



WALL-BRACING Length Calculator



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PROJECT INFORMATION

NAME: PLAN #1656

ADDRESS: KITSAP, WA

WALL DIRECTION: Front to Back

SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY: D2

ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEED: 110 mph

WIND EXPOSURE CATEGORY: B

STONE OR MASONRY VENEER: No

Inputs		Wall Line A-2	Wall Line B-2	Wall Line C-2
Braced-Wall-Line Location	2nd of 2-story	2nd of 2-story	2nd of 2-story	2nd of 2-story
Eave to Ridge Height	7 ft	7 ft	7 ft	7 ft
Braced-Wall-Line Spacing	22.00 ft	22.00 ft	22.00 ft	20.00 ft
Braced-Wall-Line Length	26 ft	26 ft	26 ft	26 ft
Wall Height	8 ft	8 ft	8 ft	8 ft
Bracing Method	CS-WSP	CS-WSP	CS-WSP	CS-WSP
GB Construction Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gypsum Wall Board on Inside	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Horizontal Joints Blocked	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Holddown Device Used	No	No	No	No
Wall Dead Load	> 8 psf & ≤ 15 psf	> 8 psf & ≤ 15 psf	> 8 psf & ≤ 15 psf	> 8 psf & ≤ 15 psf
Roof/Ceiling Dead Load	≤ 15 psf	≤ 15 psf	≤ 15 psf	≤ 15 psf
WIND				
Tabulated Wind Bracing Amount	3.3 ft	3.3 ft	3.3 ft	3 ft
Exposure Height Factor	1	1	1	1
Eave-to-Ridge Height Factor	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82
Wind Wall Height Factor	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Number of BWL Factor	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Holddown Factor	1	1	1	1
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1	1	1	1
Wind GB Construction Factor	1	1	1	1
Required Wind Bracing Amount	3.17 ft	3.17 ft	3.17 ft	2.88 ft
SEISMIC				
Tabulated Seismic Bracing Amount	5.56 ft	5.56 ft	5.56 ft	5.56 ft
Seismic Wall Height Factor	1	1	1	1
BWL Spacing Factor	1	1	1	1
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1	1	1	1
Seismic GB Construction Factor	1	1	1	1
Wall Dead Load Factor	1	1	1	1
Roof Dead Load Factor	1	1	1	1
Veneer Factor	1	1	1	1

Reviewed for code compliance
with IRC 2015
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Required Seismic Bracing Amount

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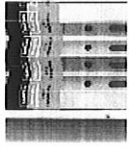
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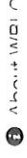
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Braced-Wall-Line Length	42 ft	42 ft
Wall Height	8 ft	8 ft
Bracing Method	CS-WSP	CS-WSP
GB Construction Type	N/A	N/A
Gypsum Wall Board on Inside	Yes	Yes
Horizontal Joints Blocked	Yes	Yes
Holdown Device Used	No	No
Wall Dead Load	> 8 psf & ≤ 15 psf	> 8 psf & ≤ 15 psf
Roof/Ceiling Dead Load	≤ 15 psf	≤ 15 psf
WIND		
Tabulated Wind Bracing Amount	7 ft	7 ft
Exposure Height Factor	1	1
Eave-to-Ridge Height Factor	0.91	0.91
Wind Wall Height Factor	0.9	0.9
Number of BWL Factor	1	1
Holdown Factor	1	1
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1	1
Wind GB Construction Factor	1	1
Required Wind Bracing Amount	5.73 ft	5.73 ft
SEISMIC		
Tabulated Seismic Bracing Amount	19.64 ft	19.64 ft
Seismic Wall Height Factor	1	1
BWL Spacing Factor	1.04	1.04
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1	1
Seismic GB Construction Factor	1	1
Wall Dead Load Factor	1	1
Roof Dead Load Factor	1	1
Veneer Factor	1	1

Required Seismic Bracing Amount

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Wall Line 1-1	Wall Line 2-1
20.43 ft	20.43 ft
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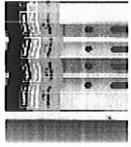
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Roof/Ceiling Dead Load	≤ 15 psf	≤ 15 psf	≤ 15 psf
WIND			
Tabulated Wind Bracing Amount	6 ft	6 ft	5.5 ft
Exposure Height Factor	1	1	1
Eave-to-Ridge Height Factor	0.91	0.91	0.91
Wind Wall Height Factor	0.9	0.9	0.9
Number of BWL Factor	1.3	1.3	1.3
Holdown Factor	1	1	1
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1	1	1
Wind GB Construction Factor	1	1	1
Required Wind Bracing Amount	6.39 ft	6.39 ft	5.86 ft
SEISMIC			
Tabulated Seismic Bracing Amount	12.16 ft	12.16 ft	12.16 ft
Seismic Wall Height Factor	1	1	1
BWL Spacing Factor	1	1	1
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1	1	1
Seismic GB Construction Factor	1	1	1
Wall Dead Load Factor	1	1	1
Roof Dead Load Factor	1	1	1
Veneer Factor	1	1	1

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RESULTS

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Gypsum Wall Board on Inside	Yes	Yes
Horizontal Joints Blocked	Yes	Yes
Holddown Device Used	No	No
Wall Dead Load	> 8 psf & ≤ 15 psf	> 8 psf & ≤ 15 psf
Roof/Ceiling Dead Load	≤ 15 psf	≤ 15 psf
WIND		
Tabulated Wind Bracing Amount	3.9 ft	3.9 ft
Exposure Height Factor	1	1
Eave-to-Ridge Height Factor	0.82	0.82
Wind Wall Height Factor	0.9	0.9
Number of BWL Factor	1	1
Holddown Factor	1	1
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1	1
Wind GB Construction Factor	1	1
Required Wind Bracing Amount	2.88 ft	2.88 ft
SEISMIC		
Tabulated Seismic Bracing Amount	8.92 ft	8.92 ft
Seismic Wall Height Factor	1	1
BWL Spacing Factor	1.04	1.04
Blocked Joint Factor	1	1
Gypsum on Inside Factor	1	1
Seismic GB Construction Factor	1	1
Wall Dead Load Factor	1	1
Roof Dead Load Factor	1	1
Veneer Factor	1	1

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9.28 ft	9.28 ft
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