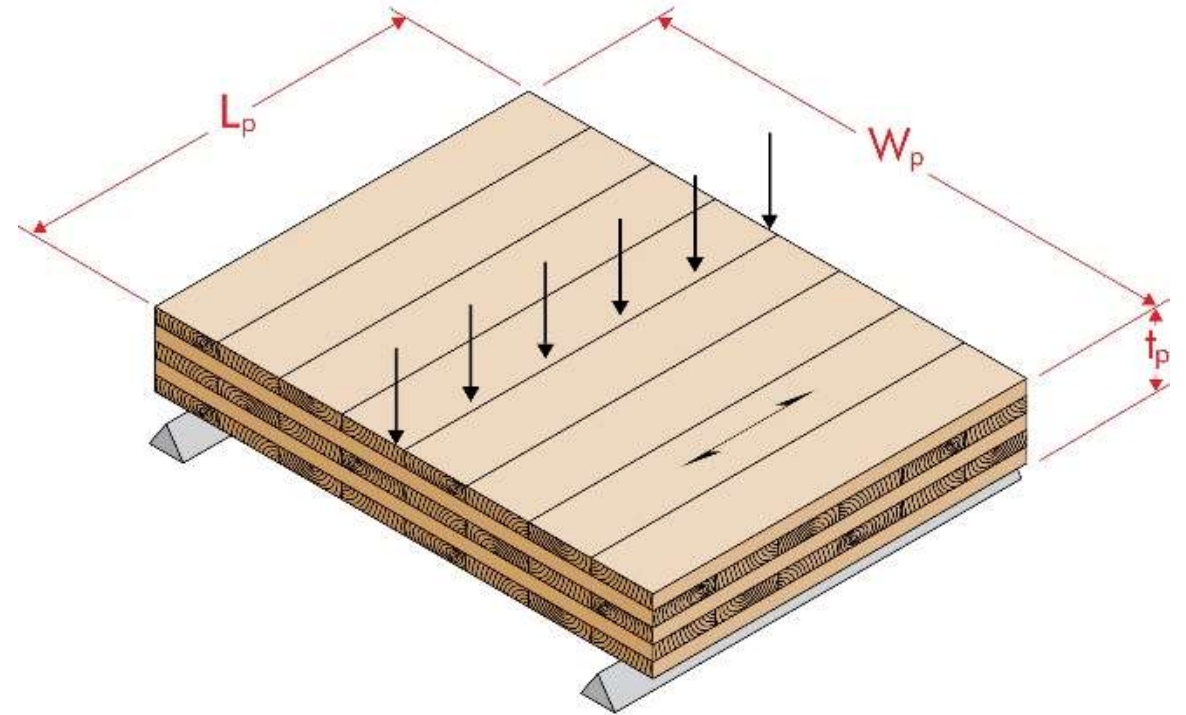


*All dimensions are approximate.
Consult with manufacturers

FLATWISE Panel Loading



Span in **MAJOR** Strength Direction
“Parallel” Direction
Use subscript ‘0’ in Notation



Span in **MINOR** Strength Direction
“Perpendicular” Direction
Use subscript ‘90’ in Notation

3rd Party Product Qualification of CLT

APA PRODUCT REPORT

Kalesnikoff Cross-Laminated Timber Kalesnikoff Mass Timber Inc.

PR-L332

Revised May 6, 2021

Products: Kalesnikoff Cross-Laminated Timber
Kalesnikoff Mass Timber Inc., P.O. Box 3000, Hwy 3A, Thrums, British Columbia
Canada V1T
(250) 399-4
www.kalesnikoff.com

APA PRODUCT REPORT

Boise Cascade VersaWorks® Veneer Laminated Timber PR-L335 Boise Cascade Wood Products, LLC

Issued October 4, 2022

Products: Boise Cascade VersaWorks® Veneer Laminated Timber
Boise Cascade Wood Products, LLC, PO Box 2400, White City, Oregon 97503-0400
(541) 826-0200
www.bc.com/versaworks

1. Basis of the product
• 2021, 2015
glued cross
laminated
timber
• 2012 IBC:
R602.1.6, 4
• 2012 IRC:
R602.1.6, 4
• ANSI/APA
recognized
• ANSI/APA
IBC and IR
• APA Report
qualification

2. Product description
Boise Cascade
VersaWorks® 1-1/2
is produced in
accordance with
mathematical
crossband veneer
and pressed to
wall application
thicknesses of

3. Design proper
Boise Cascade
Table 2 or record
shall be in accordance
Construction (approved by the
used as shear
anchorage design
2021 ANSI/APA



ICC-ES Evaluation Report



ESR-5053

Issued August 2022

This report is subject to renewal August 2023.

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DIVISION: 06 00 00—WOOD, PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES
Section: 06 17 10—Cross-laminated Timber

REPORT HOLDER:

STERLING SITE ACCESS SOLUTIONS, LLC

EVALUATION SUBJECT:

TERRALAM® CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER PANELS

1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

Compliance with the following codes and standards:

- 2021, 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 International Building Code® (IBC)
- 2021, 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 International Residential Code® (IRC)
- ANSI/APA PRG 320-2019 Standard for Performance-Rated Cross-Laminated Timber

For evaluation for compliance with codes adopted by the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) AKA: California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) and Division of State Architects (DSA), see ESR-5053 CBC and CRC Supplement.

Property evaluated:

- Structural

IBC Section 2301.2(1) or (2). The panels are fabricated with at least three planed sawn lumber laminations with adjacent laminations glued together at an angle of 90°, as shown in Table 2. The Terralam CLT panels are fabricated with nominal widths up to 8 feet (2438 mm), thicknesses of 4 1/4 to 9 1/4 inches (105 to 244 mm), and lengths up to 18 feet (5486 mm). The Terralam CLT panels are fabricated by face-bonding each layer of laminations using a structural adhesive, complying with Section 3.2.2 of this evaluation report. The layers are placed in a press to form a dimensionally stable structural element. Refer to Table 2 for Terralam CLT panel layouts.

3.2 Material:

3.2.1 Wood Laminations: Wood laminations used in fabricating Terralam CLT panels must be in accordance with the approved in-plant manufacturing standard and are No. 2 Southern Pine (SP) sawn lumber having an assigned specific gravity of 0.55 and the reference design values provided in Table 1.

3.2.2 Adhesives: Adhesive used to face-bond layers of Terralam CLT panels and adhesive used for finger-joints of wood laminations are non-formaldehyde, one-component polyurethane based, exterior-type structural adhesives, conforming to ANSI/APA PRG 320-2019 and the product specifications in the approved quality documentation.

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

4.1 General:

APA PRODUCT REPORT

SmartLam Cross-Laminated Timber SmartLam, LLC

PR-L319

Revised August 15, 2017

Products: SmartLam Cross-Laminated Timber
SmartLam, LLC
1863 13th Street West
Columbia Falls, MT
(406) 862-0098
www.smartlam.com

1. Basis of the product
• 2015 International
Laminated
Timber
• 2012 and 2015
• 2015 International
Cross-Laminated
Timber
• 2012 and 2015
• ANSI/APA
IBC and IR
• APA Report
qualification

2. Product description
SmartLam cross
laminated timber
product qualification
Allowable design
Table 1. SmartLam
manufactured
and lengths up to

3. Design proper
SmartLam CLT
Note that the
applications are
installed on the
such as load
2015 National
engineer of record
diaphragms, design
be consulted with

4. Product installed
SmartLam CLT
manufacturer (of
record. Per

5. Fire-rated assembly
Procedures specify
SmartLam CLT

APA PRODUCT REPORT

Vaagen Cross-Laminated Timber Vaagen Timbers, LLC

PR-L328

Revised July 30, 2022

Products: Vaagen Cross-Laminated Timber
Vaagen Timbers, LLC, 1245 N Highway, Colville, WA 99114
(509) 654-3678
www.vaagencolville.com

1. Basis of the product
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glued cross
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R602.1.6, 4
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Provisions for
approved by the
Design values



Building Product Evaluation Report 0141

Mercer Cross-Laminated Timber Mercer, Inc.

Initial Acceptance: March 1, 2022

Expiration: February 28, 2023

Revision: February 23, 2021

TYPE OF ACCEPTANCE:

Product Material — Wood, Plastics and Composites
CSI Specification Division, 95 50 00 and Section 06 17 10 Cross-Laminated Timber

MANUFACTURER IDENTIFICATION:

Mercer Mass Timber
11007 Garfield Ave.
Spokane Valley, WA 99027
www.mercerct.com

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT EVALUATED:

Mercer Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) uses Spruce-Pine-Fir (SPF), Douglas Fir-Larch (DF-L), and Southern Yellow Pine (SYP) laminations with ANSI 405 and CSA Q112.5 approved structural adhesives to manufacture defined and custom CLT layouts in accordance with ANSI/APA PRG 320-2019. The SPF laminations shall be permitted to be replaced by DF-L, of grade that are equal to or greater than the corresponding SPF laminations as described in Table 1 and Table 2 of this Report. The Mercer CLT layout, described in Tables 3 through 6 in this Report, were developed by product qualification and the engineering model described in Appendix B3 of PRG 320-2019. Panels are tapered and pressed and are manufactured with a maximum finished size of 12 ft by 48 ft (3.66m by 15.24m). Mercer CLT panels are used for floor, roof, and wall applications.

CODES AND STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO PRODUCT:

- 2015, 2018, 2001 International Building Code® (IBC) Section 2301.1.4 Structural Glued Cross-Laminated Timber
- 2015, 2018, 2001 International Residential Code® (IRC) Sections R602.1.6, R602.1.6 and R602.1.6 Cross-Laminated Timber
- ANSI/APA PRG 320-2019 Standard for Performance-Rated Cross-Laminated Timber

CLT Product Reports

CLT Grade
(basic or custom)

Layup

Panel Properties

APA Product Report® PR-L319
Revised August 15, 2017

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Table 1. Allowable Design Properties^(a) for Lumber Laminations Used in SmartLam CLT (for Use in the U.S.)

CLT Grade	Major Strength Direction						Minor Strength Direction					
	F _{b,0} (psi)	E ₀ (10 ⁶ psi)	F _{t,0} (psi)	F _{c,0} (psi)	F _{v,0} (psi)	F _{s,0} (psi)	F _{b,90} (psi)	E ₉₀ (10 ⁶ psi)	F _{c,90} (psi)	F _{v,90} (psi)	F _{s,90} (psi)	
SL-V4	775	1.1	350	1,000	135	45	775	1.1	350	1,000	135	45

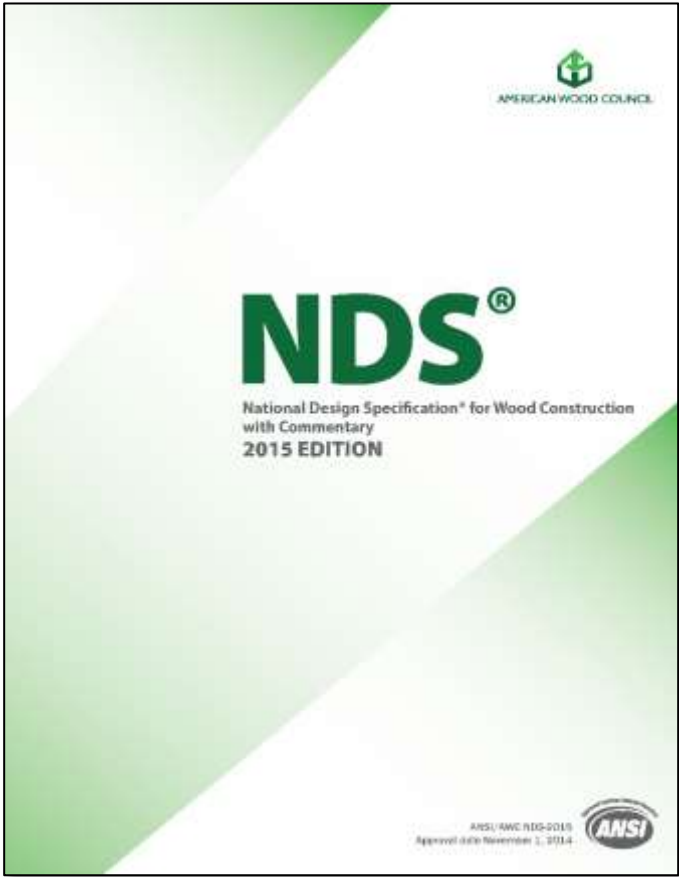
For SI: 1 psi = 0.006895 MPa

^(a) Tabulated values are allowable design values and not permitted to be increased for the lumber flat use or size factor in accordance with the NDS. The design values shall be used in conjunction with the section properties provided by the CLT manufacturer based on the actual layup used in manufacturing the CLT panel (see Tables 2 and 3).

Table 2. Allowable Design Capacities^(a) for SmartLam Balanced CLT (for Use in the U.S.)

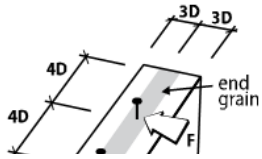
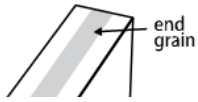
CLT Grade	Layup #	Thickness (in.)	Lamination Thickness (in.) in CLT Layup									Major Strength Direction				Minor Strength Direction			
			=	⊥	=	⊥	=	⊥	=	⊥	=	F _{b,90} (lb-ft/ft)	E ₉₀ (10 ⁶ lb-ft/in. ² /ft)	GA ₉₀ (10 ⁶ lb-ft/ft)	V ₉₀ (lb-ft/ft)	F _{b,0} (lb-ft/ft)	E ₀ (10 ⁶ lb-ft/in. ² /ft)	GA ₀ (10 ⁶ lb-ft/ft)	V ₀ (lb-ft/ft)
SL-V4 ^(b)	3-alt	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8							1,800	74	0.41	1,430	245	2.9	0.41	495
	4-maxx	5 1/2	1 3/8	1 3/8 x 2	1 3/8							2,925	161	0.49	1,740	975	23	0.85	990
	5-alt	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					4,150	286	0.83	1,980	2,120	74	0.83	1,430
	5-maxx	6 7/8	1 3/8 x 2	1 3/8	1 3/8 x 2							5,150	355	1.4	2,460	245	2.9	0.86	495
	6-maxx	8 1/4	1 3/8 x 2	1 3/8 x 2	1 3/8 x 2							7,200	596	1.2	2,875	975	23	1.3	990
	7-alt	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8			7,325	707	1.2	2,500	4,825	283	1.2	1,960
	7-maxx	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					9,425	900	1.7	3,200	2,120	74	1.3	1,430

Structural Design Standardization



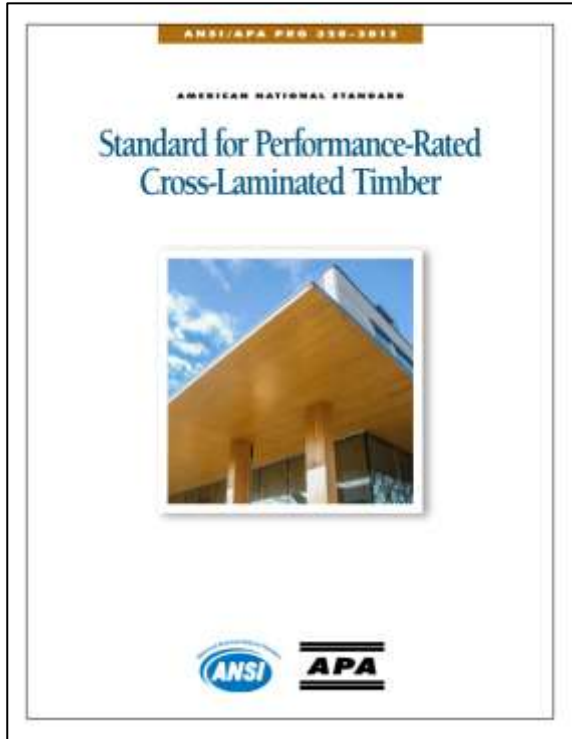
National Design Specification for Wood Construction
2015 & 2018 Edition

Table 10.3.1 Applicability of Adjustment Factors for Cross-Laminated Timber

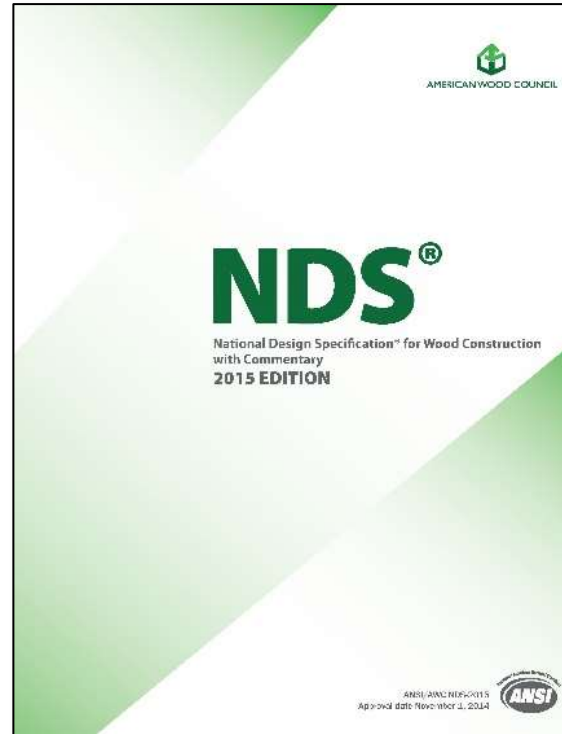
	ASD only	ASD and LRFD	LRFD only	
			Resistance Factor	Time Effect Factor
Figure 12I End Distance, Edge Distance and Fastener Spacing Requirements in Narrow Edge of Cross-Laminated Timber				
			4	0.85 λ
			0	0.80 λ

$F_b(S_{eff})' = 1$	Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT with $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$)										75 λ
$F_t(A_{parallel})'$											75 -
$F_v(t_v)$	Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT with $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$)										90 λ
$F_s(I_b)$											90 -
$F_c(A_f)$	Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT with $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$)										85 -
$F_{c\perp}(A)$											
$(E)_{af}$	Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT with $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$)										
$(E)_{af}$											
	Required Fire Endurance (hr.)	Effective Char Depths, a_{char} (in.)									
		lamination thicknesses, h_{lam} (in.)									
		5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1-1/4	1-3/8	1-1/2	1-3/4	2	
	1-Hour	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	
	1½-Hour	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	
	2-Hour	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	

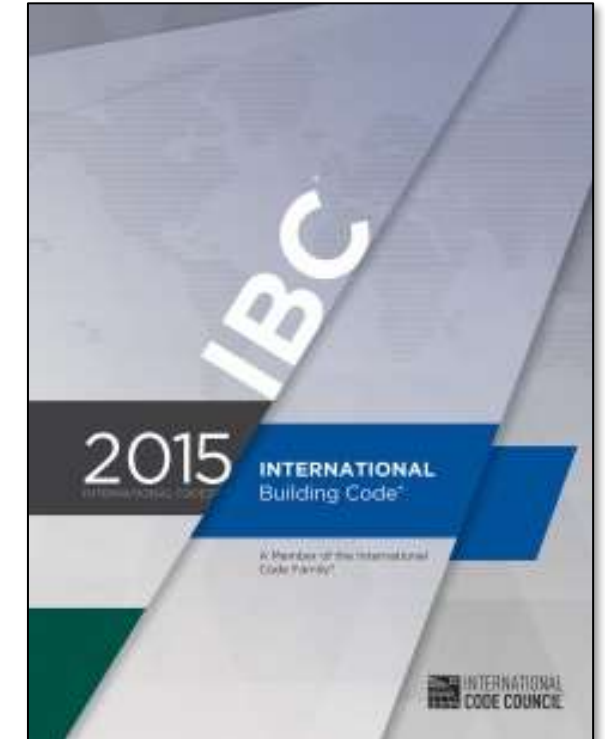
CLT in the U.S. Building Code - IBC 2015



ANSI/APA PRG 320 2011



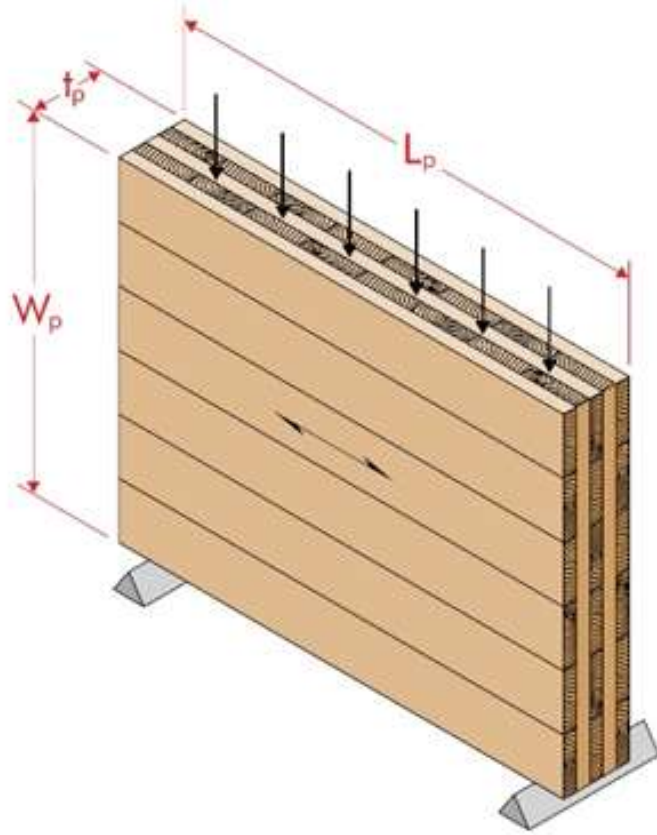
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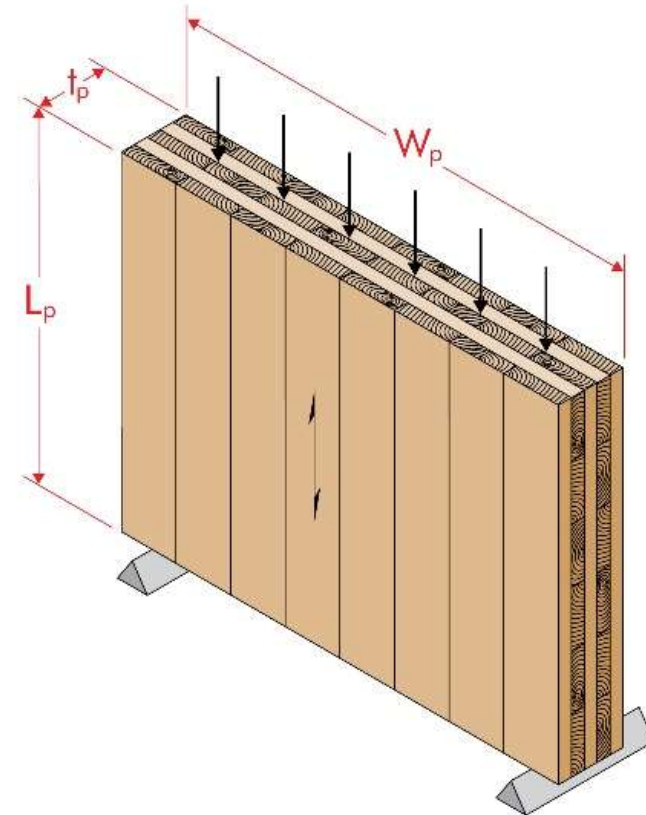
2015 International Building Code

CLT Recognized in the Model Building Code!*
(*for gravity systems with existing Construction Types)

EDGEWISE Panel Loading



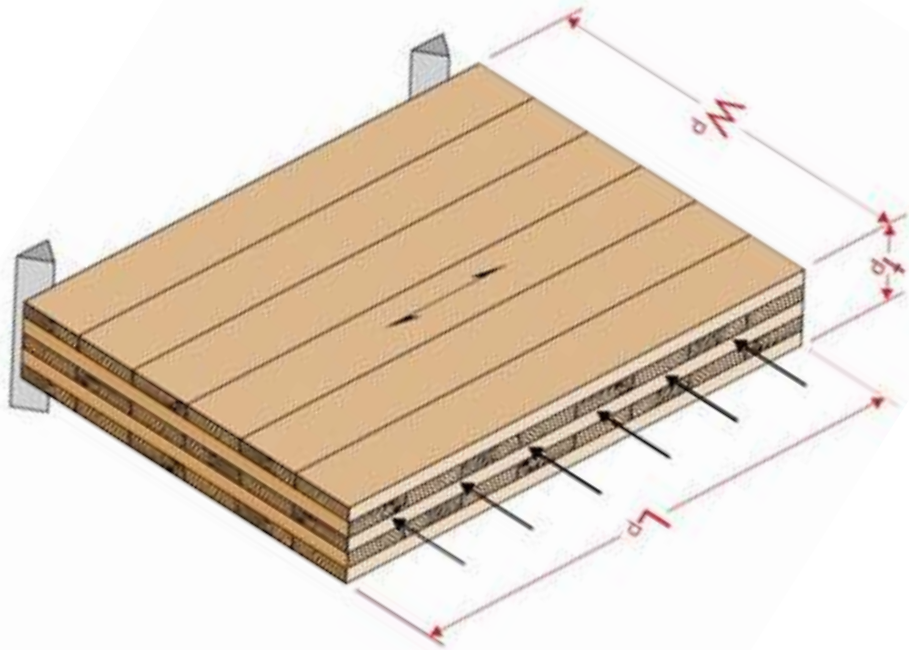
Span in **MAJOR** Strength Direction



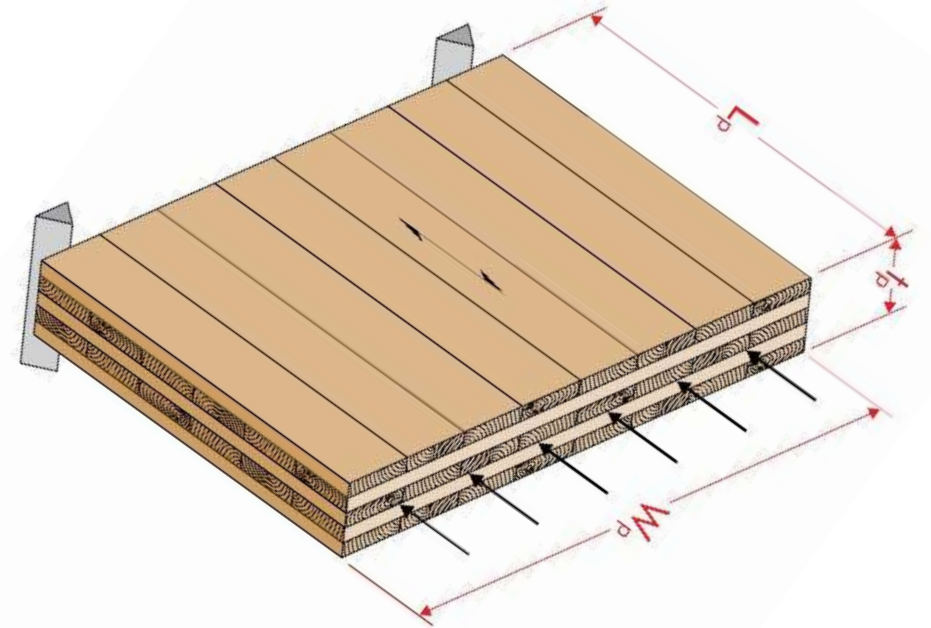
Span in **MINOR** Strength Direction

Reference & Source: ANSI/APA PRG 320-2017

EDGEWISE Panel Loading



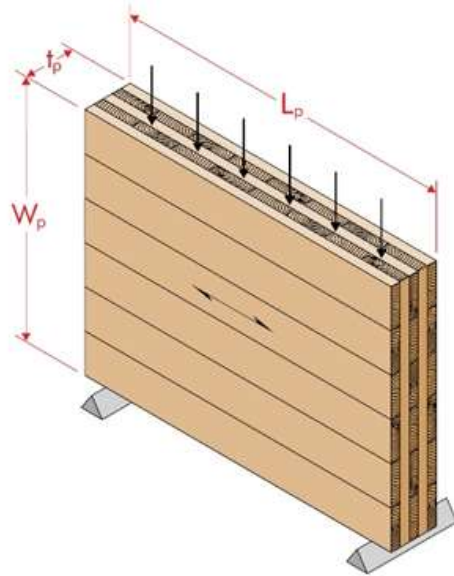
Span in **MAJOR** Strength Direction



Span in **MINOR** Strength Direction

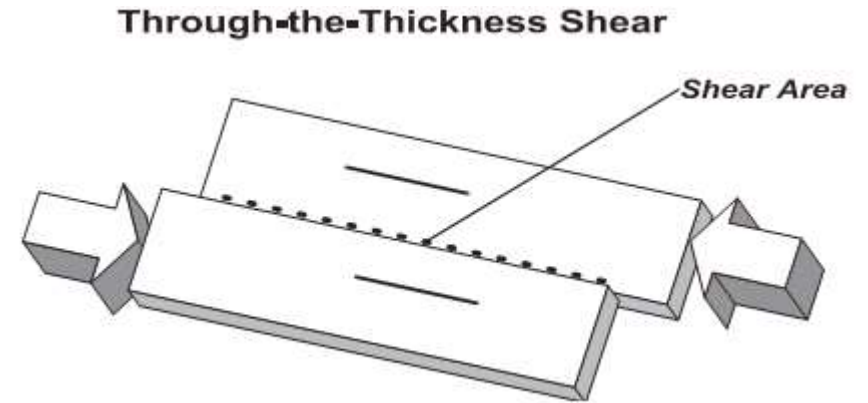
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Shear Force Terminology & Jargon



Source: ANSI/APA PRG 320-2017

Through-the-Thickness Shear
In-plane Shear Forces
EDGEWISE Shear in PRG 320-2017



Source: NDS 2015 Manual

NDS 2015: $F_v(t_v)$
PRG 320-2017: $F_{v,e,0} t_p$ & $F_{v,e,90} t_p$

CLT in In-Plane (Edgewise) Strength

TABLE 3—REFERENCE DESIGN VALUES FOR IN-PLANE SHEAR OF THE STRUCTURLAM CROSSLAM® CLT PANELS¹

CLT LAYUP ⁹	CLT PANEL THICKNESS DESIGNATION	FACE LAMINATION ORIENTATION ² (psi)		FACE LAMINATION ORIENTATION ³ (lbf/ft of width)	
		II ⁴	I ⁴	II ⁴	I ⁴
V2M1	99 V	175 ^B	235 ^B	8,200 ^B	11,000 ^B
	169 V	175 ^B	235 ^B	14,000 ^B	18,800 ^B
	239 V	175 ^B	235 ^B	19,800 ^B	26,600 ^B
	309 V	175 ^B	235 ^B	25,600 ^B	34,300 ^B
V2M1.1	105V	195	290	9,700	14,400
	175V	270	290 ^B	22,400	24,000 ^B
	245V	270 ^S	290 ^B	31,300 ^S	33,600 ^B
	315V	270 ^S	290 ^B	40,200 ^S	43,200 ^B

Source: ICC-ES/APA Joint Evaluation Report *ESR 3631*

145 to 290 PSI Edgewise Shear Capacity
= 1.7 to 3.5 kips/ft (ASD)
per inch of thickness!

Consult with the Manufacturers for Values

Multiply by **Cd = 1.6**
for short term ASD strength

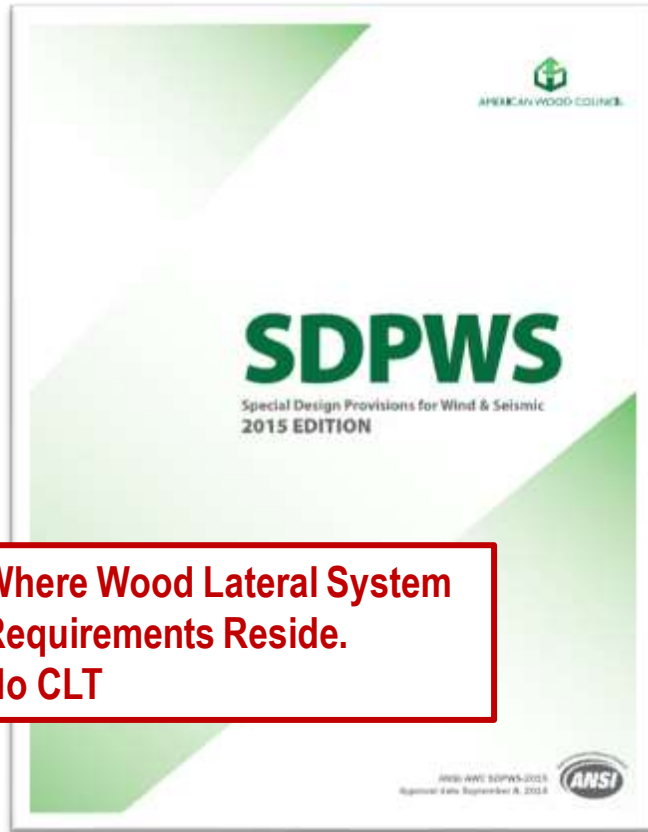
CLT Panels can have > 9 kips / ft in-plane shear capacity

Reference Design Values for Nordic X-Lam Listed in Table 1 (For Use in

Major Strength Direction		Minor Strength Direction	
F _{v,e,0} ^(a) (psi)	G _{e,0} t _p ^(d) (10 ⁶ lbf/ft)	F _{v,e,90} ^(a) (psi)	G _{e,90} t _p ^(d) (10 ⁶ lbf/ft)
155 ^(b)	1.36	190 ^(b)	1.36
155	1.52	190 ^(b)	1.52
155	1.79	190	1.79
185 ^(c)	2.23	215 ^(c)	2.23
145	2.39	190 ^(b)	2.39
185 ^(c)	2.44	215 ^(c)	2.44
185	2.99	215	2.99
155 ^(b)	3.37	215 ^(c)	3.37
185 ^(c)	3.64	215 ^(c)	3.64
185 ^(c)	3.75	215 ^(c)	3.75
185 ^(c)	4.18	215 ^(c)	4.18
185 ^(c)	4.18	215 ^(c)	4.18
155 ^(b)	4.56	215 ^(c)	4.56
185 ^(c)	5.38	215 ^(c)	5.38

Source: APA Product Report PR-L306

CLT in the U.S. Building Code – IBC 2018 (Lateral)



AWC SDPWS 2015



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2018 International Building Code
2019 CBC

Where Wood Lateral System
Requirements Reside.
No CLT

Where Seismic (R values)
and Wind Systems are
Referenced. No CLT

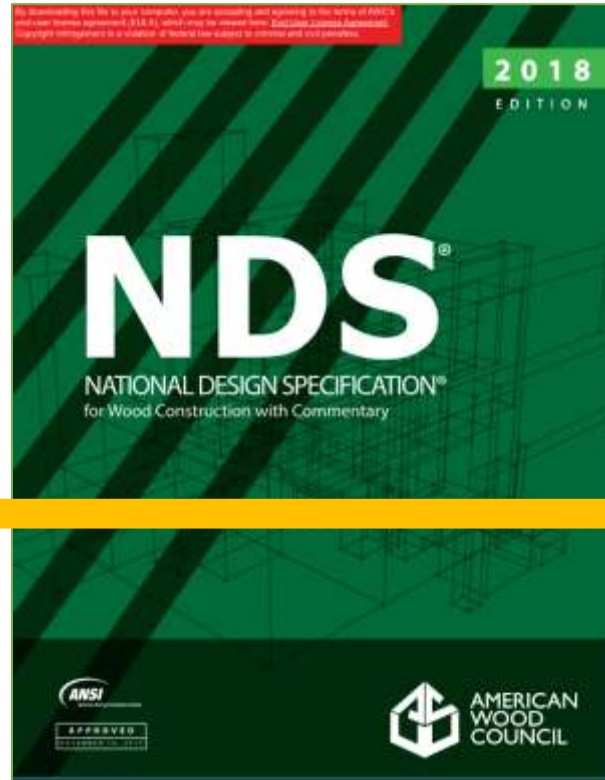
**No explicitly recognized requirements
for CLT Lateral Systems in 2018 IBC**

CLT in the U.S. Building Code – IBC 2021

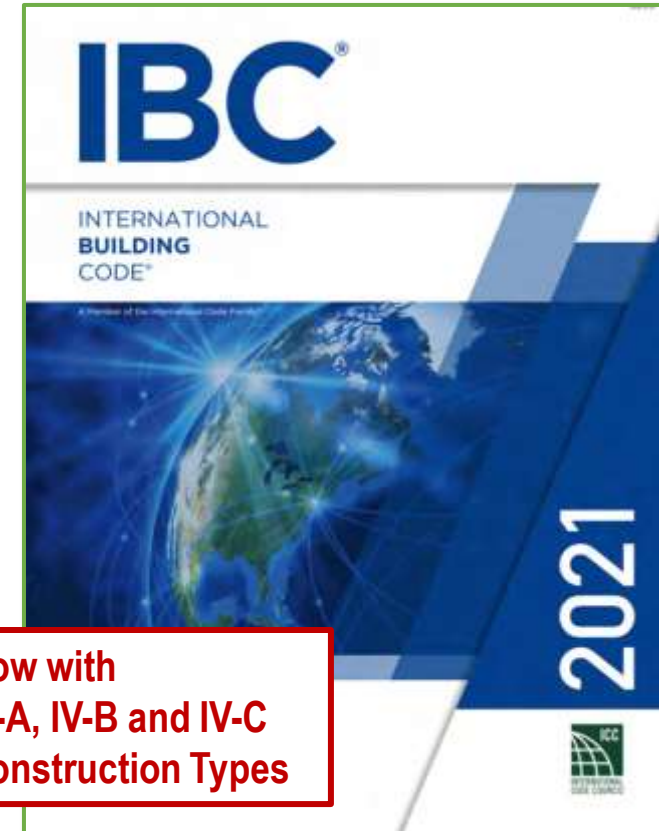


With new and improved
adhesive qualification tests

ANSI/APA PRG 320 2019



AWC NDS 2018

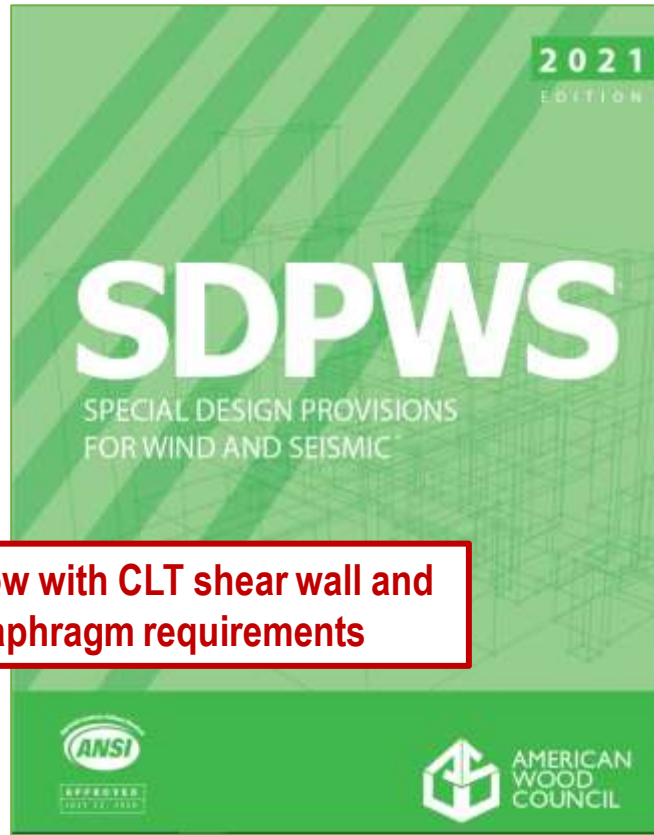


Now with
IV-A, IV-B and IV-C
Construction Types

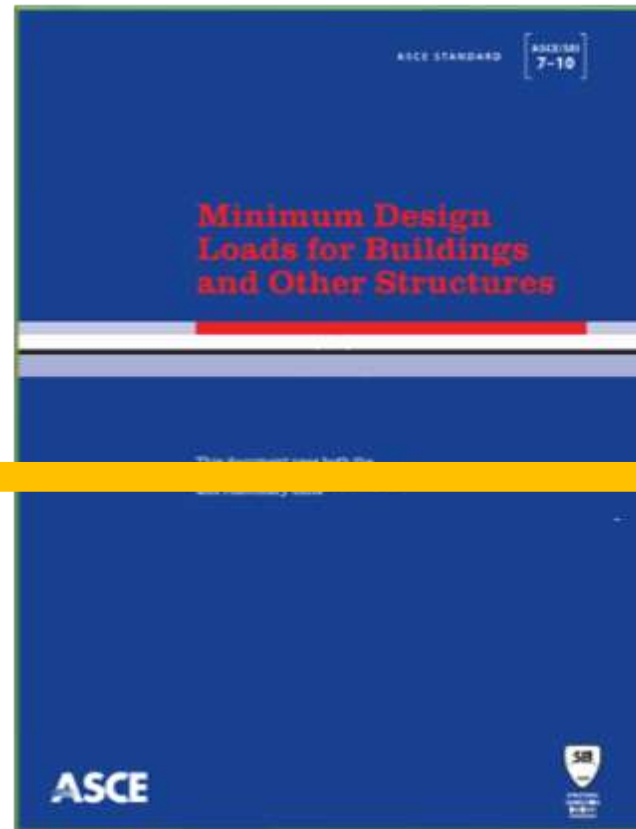
2021 International Building Code

New Type IV Mass Timber Construction up to 18 Stories!

CLT in the U.S. Building Code – IBC 2021 (Lateral)



AWC SDPWS 2021



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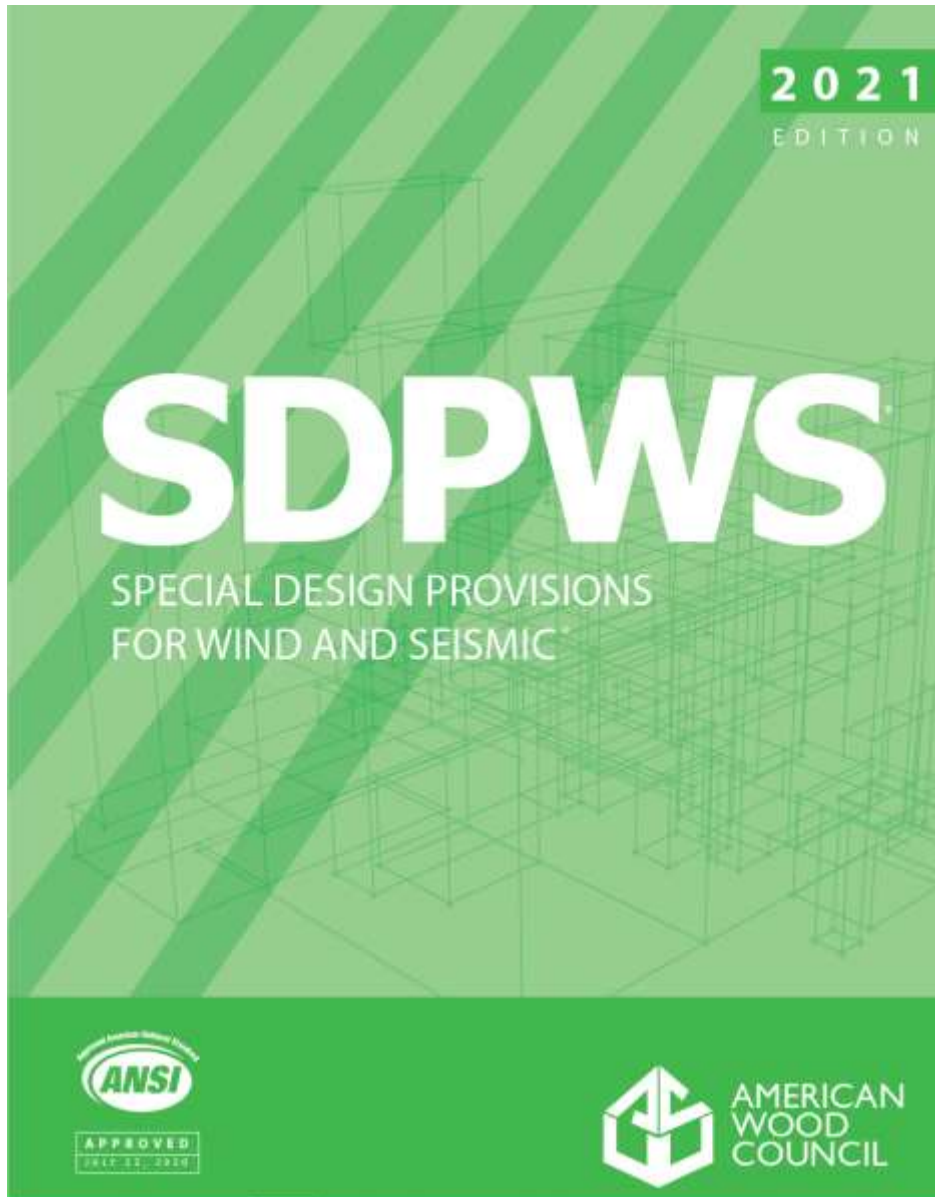


2021 International Building Code

Now with CLT shear wall and diaphragm requirements

New Requirements for CLT Lateral Systems in SDPWS 2021!
Referenced from IBC 2021

2021 Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic



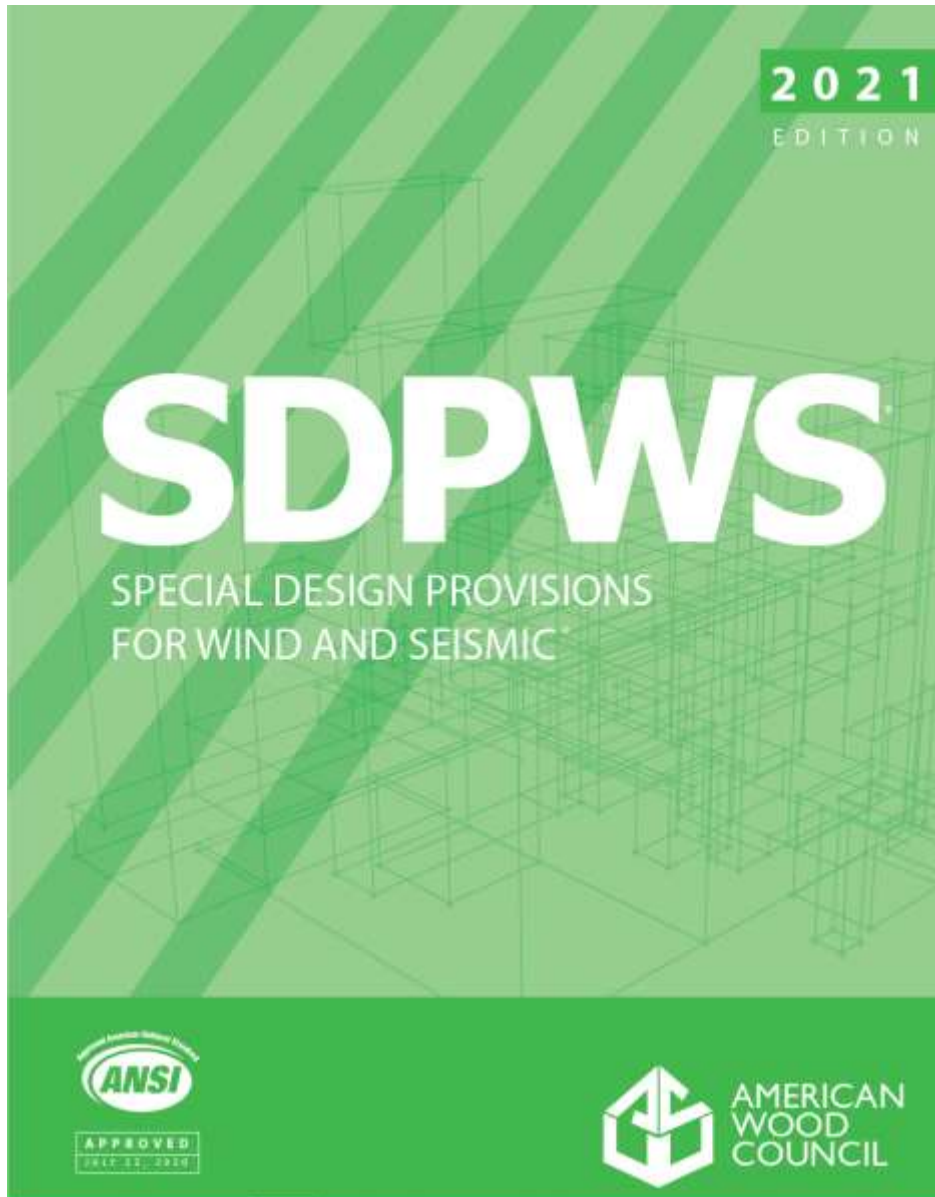
Top Changes Relevant to CLT Lateral Systems:

- New unified nominal shear capacity
- New CLT Shear Wall requirements
- New CLT Diaphragm requirements

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2021 Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic



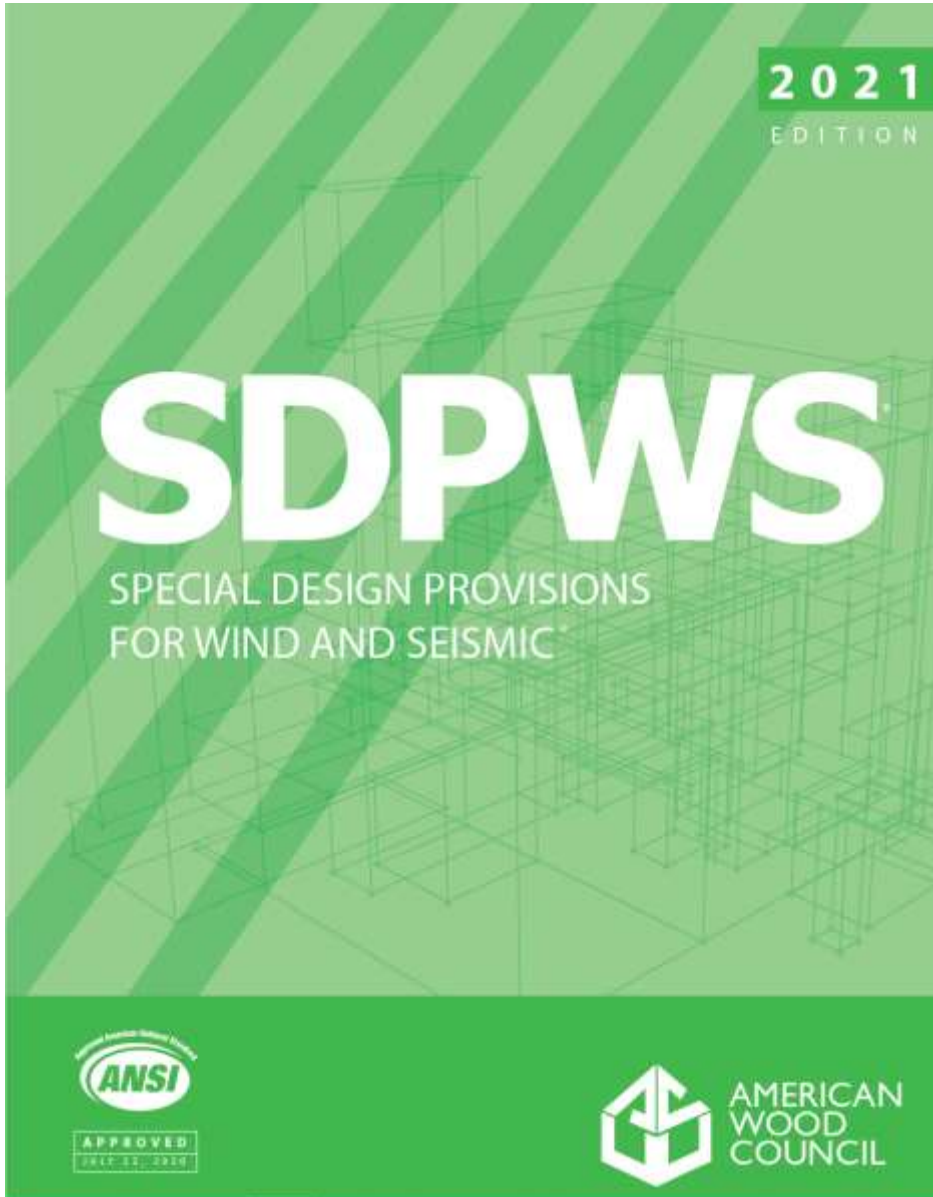
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2021 SDPWS – Unified Nominal Shear Capacity



For sheathed wood frame shear walls and diaphragms, SDPWS 2015 has two nominal shear capacities

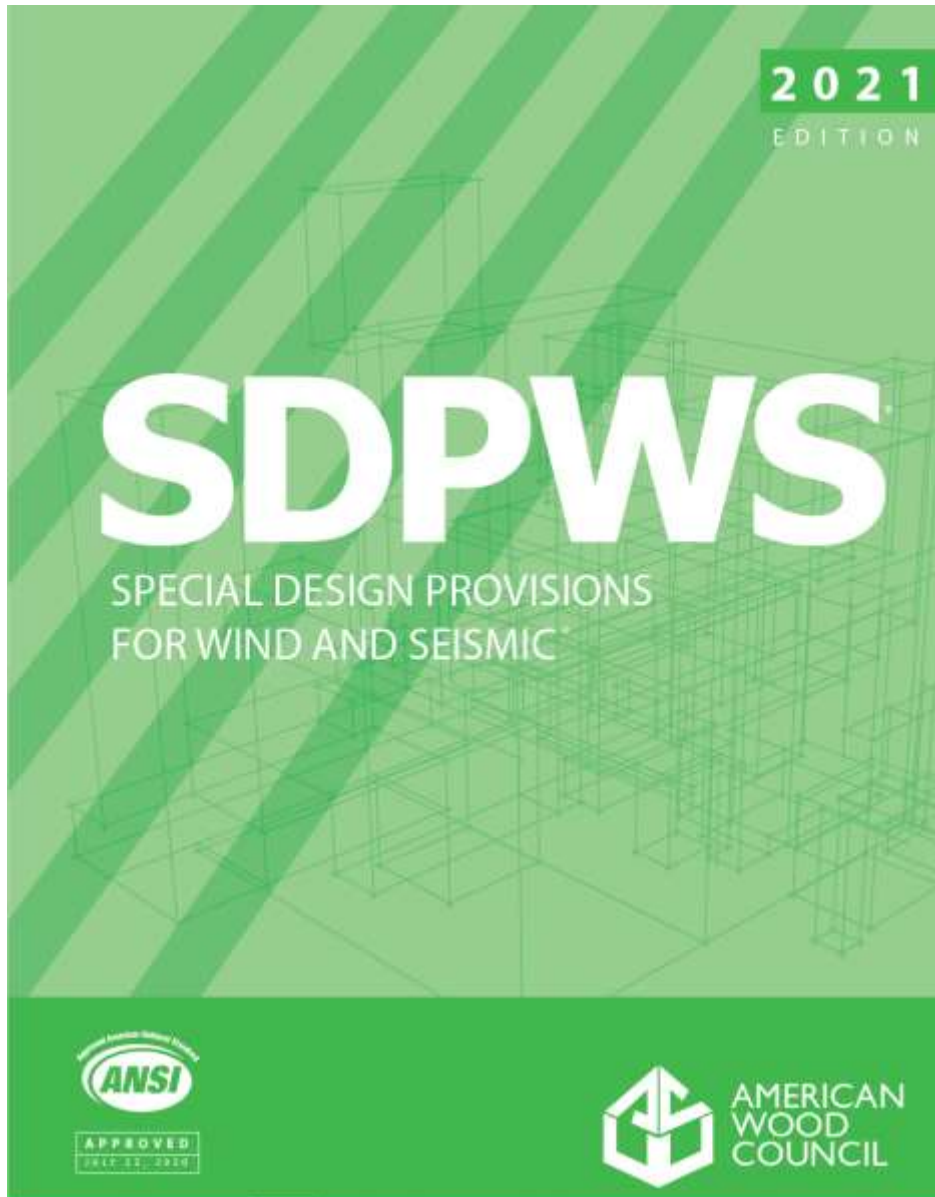
v_s Nominal shear capacity for seismic loads

v_w Nominal shear capacity for wind loads

SDPWS 2021 has one nominal shear capacity for both wind and seismic (for all systems such as WSP and CLT)

v_n Nominal shear capacity

2021 SDPWS – Unified Nominal Shear Capacity

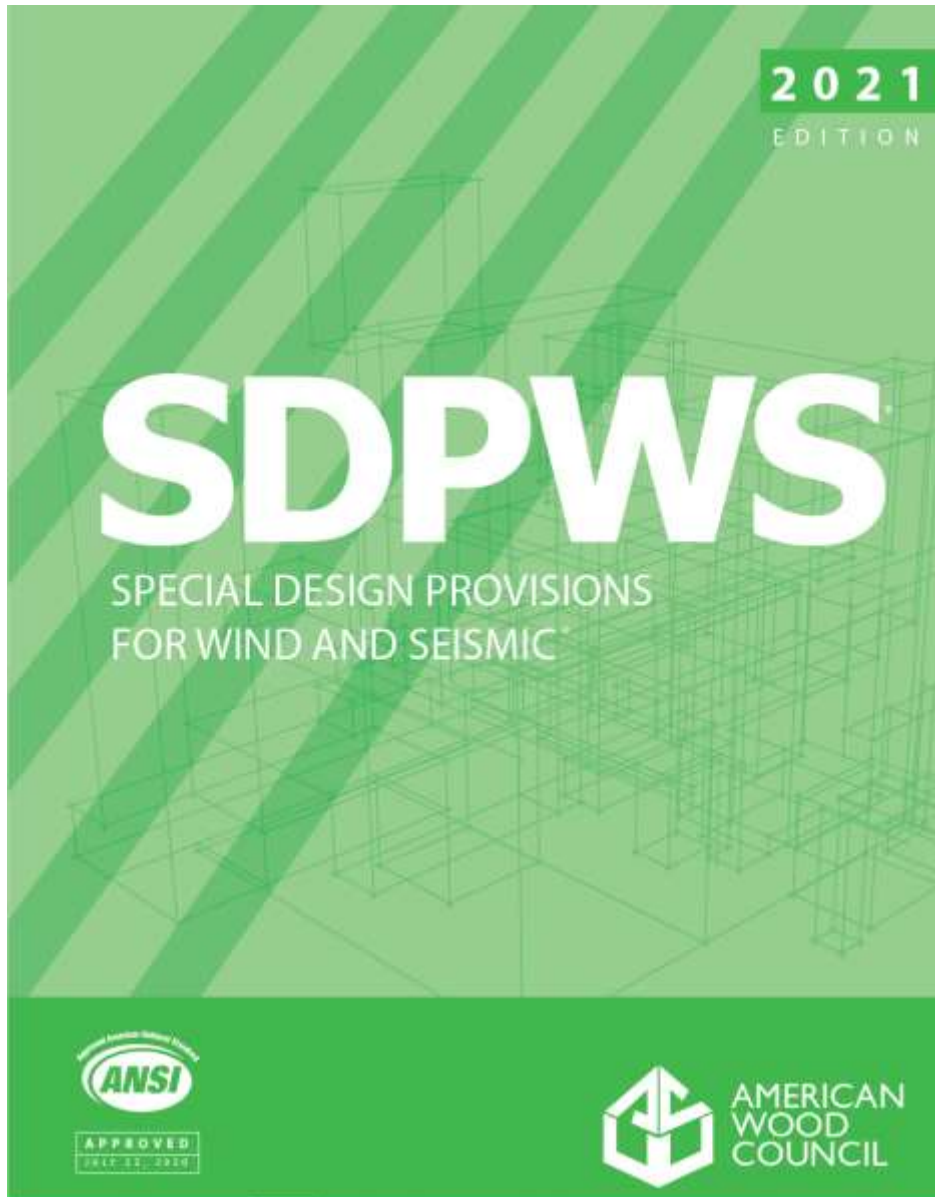


To calculate the ASD or LRFD shear capacity, SDPWS 2021 has different reduction factors for wind and seismic

	Design shear capacity	
	ASD	LRFD
Wind	$v_n/2.0$	$0.8 v_n$
Seismic	$v_n/2.8$	$0.5 v_n$

SDPWS 2021 Section 4.1.4

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Top Changes Relevant to CLT Lateral Systems:

- New unified nominal shear capacity
- **New CLT Shear Wall requirements**
- New CLT Diaphragm requirements

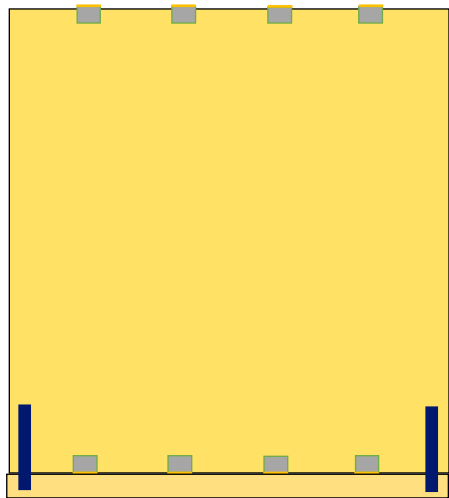
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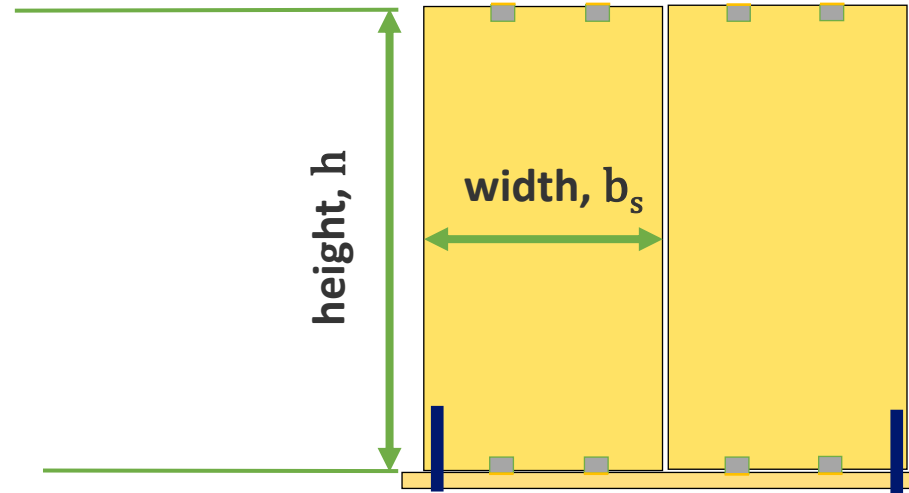
CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

(other)
CLT Shear Walls
not meeting Appendix B

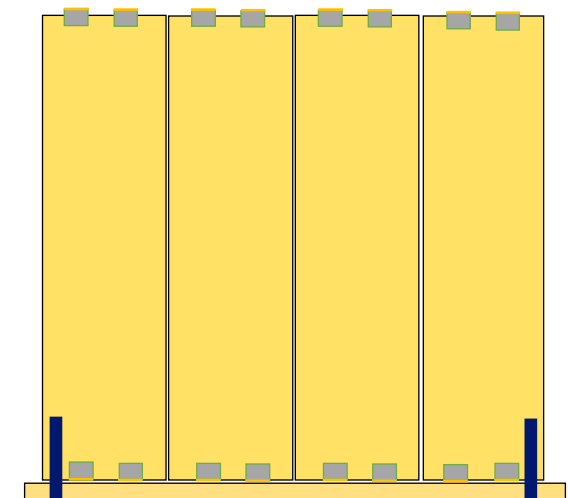
CLT Shear Walls
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Seismic Design Category A
or SDC B and $\leq 65'$ tall
in SDPWS 4.6.3 Exception



Panel aspect ratios
 $2 \leq h/b_s \leq 4$

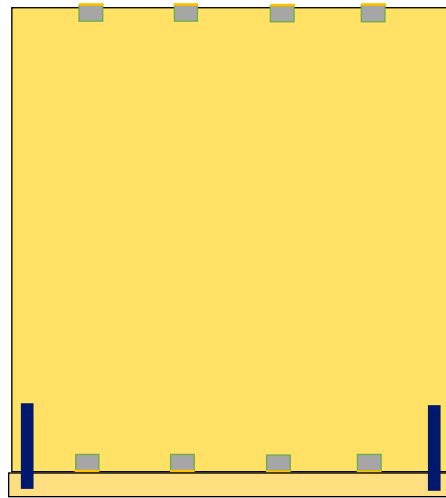


with shear resistance provided by high
aspect ratio panels only (SDPWS B.3.7)

Panel aspect ratios
 $h/b_s = 4$

R Values for CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

(other)
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not meeting Appendix B

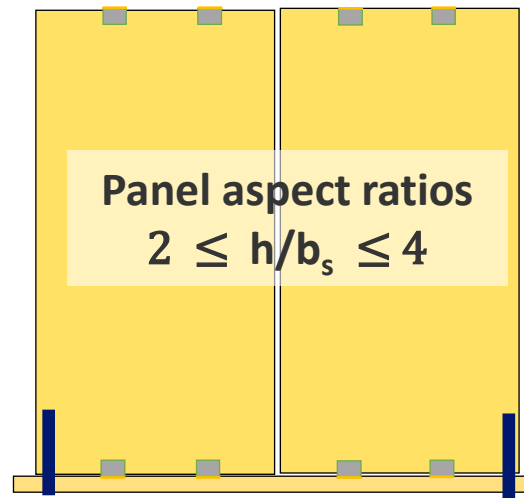


$R = 1.5$

$$C_d = 1.5 \quad \Omega_o = 2.5$$

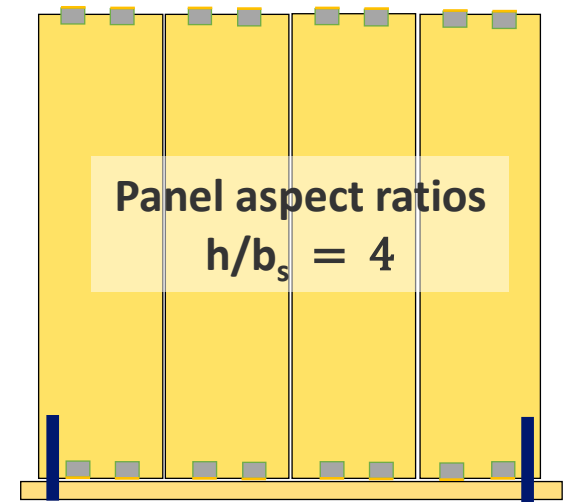
In SDPWS 2021 4.6.3

Platform Framed
CLT Shear Walls
meeting SDPWS 2021 Appendix B



$R = 3.0^*$

$$C_d = 3.0 \quad \Omega_o = 3.0$$



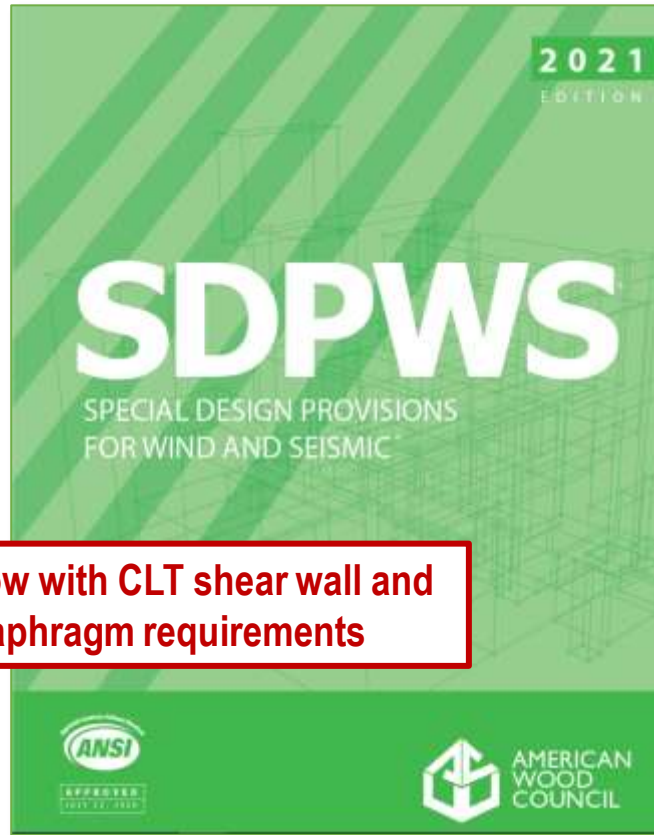
$R = 4.0^*$

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* ASCE 7-22

CLT in the U.S. Building Code – Lateral in IBC 2021

SDPWS 2015



Now with CLT shear wall and diaphragm requirements

AWC SDPWS 2021



Where Seismic (R values) and Wind Systems are Referenced. No CLT

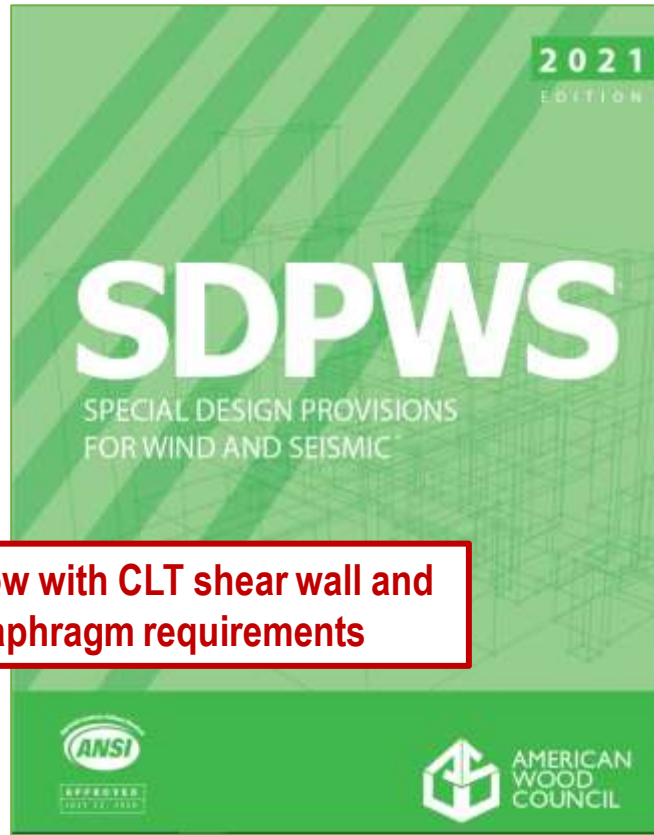
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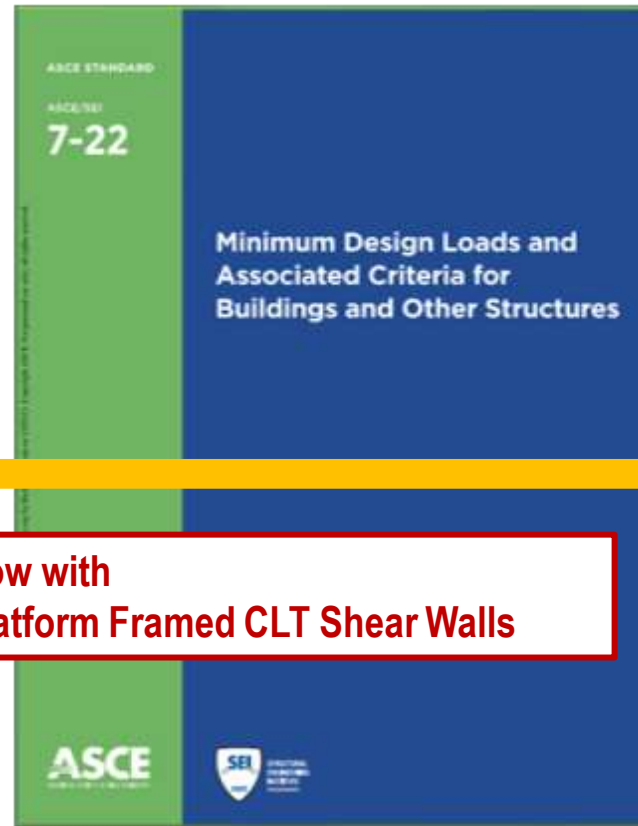
New Requirements for CLT Lateral Systems!
(but R values for CLT Shear Walls not in ASCE 7-16)

CLT in the U.S. Building Code – Lateral in the IBC 2024?



Now with CLT shear wall and diaphragm requirements

AWC SDPWS 2021



Now with Platform Framed CLT Shear Walls

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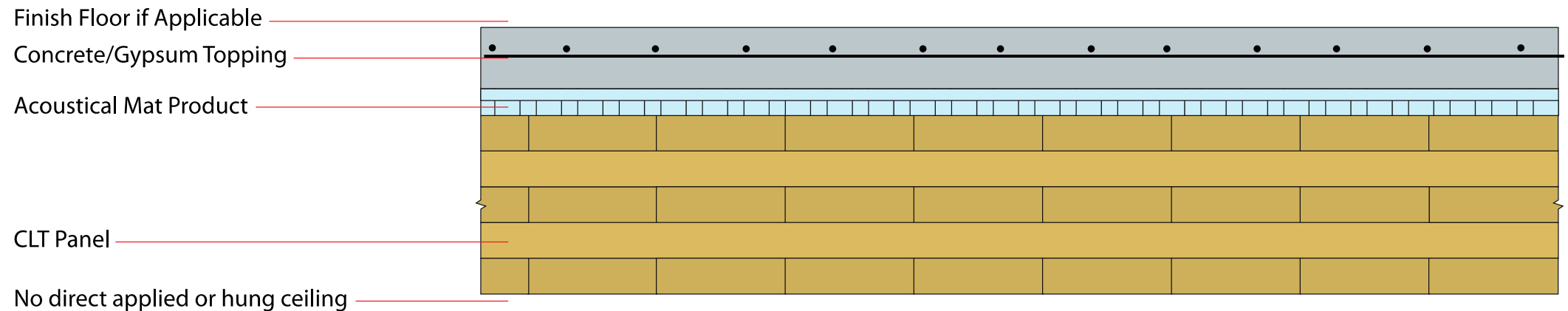
2024 IBC
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Future Full Recognition of CLT Shear Wall

Mass Timber Diaphragms

Diaphragm Strategies with Horizontal CLT

- Option 1: Structural Topping as Horizontal Diaphragm
- (1A) Structural Concrete Topping



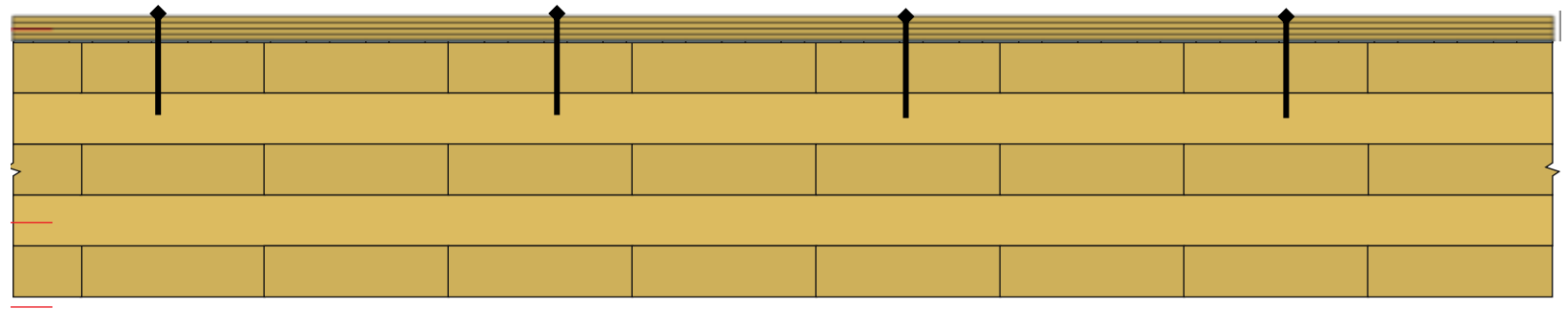
Careful detailing to provide adequate load path, minimum rebar cover, etc.

Diaphragm Strategies with Horizontal CLT

- Option 1: Structural Topping as Horizontal Diaphragm
- (1B) Wood Structural Panel Topping

WSP as diaphragm

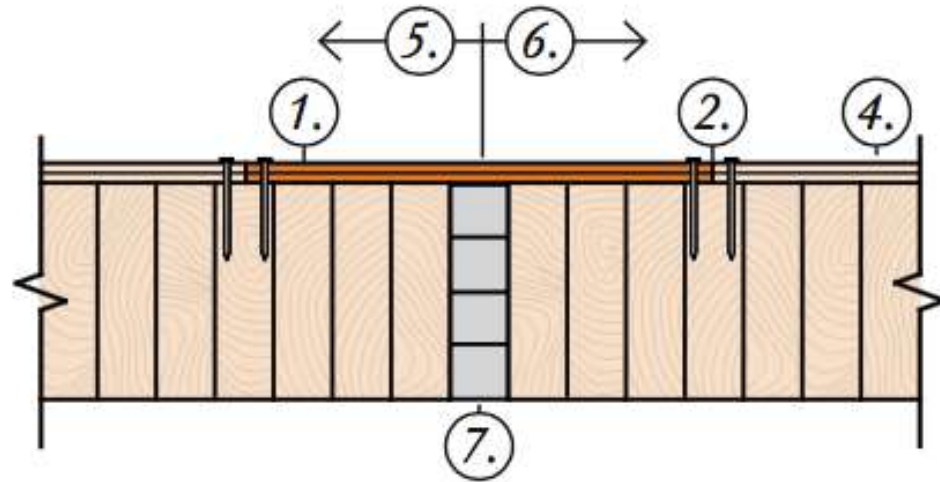
CLT Panel as
laminated decking



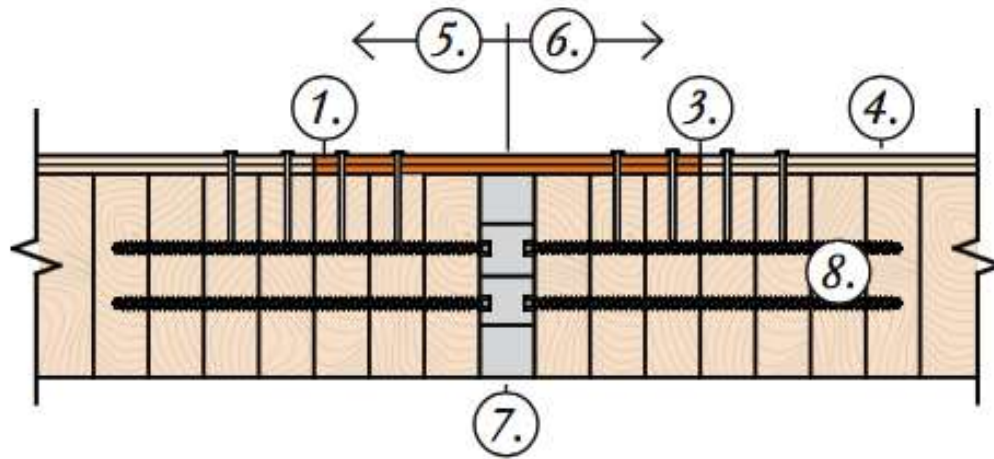
Classify as blocked WSP diaphragm per SDPWS 2015 4.2.7.1?

19/32" thick 4ft by 8ft panel vs 4 1/8" thick 8ft by 24 ft panel?

NLT Diaphragm Design



Typical Diaphragm



High Load Diaphragm

Figure 4.7: *Prefabricated Pre-sheathed Panels*

Key

1. *Field-installed Plywood/ OSB*
2. *Plywood/ OSB splice location with typical diaphragm nailing*
3. *Plywood/ OSB splice location for high load diaphragm nailing*
4. *Shop-installed plywood/ OSB diaphragm sheathing*
5. *Prefabricated NLT panel A*
6. *Prefabricated NLT panel B*
7. *NLT expansion gap location fire stopped as required*
8. *Self-tapping screw pairs crossing plywood/ OSB splice location*



NLT Diaphragm Design

Pre-fabricated panels
often pre-sheathed

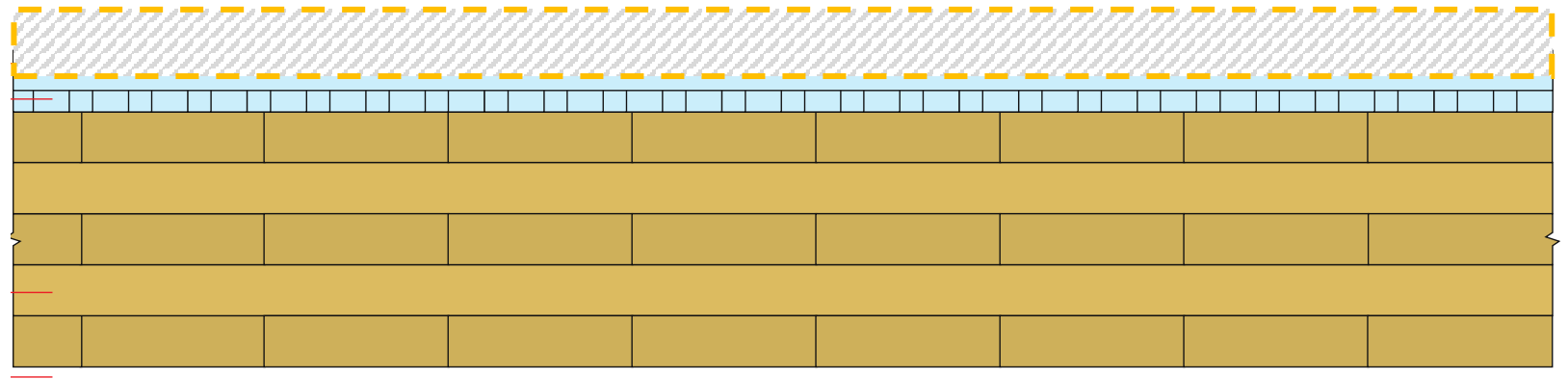
Once installed, add
splice strips, tape
joint if applicable

Diaphragm Strategies with Horizontal CLT

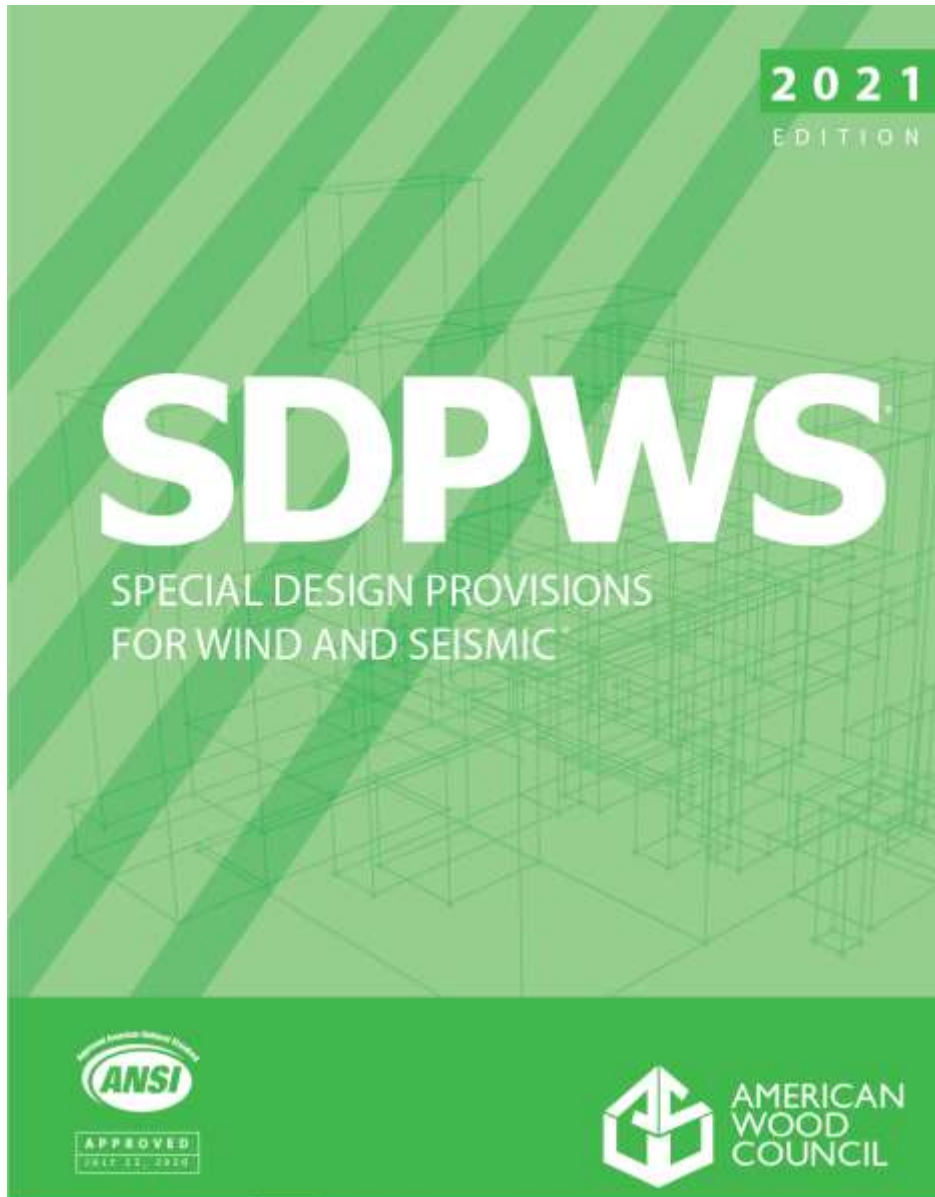
- Option 2: CLT as a Diaphragm

Topping and Flooring
as needed

CLT Panel as
Diaphragm



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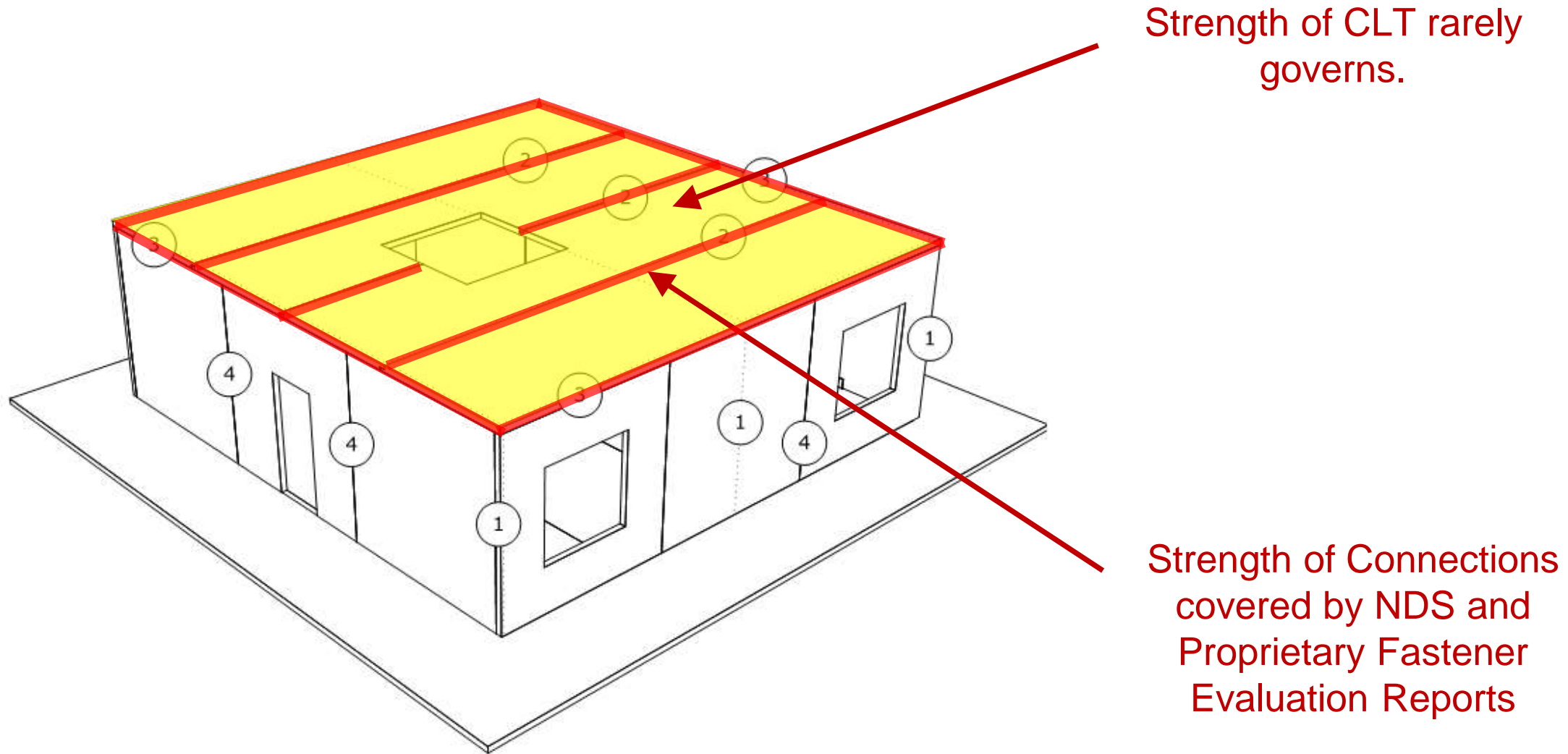
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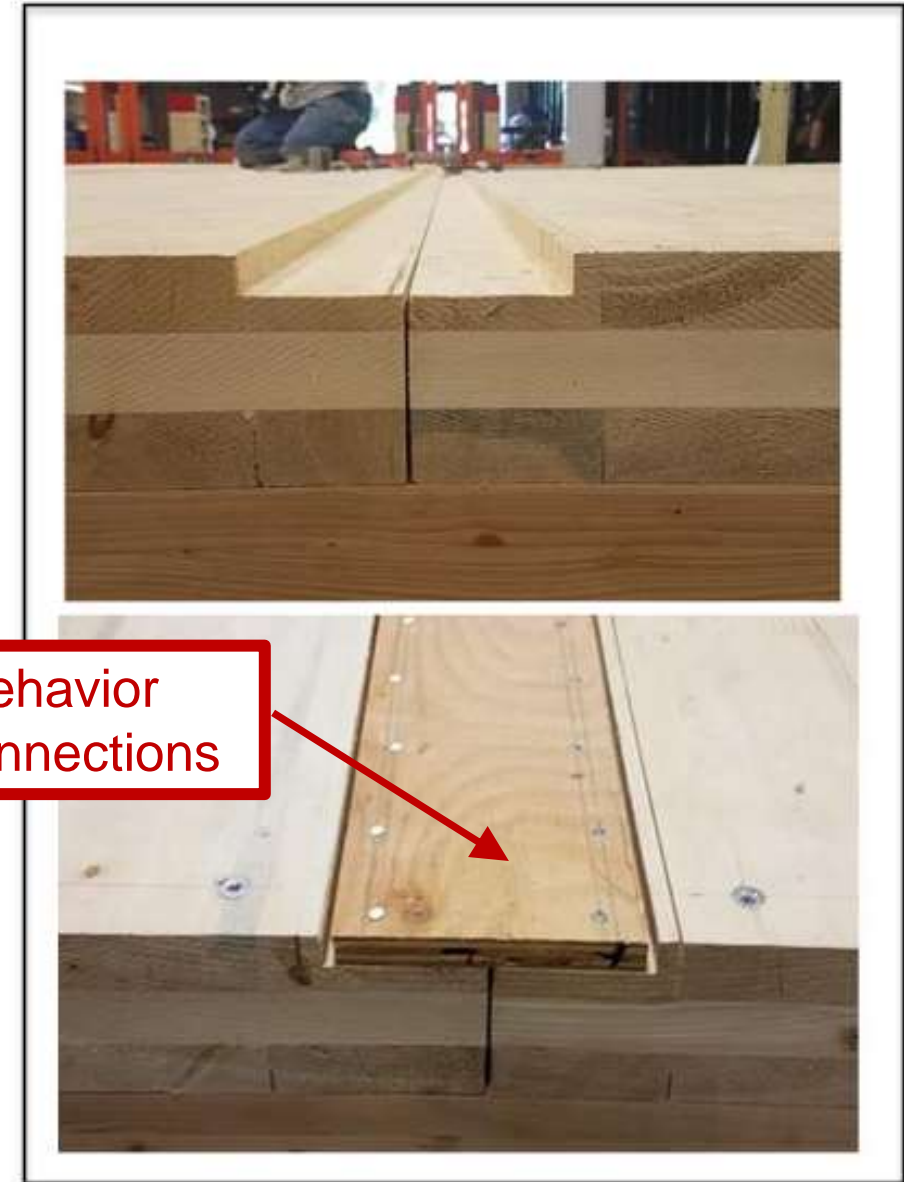
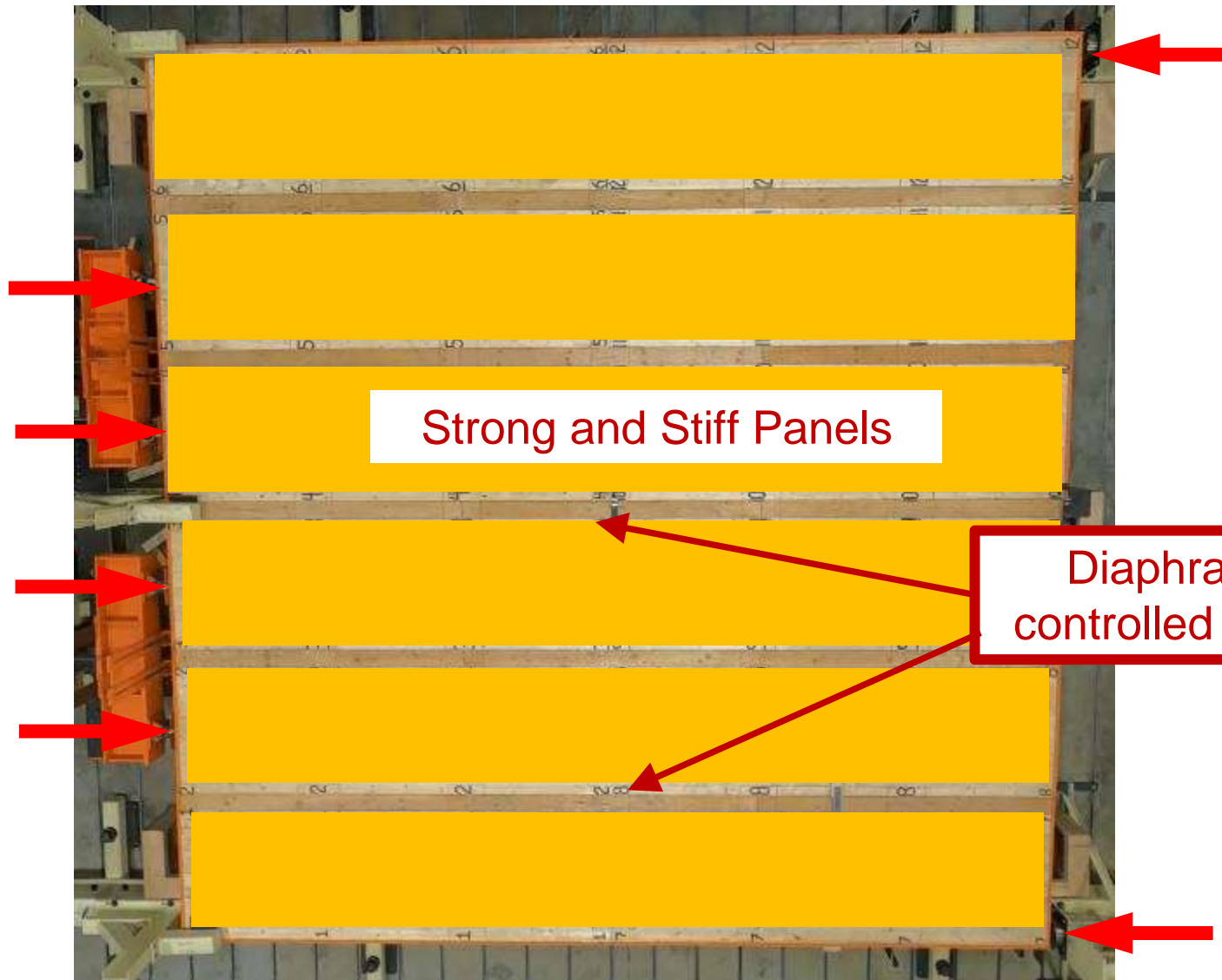
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CLT Diaphragms



24' x 24' CLT Diaphragm Test with Plywood Spline by AWC



Diaphragm behavior
controlled by connections

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4.5 Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) Diaphragms

4.5.1 Application Requirements

CLT diaphragms shall be permitted to be used to resist lateral forces provided the deflection in the plane of the diaphragm, as determined by calculations, tests, or analogies drawn therefrom, does not exceed the maximum permissible deflection limit of attached load distributing or resisting elements. Permissible deflection shall be that deflection that will permit the diaphragm and any attached elements to maintain their structural integrity and continue to support their prescribed loads as determined by the applicable building code or standard.

4.5.2 Deflection

CLT diaphragm deflection shall be determined using principles of engineering mechanics.

4.5.3 Unit Shear Capacity

CLT diaphragms shall be designed in accordance with principles of engineering mechanics using design values for wood members and connections in accordance with NDS provisions.

The nominal unit shear capacity, v_n , of CLT diaphragms shall be based on the nominal shear capacity for dowel-type fastener connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces, as calculated per 4.5.4, Item 1. ASD allowable shear capacity or LRFD factored shear resistance for the CLT diaphragm and diaphragm shear connections shall be determined in accordance with 4.1.1.

4.5.4 Additional CLT Diaphragm Design Requirements

CLT diaphragms shall meet the following additional requirements:

1. The nominal shear capacity for dowel-type fastener connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces between CLT panels and between CLT panels and diaphragm boundary elements (chords and collectors) shall be taken as $4.5Z^*$, where Z^* is Z multiplied by all applicable NDS adjustment factors except C_D , K_F , ϕ , and λ ; and Z shall be controlled by Mode III or Mode IV fastener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1.

2. Connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces shall not be used to resist diaphragm tension forces.
3. Wood elements, steel parts, and wood or steel chord splice connections shall be designed for 2.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced from the design loads.

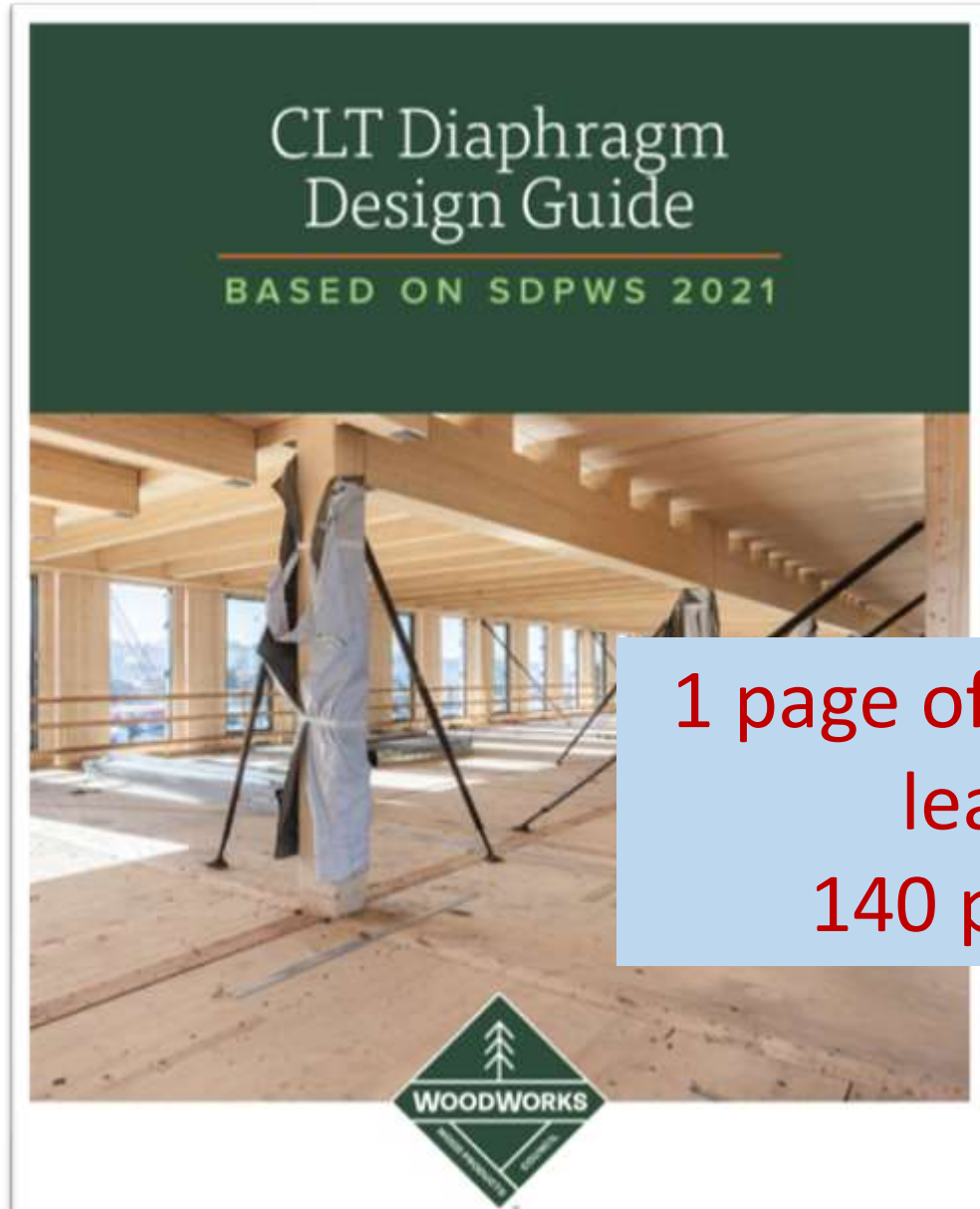
Exceptions:

1. Wood elements and wood splice connections shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the wind design loads.
2. Where dowel-type fasteners are used in chord splice connections and the connection is controlled by Mode III or Mode IV fastener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1, fasteners in the connection shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 and 1.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the prescribed seismic and wind design loads, respectively.

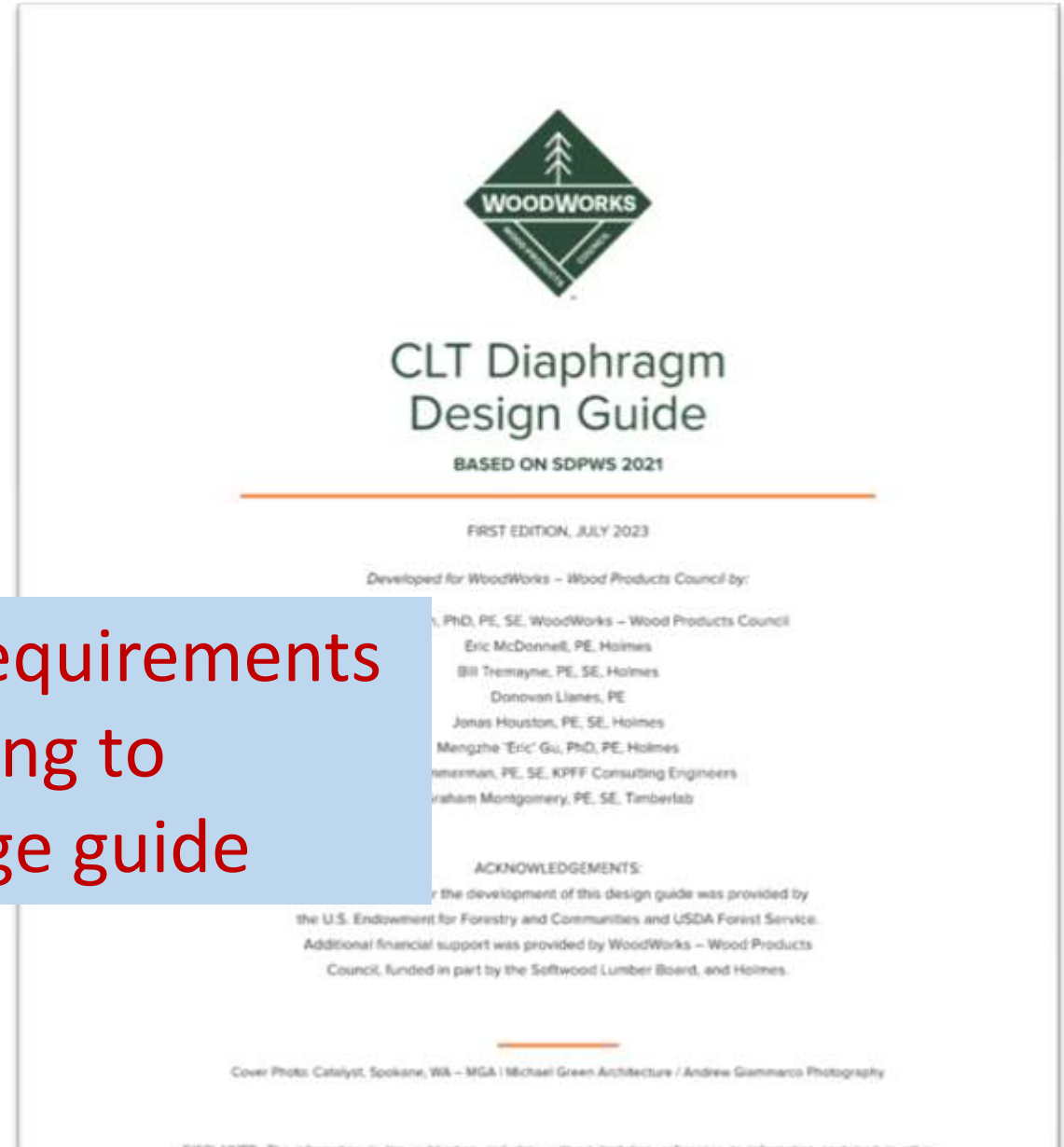
Diaphragm chord elements and chord splice connections using materials other than wood or steel shall be designed using provisions in NDS 1.4.

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requirements for CLT
Diaphragms

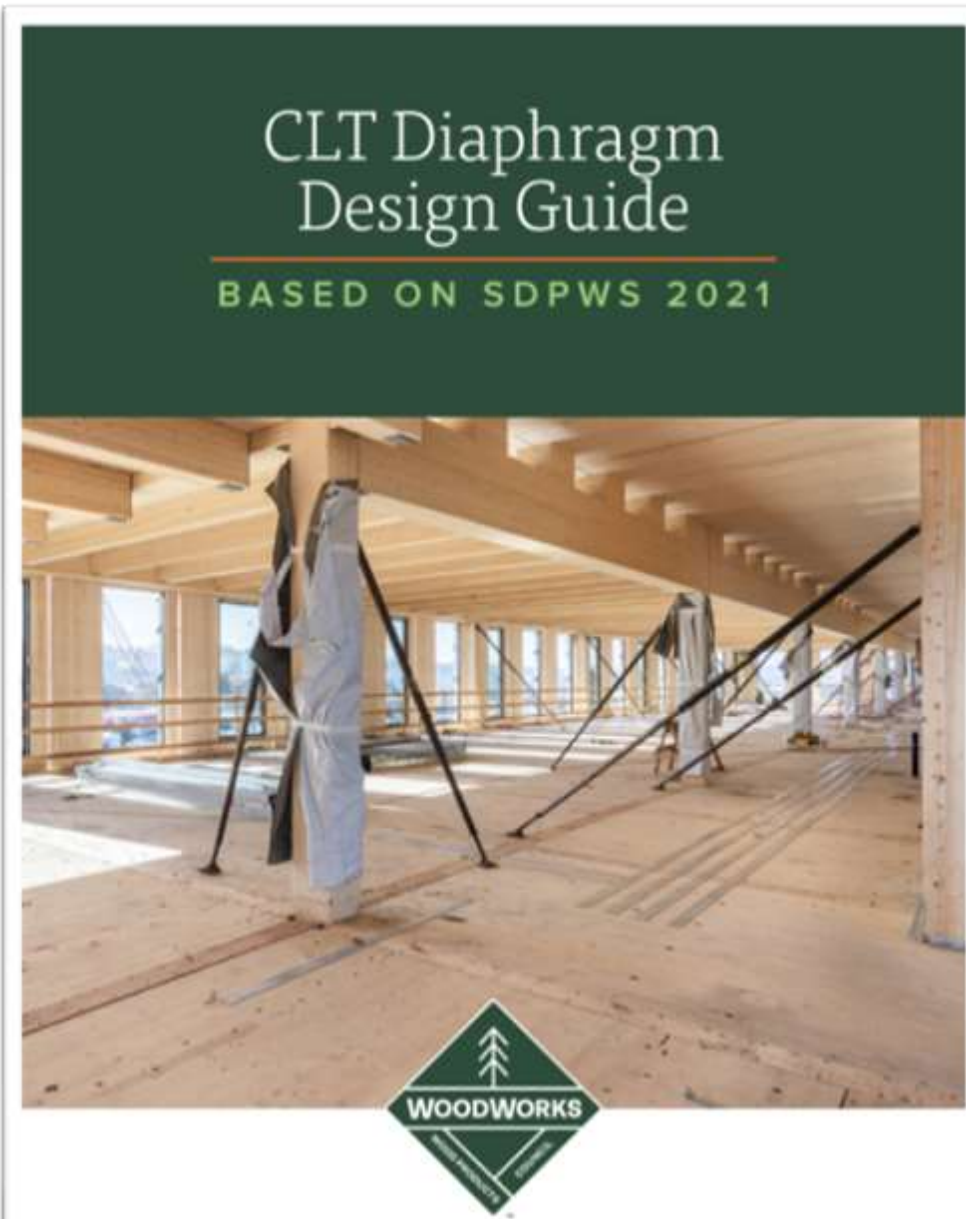
CLT Diaphragm Design Guide based on SDPWS 2021



1 page of requirements
leading to
140 page guide



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 8. Example 12-Story Office with Distributed Frames
 9. Example 12-Story Office with Reinforced Concrete Cores
 10. Example 5-Story Residence with Wood-Frame Shear walls
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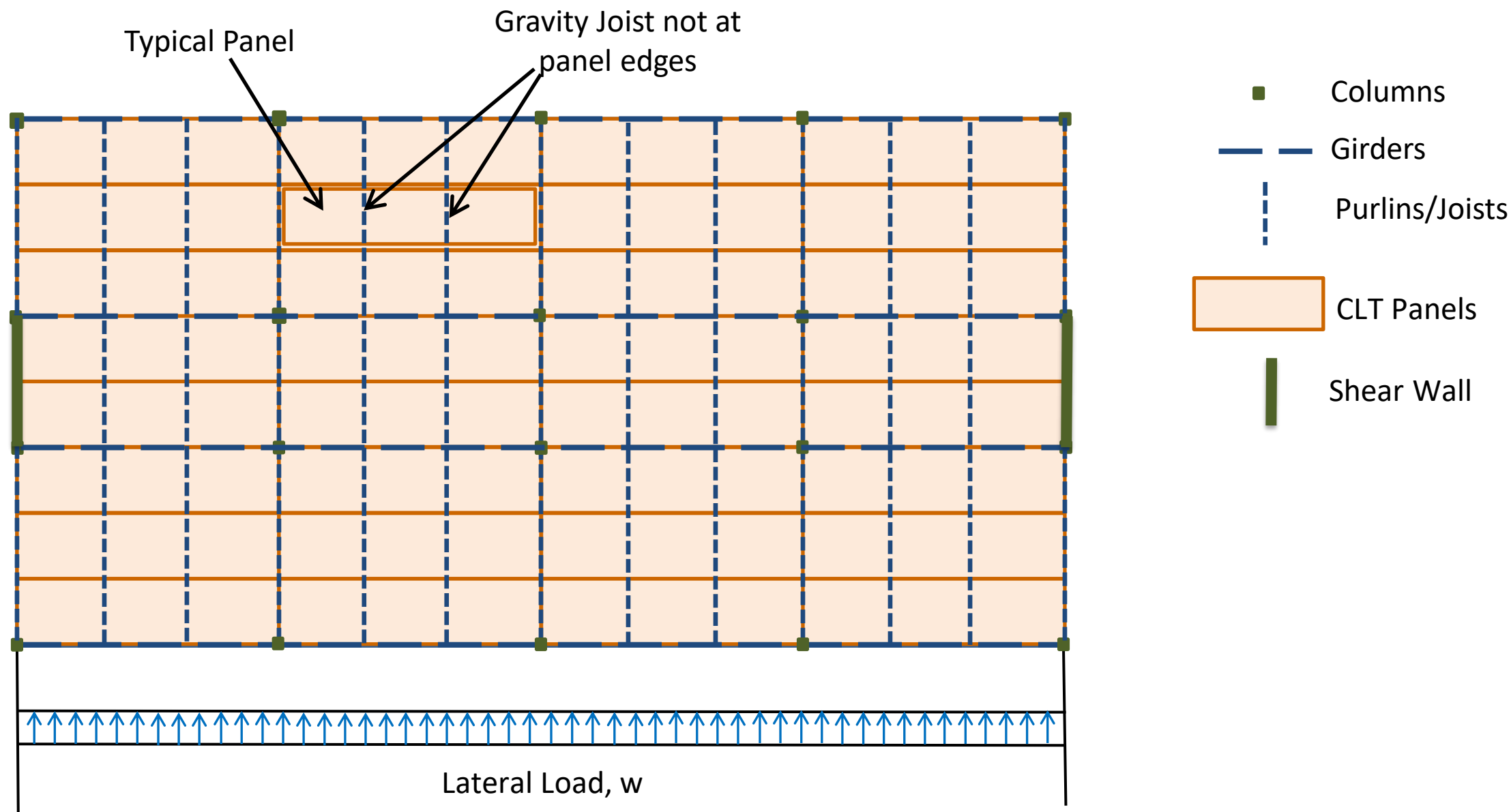
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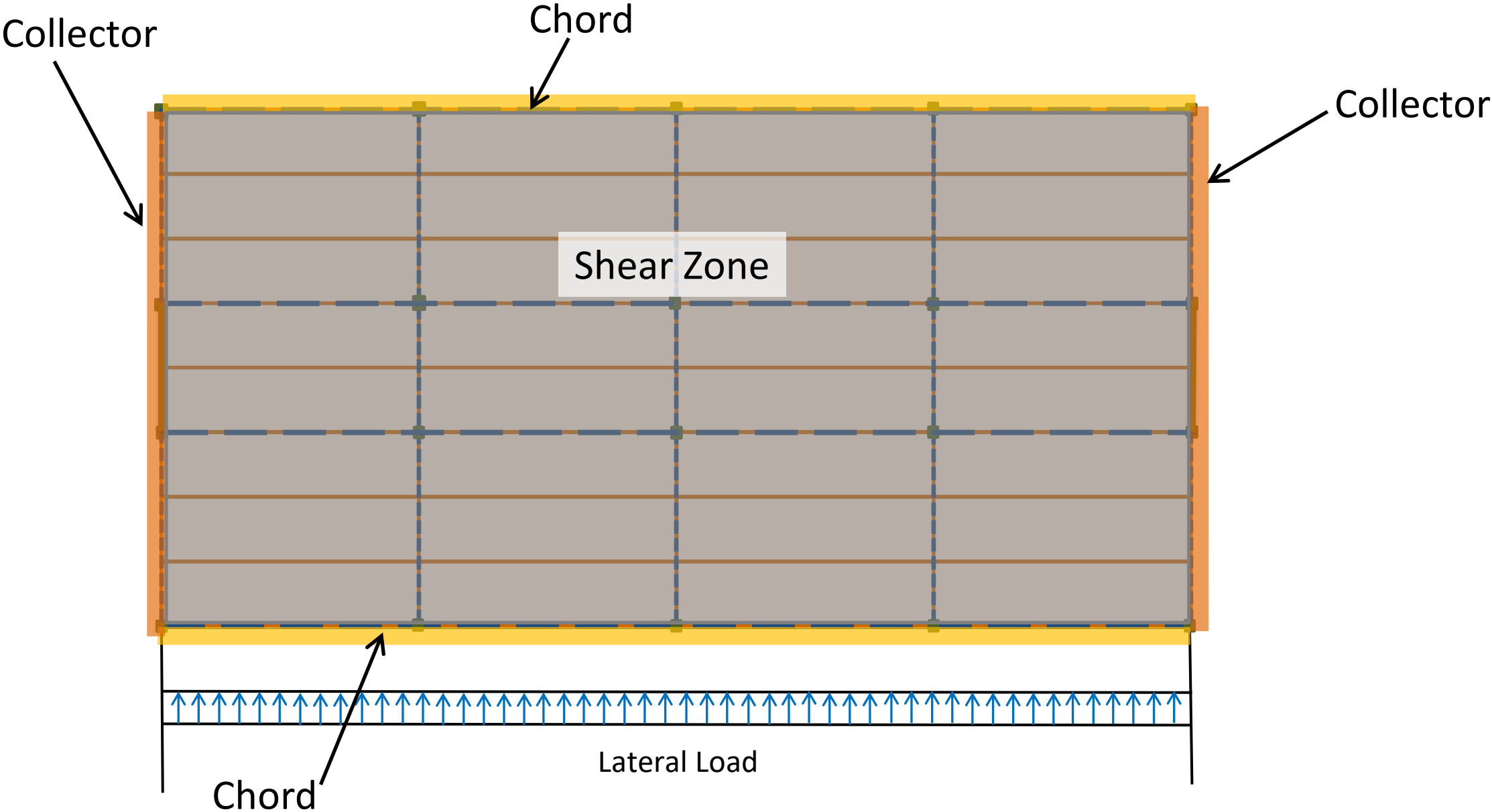
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Requirements for the shear connections

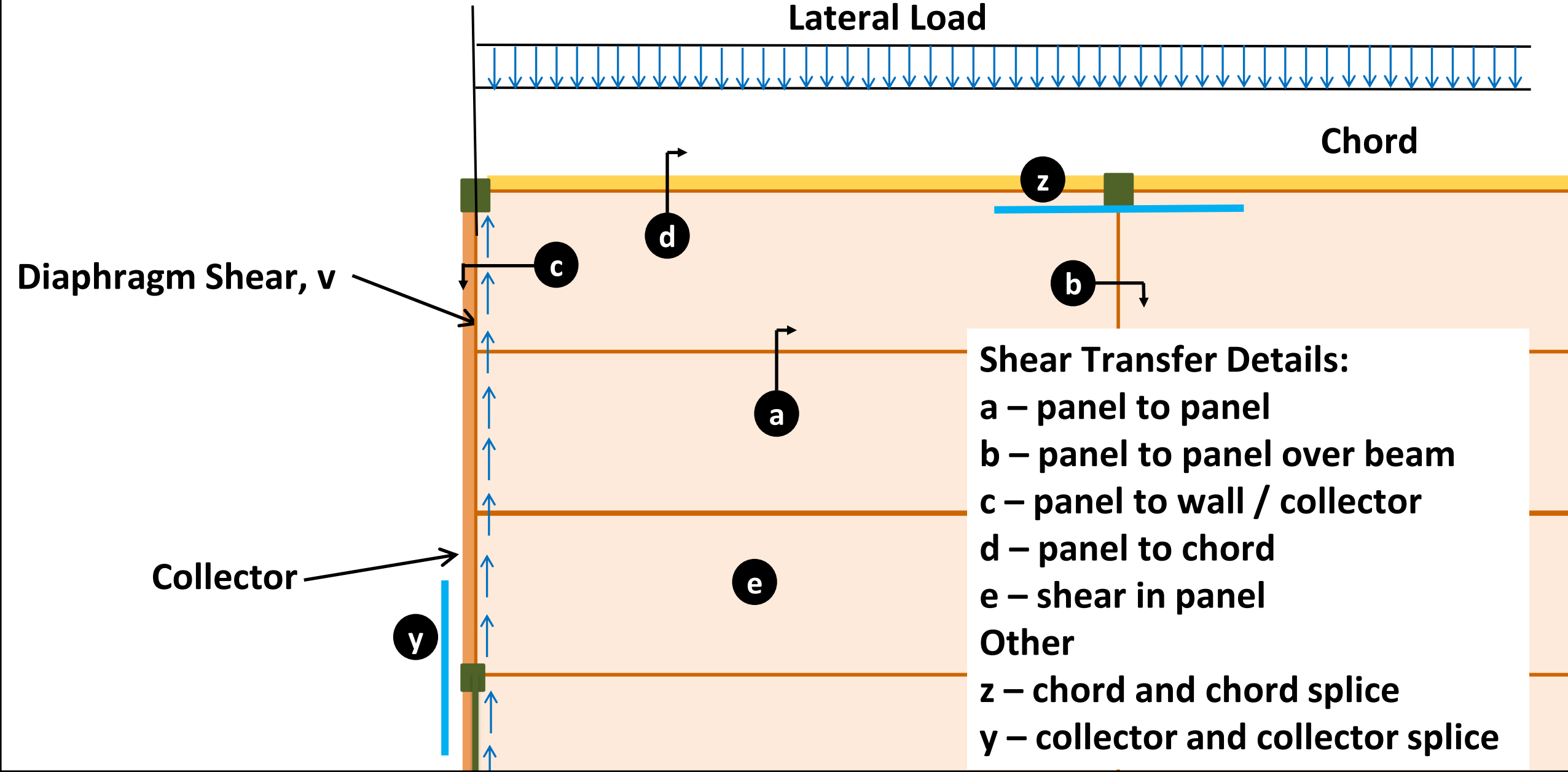
Generic Mass Timber Floor System



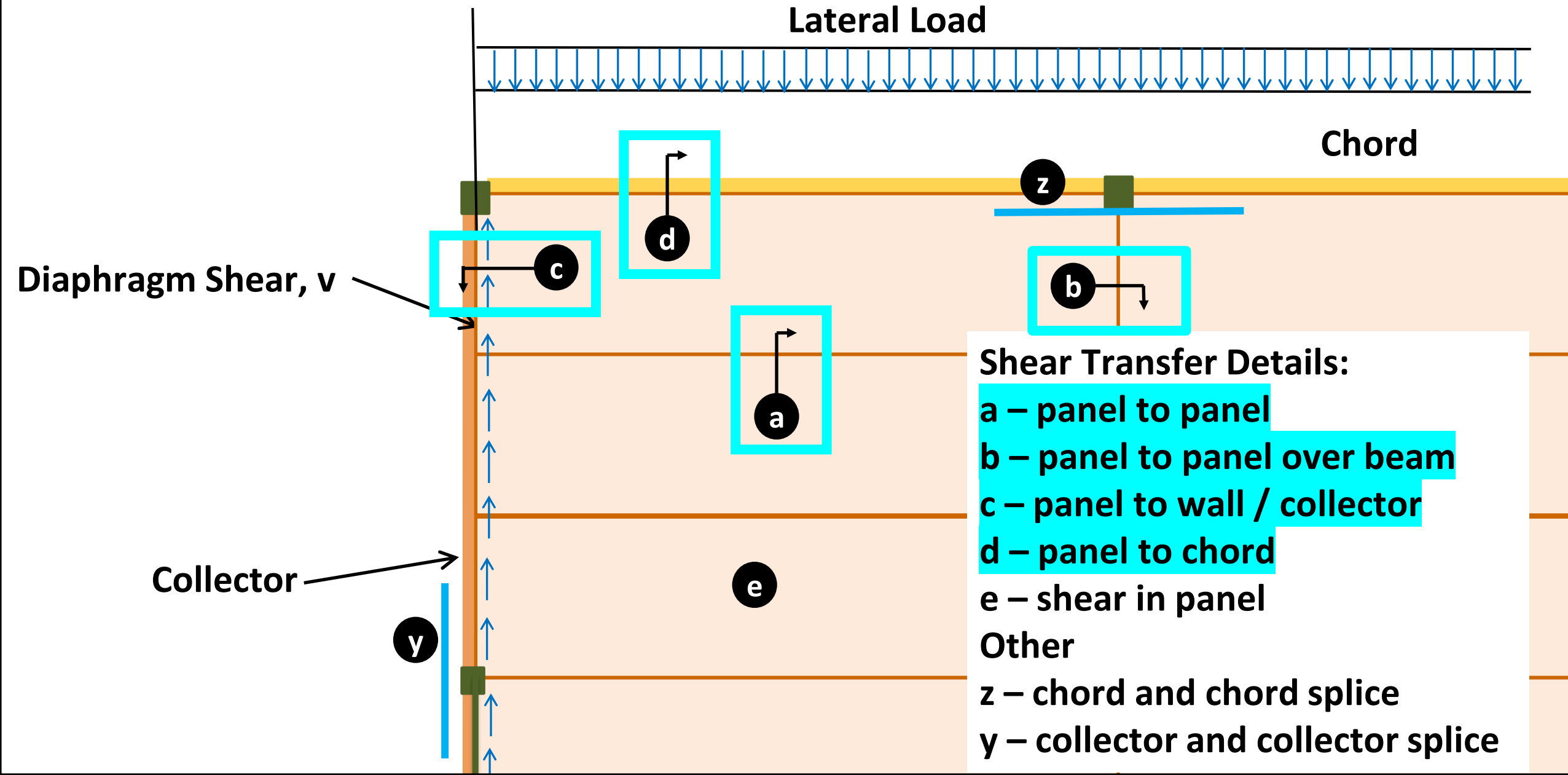
Example CLT Diaphragm Design



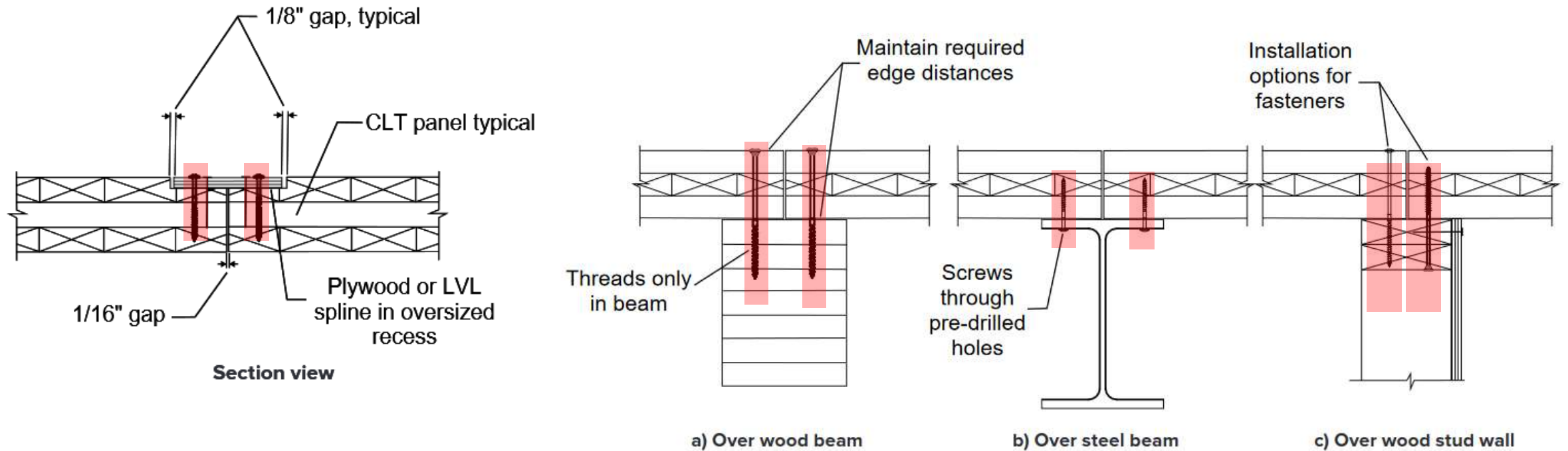
Example CLT Diaphragm Design



CLT Diaphragm Shear Transfer Connections



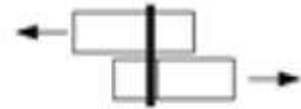
CLT Diaphragm Shear Connections



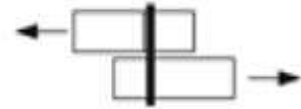
- Diaphragm **shear connections** at CLT panel edges:
 - Use dowel-type fasteners in shear (nails, screws, bolts)
 - Yield **Mode IIIs or Mode IV** per NDS 12.3.1 controls capacity

Connection Yield Modes Per the NDS

Single Shear Connections



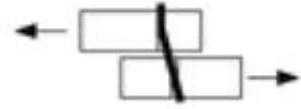
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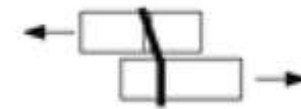
Mode I_s



Mode II



Mode III_m

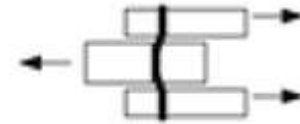
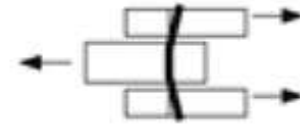
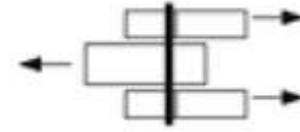
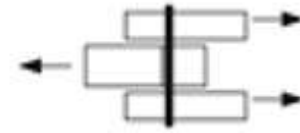


Mode III_s



Mode IV

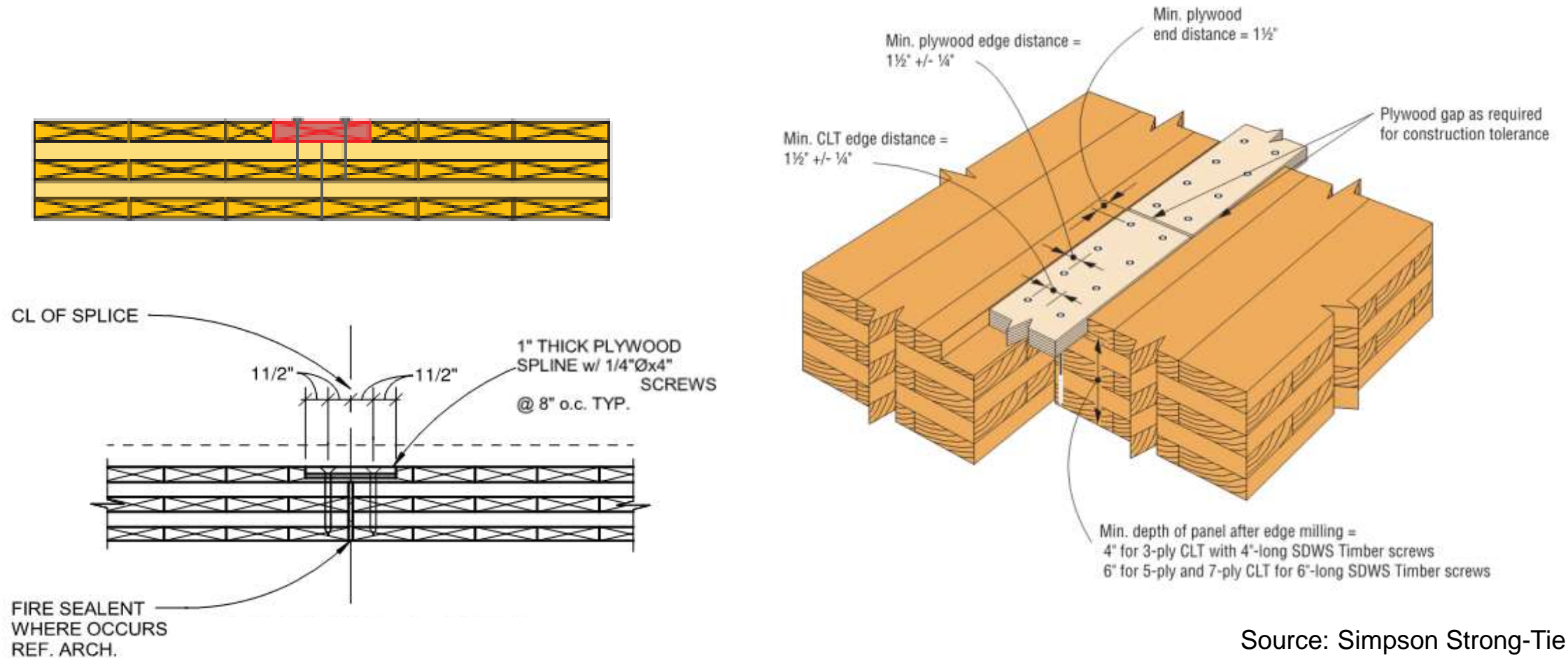
Double Shear Connections



“m” denotes main member, “s” denotes side member

Panel to Panel Connection Styles

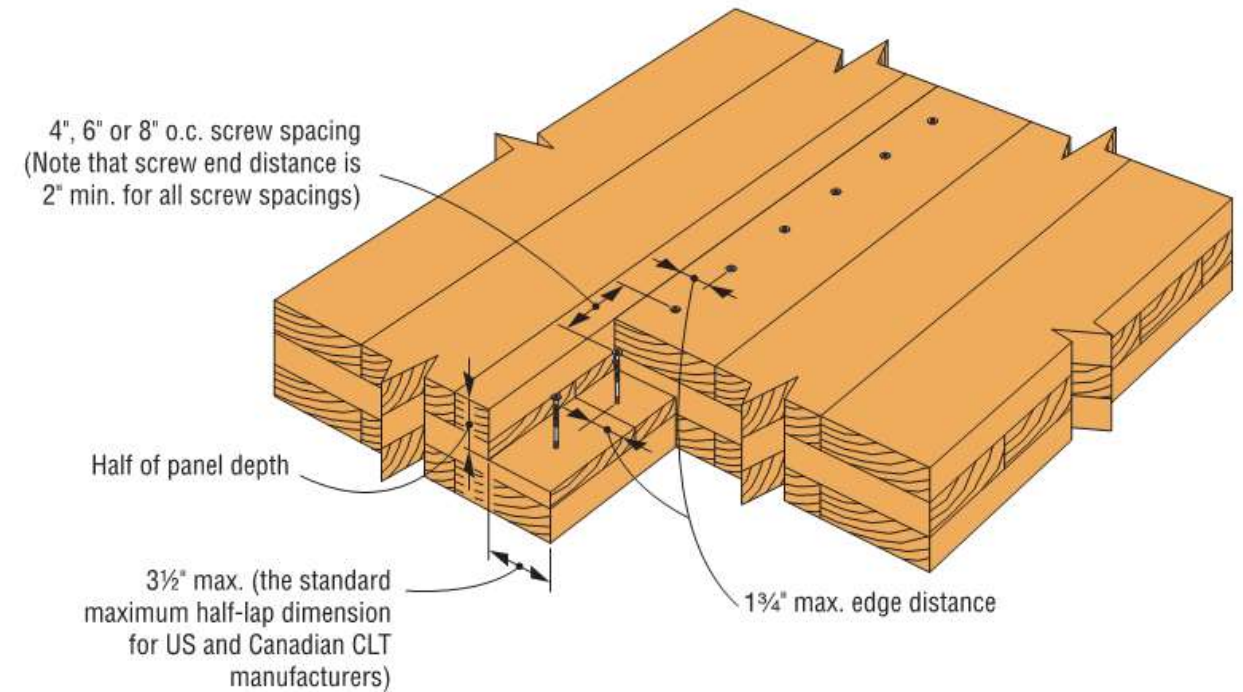
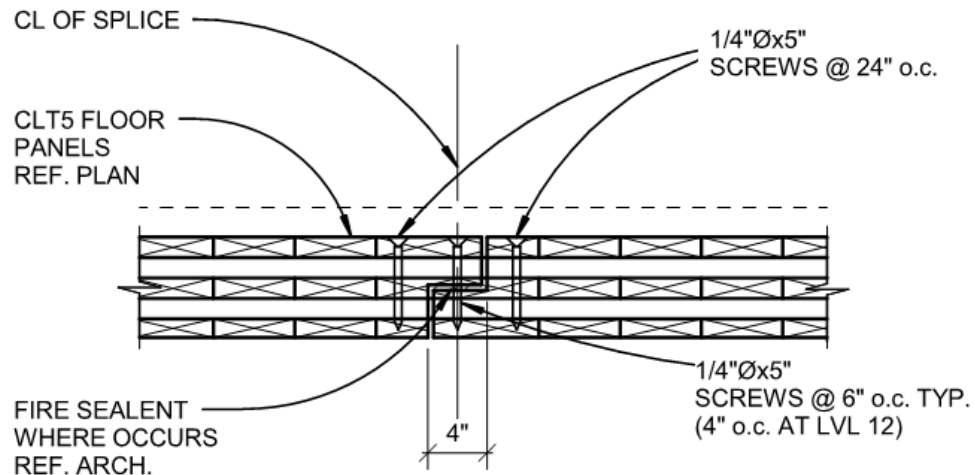
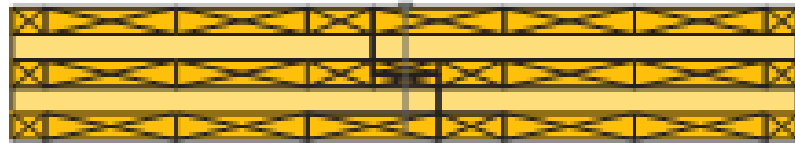
- Single Surface Spline



Source: Simpson Strong-Tie

Panel to Panel Connection Styles

- Half-Lap



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Fastener Vendor Design Support



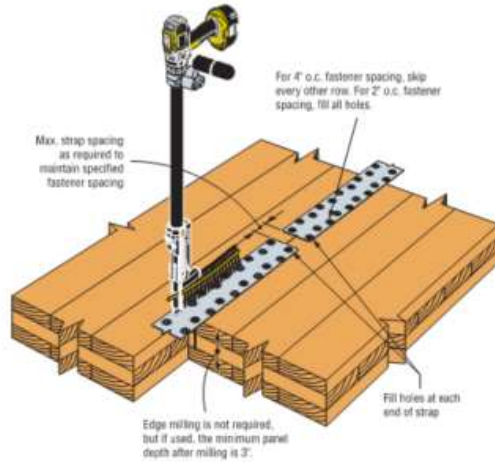
Quik Drive® Tool Setup

1. Assemble the Quik Drive PRO300SG2 cordless driver tool.
2. Remove the standard Quik Drive noseclip and replace with the PNOSECLIP-LDSS.
3. Calibrate the drive depth of the screw according to the instructions provided with the PNOSECLIP-LDSS. The ideal depth setting locates the bottom of the countersunk head just above the hole in the embossed feature.

Installation

1. Place the strap on the surface of the mass timber panels with the centerline notches aligned with joint between adjacent panels.
2. From a standing position, hold tool perpendicular to the face of the strap and place the noseclip over the embossed feature. Drive the screw. Repeat.
3. Use all specified fasteners.

The LDSS has also been tested with 0.148" x 2 1/8" nails for specifiers or contractors who prefer a nailed connection. The embossed hole allows for the use of a power framing nailer using concentric, full round-head nails.



Typical LDSS48 Installation with WSV3S Screws at 4" o.c. in a Three-Ply CLT Panel (five-ply and seven-ply panel similar)

Light Diaphragm Spline Strap (LDSS) for Mass Timber

Model No.	Ga.	CLT Layout (min.)	Fasteners	Fastener Spacing (in.)	Allowable Shear Load (lb./ft.)				Slip Modulus Y (lb./in.)
					Wind		Seismic		
					DF/SP	SPF/HF	DF/SP	SPF/HF	
LDSS48	18	Three-ply	#9 x 3" WSV	4	1,030	1,030	1,030	1,030	6,330
				2	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	6,330
			0.148" x 2 1/8"	4	430	430	430	430	7,685
				2	820	820	820	820	7,685

1. Allowable loads are based on the use of cross-laminated timber (CLT) grades E1-E4 and V1-V4 material conforming to APA PRG-320.
2. Allowable loads have been increased for wind or seismic loading with no further increase allowed; reduce where other loads govern.
3. Allowable loads are based on lesser of calculations per SDPWS 2021 or assembly tests with a safety factor.
4. Fastener failure modes are Mode IIIa or Mode IV.
5. Nails: 0.148" x 2 1/8" = nail dimension listed diameter by length; Screws: #9 x 3" WSV = model WSV3S.
6. CLT panel minimum thickness is three-ply = 4.125".
7. The component of diaphragm deflection due to fastener slip at panel-to-panel joints calculated as $\delta_y = CL_{\delta_y}$, where, $C = (1/P_1 + 1/P_2)/2$, P_1 = Length of individual CLT panel (ft.); P_2 = Width of individual CLT panel (ft.) L = Overall length of diaphragm (ft.) ϕ_y = Design load per fastener (lb.) / Slip Modulus, Y (lb./in.)

(Reference — Applied Technology Council, 1981. Guidelines for the design of horizontal wood diaphragms. Redwood City, CA)

Product Information

Ordering SKU	Description	Quantity
LDSS48	Light Diaphragm Spline Strap (48" x 2 1/8" x 18 gauge)	1 to 500



Table 1. Reference allowable load and slip modulus for SDWS Timber Screws (SDWS22400DB and SDWS22600DB) for CLT surface spline fastening with 1-1/8-in. APA rated Sturd-I-Floor wood structural panel, single-surface splines.

CLT Wood Species Combination	Allowable load per Fastener (lb.)	Fastener slip modulus (in./K)
DFL	375	0.15
SPF SPF-S	335	0.15

1. Allowable loads are given at $C_s=1.0$ and maybe increased up to $C_s=1.6$ as permitted by the building code.
2. Applicable adjustments shall be applied following the ANSI/AWC NDS®-15 or NDS®-18.
3. Design values are applicable for all grain orientation combinations of major strength directions in the CLT and the wood structural panel spline and grades of CLT for the species combinations listed.
4. Designer is responsible to check shear capacity of spline (shear through the thickness and rolling shear).

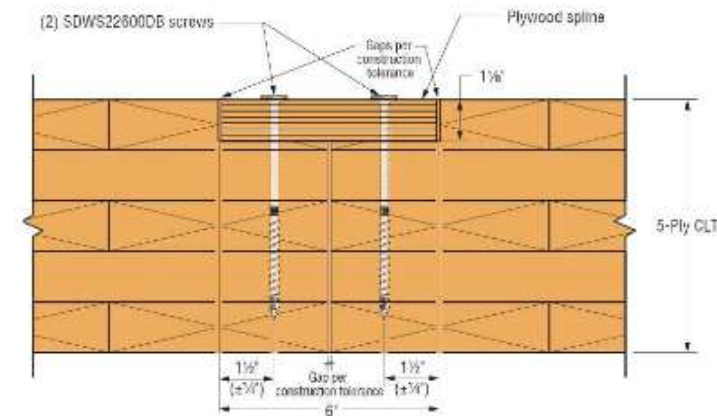
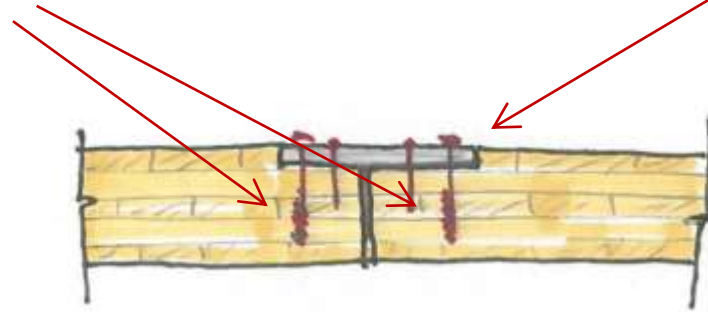


Figure 1: Typical end elevation — Single-surface spline with 5-ply CLT panels, 1-1/8-in. spline (plywood shown, 6-in. width), and 6-in. SDWS Timber screws (SDWS22600DB).

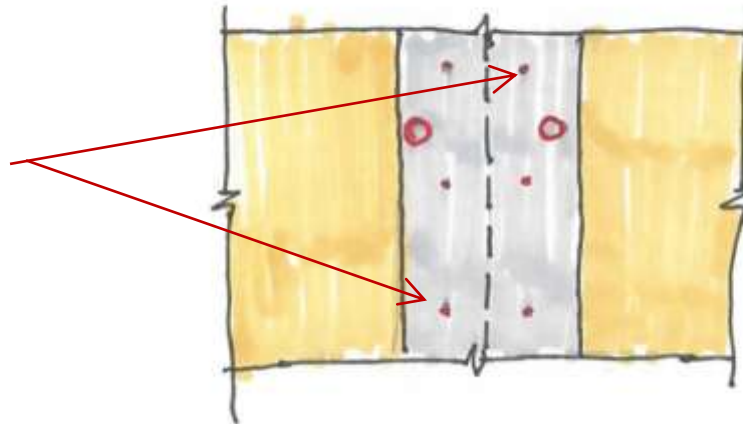
An Efficient Panel to Panel Connection

*Self-Tapping Screws
as “erection bolts”
@ ~24” o.c*

*5 1/2” to 5 7/8”
plywood strip 3/4” or
1” Thick*

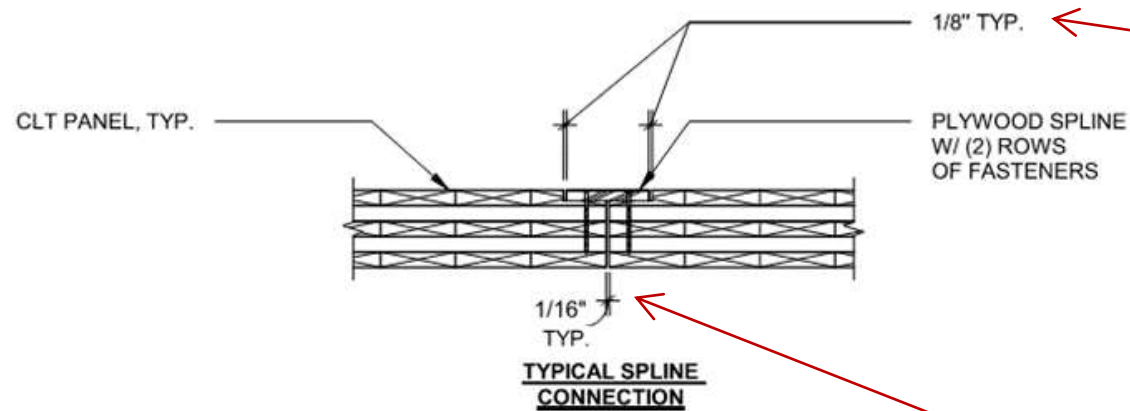


*Nails at spacing
required for shear
transfer*

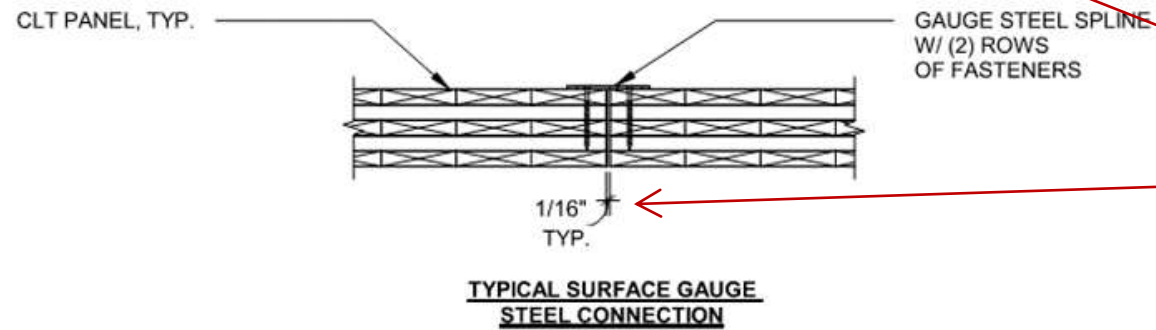


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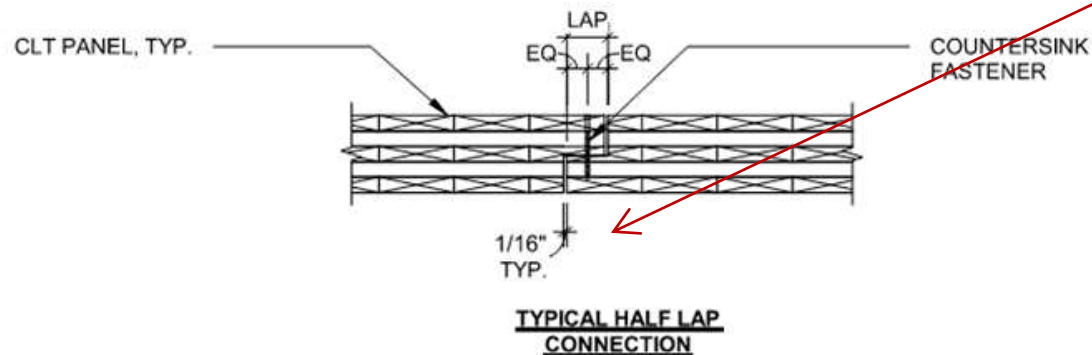
Panel to Panel Connection Tolerances



*Specify gaps between splines
and shoulders of CLT panel
(like spacing of WSP panels)*

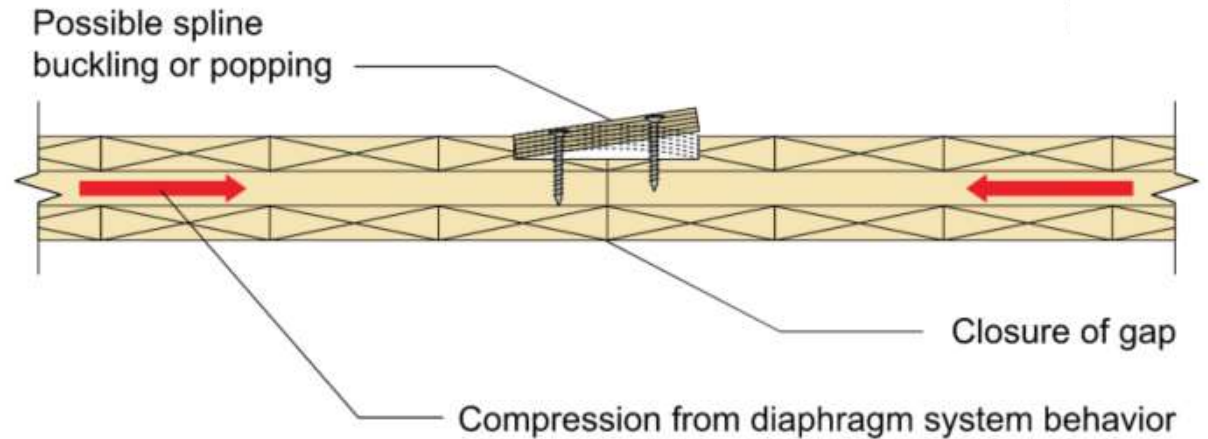
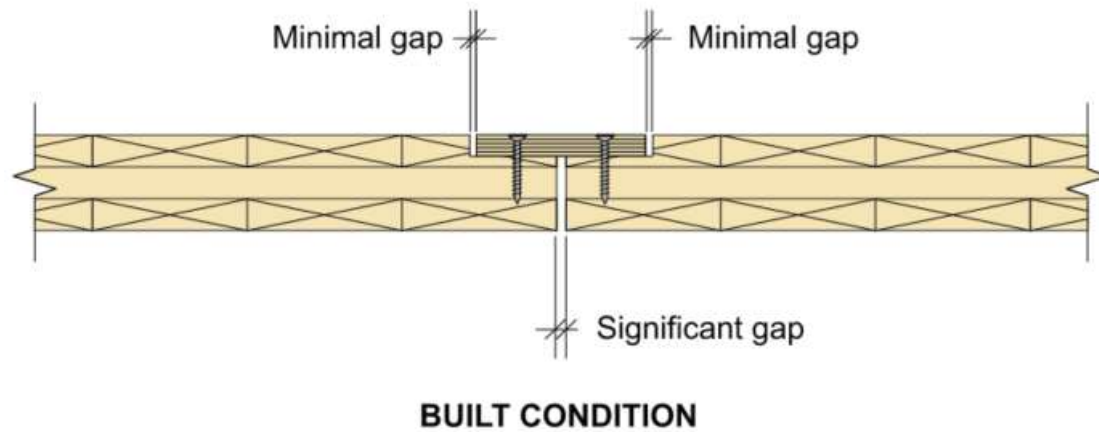


*Plan for construction
tolerances.*



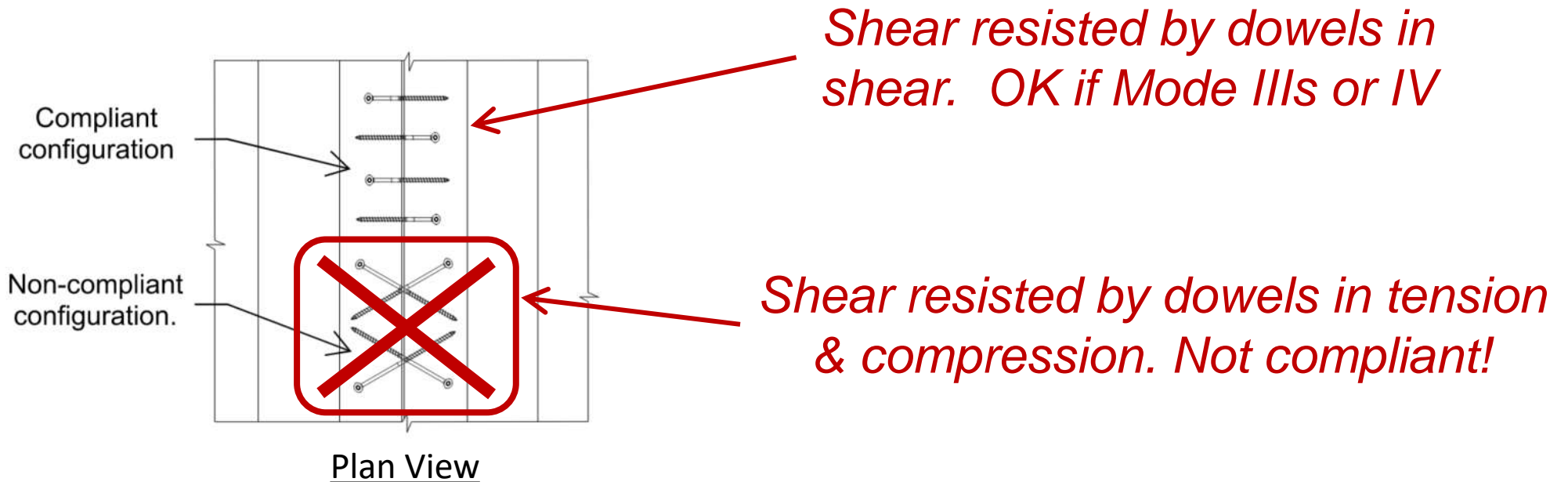
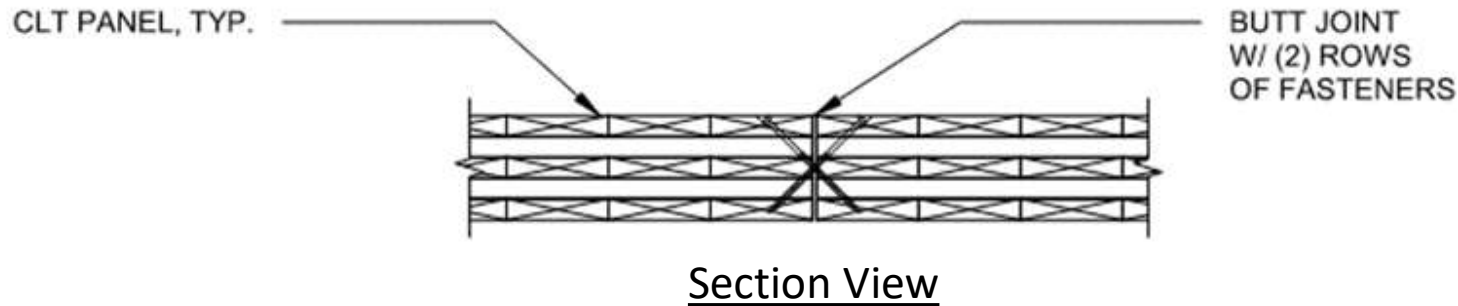
Panel to Panel Connection Tolerances

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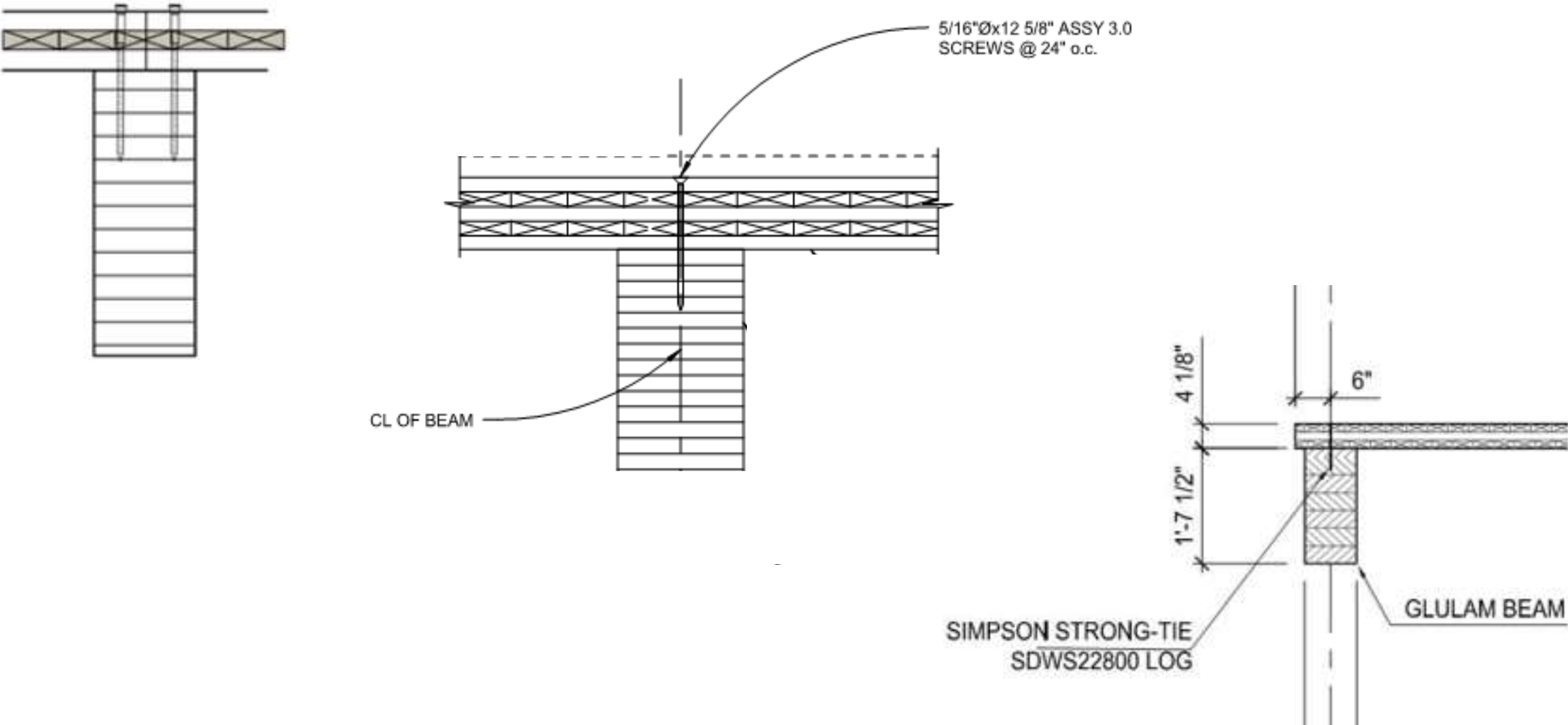


Panel to Panel Connections Options

Is a butt joint with angled screws compliant?



Panel to Beam Connection Styles



CLT Diaphragm Shear Connection Design

Nominal capacity of CLT diaphragm shear connection fastener:

$$Z_n = 4.5 Z^*$$

Where Z^* is reference lateral capacity of the fastener, Z , of NDS multiplied by all NDS adjustment factors *except* C_D , K_F , ϕ , $\lambda = 1.0$

Table 11.3.1 Applicability of Adjustment Factors for Connections

	ASD Only	ASD and LRFD									LRFD Only		
		Wet Service Factor	Temperature Factor	Group Action Factor	Geometry Factor ³	Penetration Depth Factor ³	End Grain Factor ³	Metal Side Plate Factor ³	Diaphragm Factor ³	Toe-Nail Factor ³	Format Conversion Factor	Resistance Factor	Time Effect Factor
											K _F	φ	

Lateral Loads

Dowel-type Fasteners (e.g. bolts, lag screws, wood screws, nails, spikes, drift bolts, & drift pins)	$Z^* = Z \times$	1.0	C _M	C _t	C _g	C _Δ	-	C _{eg}	-	1.0	C _{tn}	1.0	1.0	1.0
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Also 1.0 for CLT Diaphragm Shear Connections

CLT Diaphragm Shear Connection Design

Nominal capacity of CLT diaphragm shear connection fastener:

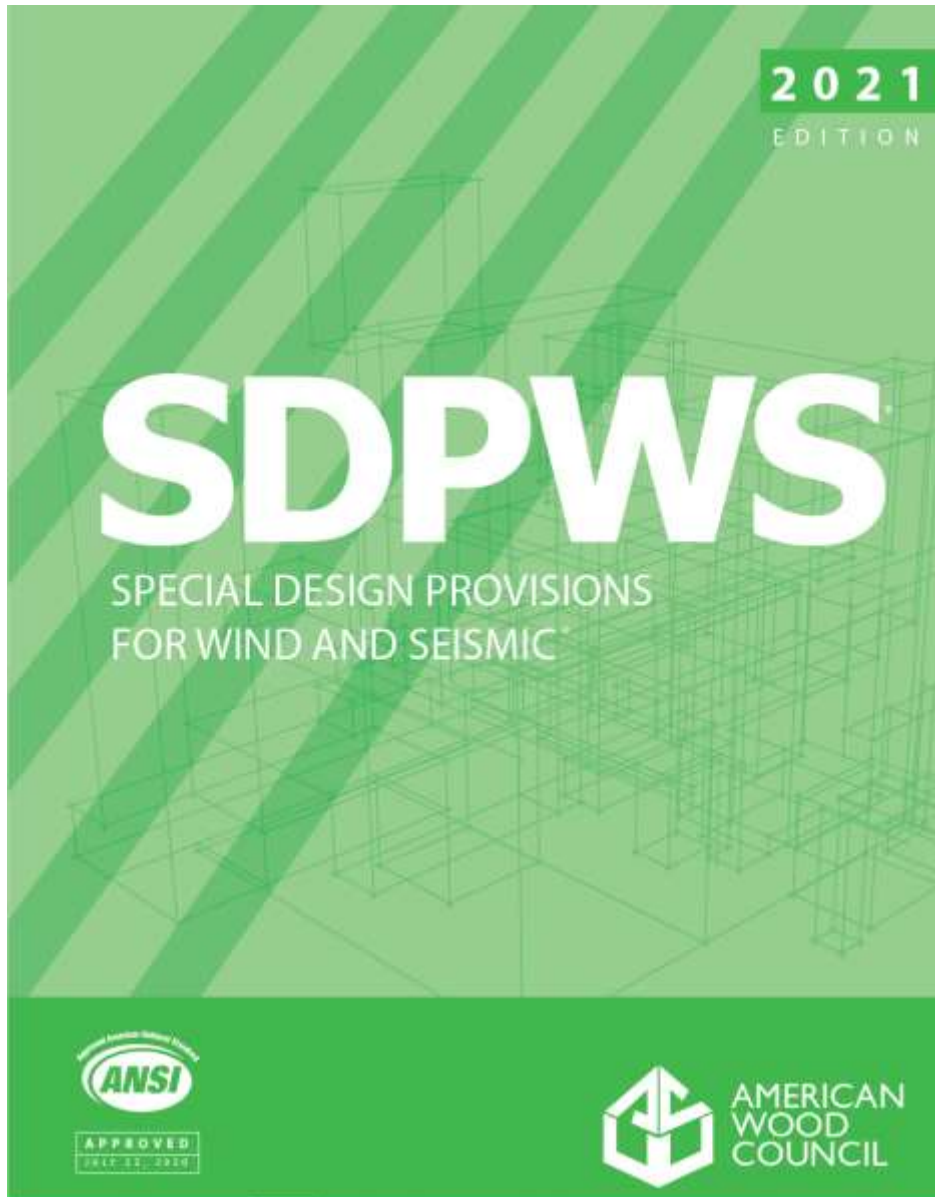
$$Z_n = 4.5 Z^*$$

Where Z^* is reference lateral capacity of the fastener, Z , of NDS multiplied by all NDS adjustment factors *except* C_D , K_F , ϕ , $\lambda = 1.0$

Fastener with regular spacing, S , nominal unit shear connection capacity is:

$$v_n = Z_n/S = 4.5 Z^*/S$$

2021 SDPWS – Unified Nominal Shear Capacity



To calculate the ASD or LRFD shear capacity, SDPWS 2021 has different reduction factors for wind and seismic

	Design shear capacity	
	ASD	LRFD
Wind	$v_n/2.0$	$0.8 v_n$
Seismic	$v_n/2.8$	$0.5 v_n$

ASD seismic design capacity:

$$4.5 Z^* / 2.8 = 1.61 Z^* \approx C_D Z = 1.6 Z$$

CLT Diaphragm Shear Connection Design

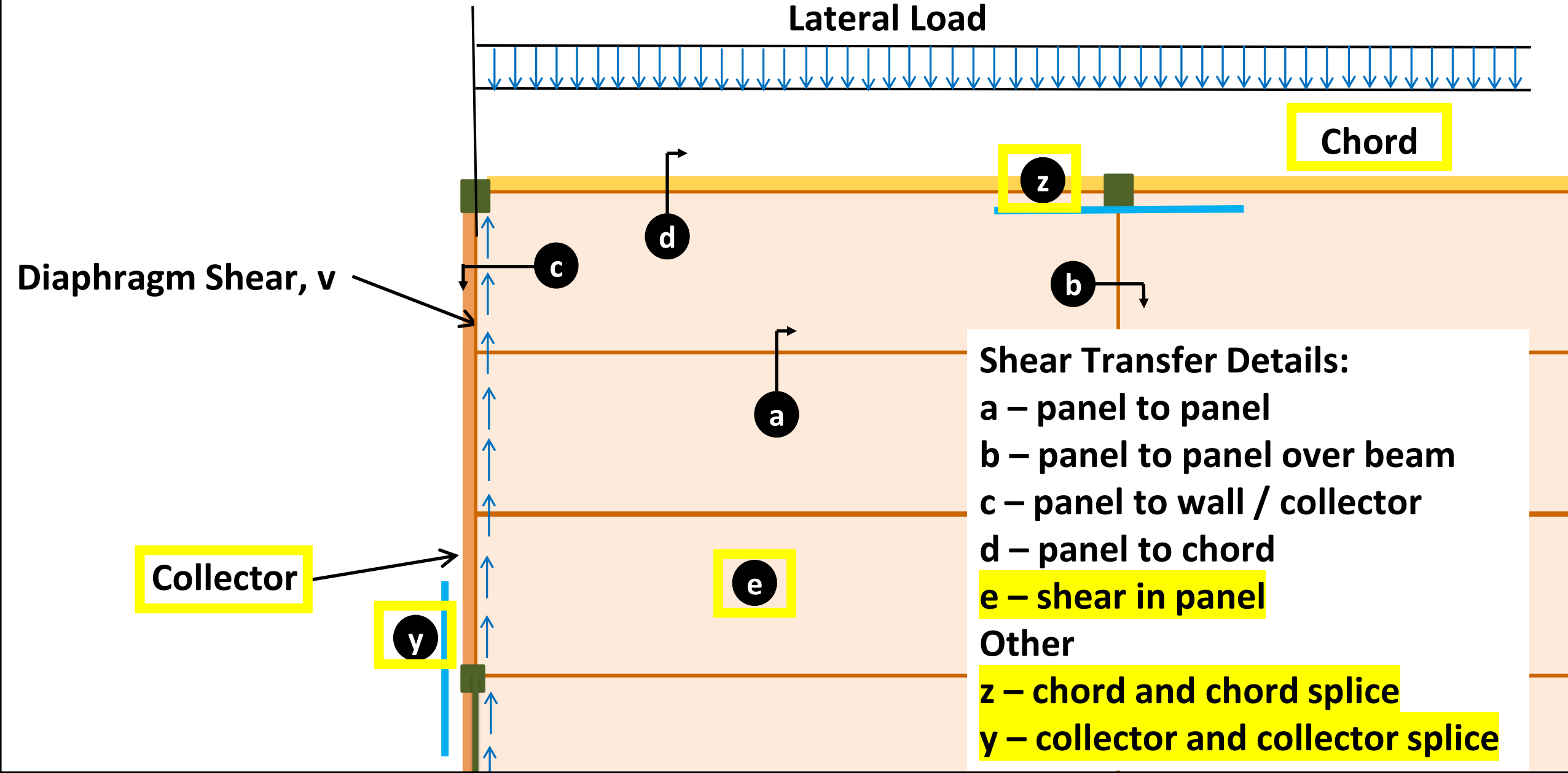
Fastener with regular spacing, S , nominal unit shear connection capacity is:

$$v_n = Z_n/S = 4.5 Z^*/S$$

Required unit shear strength \leq Design unit shear capacity

ASD	$v = v_{ASD} \leq \frac{v_n}{RF}$	$RF = 2.8$ (seismic) $= 2.0$ (wind)
LRFD	$v = v_u \leq \phi v_n$	$\phi = 0.5$ (seismic) $= 0.8$ (wind)

Other CLT Diaphragm Components



Other Diaphragm Components

4.5 Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) Diaphragms

4.5.1 Application Requirements

CLT diaphragms shall be permitted to be used to resist lateral forces provided the deflection in the plane of the diaphragm, as determined by calculations, tests, or analogies drawn therefrom, does not exceed the maximum permissible deflection limit of attached load distributing or resisting elements. Permissible deflection shall be that deflection that will permit the diaphragm and any attached elements to maintain their structural integrity and continue to support their prescribed loads as determined by the applicable building code or standard.

4.5.2 Deflection

CLT diaphragm deflection shall be determined using principles of engineering mechanics.

4.5.3 Unit Shear Capacity

CLT diaphragms shall be designed in accordance with principles of engineering mechanics using design values for wood members and connections in accordance with NDS provisions.

The nominal unit shear capacity, v_n , of CLT diaphragms shall be based on the nominal shear capacity for dowel-type fastener connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces, as calculated per 4.5.4, Item 1. ASD allowable shear capacity or LRFD factored shear resistance for the CLT diaphragm and diaphragm shear connections shall be determined in accordance with 4.1.1.

4.5.4 Additional CLT Diaphragm Design Requirements

CLT diaphragms shall meet the following additional requirements:

1. The nominal shear capacity for dowel-type fastener connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces between CLT panels and between CLT panels and diaphragm boundary elements (chords and collectors) shall be taken as $4.5Z^*$, where Z^* is Z multiplied by all applicable NDS

tener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1.

2. Connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces shall not be used to resist diaphragm tension forces.
3. Wood elements, steel parts, and wood or steel chord splice connections shall be designed for 2.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced from the design loads.

Exceptions:

1. Wood elements and wood splice connections shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the wind design loads.
2. Where dowel-type fasteners are used in chord splice connections and the connection is controlled by Mode III, or Mode IV fastener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1, fasteners in the connection shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 and 1.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the prescribed seismic and wind design loads, respectively.

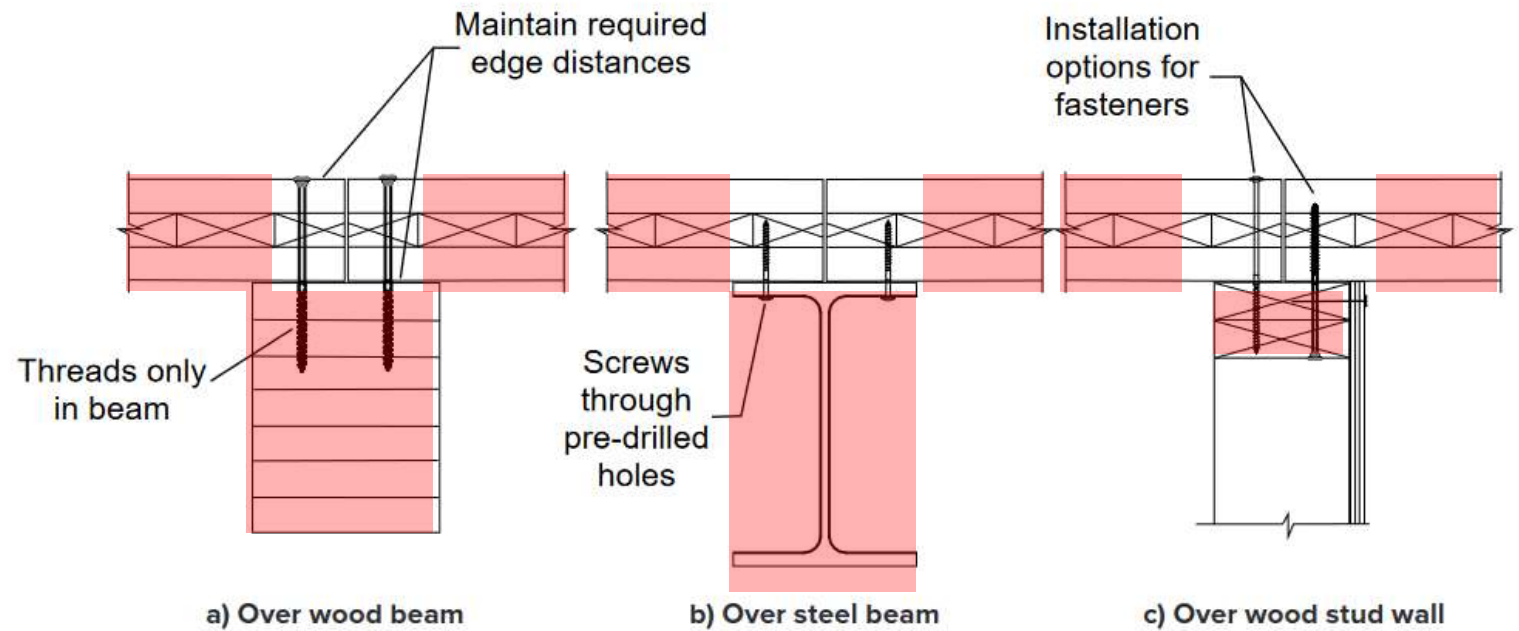
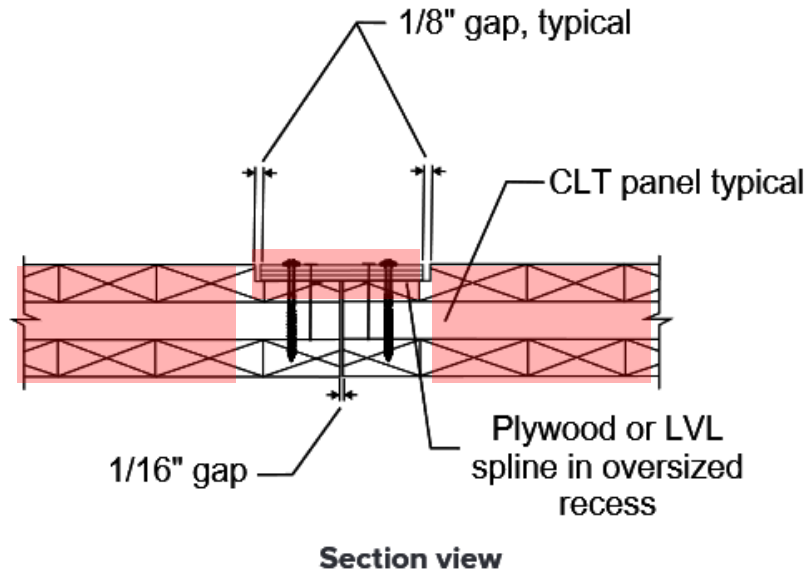
Diaphragm chord elements and chord splice connections using materials other than wood or steel shall be designed using provisions in NDS 1.4.

3. Wood elements, steel parts, and wood or steel chord splice connections shall be designed for 2.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced from the design loads.

Exceptions:

1. Wood elements and wood splice connections shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the wind design loads.
2. Where dowel-type fasteners are used in chord splice connections and the connection is controlled by Mode III, or Mode IV fastener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1, fasteners in the connection shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 and 1.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the prescribed seismic and wind design loads, respectively.

Other CLT Diaphragm Components



Other CLT Diaphragm Components

Increased Diaphragm Design Forces \leq Design Capacity

$$\gamma_D \cdot v \leq v'$$

v = wind or seismic force demand

v' = Adjusted capacity
calculated per the NDS
*not 4.5 Z**

γ_D = 2.0 for wood and steel components, except:
1.5 wood members resisting wind loads
1.5 chord splice connections controlled by Mode IIIs or IV (seismic)
1.0 chord splice connections controlled by Mode IIIs or IV (wind)

*See **SDPWS 2021 Section 4.5.4** for the full information*

Other CLT Diaphragm Components

$$R'_{NDS} \geq \gamma_D F_{design,ASD}$$

$$R'_{NDS} \geq \gamma_D F_{design,LRFD}$$

Component	Force Increase Factor γ_D	
	Seismic	Wind
Chord splice connections between wood elements where the connection is using fasteners in shear controlled by yield mode III _s or IV	1.5	1.0
Wood elements and connections between wood elements not meeting the above	2.0	1.5
Steel elements including connections between steel elements	2.0	2.0

3. Wood elements, steel parts, and wood or steel chord splice connections shall be designed for 2.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced from the design loads.

Exceptions:

1. Wood elements and wood splice connections shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the wind design loads.
2. Where dowel-type fasteners are used in chord splice connections and the connection is controlled by Mode III, or Mode IV fastener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1, fasteners in the connection shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 and 1.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the prescribed seismic and wind design loads, respectively.

See **SDPWS 2021 Section 4.5.4** for the full information

Example Calculation – Shear through Surface Spline

4.5 Example Calculation of Surface Spline Connection

An example calculation for a single surface spline detail is provided in Figure 4.8.

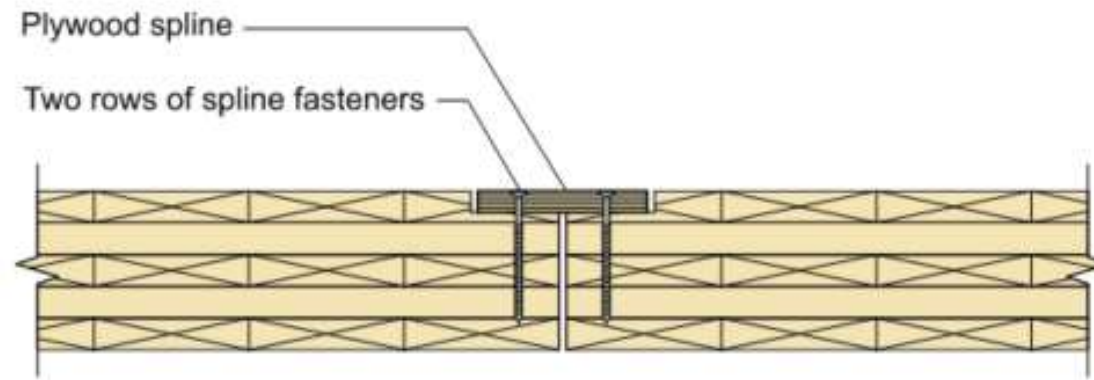


FIGURE 4.8: Example spline connection

- 10d common nails
- Group 1, 23/32-in.-thick, 48/24 span-rated, general sheathing grade 4-ply plywood spline
- CLT panel with specific gravity, $G = 0.50$

An ASCE 7-16 diaphragm unit shear wind demand of 1,600 lbf per ft at strength (LRFD) is assumed.

Example Calculation – Shear through Surface Spline

Calculate reference shear capacity of 10d nail connection the spline to the CLT panel following NDS 12.3

Specific Gravity:	$G := 0.5$	
Dowel diameter:	$D := 0.148 \text{ in}$	
Dowel length:	$l_{\text{dowel}} := 3 \text{ in}$	
Dowel bending yield strength:	$F_{yb} := 90000 \text{ psi}$	
Side member bearing length:	$l_s := 0.72 \text{ in}$	
Estimated length of tapered tip:	$E := 2 \cdot D = 0.296 \text{ in}$	per NDS §12.3.5.3
Main member bearing length:	$l_m := l_{\text{dowel}} - l_s - \frac{E}{2} = 2.132 \text{ in}$	
Main member bearing strength:	$F_{em} := 4650 \text{ psi}$	per NDS Table 12.3.3
Side member bearing strength:	$F_{es} := 3350 \text{ psi}$	per NDS Table 12.3.3B
Bearing strength ratio:	$R_e := \frac{F_{em}}{F_{es}} = 1.39$	
Bearing length ratio:	$R_t := \frac{l_m}{l_s} = 2.96$	
Reduction term:	$R_d := 2.2$	per NDS Table 12.3.1B

Example Calculation – Shear through Surface Spline

Calculate reference shear capacity of 10d nail connection the spline to the CLT panel following NDS 12.3

Strength fit factors per NDS Table 12.3.1A:

$$k_1 := \frac{\sqrt{R_e + 2 \cdot R_e^2 \cdot (1 + R_t + R_t^2) + R_t^2 \cdot R_e^3} - R_e \cdot (1 + R_t)}{1 + R_e} = 1.3$$

$$k_2 := -1 + \sqrt{2 \cdot (1 + R_e) + \frac{2 \cdot F_{yb} \cdot (1 + 2 \cdot R_e) \cdot D^2}{3 \cdot F_{em} \cdot l_m^2}} = 1.24; \quad k_3 := -1 + \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot (1 + R_e)}{R_e} + \frac{2 \cdot F_{yb} \cdot (2 + R_e) \cdot D^2}{3 \cdot F_{em} \cdot l_s^2}} = 1.3$$

Single shear yield limit equations per NDS Table 12.3.1A:

Mode I_m: $Z_{Im} := \frac{D \cdot l_m \cdot F_{em}}{R_d} = 666.9 \text{ lbf}$

Mode I_s: $Z_{Is} := \frac{D \cdot l_s \cdot F_{es}}{R_d} = 162.3 \text{ lbf}$

Mode II: $Z_{II} := \frac{k_1 \cdot D \cdot l_s \cdot F_{es}}{R_d} = 210.5 \text{ lbf}$

Mode III_m: $Z_{III_m} := \frac{k_2 \cdot D \cdot l_m \cdot F_{em}}{(1 + 2 \cdot R_e) \cdot R_d} = 218.7 \text{ lbf}$

Mode III_s: $Z_{III_s} := \frac{k_3 \cdot D \cdot l_s \cdot F_{em}}{(2 + R_e) \cdot R_d} = 86.4 \text{ lbf}$

Mode IV: $Z_{IV} := \frac{D^2}{R_d} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot F_{em} \cdot F_{yb}}{3 \cdot (1 + R_e)}} = 107.6 \text{ lbf}$

Controlling: $Z := Z_{III_s} = 86.4 \text{ lbf}$

Example Calculation – Shear through Surface Spline

Calculate *nominal CLT diaphragm* shear capacity of nail (interior, dry application with sufficient edge distances):

Wet service factor:	$C_M := 1.0$	
Temperature factor:	$C_t := 1.0$	
Group action factor:	$C_g := 1.0$	
Geometry factor:	$C_\Delta := 1.0$	(determine a value if $\emptyset > 1/4"$)
End grain factor:	$C_{eg} := 1.0$	
Diaphragm factor:	$C_{di} := 1.0$	
Toe nail factor:	$C_{tn} := 1.0$	
Adjusted design value	$Z_{star} := Z \cdot C_M \cdot C_t \cdot C_g \cdot C_\Delta \cdot C_{eg} \cdot C_{di} \cdot C_{tn} = 86 \text{ lbf}$	
Nominal strength:	$V_n := 4.5 \cdot Z_{star} = 389 \text{ lbf}$	per SDPWS §4.5.4 Item 1

ASD and LRFD *CLT diaphragm shear* capacity of nail:

Reduction factor:	$\Omega_D := 2.0$	per SDPWS §4.1.4 for wind design
ASD Adjusted strength:	$\frac{V_n}{\Omega_D} = 194 \text{ lbf}$	
Resistance factor:	$\phi_D := 0.8$	per SDPWS §4.1.4 for wind design
LRFD Adjusted strength:	$\phi_D \cdot V_n = 311 \text{ lbf}$	

Example Calculation – Shear through Surface Spline

Determine required nail spacing and compare resulting capacity with design shear demand (ASD)

$$V_{design, ASD} := 0.6 \cdot 1600 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}} = 960 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}}$$

ASD load combination factor of 0.6W applied

$$s_{max} := \frac{\frac{V_n}{\Omega_D}}{V_{design, ASD}} = 2.43 \text{ in}$$

maximum fastener spacing

$$s := 2.0 \text{ in}$$

specify 2.0 inches for design and construction

Check assumed Geometry Adjustment Factor depending on fastener diameter:

$$C_{\Delta} := 1.0$$

adjustment factor value confirmed per NDS 12.5.1

Determine design capacity and compute the DCR.

$$V_n := V_n \cdot \frac{12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}}}{s} = 2333 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$\frac{V_n}{\Omega_D} = 1166 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}}$$

1166 plf ASD wind shear capacity of nails
> ASD wind shear demand 960 plf

$$DCR := \frac{V_{design, ASD}}{\frac{V_n}{\Omega_D}} = 0.82$$

$DCR < 1.0$. OK

Example Calculation – Shear through Surface Spline

Alternatively, use the pre-calculated design table in the Appendix A of the Guide, first calculate the required nominal fastener shear capacity (ASD or LRFD):

$$V_{n.req.ASD} := \frac{\Omega_D \cdot V_{design.ASD}}{C_M \cdot C_t \cdot C_g \cdot C_{\Delta} \cdot C_{eg} \cdot C_{di} \cdot C_{tn}}$$

$$V_{n.req.ASD} := \frac{2.0 \left(960 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}} \right)}{1.0 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 1.0} = 1920 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}}$$

Example Calculation – Shear through Surface Spline

Pre-calculated design tables in the Appendix A of the Guide

TABLE A.1.1: Example fastener properties for spline capacities

Fastener	Diameter, D ^a	Length ^b	Yield Strength
8d common nail			
10d common nail			
16d common nail			
Example screw 1			
Example screw 2			

a. Diameter used for fastener, D_f
b. Minimum penetration, p_{min}, and 6D for nails

TABLE A.1.2: Example WSP properties for spline capacities

Spline Side						
General sheathing						
Structural 1 sheathing						
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TABLE A.1.3: Reference design value and controlling yield mode for fasteners in splines

	Reference Lateral Design Value for Single Fastener, Z ^a (lbf)
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TABLE A.1.4: Nominal diaphragm shear capacity for spaced fastener in spline

Spline Material	Fastener	Nominal Diaphragm Shear Capacity of Fasteners, $v_n = 4.5Z^a/S$, @ Spacing, $S^{a,c}$ (plf)					Reference Spline Shear Capacity, $F_v t_v^b$ (plf)
		12-in. o.c.	6-in. o.c.	4-in. o.c.	3-in. o.c.	2-in. o.c.	
CLT SG = 0.36							
General sheathing (23/32)	8d common nail	255	510	765	1,020	1,530	1,176
General sheathing (23/32)	10d common nail	296	592	888	1,184	1,776	1,176
General sheathing (23/32)	Example screw 1	266	531	797	1,062	1,593	1,176
General sheathing (23/32)	Example screw 2	321	641	962	1,283	1,924	1,176
Structural 1 sheathing (23/32)	8d common nail	311	623	934	1,245	1,868	1,512
Structural 1 sheathing (23/32)	10d common nail	359	718	1,077	1,436	2,154	1,512
Structural 1 sheathing (23/32)	Example screw 1	316	631	947	1,262	1,893	1,512
Structural 1 sheathing (23/32)	Example screw 2	385	771	1,156	1,542	2,313	1,512
General sheathing (7/8)	10d common nail	336	672	1,008	1,343	2,015	1,440

Example Calculation – Shear in Surface Spline

Using the pre-calculated design table in the Appendix A of the Guide,
reference Appendix A.1.4 to find spline detail with required nominal capacity

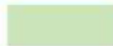
TABLE A.1.4: Nominal diaphragm shear capacity for spaced fastener in spline *continued*

Spline Material	Fastener	Nominal Diaphragm Shear Capacity of Fasteners, $V_n = 4.5Z^*/S$, @ Spacing, $S^{a,c}$ (plf)					Reference Spline Shear Capacity, $F_v t_v^b$ (plf)
		12-in. o.c.	6-in. o.c.	4-in. o.c.	3-in. o.c.	2-in. o.c.	
CLT SG = 0.50							
General sheathing (23/32)	8d common nail	330	659	989	1,318	1,977	1,176
General sheathing (23/32)	10d common nail	388	776	1,164	1,552	2,328	1,176

> req. nominal 1920 plf

c. Before using highlighted fastener capacity values, verify the adjusted design spline capacity is greater than the amplified demands per SDPWS §4.5.4:

 Verify adjusted spline capacity is greater than SDPWS §4.5.4.3 Exception 1 for wind design.

 Verify adjusted spline capacity is greater than SDPWS §4.5.4.3 for seismic design and SDPWS 4.5.4.3 Exception 1 for wind design.

Example Calculation – Shear in Surface Spline

Check the plywood spline capacity per NDS against the increased load from SDPWS 4.5.4.3

Find the SDPWS increased ASD design shear:

$$V_D \cdot V_{design.ASD} = (1.5) 960 \text{ plf} = 1440 \text{ plf}$$

Compare to the NDS adjusted plywood spline capacity (ASD)

Reference in-plane shear capacity: $F_{vtv} := 98 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}} \cdot 12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}} = 1176 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}}$ per APA D510 Table 9

Apply NDS adjustment factors:

per NDS Table 9.3.1

Load duration factor: $C_D := 1.6$

Wet service factor: $C_M := 1.0$

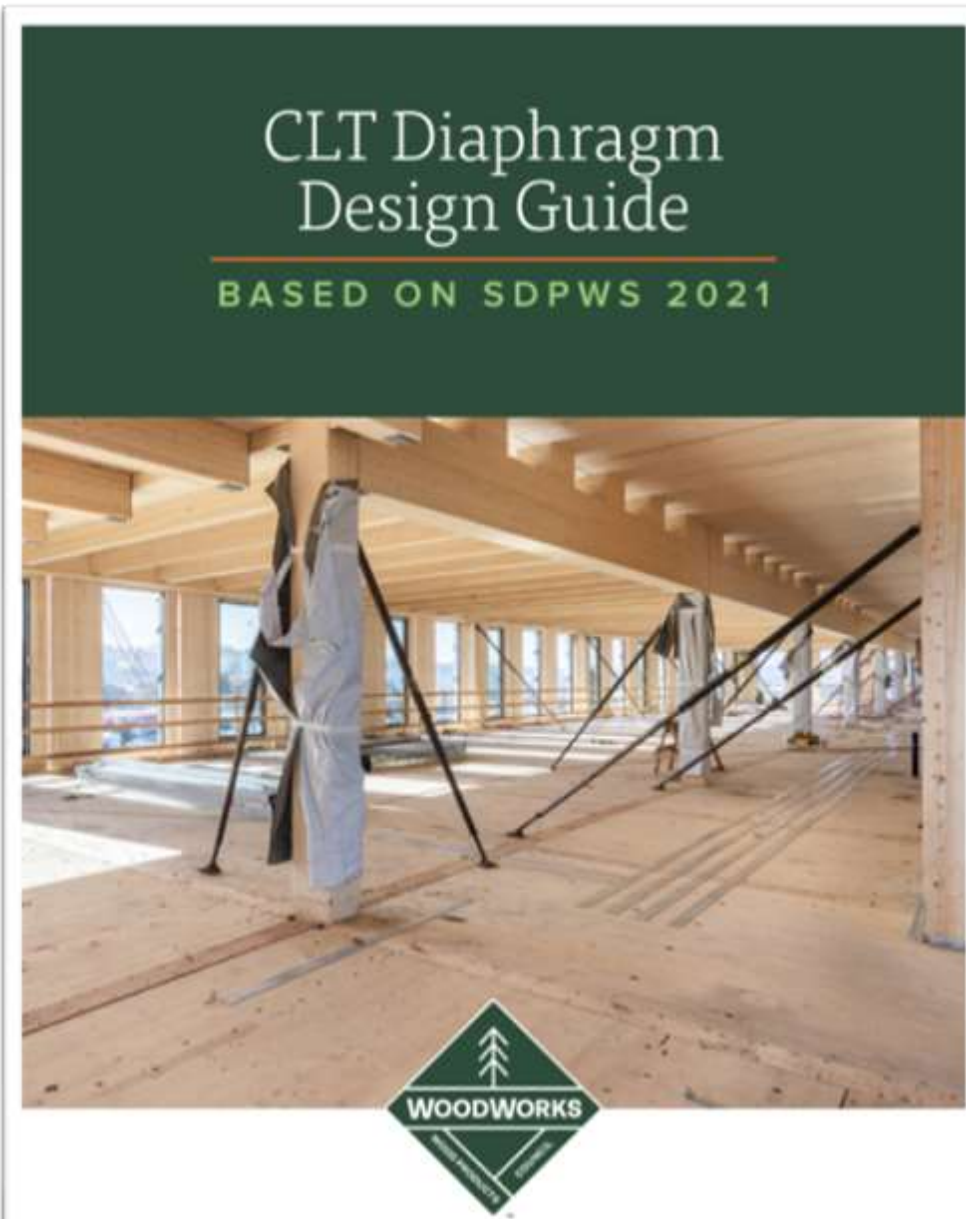
Temperature factor: $C_t := 1.0$

ASD adjusted strength:

$$F_{vtv}'_{NDS.ASD} := F_{vtv} \cdot C_D \cdot C_M \cdot C_t = 1882 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}}$$

> req. ASD shear 1440 plf, spline OK

CLT Diaphragm Design Guide based on SDPWS 2021



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