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EXPLANATION & INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF: COMPLETE SEISMIC HVAC ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS

SVCS

PART 1

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INTRODUCTION TO SEISMIC VIBRATION CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE BUILDINGS, COLLEGES, HOSPITAL, THEATERS AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES

To The Specifying Engineer:

Our company started calling on West Coast engineering firms as early as 1960. We opened our L.A. sales and applications office in 1965 when it became important to provide local service to the most seismically active parts of the country in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska as well as Vancouver, Canada. Very few competitors, and especially Eastern based firms, have had this exposure. While we offered a broad line of restraints, all of these systems were in their very early stages.

In 1971 there was a major earthquake in San Fernando, California that read 6.0 on the Richter scale with horizontal ground accelerations recorded at 0.2 g. In 12 seconds there was tremendous damage to mechanical installations with virtually every type of support failure and the engineering community became concerned.

While we did not consider ourselves expert, in 1971 the San Francisco Chapter of ASHRAE thought enough of what we had been doing to invite Mason as the principal speaker at one of their meetings. In the three month preparation for this presentation, we intensified our studies and developed the concept of deceleration at acceptable levels and the importance of Neoprene cushioning rather than hard stops. Our philosophy was well received, and with the help of CAL-TEC in Pasadena, California, we developed a dynamic analysis program based on a response spectra as the proper approach to the problem. (See Bulletin SCS-100.)

While a few installations followed this method, we found the program far more useful in bomb blast installations in various parts of the world. Specific response spectra are not readily available for all areas, and the response spectra on a particular floor rather than at ground level, almost non-existent. What the program did, however, was give us a better understanding of the phenomena and the need to provide materials with cushioned restraining capabilities far in excess of ground recorded or predicted acceleration levels.

Most specifications are based on the building code in that part of the country. All of these codes work

with equations for developing a maximum horizontal and vertical force. The most widely used equation for the horizontal is the following:

$$F_p = \frac{0.4(a_p)(S_{ds})I_p[1+2\frac{z}{h}]W_p}{R_p} \quad (0.7)$$

Term	Definition	Value on Page
F _p	Horizontal Seismic Force (G's)	8
a _p	Component Amplification Factor	8
R _p	Component Response Modification Factor	8
S _s	Mapped Spectral Response Acceleration at Short Periods	5,6 & 7
F _{pv}	Vertical Seismic Force (G's)	8
z	Attachment Height within the Building	
h	Roof Elevation	
W _p	Weight	
I _p	Importance Factor, I _p =1.5 for Life Safety, Hazardous & Essential systems and 1.0 for all other components	
S _{ds}	Design Spectral Response Acceleration S _{ds} =2/3(S _s x F _a) where F _a is the Soil Site Coefficient	
F _a	Site Coefficient for Site Specific Soil. F _a is 1.7 for S _s up to 0.50, 1.2 for S _s above 0.5 up to 0.75, 1.1 for S _s above 0.75 up to 1.0 and 1.0 for S _s above 1.0	
(0.7)	Conversion Factor from Strength Design to Allowable Stress Design	

For examples of the equation, see page 4.

It is extremely important to work with these exact values when dealing with major structural components, such as the steel framing, as a small percentage force difference might literally mean millions of dollars in savings when working to the requirements of a local code. However, vibration isolation and seismic restraints are always a minuscule percentage of a building's cost and a small percentage of the mechanical equipment contract as well. When we or an acoustical consultant write specifications for spring deflections, we use broad categories such as 0.75"(19mm), 1.5"(38mm), 2.5"(64mm), 3.5"(89mm), 4.5"(114mm), etc. It is not practical to specify spring deflections of 1.625(41mm), 1.83(46mm), 2.3(58mm), etc., as no manufacturer designs to these fine limits. All manufacturers supply one of their standard mountings, rather than a special design specific to those numbers to achieve the specified minimum.

Seismic restraints follow this pattern as well. To keep specifications and submittals practical rather than run calculations for each piece of equipment in every location to the exact code minimum, our

suggested specification is broad band. We have selected the higher end of the calculations in a particular zone. When we are the successful vendor, the restraints we submit for your approval are generally well in excess of the specification minimums. Not only have we always preferred to work this way, but we are as concerned with your costs of errors and omissions as our own product liability. Earthquakes involve human lives. Acoustics and vibration control do not.

We cannot ask you to specify higher numbers as the contracting community tends to feel we are "loading" the requirements to increase cost. However, experience has proven that real life resonant forces exceed the static requirements.

In VCS-100, "Complete HVAC Engineering Specifications", we explained what we considered the most important principles to follow in writing specifications to attain proper vibration isolation.

The principles in applying seismic restraints based on static codes are as follows:

1. Use the building code selected by the architect as the model for specifying horizontal and vertical maximum accelerations.
2. Simplify the specifications by specifying the higher level of forces as developed by the selected code in paragraph 1.
3. Never use isolation rails as they rotate and fail when equipment does not have adequate leg strength for direct mounting or a supplementary base is required for other reasons. Always use a one piece reinforced concrete base or a one piece structural steel frame.
4. Do not use the horizontal or vertical spring constant of an unhoused spring to calculate resistive forces. An earthquake is calculated statically, but it is a dynamic event and springs resonate. The spring static resistance has no meaning in seismic restraint design.
5. Limit the motion of spring mounted bases using either separate double acting seismic snubbers with Neoprene cushioned interfaces, or steel springs within self snubbing housings that are also manufactured with Neoprene cushions wherever possible. Restraining housings may be either steel, ductile iron or cast steel. Gray iron castings are not acceptable, as the lack of ductility results in shattering when subjected to shock.
6. Provide anchor bolts or drill in anchors that are seismically approved and properly selected, based on design calculations through the center of gravity. Anchor bolts must be embedded and spaced in accordance with ICC standards.
7. All housekeeping pads must be structurally doweled or bolted to the structure and adequately reinforced to resist the seismic forces on anchor bolts.
8. When steel frames or concrete piers are used to hold equipment at a higher elevation, they must be properly anchored to the structure and rigidly cross braced.
9. Install double arched rubber flexible connectors at the interfaces of equipment and piping where rubber is acceptable for the service. Use braided stainless steel hoses or stainless steel expansion joints in only those applications where the rubber expansion joints are not suitable.
10. All suspended equipment, including piping and duct work whether isolated or not, must be braced against sway and axial motion. Cable braces are recommended for isolated equipment and either cable or solid braces for non-isolated equipment. Suspension rods may require bracing to prevent buckling when subjected to compression stress.
11. Wherever possible use OSHPD or other Government pre-approved seismic devices with pre-approved ratings. When such devices are not available, ratings based on test are more reliable than ratings based on calculations. When testing is impractical, calculation should be made by a professional engineer with a minimum of 5 years experience in the industry. These devices are subtle and both experience and intuition are needed to make calculations meaningful.
12. Engineers and architects already carry "Errors and Omissions" insurance and this should not be a vendor requirement. All acceptable manufacturers should carry product liability with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in excess liability.

Specifications and instructions together with the selection guide begin on the following page. We certainly hope that you find this tool useful and we continue to invite your comments as to its improvement.

Very truly yours,
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

As in VCS-100, we have designed the specification to be written in tabular form. Your specification book would contain all the verbiage in pages 1 through 24. We realize this complete specification is quite long, but providing proper protection is not a simple issue. It is always your option to abbreviate sections, but we have not included anything unnecessary. Only these items called out in the chart that follows are used on a particular project.

The chart is an add on to your equipment schedule. You merely add two columns as shown.

FAN SCHEDULE						Vibration Isolation and/or Seismic Restraints	
Fan No.	Location	Wheel Diam. in (mm)	Arr.	Fan RPM	Motor HP HP (kw)	Isolator, Base, Restraint, Flexible Connector Specification Number	Static Deflection in (mm)
1	Penthouse	60" (1525)	1 SISW	503	30 (22)	7-21	1.50" (36)
2	3rd Floor	49" (1245)	3 SISW	720	25 (19)	7-21	0.75" (19)
3	Penthouse	73" (1850)	3 DIDW	405	75 (56)	5-21-16	3.50" (89)
4	Basement	36" (915)	2 SISW	930	15 (11)	2-20	0.35" (9)
5	3rd Floor	108" (2745)	3 SISW	400	125 (94)	5-21-16	2.50" (64)
6	3rd Floor	2-27" (2-685)	AC Unit	533	10 (7.5)	10A-12	1.00" (25)
7	Penthouse	3-12" (3-305)	AC Unit	630	5 (4)	7	0.75" (19)

PUMP SCHEDULE				Vibration Isolation and/or Seismic Restraints	
Pump No.	Location	Type	Motor HP (kw)		Static Deflection in (mm)
1	Penthouse	Split Casing	75 (56)	5-21-16-23	2.50" (64)
2	2nd Floor	Close Coupled	1/2 (.4)	5-21-16-23	0.75" (19)
3	3rd Floor	End Suction	10 (7.5)	5-21-16-23	0.75" (19)
4	Basement	Close Coupled	3 (2)	2-23	0.35" (9)
5	Basement	Split Casing	50 (38)	Hard Mounted	
6	2nd Floor	Fire Pump		Hard Mounted	

The numbers for the specification column are found in the Seismic Specification Selection Guide pages 9 – 12 of this bulletin. You need only reference the type of equipment and then pick out the appropriate numbers and deflections based on the floor span in the equipment’s location.

In the given example we are assuming that the floor span in the penthouse is 30 ft.(9m) and that there is a 20 ft.(6m) span in other locations. In your application, should the spans be different, you need only refer to the proper floor span tabulation. You will note for pump No. 5 we called out no isolation as it happens to be located in the basement under the garage where any transmitted vibration would annoy no one. Fire pumps (No. 6) are seldom isolated. In preparing your specification this way you have an opportunity to consider every piece of equipment, and there is very little possibility of your overlooking something in the rush of getting a job completed.

The language of the specification is as complete as we could make it without knowing the actual code that you are using. Therefore, in paragraph 1.03 on page 4, you would have to fill the blank space with the code that applies to your project. Typical codes are as in "A" below and you would use one to include in 1.03.

1.03

- A. Typical Applicable Codes and Standards (To the specifying engineer, please select from the following and insert them in section 1.03 of the specification.)
1. The International Building Code, IBC-2000/2003 as published by the International Code Council.
 2. The Building Construction and Safety Code, NFPA 5000 as published by the National Fire Protection Association.
 3. Seismic Design of Buildings, TI-809-04, as published by the US Army Corps of Engineers.
 4. State or Local Code by specific reference.
 5. NFPA - 13 and 14 for fire protection systems, as published by the National Fire Protection Association.

For example, in Charleston S.C. using a zip code of 29401, S_{ds} is 0.93 based on an S_s of 1.38. For a vibration isolated pump attached to concrete at ground level in a commercial building, the following factors apply, $a_p = 2.5$ and $R_p = 2.5$ for vibration isolation, $I_p = 1$ for a commercial building, and the z/h factor equals zero at ground level.

Therefore
$$F_p = \frac{0.4(a_p)(S_{ds})I_p[1+2\frac{z}{h}]W_p}{R_p} (0.7) = 0.26 W_p \text{ or } 0.26 G.$$

In the same building the vibration isolated cooling tower on the roof would have a z/h value of one. This would make

$$F_p = \frac{0.4(a_p)(S_{ds})I_p[1+2\frac{z}{h}]W_p}{R_p} (0.7) = 0.78 W_p \text{ or } 0.78 G.$$

INSTRUCTION:

In paragraph 1.06 on page 5 of SVCS-110 Part 2, please add the seismic force levels. There is no need to do any calculations, because F_p has been calculated for you on page 8. As explained in the earlier pages, we have rounded these numbers to what we consider to be practical levels. Should you disagree with our suggestions, by all means insert levels of your own choosing.

State, City	ZIP	Ss	State, City	ZIP	Ss
ALABAMA			INDIANA		
Birmingham	.35217	0.328	Evansville	.47712	0.754
Mobile	.36610	0.124	Ft. Wayne	.46835	0.162
Montgomery	.36104	0.170	Gary	.46402	0.173
ARKANSAS			Indianapolis	.46260	0.182
Little Rock	.72205	0.461	South Bend	.46637	0.121
ARIZONA			KANSAS		
Phoenix	.85034	0.226	Kansas City	.66103	0.122
Tucson	.85739	0.325	Topeka	.66614	0.184
CALIFORNIA			Wichita	.67217	0.141
Fresno	.93706	0.592	KENTUCKY		
Los Angeles	.90026	1.50	Ashland	.41101	0.221
Oakland	.94621	1.55	Covington	.41011	0.186
Sacramento	.95823	0.568	Louisville	.40202	0.247
San Diego	.92101	1.54	LOUISIANA		
San Francisco	.94114	1.50	Baton Rouge	.70807	0.144
San Jose	.95139	2.05	New Orleans	.70116	0.130
COLORADO			Shreveport	.71106	0.165
Colorado Springs	.80913	0.178	MASSACHUSETTS		
Denver	.80239	0.187	Boston	.02127	0.325
CONNECTICUT			Lawrence	.01843	0.376
Bridgeport	.06606	0.332	Lowell	.01851	0.355
Hartford	.06120	0.274	New Bedford	.02740	0.261
New Haven	.06511	0.285	Springfield	.01107	0.260
Waterbury	.06702	0.287	Worcester	.01602	0.271
WASHINGTON, D.C.			MARYLAND		
Washington	.20002	0.178	Baltimore	.21218	0.199
FLORIDA			MAINE		
Ft. Lauderdale	.33328	0.070	Augusta	.04330	0.318
Jacksonville	.32222	0.142	Portland	.04101	0.369
Miami	.33133	0.061	MICHIGAN		
St. Petersburg	.33709	0.078	Detroit	.48207	0.123
Tampa	.33635	0.083	Flint	.48506	0.091
GEORGIA			Grand Rapids	.49503	0.087
Atlanta	.30314	0.258	Kalamazoo	.49001	0.116
Augusta	.30904	0.419	Lansing	.48910	0.109
Columbus	.31907	0.169	MINNESOTA		
Savannah	.31404	0.402	Duluth	.55803	0.056
IOWA			Minneapolis	.55422	0.057
Council Bluffs	.41011	0.186	Rochester	.55901	0.055
Davenport	.52803	0.130	St. Paul	.55111	0.056
Des Moines	.50310	0.073	MISSOURI		
IDAHO			Carthage	.64836	0.149
Boise	.83705	0.344	Columbia	.65202	0.178
Pocatello	.83201	0.553	Jefferson City	.65109	0.207
ILLINOIS			Joplin	.64801	0.138
Chicago	.60620	0.190	Kansas City	.64108	0.122
Moline	.61265	0.135	Springfield	.64501	0.120
Peoria	.61604	0.174	St. Joseph	.64501	0.120
Rock Island	.61201	0.131	St. Louis	.63166	0.586
Rockford	.61108	0.170	MISSISSIPPI		
Springfield	.62703	0.263	Jackson	.39211	0.191

State, City	ZIP	Ss	State, City	ZIP	Ss
MONTANA			RHODE ISLAND		
Billings	.59101	0.134	Providence	.02907	0.267
Butte	.59701	0.599	SOUTH CAROLINA		
Great Falls	.59404	0.248	Charleston	.29406	1.56
NEBRASKA			Columbia	.29203	0.578
Lincoln	.68502	0.177	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Omaha	.68144	0.127	Rapid City	.57703	0.153
NEVADA			Sioux Falls	.57104	0.113
Las Vegas	.89106	0.637	TENNESSEE		
NV, Reno	.89509	1.29	Chattanooga	.37415	0.500
NEW YORK			Knoxville	.37920	0.589
Albany	.12205	0.275	Memphis	.38109	1.25
Binghamton	.13903	0.185	Nashville	.37211	0.305
Buffalo	.14222	0.319	TEXAS		
Elmira	.14905	0.173	Amarillo	.79111	0.166
New York	.10014	0.425	Austin	.78703	0.088
Niagara Falls	.14303	0.311	Beaumont	.77705	0.116
Rochester	.14619	0.248	Corpus Christi	.78418	0.093
Schenectady	.12304	0.278	Dallas	.75233	0.117
Syracuse	.13219	0.192	El Paso	.79932	0.358
Utica	.13501	0.250	Ft. Worth	.76119	0.110
NORTH CAROLINA			Houston	.77044	0.107
Charlotte	.28216	0.345	Lubbock	.79424	0.099
Greensboro	.27410	0.255	San Antonio	.78235	0.133
Raleigh	.27610	0.211	Waco	.76704	0.095
Winston-Salem	.27106	0.281	UTAH		
NORTH DAKOTA			Salt Lake City	.84111	1.79
Fargo	.58103	0.073	VIRGINIA		
Grand Forks	.58201	0.054	Norfolk	.23504	0.132
OHIO			Richmond	.23233	0.300
Akron	.44312	0.179	Roanoke	.24017	0.290
Canton	.44702	0.316	VERMONT		
Cincinnati	.45245	0.191	Burlington	.05401	0.446
Cleveland	.44130	0.197	WASHINGTON		
Columbus	.43217	0.164	Seattle	.98108	1.51
Dayton	.45440	0.206	Spokane	.99201	0.315
Springfield	.45502	0.216	Tacoma	.98402	1.23
Toledo	.43608	0.171	WISCONSIN		
Youngstown	.44515	0.163	Green Bay	.54302	0.066
OKLAHOMA			Kenosha	.53140	0.133
Oklahoma City	.73145	0.339	Madison	.53714	0.114
Tulsa	.74120	0.160	Milwaukee	.53221	0.120
OREGON			Racine	.53402	0.124
Portland	.97222	1.04	Superior	.54880	0.055
Salem	.97301	0.929	WEST VIRGINIA		
PENNSYLVANIA			Charleston	.25303	0.206
Allentown	.18104	0.289	Huntington	.25704	0.221
Bethlehem	.18015	0.304	WYOMING		
Erie	.16511	0.164	Casper	.82601	0.341
Harrisburg	.17111	0.224	Cheyenne	.82001	0.183
Philadelphia	.19125	0.326			
Pittsburgh	.15235	0.129			
Reading	.19610	0.293			
Scranton	.18504	0.232			

INTERNATIONAL Ss NUMBERS

Country City Ss	Country City Ss	Country City Ss	Country City Ss	
AFRICA				
Algeria Alger 1.24	India Bombay 1.24	CENTRAL AMERICA		
Oran 1.24	Calcutta 0.62	Belize Beimopan 0.62	United Kingdom Belfast 0.06	
Angola Luanda 0.06	Madras 0.31	Canal Zone All 0.62	Edinburgh 0.31	
Benin Cotonou 0.06	New Delhi 1.24	Costa Rica San Jose 1.24	Edzeli 0.31	
Botswana Gaborone 0.06	Indonesia Bandung 1.65	El Salvador San Salvador 1.65	Glasgow	
Burundi Bujumbura 1.24	Jakarta 1.65	Guatemala Guatemala 1.65	/Renfrew 0.31	
Cameroon Douala 0.06	Medan 1.24	Honduras Tegucigalpa 1.24	Hamilton 0.31	
Yaounde 0.06	Surabaya 1.65	Nicaragua Managua 1.65	Liverpool 0.31	
Cape Verde Praia 0.06	Iran Isfahan 1.24	Panama Colon 1.24	London 0.62	
Central African Republic Bangui 0.06	Shiraz 1.24	Galeta 0.83	Londonderry 0.31	
Chad Ndjamena 0.06	Tabriz 1.65	Panama Panama 1.24	Thurso 0.31	
Congo Brazzaville 0.06	Tehran 1.65	Mexico Ciudad Juarez 0.62	U.S.S.R. Kiev 0.06	
Djibouti Djibouti 1.24	Iraq Baghdad 1.24	Guadalejara 1.24	Leningrad 0.06	
Egypt Alexandria 0.62	Basra 0.31	Hermosillo 1.24	Moscow 0.06	
Cairo 0.62	Israel Haifa 1.24	Matamoros 0.06	Belgrade 0.62	
Port Said 0.62	Jerusalem 1.24	Mazatlan 0.60	Zagreb 1.24	
Equatorial Guinea Malabo 0.06	Tel Aviv 1.24	Merida 0.06	NORTH AMERICA	
Ethiopia Addis Ababa 1.24	Japan Fukuoka 1.24	Mexico City 1.24	Greenland All 0.31	
Asmara 1.24	Itazuke AFB 1.24	Monterrey 0.06	Canada Argentia NAS 0.62	
Gabon Libreville 0.06	Misawa AFB 1.24	Nuevo Laredo 0.06	Calgary, Alb 0.31	
Gambia Banjul 0.06	Naha, Okinawa 1.65	Tijuana 1.24	Churchill, Man 0.06	
Ghana Accra 1.24	Osaka/Kobe 1.65	EUROPE		
Guinea Bissau 0.31	Sapporo 1.24	Albania Tirana 1.24	Cold Lake, Alb 0.31	
Conakry 0.06	Tokyo 1.65	Austria Salzburg 0.62	Edmonton, Alb 0.31	
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Republic of Rwanda Kigali 1.24	Riyadh 0.06	Greece Athens 1.24	La Paz 1.24	
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Uganda Kampala 0.62	Karamursel 1.24	Naples 1.24	Canberra 0.31	
Upper Volta Ougadougou 0.06	United Arab Emirates Abu Dhabi 0.06	Palermo 1.24	Melbourne 0.31	
Zaire Bukavu 1.24	Dubai 0.06	Rome 0.62	Perth 0.31	
Kinshasa 0.06	Viet Nam Ho Chi Minh City	Sicity 1.24	Sydney 0.31	
Lubumbashi 0.62	(Saigon) 0.06	Trieste 1.24	Caroline Islands Koror, Paulau Is 0.62	
Zambia Lusaka 0.62	Yemen Arab Republic Sanaa 1.24	Turin 0.62	Ponape 0.06	
Zimbabwe Harare (Salisbury) 1.24	ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA		Fiji Suva 1.24	
ASIA				
Afghanistan Kabul 1.65	Azorea All 0.62	Luxembourg Luxembourg 0.31	Johnson Island All 0.31	
Bahrain Manama 0.06	Bermuda All 0.31	Malta Valletta 0.62	Mariana Islands Guam 1.24	
Bangladesh Dacca 1.24	CARIBBEAN SEA		Saipan 1.24	
Brunei Bandar Seri Begawan 0.31	Bahama Islands All 0.31	Netherlands All 0.06	Tinian 1.24	
Burma Mandalay 1.24	Cuba Ail 0.62	Norway Oslo 0.62	Marshall Islands Ail 0.31	
Rangoon 1.24	Dominican Republic Santo Domingo 1.24	Poland Krakow 0.62	New Zealand Auckland 1.24	
China Canton 0.62	French West Indies Martinique 1.24	Poznan 0.31	Wellington 1.65	
Chengdu 1.24	Grenada Saint Georges 1.24	Warszawa 0.31	Papau New Guinea Port Moresby 1.24	
Nanking 0.62	Haiti Port au Prince 1.24	Portugal Lisbon 1.65	Philippine Islands Cebu 1.65	
Peking 1.65	Jamaica Kingston 1.24	Oporto 1.24	Manila 1.65	
Shanghai 0.62	Leeward Islands All 1.24	Romania Bucharest 1.24	Bagulo 1.24	
Shengyang 1.65	Puerto Rico All 0.83	Spain Barcelona 0.62	Samoa All 1.24	
Tibwa 1.65	Trinidad & Tobago All 1.24	Bilbeo 0.62	Wake Island All 0.06	
Tsingtao 1.24	SWITZERLAND			
Wuhan 0.62	Bern 0.62	Madrid 0.06		
Cyprus Nicosia 1.24	Geneva 0.31	Rotterdam 0.62		
Hong Kong Hong Kong 0.62	Zurich 0.62	Seville 0.62		
		Stockholm 0.31		
		Switzerland Bern 0.62		
		Geneva 0.31		
		Zurich 0.62		

1.06 Seismic Force Levels

A. The following force levels will be used on this project based on IBC-2000, IBC-2003, TI-809-04 and NFPA-5000.

Changes may be made as codes are updated.

MINIMUM F_p (G's) FORCES EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDING BUILDING CODE LISTED IN 1.03.

IBC-2000 TI-809-04		IBC-2003 NFPA-5000		"G" Forces for High Deformability Pipe, Bus Ducts, Conduits & Cabletrays a_p*=1.0, R_p*=3.5		"G" Forces for Rigidly Mounted Equipment & Limited Deformability Pipe a_p*=1.0, R_p*=2.5		"G" Forces for Vibration Isolated Equipment & Pipe Pressure Vessels a_p*=2.5, R_p*=2.5		"G" Forces for Low Deformability Pipe a_p*=1.0, R_p*=1.25	
For S _s * values, see the tables on pages 5,6 & 7. Values are for I _p = 1.0. Multiply by 1.5 for buildings with I _p = 1.5. Values for S _s * are for site class E up to 0.5 and D above 0.5.				Horiz.	Vert.	Horiz.	Vert.	Horiz.	Vert.	Horiz.	Vert.
Lower Levels and Ground Level	S _s less than 0.15	0.08	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.08	0.05		
	S _s between 0.15 & 0.25	0.13	0.08	0.13	0.08	0.17	0.08	0.13	0.08		
	S _s between 0.26 & 0.50	0.17	0.11	0.17	0.11	0.23	0.11	0.18	0.11		
	S _s between 0.51 & 1.00	0.22	0.15	0.22	0.15	0.29	0.15	0.23	0.15		
	S _s between 1.01 & 1.50	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.40	0.20	0.32	0.20		
S _s greater than 1.50	0.50	0.33	0.50	0.33	0.67	0.33	0.53	0.33			
Above Ground Level up to 1/4 of the Height of Building	S _s less than 0.15	0.08	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.15	0.05	0.12	0.05		
	S _s between 0.15 & 0.25	0.13	0.08	0.13	0.08	0.25	0.08	0.20	0.08		
	S _s between 0.26 & 0.50	0.17	0.11	0.17	0.11	0.34	0.11	0.27	0.11		
	S _s between 0.51 & 1.00	0.22	0.15	0.22	0.15	0.44	0.15	0.35	0.15		
	S _s between 1.01 & 1.50	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.60	0.20	0.48	0.20		
S _s greater than 1.50	0.50	0.33	0.50	0.33	1.00	0.33	0.80	0.33			
Above 1/4 up to 1/2 of the Height of the Building	S _s less than 0.15	0.08	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.20	0.05	0.16	0.05		
	S _s between 0.15 & 0.25	0.13	0.08	0.13	0.08	0.34	0.08	0.27	0.08		
	S _s between 0.26 & 0.50	0.17	0.11	0.18	0.11	0.46	0.11	0.36	0.11		
	S _s between 0.51 & 1.00	0.22	0.15	0.23	0.15	0.58	0.15	0.47	0.15		
	S _s between 1.01 & 1.50	0.30	0.20	0.32	0.20	0.80	0.20	0.64	0.20		
S _s greater than 1.50	0.50	0.33	0.53	0.33	1.34	0.33	1.07	0.33			
Above 1/2 up to 3/4 of the Height of the Building	S _s less than 0.15	0.08	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.20	0.05		
	S _s between 0.15 & 0.25	0.13	0.08	0.17	0.08	0.42	0.08	0.34	0.08		
	S _s between 0.26 & 0.50	0.17	0.11	0.23	0.11	0.57	0.11	0.46	0.11		
	S _s between 0.51 & 1.00	0.22	0.15	0.29	0.15	0.73	0.15	0.58	0.15		
	S _s between 1.01 & 1.50	0.30	0.20	0.40	0.20	1.00	0.20	0.80	0.20		
S _s greater than 1.50	0.50	0.33	0.67	0.33	1.67	0.33	1.34	0.33			
Above 3/4 of the Height of Building up to the Roof	S _s less than 0.15	0.09	0.05	0.12	0.05	0.30	0.05	0.24	0.05		
	S _s between 0.15 & 0.25	0.14	0.08	0.20	0.08	0.50	0.08	0.40	0.08		
	S _s between 0.26 & 0.50	0.20	0.11	0.27	0.11	0.68	0.11	0.54	0.11		
	S _s between 0.51 & 1.00	0.25	0.15	0.35	0.15	0.88	0.15	0.70	0.15		
	S _s between 1.01 & 1.50	0.34	0.20	0.48	0.20	1.20	0.20	0.96	0.20		
S _s greater than 1.50	0.57	0.33	0.80	0.33	2.00	0.33	1.60	0.33			

*See definitions on page one of this bulletin.

Table above has rounded values from solving equation $F_p = \frac{0.4(a_p)(S_{ds})I_p[1+2\frac{z}{h}]W_p}{R_p}$ (0.7)

INSTRUCTION:

Use these values to complete specification section 1.06 as previously noted on page 4.

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	ISOLATION, DEFLECTION AND SEISMIC RESTRAINT CRITERIA FOR 4"(100mm)THRU 6"(150mm)THICK SOLID CONCRETE FLOORS (note 7)									
	Ground Supported Slab or Basement		20'(6m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl.-0.67"(17mm)		30'(9m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl.-1.0"(25mm)		40'(12m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl.-1.33"(34mm)		50'(15m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl.-1.67"(42mm)	
	Isolation & Seismic Spec.	Isolation Deflection in(mm)	Isolation & Seismic Spec.	Isolation Deflection in(mm)	Isolation & Seismic Spec.	Isolation Deflection in(mm)	Isolation & Seismic Spec.	Isolation Deflection in(mm)	Isolation & Seismic Spec.	Isolation Deflection in(mm)
REFRIG. MACHINES										
Absorption Machines	2-23	0.35(9)	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23	1.5(38)	6-23	1.5(38)
Centrifugal Chillers or Heat Pumps										
Cooler Condenser Mounted Hermetic Compressors	2-23	0.35(9)	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23 or 9*-23	1.5(38)	6-23 or 9*-23	1.5(38)	6-20-23 or 9*-23	2.5(64)
Cooler Condenser Alongside Hermetic Compressors	2-23	0.35(9)	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23 or 9*-23	1.5(38)	6-23 or 9*-23	1.5(38)	6-23 or 9*-23	2.5(64)
Open Type Compressors (note 3)	2-20-23 or 2-20-23	0.35(9)	6-20-23 or 6-20-23	0.75(19)	6-20-23 or 9*-20-23	1.5(38)	6-20-23 or 9*-20-23	1.5(38)	6-20-23 or 9*-20-23	2.5(64)
Refrig. Reciprocating Compressors										
500 rpm to 750 rpm	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23	1.5(38)	6-23	1.5(38)	6-20-23	2.5(64)	6-20-23	3.5(89)
751 rpm and Over	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23 or 9*-23	1.5(38)	6-20-23 or 9*-20-23	2.5(64)	6-20-23 or 9*-20-23	3.5(89)
Reciprocating Chillers or Heat Pumps										
500 rpm to 750 rpm	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23	1.5(38)	6-23	1.5(38)	6-20-23	2.5(64)	6-20-23	3.5(89)
751 rpm and Over	6-23	0.75(19)	6-23	0.75(19)	6-20-23	1.5(38)	6-20-23	2.5(64)	6-20-23	3.5(89)
Refrigeration Screw Compressors	9*-23		9*-23		9*-23		9*-23		9*-23	
PACKAGED STEAM GENERATIONS (Boilers)	2-24	0.35(9)	6-24	0.75(19)	6-24	0.75(19)	6-24	1.5(38)	5,23,24	2.5(64)
Pumps										
Close Coupled										
Thru 5hp (4kw)	2-21-23	0.35(9)	5-16-21-23	0.75(19)	5-16-21-23	0.75(19)	5-16-21-23	1.5(38)	5-16-21-23	1.5(38)
7 1/2hp (5.6kw) and Larger	5-16-21-23	0.75(19)	5-16-21-23	0.75(19)	5-16-21-23	1.5(38)	5-16-21-23	1.5(38)	5-16-21-23	2.5(64)
Base Mounted (note 2)										
Thru 60hp (45kw)	5-16-21-23	0.75(19)	5-16-21-23	0.75(19)	5-16-21-23	1.5(38)	5-16-21-23	1.5(38)	5-16-21-23	2.5(64)
75hp (56kw) and Larger	5-16-21-23 or 8*-16-21-23	0.75(19)	5-16-21-23 or 8*-16-21-23	1.5(38)	5-16-21-23 or 8*-16-21-23	2.5(64)	5-16-21-23 or 8*-16-21-23	2.5(64)	5-16-21-23 or 8*-16-21-23	3.5(89)
PIPE RISERS	5 or 10-25-26	Spec. 5 if floor supported and Spec. 10 if ceiling suspended. Spec. 25 anchors if required, Spec. 26 guides required on all risers. Deflections are based on the expansion or contraction of each riser.								

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	Ground Supported Slab or Basement		20'(6m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl.-0.67"(17mm)		30'(9m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl.-1.0"(25mm)		40'(12m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl.-1.33"(34mm)		50'(15m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl.-1.67"(42mm)	
	Isol. & Seismic Spec.	Isol. Defl. in(mm)	Isol. & Seismic Spec.	Isol. Defl. in(mm)	Isol. & Seismic Spec.	Isol. Defl. in(mm)	Isol. & Seismic Spec.	Isol. Defl. in(mm)	Isol. & Seismic Spec.	Isol. Defl. in(mm)
FACTORY ASSEMBLED H & V UNITS										
Curb Mounted Roof Top Units	—	—	22	1.0(25)	22	1.5(38)	22	2.5(64)	22	2.5(64)
Suspended Units (for Fan Heads see Blowers Guide)										
Thru 5hp (4kw)	10A-12	1.0(25)	10A-12	1.0(25)	10A-12	1.0(25)	10A-12	1.0(25)	10A-12	1.0(25)
7 1/2 hp (5.6kw) and Larger-275 rpm to 400 rpm	10A-12	1.5(38)	10A-12	1.5(38)	10A-12	1.5(38)	10A-12	1.5(38)	10A-12	1.5(38)
7 1/2 hp (5.6kw) and Larger-401 rpm and Over	10A-12	1.0(25)	10A-12	1.0(25)	10A-12	1.0(25)	10A-12	1.5(38)	10A-12	2.5(64)
Floor Mounted Units (for Fan Heads see Blowers Guide)										
Thru 5hp (4kw)	2	0.35(9)	7	0.75(19)	7	0.75(19)	7	0.25(6)	7	0.75(19)
7 1/2 hp (5.6kw) and Larger-275 rpm to 400 rpm	2	0.35(9)	7	1.5(38)	7	1.5(38)	7	1.5(38)	7	1.5(38)
7 1/2 hp (5.6kw) to 40hp-401 rpm and Over	2	0.35(9)	7	0.75(19)	7	0.75(19)	7	1.5(38)	5-16-20	2.5(64)
50hp (38kw) and Larger-401 rpm and Over	2	0.35(9)	7	0.75(19)	7	1.5(38)	5-16-20	2.5(64)	5-16-20	3.5(89)
AIR COMPRESSOR										
Tank Mounted Type	5-16-21-24	0.75(19)	5-16-21-24	0.75(19)	5-16-21-24	1.5(38)	5-16-21-24	2.5(64)	5-16-21-24	3.5(89)
V - W Type	5-16-21-24	0.75(19)	5-16-21-24	0.75(19)	5-16-21-24	1.5(38)	5-16-21-24	2.5(64)	5-16-21-24	3.5(89)
Horz, Vert, 1 or 2 Cylinders										
275 rpm to 499 rpm	5-16-21-24	2.5(64)	5-16-21-24	2.5(64)	5-16-21-24	2.5(64)	5-16-21-24	3.5(89)	5-16-21-24	3.5(89)
500 rpm to 800 rpm	5-16-21-24	1.5(38)	5-16-21-24	1.5(38)	5-16-21-24	2.5(64)	5-16-21-24	3.5(89)	5-16-21-24	3.5(89)
	Specification should read "21" type inertia bases with sufficient mass to limit motion to a theoretical double amplitude of 0.03"(.7mm)									

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Ground Supported Slab or Basement		20'(6m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl. 0.67"(17mm)		30'(9m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl. 1.0"(25mm)		40'(12m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl. 1.33"(34mm)		50'(15m) Floor Span Possible Floor Defl. 1.67"(42mm)			
Isolation & Seismic Spec.		Isolation Deflection in(mm)		Engineering Specifications and Minimum Static Deflection as tabulated below (note 1)							
BLOWERS											
Utility Sets											
Floor Mounted (note 5)		2	0.35(9)	Spec 7 for 0.75" (19mm) and 1.5" (38mm) deflection and Spec 5-20-16 for over 1.5" (38mm) deflection with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide, but not to exceed 2.5" (64mm)							
Roof Mounted		—	—	Spec 5-21-16 with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide. If roof will not handle concrete base load use Spec 6 for 0.75" (19mm) and 1.5" (38mm) deflection and Spec 6-20 for over 1.5" (38mm) deflection.							
Suspended Unit (note 5)		—	—	Spec 10A-12 with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide, not to exceed 2.5" (64mm) deflection.							
Centrifugal Blowers (note 6)		2-21	0.35(9)	Spec 5-21-16 with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide.							
Fan Heads											
Floor Mounted		2-28	0.35(9)	Spec 7-28 if 0.75" (19mm) or 1.5" (38mm) deflection or Spec 5-20-16-28 for deflection over 1.5" (38mm) to 4.5" (114mm) from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide.							
Suspended Units		Spec 10A-12-28 with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide.									
Tubular Centrifugal and Axial Fans											
Suspended Units		Spec 10A-12 with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide, Spec 10A-12-28 for over 4" (100) static pressure.									
Floor Mounted with Motor on/In Fan Casing		2	0.35(9)	Spec 7 for 0.75" (19mm) to 1.5" (38mm) deflection and Spec 5-20-16 for over 1.5" (38mm) deflection with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide, Spec 5-21-16 or 5-16-28 for over 4" (100mm) static pressure.							
Floor Mounted Arrangement 1 or any Separately Mounted Motor		2-21	0.35(9)	Spec 5-21-16 with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide.							
COOLING TOWERS & CONDENSING UNITS		2	0.35(9)	Spec 6 or 9* with deflection from Blower Minimum Deflection Guide.							
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT											
Transformers											
Wall Mounted		3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—
Floor Mounted		2-19	0.2(5)	6-19 or 9*-19	0.75(19)	6-19 or 9*-19	1.50(38)	6-19 or 9*-19	2.5(64)	6-19 or 9*-19	3.5(89)
Switchgear & Substations		4-19	—	4-19	—	4-19	—	4-19	—	4-19	—
Generators											
500 rpm to 750 rpm		5-17-21-23	0.75(19)	5-17-21-23	1.50(38)	5-17-21-23	1.50(38)	5-17-21-23	2.5(64)	5-17-21-23	3.5(89)
751 rpm and over		5-17-21-23	0.75(19)	5-17-21-23	0.75(19)	5-17-21-23	1.50(38)	5-17-21-23	2.5(64)	5-17-21-23	3.5(89)
Panelboards		3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—
Motor Starters											
Wall Mounted		3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—	3-18	—
Floor Mounted		4-19	—	4-19	—	4-19	—	4-19	—	4-19	—
Cable Trays, Bus Ducts & Conduit		12 or 13	—	12 or 13	—	12 or 13	—	12 or 13	—	12 or 13	—

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Blower Minimum Deflection Guide

When blowers are 60 HP (45kw) or larger, select deflection requirements for next larger span. A minimum of 2.5" (64mm) should be used unless larger deflections are called for on the chart or these fans are located in the lowest sub-basement or on a slab on grade.

Fan Speed RPM	Required Deflection for Ground Supported Slab or Basement	Required Deflection for 20' (6m) Floor Span	Required Deflection for 30' (9m) Floor Span	Required Deflection for 40' (12m) Floor Span	Required Deflection for 50' (15m) Floor Span
500 and up	0.35" (9mm)	0.75" (19mm)	1.5" (38mm)	2.5" (64mm)	3.5" (89mm)
375-499	0.35" (9mm)	1.5" (38mm)	2.5" (64mm)	3.5" (89mm)	3.5" (89mm)
300-374	0.35" (9mm)	2.5" (64mm)	2.5" (64mm)	3.5" (89mm)	3.5" (89mm)
225-299	0.35" (9mm)	3.5" (89mm)	3.5" (89mm)	3.5" (89mm)	3.5" (89mm)
175-224	0.35" (9mm)	3.5" (89mm)	4.5" (114mm)	4.5" (114mm)	4.5" (114mm)

Notes:

1. Minimum deflection called for in this specification are not 'nominal' but certifiable minimums. The 0.75"(19mm), 1.5"(38mm), 2.5"(64mm), 3.5"(89mm), and 4.5"(114mm) minimums should be selected from manufacturers nominal 1"(25mm), 2"(50mm), 3"(75mm), 4"(100mm) and 5"(125mm) series respectively. Air spring isolation specifications 8 & 9 may be substituted for steel springs above in highly sensitive noise free locations.
2. Vacuum, Condensate or Boiler Feed Pumps shall be mounted with their tanks on a common spec. 21 base with deflections as specified for base mounted pumps.
3. The base described in spec. 20 is used under the drive side. Individual mountings as described in spec. 6 are used under the Cooler and Condenser.
4. This type of compressor is highly unbalanced and sometimes requires inertia bases weighing 5 to 7 times equipment weight to reduce running motion.
5. Limit deflection for utility sets 18" (450mm) wheel diameter and smaller to 1 1/2" (38mm).
6. **FLOATING CONCRETE INERTIA BASES.** Floating concrete inertia bases do not reduce vibration transmitted to the structure through the mountings. These bases will reduce vibratory motion, provide a very rigid machine base and minimize spring reactions to fan thrust. Engineers preferring steel bases rather than the concrete mentioned above in specification 5-21 should change the designation to 5-20. Concrete is preferred for all fans operating at static pressure above 4" (100mm) and on roof tops.
7. **LIGHT FLOOR CONSTRUCTION.** When floors or roofs are lighter than 4" (100mm) solid concrete it is desirable to introduce a localized mass under the vibration mountings in the form of a sub-base. This sub-base should be 12" (300mm) thick and 12" (300mm) longer and wider than the mechanical equipment above it. When this mass is provided the 30' (9m) minimum static deflection requirements will suffice even in longer bays. The mass is also useful for unusually large bays over 50' (15m). When floors are lighter than the 4" (100mm) concrete or the location is in a particularly sensitive area and the mass described above cannot be introduced, select deflection requirements for the next larger span.
8. For equipment where increased resiliency and decreased accelerations are required, change specification 16 snubbers to specification 17 snubbers.