

- 1. Sway braces prevent buckling or overturning of tall or long walls.
- Buckling forces are extremely small when braces are reasonably spaced both horizontally and vertically as the brace spacing maintains a very low l/r column ratio.
- 3. Our general recommendation is spacing on four foot centers both horizontally and vertically.
- 4. The maximum axial restraint rating is approximately 33% of the maximum assigned wall weight and extremely conservative.
- Vertical resistance information is provided for checking embedment requirements in walls and shear or pullout forces on both ends of the sway braces. Sway braces are not to be used for vertical supports.
- 6. Response frequency is a function of the attached mass and the dynamic stiffness in the direction of vibration. The 15 Hz response is normally lower and more desirable than what is usually specified. Heavier weight assignments than the specified minimum will lower the response frequency by the square root of the ratio of the minimum weight to the assigned value multiplied by 15 Hz. Lighter loads will increase the frequency by the same proportion.
 - EXAMPLE: Steel stud wall with 2 layers of 3/4 inch gypsum board weighing 7.9 lbs. per sq/ft. Sway braces on 4 foot centers both ways.

Assigned Weight = 16 x 7.9 = 126 lbs. WIC-1 Selection (Maximum 250 lbs) Frequency = 15Hz x $\sqrt{126/250}$ = 10.65 Hz

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