



**GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION**

PLAN CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT NO \_\_\_\_\_  
JOB ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Numbers in the parenthesis ( ) refer to sections of the 2014 edition of the Los Angeles County Building Code, Table (T), Building Code Manual (BCM), 2010 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures (3<sup>rd</sup> Printing) (ASCE7), 2011 ACI Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI318-11).

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Corrections with circled item numbers apply to this plan check.
- In the left-hand margin of the circled corrections, please indicate the sheet number and detail or note number on the plans where the corrections are made. Resubmit marked original plans and two corrected sets of plans, calculations and this plan review list.
- For notations and definitions used in the review sheet see ACI318 Chapter 2.
- Incomplete, unclear, or faded drawings or calculations will not be accepted.
- Incorporate all comments as marked on checked set of plans and calculations and these correction sheets.

**STRUCTURAL CALCULATIONS**

**GENERAL**

1. Design forces shall be in accordance with the Load and Resistance Factor Design specified in LACBC 1605.2 and ASCE7 §12.4.2.3.
2. The R value used in determining the base shear for **bearing wall systems** shall not exceed 5.0 for special reinforced concrete shear walls and 4.0 for intermediate precast concrete shear walls.  
(ASCE7 T-12.2-1)
3. The R value used in determining the base shear for **building frame systems** shall not exceed 6.0 for special reinforced concrete shear walls and 5.0 for intermediate precast concrete shear walls.  
(ASCE7 T-12.2-1)
4. In storage and warehouse occupancies, include a minimum 25% of the floor live load for the seismic dead load, W.  
(ASCE7 12.7.2.1)
5. The shear strength reduction factor, "Φ", shall be per ACI318 §9.3.4. Use Φ = 0.60 unless nominal shear strength of the member is greater than shear corresponding to the development of nominal flexural strength.  
(ACI318 9.3.4)

**SHEAR**

6. Walls shall have nominal shear strength per the following formula: (ACI318 21.9.4.1)

$$V_n = A_{cv}(\alpha_c \sqrt{f'_c} + \rho_t f_y) \quad (21-7)$$

Where:  $\alpha_c = 3.0$  for  $h_w / \ell_w \leq 1.5$ ,  
 $\alpha_c = 2.0$  for  $h_w / \ell_w \geq 2.0$   
 $\alpha_c$  varies linearly between 3.0 and 2.0 for  $h_w / \ell_w$  between 1.5 and 2.0

7.  $h_w / \ell_w$  used in determining  $V_n$  for segments of a wall shall be the larger of the ratios for the entire wall and the segment of wall considered. (ACI318 21.9.4.2)
8. For  $h_w / \ell_w$  ratios < 2.0, the reinforcement ratio shall be  $\rho_t \geq \rho_t$  (ACI318 21.9.4.3)
9. Nominal shear strength,  $V_n$ , of all walls segments shall not exceed  $8A_{cv}\sqrt{f'_c}$  for the entire wall and  $10A_{cv}\sqrt{f'_c}$  for individual wall piers. (ACI318 21.9.4.4)

**FLEXURE AND AXIAL LOADS**

10. Shear walls subject to combined flexural and axial loads shall be designed in accordance with ACI318 § 10.2 and 10.3 except that ACI318 §10.3.7 and the nonlinear strain requirements of ACI318 §10.2.2 shall not apply. The effects of openings shall be considered. (ACI318 21.9.5.1)
11. Effective flange widths of flanged sections shall extend from the face of the web to a distance equal to the smaller of 1/2 the distance to an adjacent wall web and 25% of the total wall height. (ACI318 21.9.5.2)

**SPECIAL BOUNDARY ELEMENTS**

12. Special boundary elements at the edges of structural walls are required per ACI318 § 21.9.6.2 and 21.9.6.3. (ACI318 21.9.6.1)
13. Walls that are effectively continuous from the base of the structure to the top of the wall and are designed to have a single critical section for flexure and axial loads shall meet the following: (ACI318 21.9.6.2)
  - a. Compression zones shall be reinforced with special boundary elements where:

$$c \geq \frac{\ell_w}{600(\delta_u / h_w)} \text{ and } \delta_u / h_w \geq 0.007 \quad (21-8)$$

- b. Boundary reinforcement shall extend vertically from the critical section a distance not less than the larger of  $\ell_w$  or  $M_u / 4V_u$ .
14. Structural walls not designed to the provisions of ACI318 § 21.9.6.2 shall have special boundary elements at boundaries and edges around the openings of the wall where the maximum extreme fiber compressive stress exceeds  $0.2f'_c$ . The special boundary element could be discontinued where compressive stress is less than  $0.15 f'_c$ .  
(ACI318 21.9.6.3)

## WALL PIER

15. Transverse reinforcement in wall piers not designed as part of special moment frame shall be designed per section 21.9.8.  
(1905.1.4, ACI318 21.13.7)
16. Wall pier with a horizontal length-to-thickness ratio less than 2.5 shall be designed as columns. (1905.1.4)

## STRUCTURAL DETAIL

### REINFORCEMENT

17. Longitudinal and transverse reinforcement ratios,  $\rho_l$  and  $\rho_t$  for shear walls shall not be less than 0.0025 except when  $V_u \leq A_{cv} \lambda \sqrt{f'_c}$ , (ACI318 21.9.2.1)
18. Reinforcement spacing each way in shear walls shall not exceed 18". (ACI318 21.9.2.1)
19. Two curtains of reinforcement shall be used if the in-plane factored shear force,  $V_u$ , exceeds  $2A_{cv} \lambda \sqrt{f'_c}$ .  
(ACI318 21.9.2.2)
20. All continuous reinforcements in shear walls shall be anchored or spliced for  $f_y$  in tension in accordance with Chapter 12 of ACI318, except: (ACI318 21.9.2.3)
- The effective depth of the member referenced in ACI318 § 12.10.3 shall be permitted to be  $0.8 \ell_w$  for walls.
  - The requirements of ACI318 §12.11, 12.12, and 12.13 need not be satisfied.
  - At locations where yielding of longitudinal reinforcement is likely to occur as a result of lateral displacements, development lengths of longitudinal reinforcement shall be 1.25 times the values calculated for  $f_y$  in tension.
  - Mechanical splices of reinforcement shall conform to ACI318 § 21.1.6 and welded splices of reinforcement shall conform to ACI318 § 21.1.7.
21. Two #5 bars shall be provided around all window and door openings. Such bars shall be anchored to develop  $f_y$  in tension at the corners of openings extended or extended of the corners of the openings not less than 24", (ACI318 14.3.7)

22. For wall piers and wall segments, spacing of transverse reinforcement with seismic hooks shall not exceed 6" and shall be extended beyond the pier clear height for at least 12".  
(1905.1.4, ACI318 21.9.8.2)
23. Reinforcing bars used in shear walls shall comply with ACI318 § 21.1.5.
24. Columns supporting discontinuous shear wall elements shall be reinforced in accordance with ACI318 § 21.6.4.6.
25. Tilt-up panels shall be detailed to conform to requirements of intermediate precast special structural walls. (LACBC 1905.1.3)

### SPECIAL BOUNDARY ELEMENTS

26. Where special boundary elements are required, the following shall be satisfied:  
(ACI318 21.9.6.4, 21.6.4.2 thru 21.6.4.4)
- The boundary elements shall extend horizontally from the extreme compression fiber minimum  $(c-0.1 \ell_w)$  or  $c/2$ , whichever is larger.
  - In flanged sections, the boundary element shall include the effective flange width in compression and shall extend at least 12" into the web.
  - Transverse reinforcements shall be:
    - For spiral or circular hoops  
 $\rho_s \geq 0.12 f'_c / f_{yt}$  (21-3)
    - For rectangular hoops  
 $A_{sh} \geq 0.09 s b_c f'_c / f_{yt}$  (21-5)  
 $A_{sh} \geq (0.3 s b_c f'_c / f_{yt}) [(A_g / A_{ch}) - 1]$  (21-4)
  - Spacing of transverse reinforcement shall not exceed the smallest of:
    - 1/4 of minimum member dimension,
    - 6 bar diameters of smallest longitudinal reinforcement,
    - Minimum  $S_o$  spacing  
 $(S_o = 4 + (14 - h_x) / 3) \leq 6$  (21.6.4.3)
  - Horizontal spacing of crossies or legs of overlapping hoops,  $h_x$ , shall not exceed 14" o.c. (21.6.4.2)
  - Special boundary element transverse reinforcement at the wall base shall extend minimum 12" into the footing or mat. (21.9.6.4(d))
  - Horizontal reinforcement in the wall web shall be anchored to develop  $f_y$  within the confined core of the boundary element using standard hooks or heads. (21.9.6.4(e))
27. Where special boundary elements are not required by ACI318 § 21.9.6.2 or 21.9.6.3, the following shall be satisfied:
- If longitudinal reinforcement ratio at wall boundary exceeds  $400/f_y$ , the boundary transverse reinforcement shall satisfy ACI318 § 21.6.4.2 and 21.9.6.4(a). The maximum longitudinal spacing of transverse reinforcement in the boundary shall not exceed 8".



