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# GUIDE TO USE OF THE PROVISIONS

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The flow charts and table that follow are provided to assist the user of the *NEHRP Recommended Provisions* and, by extension, the seismic provisions of ASCE 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*, the *International Building Code*, and *NFPA 5000*. The flow charts provide an overview of the complete process for satisfying the *Provisions*, including the content of all technical chapters. The table that concludes this chapter provides cross references for ASCE 7 and the 2000 and 2000 editions of the *NEHRP Recommended Provisions*.

The flow charts are expected to be of most use to those who are unfamiliar with the scope of the *NEHRP Recommended Provisions*, but they cannot substitute for a careful reading of the *Provisions*. Notes indicate discrepancies and errors in the *Provisions*. Both editions of the *Provisions* can be obtained free from the FEMA Publications Distribution Center by calling 1-800-480-2520. Order by FEMA Publication number; the 2003 *Provisions* is available as FEMA 450 in CD form (only a limited number of paper copies are available) and the 2000 *Provisions* are available as FEMA 368 and 369 (2 volumes and maps).

Although the examples in this volume are based on the 2000 *Provisions*, they have been annotated to reflect changes made to the 2003 *Provisions*. Annotations within brackets, [], indicate both organizational changes (as a result of a reformat of all of the chapters of the 2003 *Provisions*) and substantive technical changes to the 2003 *Provisions* and its primary reference documents. For those readers coming from ASCE 7-05, see the cross reference table at the end of this chapter.

The level of detail shown varies, being greater where questions of applicability of the *Provisions* are pertinent and less where a standard process of structural analysis or detailing is all that is required. The details contained in the many standards referenced in the *Provisions* are not included; therefore, the actual flow of information when proportioning structural members for the seismic load effects specified in the *Provisions* will be considerably more complex.

On each chart the flow generally is from a heavy-weight box at the top-left to a medium-weight box at the bottom-right. User decisions are identified by six-sided cells. Optional items and modified flow are indicated by dashed lines.

Chart 2.1 provides an overall summary of the process which begins with consideration of the Scope of Coverage and ends with Quality Assurance Requirements. All of the specific provisions pertaining to nonbuilding structures are collected together on one page (Chart 2.20); application for nonbuilding structures requires the use of various portions of the *Provisions* with appropriate modification.

Additions to, changes of use in, and alterations of existing structures are covered by the *NEHRP Recommended Provisions* (see Chart 2.3), but evaluation and rehabilitation of existing structures is not.

In recent years FEMA has sponsored several coordinated efforts dealing with seismic safety in existing buildings. A *Handbook for Seismic Evaluation of Buildings* (FEMA 310) was developed as an update to the original FEMA 178, although this document has since been replaced by the ASCE 31 Standard (*Seismic Evaluation of Existing Buildings*). *Guidelines for the Seismic Rehabilitation of Buildings* (FEMA 273) and a corresponding *Commentary* (FEMA 274) have also been developed. A prestandard (FEMA 356, *Prestandard and Commentary for the Seismic Rehabilitation of Buildings*) based on FEMA 273 has been developed and is in balloting as ASCE 41. In addition, specific recommendations have been developed for the evaluation, repair, and rehabilitation of earthquake-damaged concrete and masonry wall buildings (FEMA 306, 307, and 308) and for the evaluation, rehabilitation, post-earthquake assessment, and repair of steel moment frame structures (FEMA 351 and 352).

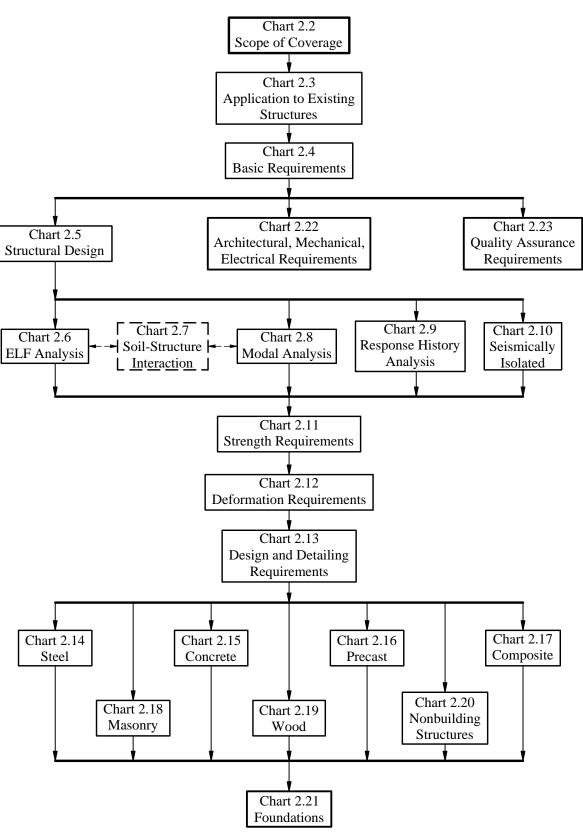
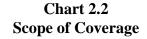
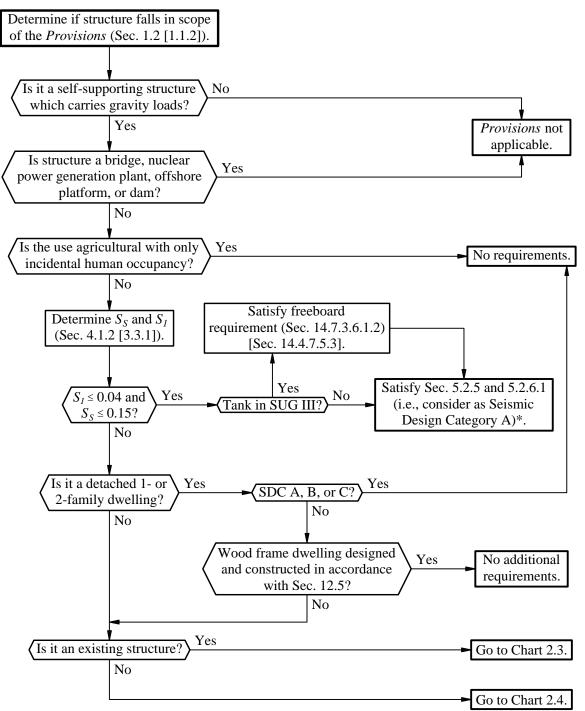


Chart 2.1 Overall Summary of Flow





\*The *Provisions* has never defined clearly the scope of application for structures assigned to Seismic Design Category A. Although the framers of the *Provisions* intended application of only a few simple requirements in Seismic Design Category A, a strict reading of the 2000 *Provisions* would lead to a substantial list of items that remain within the scope. [As a result of the complete re-write of the *Provisions* at the beginning of the 2003 update cycle, this situation is improved considerably as the requirements for Seismic Design Category A all appear in Sec. 1.5.]

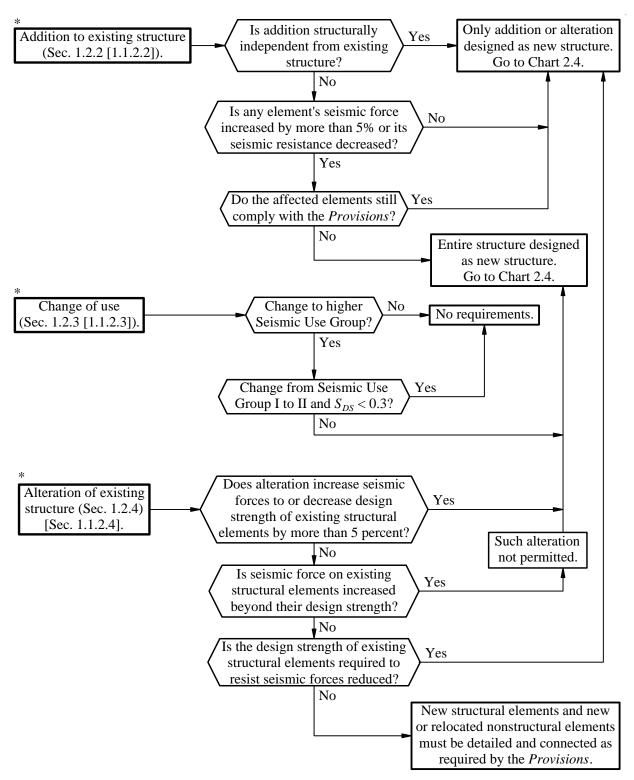


Chart 2.3 Application to Existing Structures

\* The *Provisions* applies to existing structures only in the cases of additions to, changes of use in, and alterations of such structures.

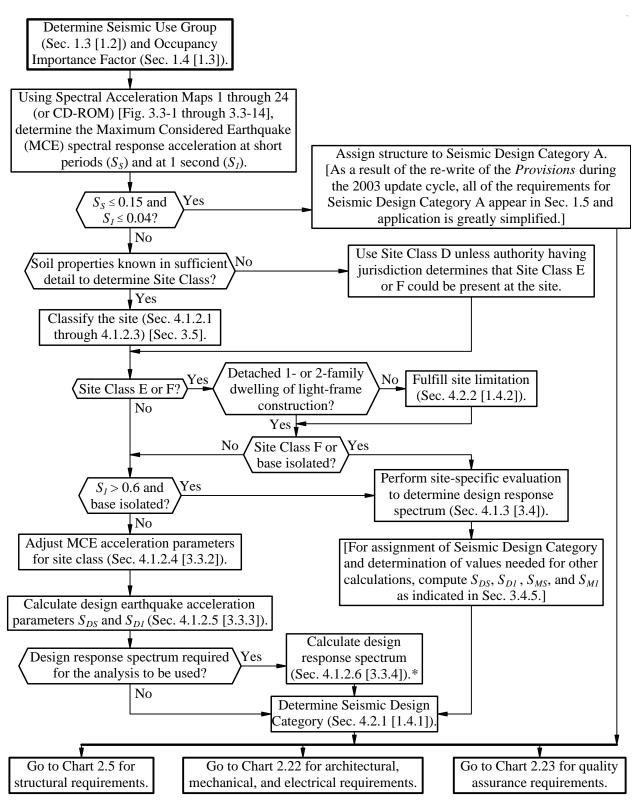
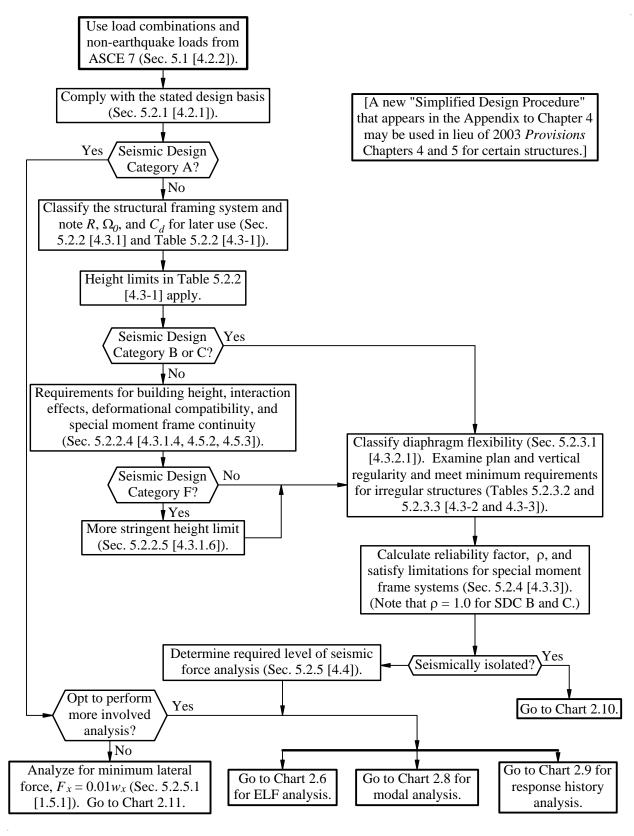
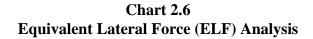


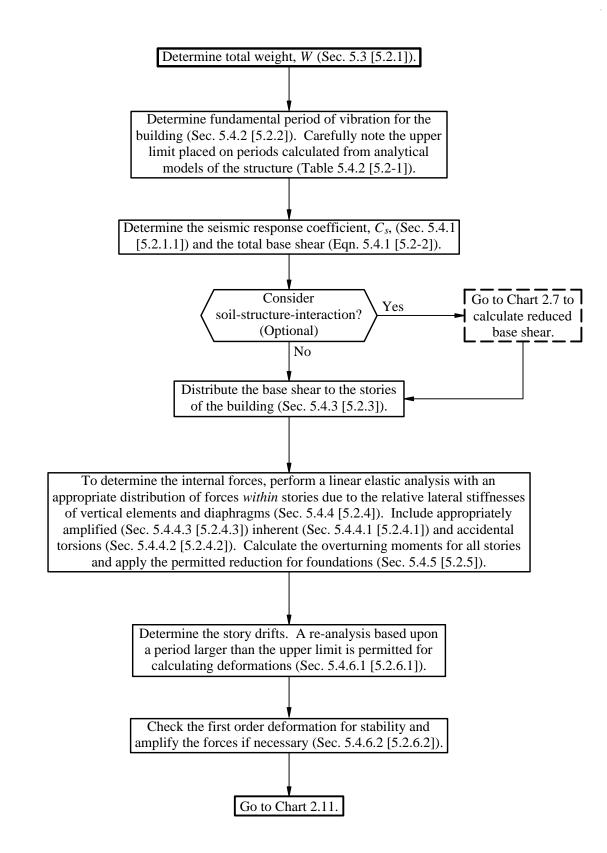
Chart 2.4 Basic Requirements

\* [Sec. 3.3.4 of the 2003 *Provisions* defines reduced spectral ordinates for periods greater than  $T_{L}$ .]



#### Chart 2.5 Structural Design





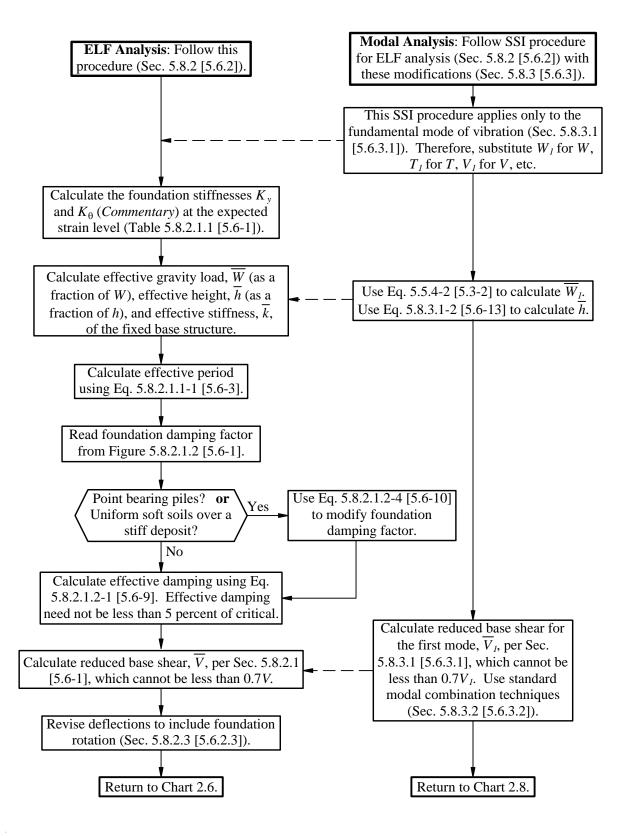
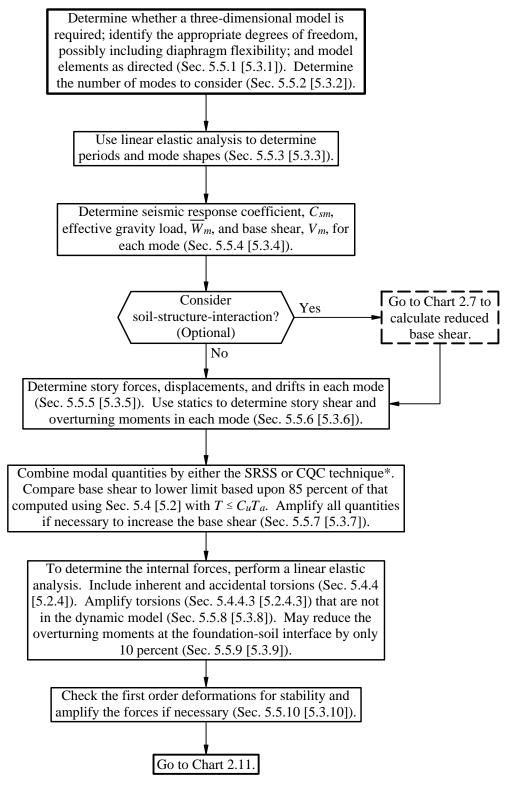
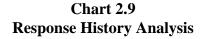


Chart 2.7 Soil-Structure Interaction (SSI)

Chart 2.8 Modal Analysis



\*As indicated in the text, use of the CQC technique is required where closely spaced periods in the translational and torsional modes will result in cross-correlation of the modes.



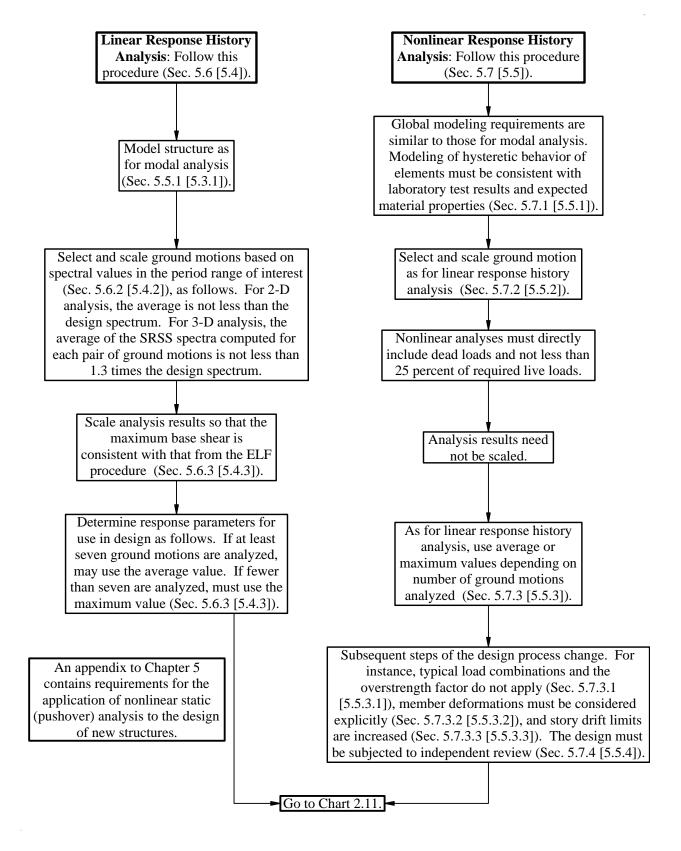
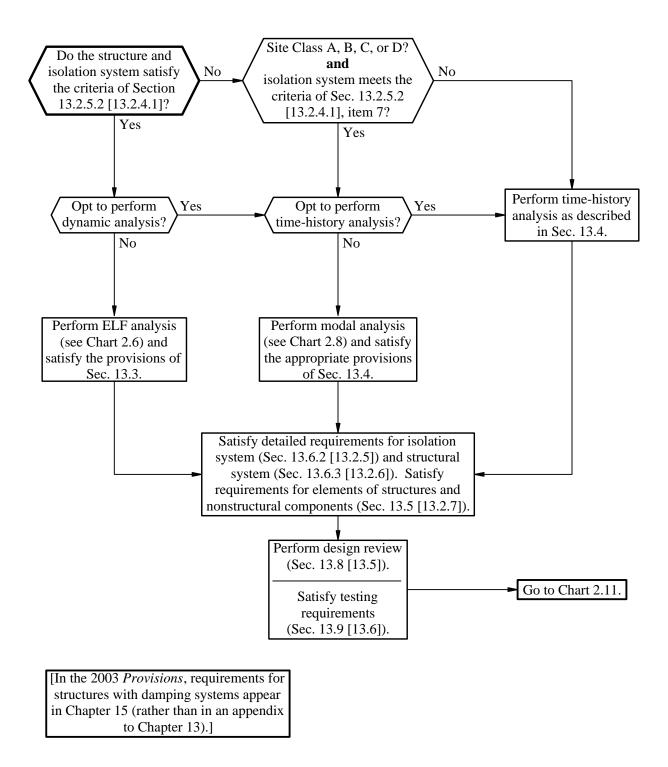
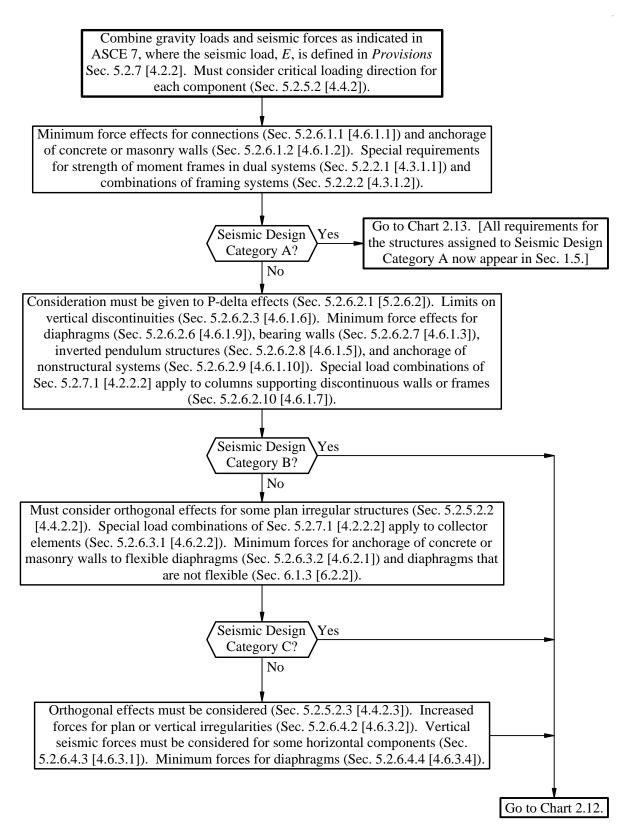


Chart 2.10 Seismically Isolated Structures



#### Chart 2.11 Strength Requirements



#### Chart 2.12 Deformation Requirements

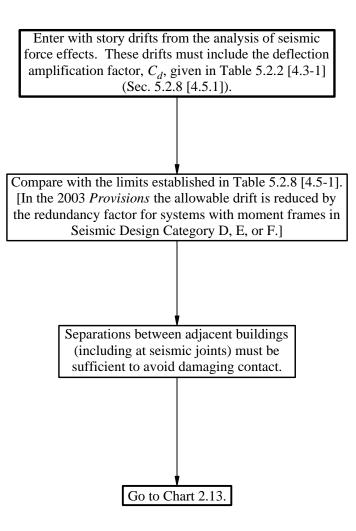


Chart 2.13 Design and Detailing Requirements

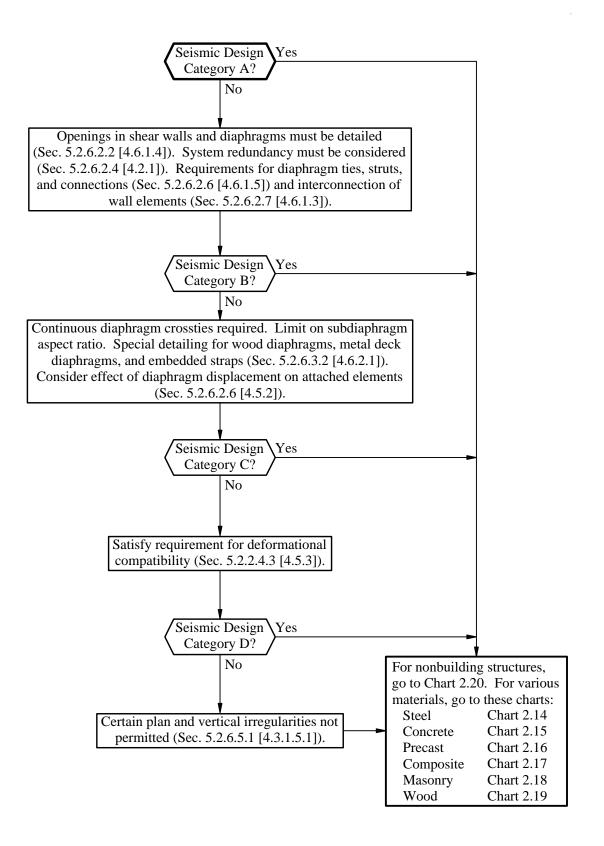


Chart 2.14 Steel Structures

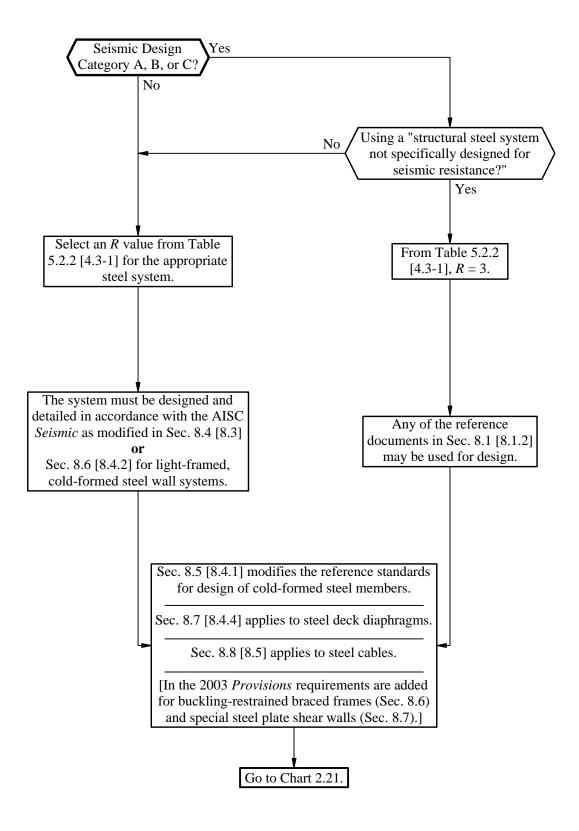


Chart 2.15 Concrete Structures

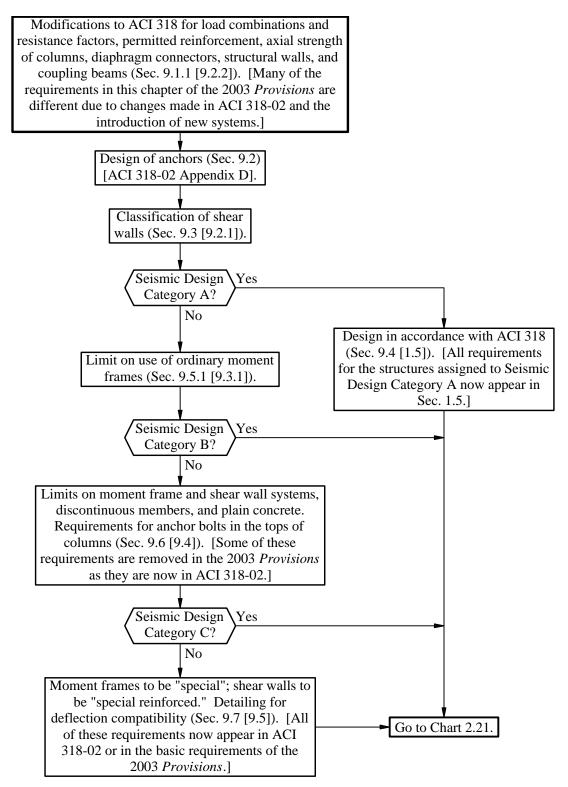


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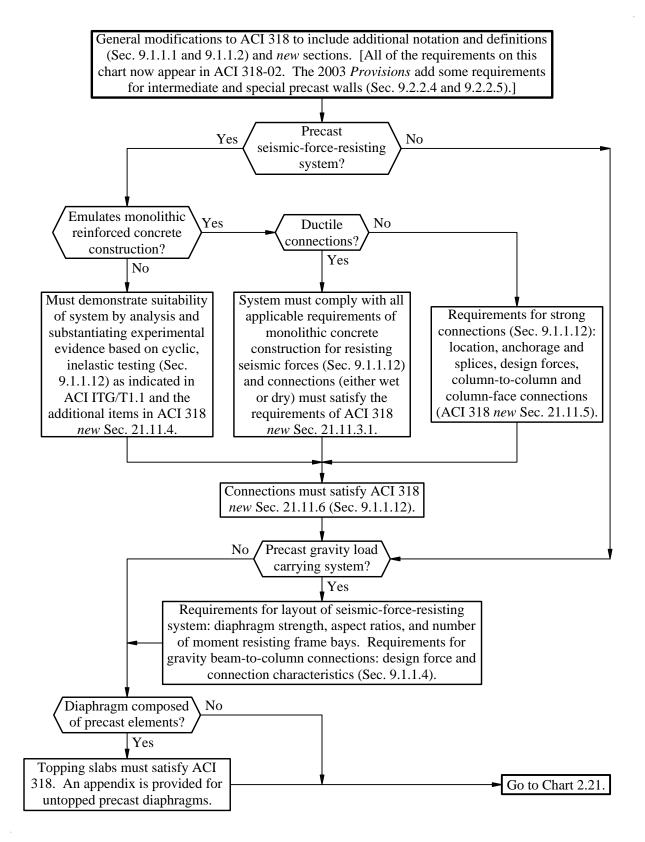
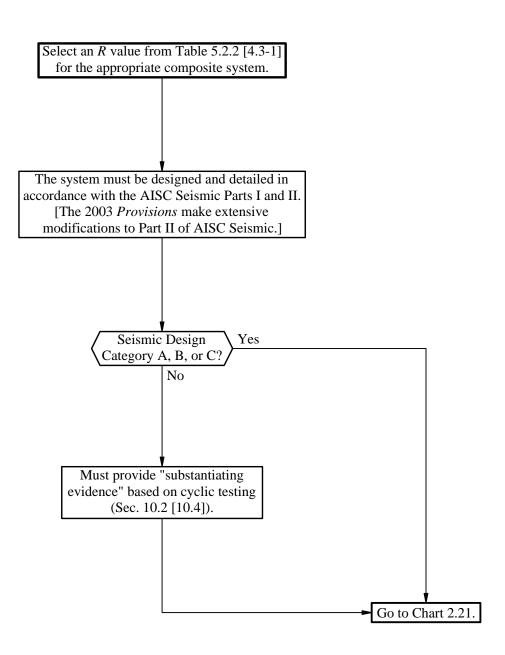


Chart 2.17 Composite Steel and Concrete Structures



#### Chart 2.18 Masonry Structures

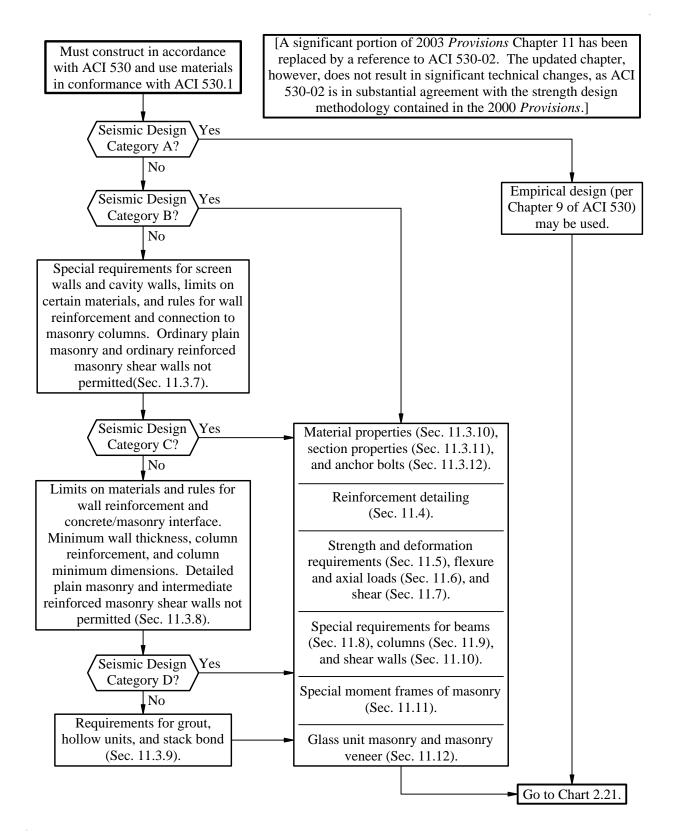
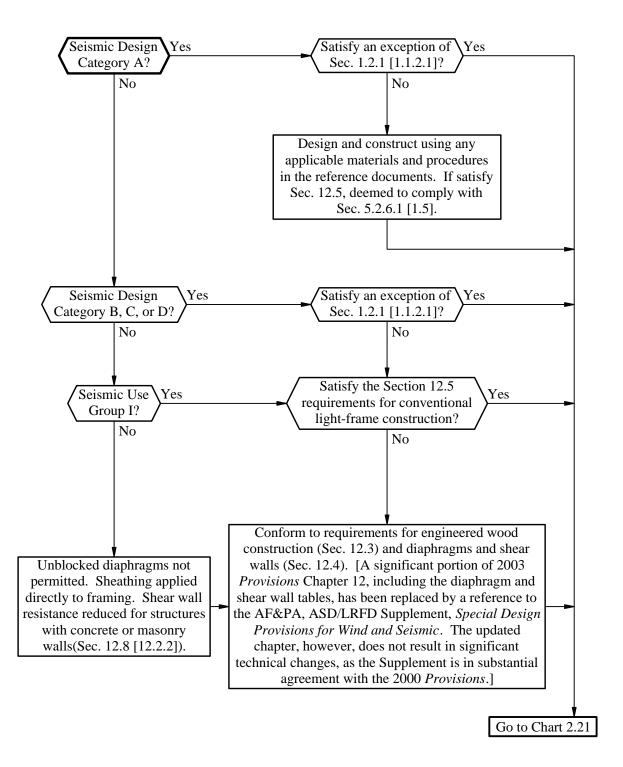


Chart 2.19 Wood Structures



#### Chart 2.20 Nonbuilding Structures

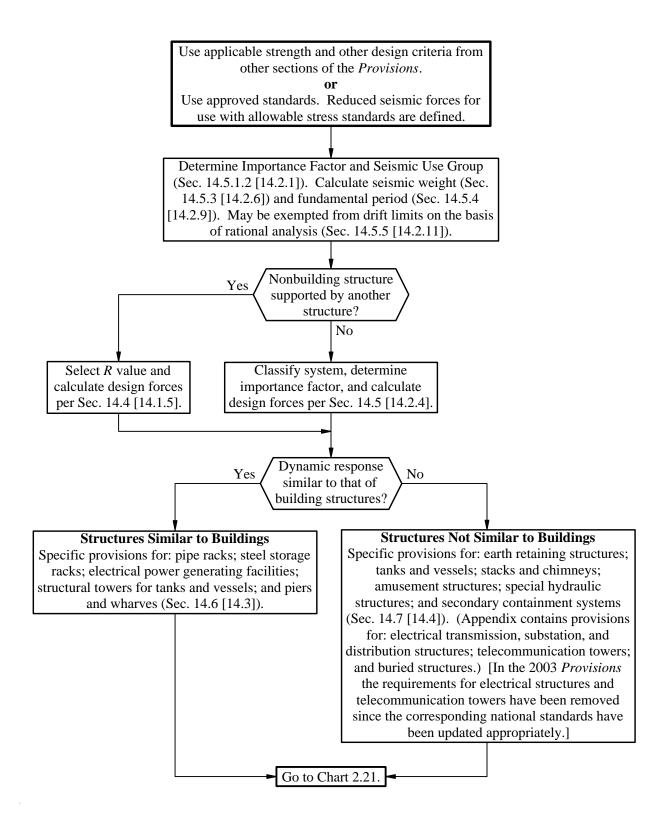
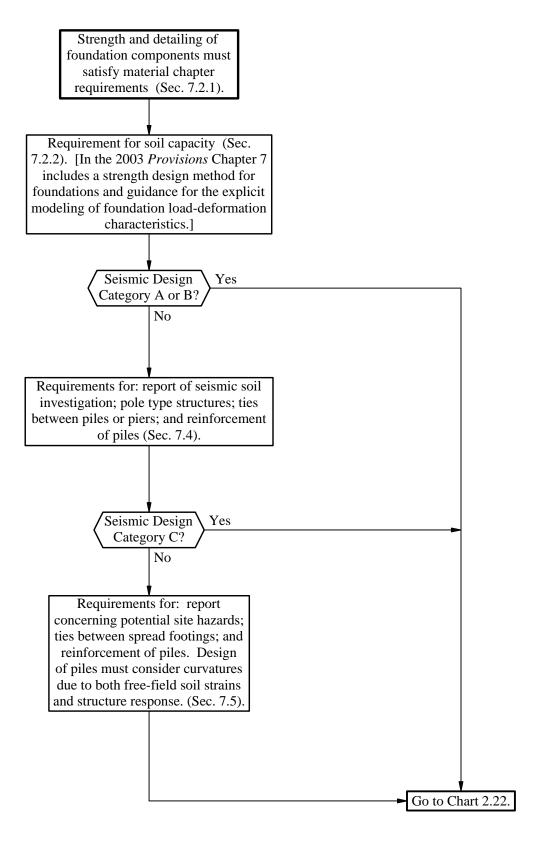


Chart 2.21 Foundations



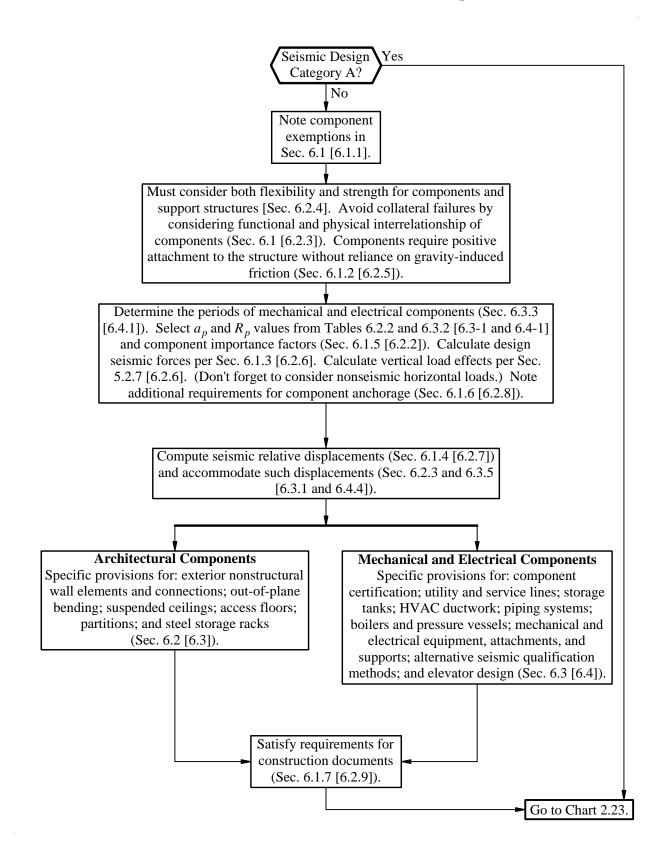
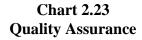
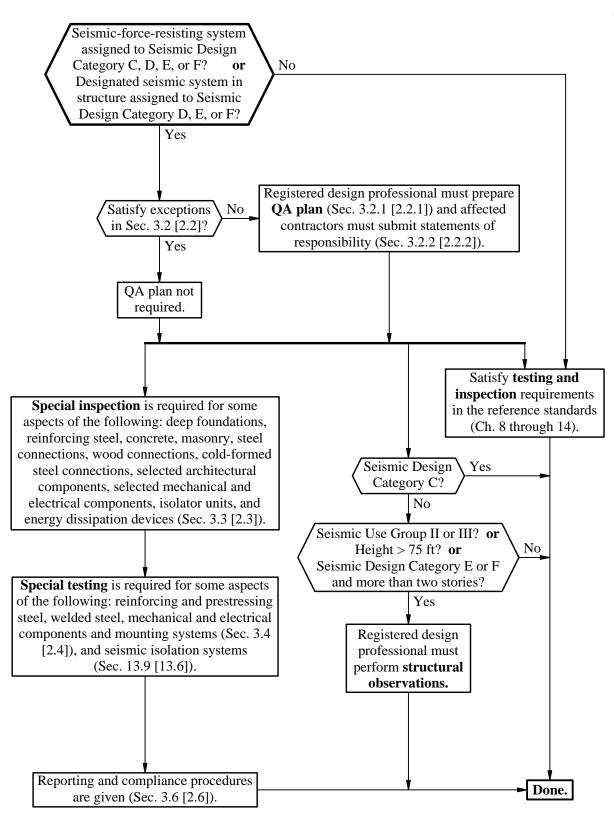


Chart 2.22 Architectural, Mechanical, and Electrical Components





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| Chapter 11 |                   |                   | SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA                                 |
| 11.1       | 1.1, 1.2          | 1.1               | General   |
| 11.2       | 2.1               | 1.1.4             | Definitions   |
| 11.2       | 2.2               | 1.1.5             | Notation  |
| 11.3       | 4.1               | 3.3               | Seismic Ground Motion Values                            |
| 11.5       | 1.3, 1.4          | 1.2, 1.3          | Importance Factor and Occupancy Category                |
| 11.6       | 4.2               | 1.2, 1.3          | Seismic Design Category                                 |
| 11.7       | 5.2.6.1           | 1.5               | Design Requirements for Seismic Design Category A       |
| 11.8       | 4.2, 7.4, 7.5     | 1.4.2, 7.4, 7.5   | Geologic hazards and Geotechnical Investigation         |
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|            |                   |                   |   |
| Chapter 12 | 5                 | 4, 5              | SEISMIC DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING                |
| Chapter 12 | 5                 | 1, 5              | STRUCTURES  |
| 12.1       | 5.2               | 4.2.1             | Structural Design Basis                                 |
| 12.2       | 5.2.2             | 4.3.1             | Structural System Selection                             |
| 12.3       | 5.2.3, 5.2.6,     | 4.3.2             | Diaphragm Flexibility, Configuration Irregularities and |
| 12.5       | 5.2.4             | 4.3.2             | Redundancy  |
| 12.4       | 5.2.7, 5.2.6      | 4.2.2             | Seismic Load Effects and Combinations                   |
| 12.5       | 5.2.5             | 4.4.2             | Direction of Loading                                    |
| 12.6       | 5.2.5             | 4.4.1             | Analysis Procedure Selection                            |
| 12.0       | 5.2, 5.6.2        | 7.7.1             | Modeling Criteria                                       |
| 12.7       | 5.5               | 5.2               | Equivalent Lateral Force Procedures                     |
| 12.0       | 5.6               | 5.3               | Modal Response Spectrum Analysis                        |
| 12.10      | 5.2.6             | 4.6               | Diaphragms, Chords and Collectors                       |
| 12.10      | 5.2.6             | 4.6               | Structural Walls and Their Anchorage                    |
| 12.11      | 5.2.8             | 4.5               | Drift and Deformation                                   |
| 12.12      | 7                 | 7                 | Foundation Design                                       |
| 12.13      | 5.4               | 4 Alt.            | Simplified Alternative Structural Design Criteria for   |
| 12.11      | 5.1               | 1 7 111.          | Simple Bearing Wall of Building Frame System            |
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| Chapter 13 |                   |                   | SEISMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR NONSTRUCTURAL                  |
| Chapter 15 |                   |                   | COMPONENTS  |
| 13.1       | 6.1               | 6.1               | General   |
| 13.2       | 6.1               | 6.2               | General Design Requirements                             |
| 13.3       | 6.1.3, 6.1.4      | 6.2               | Seismic Demands on Nonstructural Components             |
| 13.4       | 6.1.2             | 6.2               | Nonstructural Component Anchorage                       |
| 13.5       | 6.2               | 6.3               | Architectural Components                                |
| 13.6       | 6.3               | 6.4               | Mechanical and Electrical Components                    |
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| Chapter 14 |                   |                   | MATERIAL SPECIFIC SEISMIC DESIGN AND                    |
| Chapter 11 |                   |                   | DETAILING REQUIREMENTS                                  |
| 14         |                   |                   | Scope   |
| 14.1       | 8                 | 8                 | Steel   |
| 14.2       | 9                 | 9                 | Concrete  |
| 14.3       | 10                | 10                | Composite Steel and Concrete Structures                 |
| 14.4       | 10                | 10                | Masonry   |
| 14.5       | 12                | 12                | Wood  |
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## Table 2-1 Navigating Among the 2000 and 2003 NEHRP Recommended Provisionsand ASCE 7

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| Chapter 15 | 14           | 14     | SEISMIC DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR                      |
| 15.1       | 14.1         | 14.1   | NONBUILDING STRUCTURES<br>General                    |
|            | 14.1         | 14.1   |  |
| 15.2       |              |        | Reference Documents                                  |
| 15.3       | 14.4         | 14.1.5 | Nonbuilding Structures Supported by Other Structures |
| 15.4       | 14.5         | 14.2   | Structural Design Requirements                       |
| 15.5       | 14.6         | 14.3   | Nonbuilding Structures Similar to Buildings          |
| 15.6       | 14.7         | 14.4   | General Requirements for Nonbuilding Structures Not  |
| 15.5       | 1150         | 1445   | Similar to Buildings                                 |
| 15.7       | 14.7.3       | 14.4.7 | Tanks and Vessels                                    |
| Chapter 16 |              |        | SEISMIC RESPONSE HISTORY PROCEDURES                  |
| Chapter 16 | 5.7          | 5 1    |  |
| 16.1       |              | 5.4    | Linear Response History Analysis                     |
| 16.2       | 5.8          | 5.5    | Nonlinear Response History Procedure                 |
| Chapter 17 | 12           | 13     | SEISMIC DESDIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR                     |
| Chapter 17 | 15           | 15     |  |
| 17.1       | 12.1         | 10.1   | SEISMICALLY ISOLATED STRUCTURES                      |
| 17.1       | 13.1         | 13.1   | General  |
| 17.2       | 13.5, 13.6   | 13.2   | General design Requirements                          |
| 17.3       | 13.4.4       | 13.2.3 | Ground Motion for Isolated Systems                   |
| 17.4       | 13.2.5       | 13.2.4 | Analysis Procedure Selection                         |
| 17.5       | 13.3         | 13.3   | Equivalent Lateral Force Procedure                   |
| 17.6       | 13.4         | 13.4   | Dynamic Analysis Procedures                          |
| 17.7       | 13.8         | 13.5   | Design Review  |
| 17.8       | 13.9         | 13.6   | Testing  |
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| Chapter 18 | 13A          | 15     | SEISMIC DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR                      |
|            |              |        | STRUCTURES WITH DAMPING SYSTEMS                      |
| 18.1       | 13A.1        | 15.1   | General  |
| 18.2       | 13A.2, 13A.8 | 15.2   | General Design Requirements                          |
| 18.3       | 13A.6        | 15.3   | Nonlinear Procedures                                 |
| 18.4       | 13A.5        | 15.4   | Response Spectrum Procedure                          |
| 18.5       | 13A.4        | 15.5   | Equivalent Lateral Force Procedure                   |
| 18.6       | 13A.3        | 15.6   | Damped Response Modification                         |
| 18.7       | 13A.7        | 15.7   | Seismic Load Conditions and Acceptance               |
| 18.8       | 13A.9        | 15.8   | Design Review  |
| 18.9       | 13A.10       | 15.9   | Testing  |
| 10.7       | 13A.10       | 13.9   | resting  |
| Chapter 19 |              |        | SOIL STRUCTURE INTERACTION FOR SEISMIC               |
| Chapter 19 |              |        | DESIGN   |
| 19.1       | 5.8.1        | 5.6.1  | General  |
| 19.1       |              | 5.6.2  |  |
|            | 5.8.2        |        | Equivalent Lateral Force Procedure                   |
| 19.3       | 5.8.3        | 5.6.3  | Modal Analysis Procedure                             |
| Chapter 20 |              |        | SITE OF ASSIETCATION DEOCEDUDE FOR SEISMIC           |
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| 20.1       | 4 1          | 2.5    | DESIGN<br>Site Classification                        |
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| 20.2       | 4.1          | 3.5    | Site Response Analysis for Site Class F Soil         |
| 20.3       | 4.1          | 3.5    | Site Class Definitions                               |
| 20.4       | 4.1          | 3.5    | Definitions of Site Class Parameters                 |
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| Chapter 21 |               |               | SITE-SPECIFIC GROUND MOTION PROCEDURES                   |
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| •          |               |               | FOR SEISMIC DESIGN                                       |
| 21.1       | 4.1           | 3.4           | Site Response Analysis                                   |
| 21.2       | 4.1           | 3.4           | Ground Motion Hazard Analysis                            |
| 21.3       | 4.1           | 3.4           | Design Response Spectrum                                 |
| 21.4       | 4.1           | 3.4           | Design Acceleration Parameters                           |
| Chapter 22 | 4.1           | 3.3           | SEISMIC GROUND MOTION AND LONG PERIOD<br>TRANSITION MAPS |
| Chapter 23 |               |               | SEISMIC DESIGN REFERENCE DOCUMENTS                       |
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|            |               |               |  |
| 11A        | 3             | 2             | QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS                             |
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| 11A.2      | 3.4           | 2.4           | Testing  |
| 11A.3      | 3.5           | 2.5           | Structural Observations                                  |
| 11A.4      | 3.6           | 2.6           | Reporting and Compliance Procedures                      |
| 11B        |               |               | EXISTING BUILDING PROVISIONS                             |
| 11B.1      | 1.2.1         | 1.1.2         | Scope  |
| 11B.2      | 1.2.2.1       | 1.1.2.2       | Structurally Independent Additions                       |
| 11B.3      | 1.2.2.2       | 1.1.2.2       | Structurally Dependent Additions                         |
| 11B.4      | 1.2.4         | 1.1.2.4       | Alterations  |
| 11B.5      | 1.2.3         | 1.1.2.3       | Change of Use  |