

Analysis of Sure-Board Series 200W Double-Sided 4 ft. x 9 ft. and Series MDF Single-Sided 8 ft. x 8 ft. Shear Wall Test Data

GENERAL

This report presents the results of an analysis of four reversed cyclic wood frame shear wall tests recently conducted using Sure-Board’s Series 200W and MDF panels. The four tests comprised three 4 ft. x 9 ft. (1.22 m x 2.74 m) double-sided Series 200W and one 8 ft. x 8 ft. (2.44 m x 2.44 m) single-sided Series MDF walls. In each test the panels were applied parallel to framing. General descriptions of the four Sure-Board walls are given in Table 1 (based in data provided by Specialized Testing). In addition to the Sure-Board analysis, the results of three 8 ft. x 8 ft. shear wall tests (*15/32-in. STR. 1 plywood panels attached to wood framing with 10d handdriven common nails at 2 in. on panel edges and 12 in. at intermediate supports*) conducted under the CoLA-UCI test program are compared with the results from the 8 ft. x 8 ft. Sure-Board test.

Table 1. Shear wall tests

Specimen	Description
SB_1-3	4 ft. x 9 ft. Series 200W Wall, Wood Framed with 4x6 Posts, Series 200W (Double Sided), Simpson HD15 at Exterior of Post, 10d Nails @ 2/6, With Compression Posts and TimberStrand 2x4 Sill Plate
SB_2-3	Same as SB_1-3
SB_3-3	Same as SB_1-3
SB_8x8	8 ft. x 8 ft. Sure-Board (MDF) Panel with Ring Shank Nails @ 2-in./6-in. Single Sill Plate - 4 -5/8-in. Diameter Sill Anchors

TEST DATA

The response curves for the four Sure-Board test specimens are shown in Figures 1 through 4. The “backbone” curves (peak strength envelope curves) are also illustrated in the figures. The backbone curve was developed using the peak resistance values for the first cycle of each target displacement, as illustrated in Figure 5.

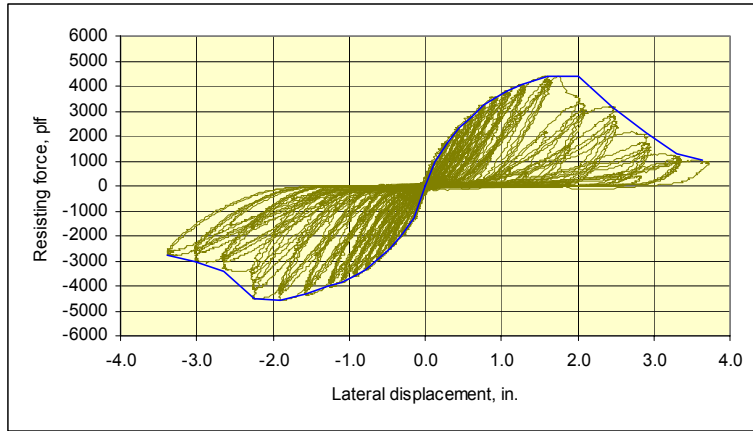


Figure 1. Specimen SB_1-3 response

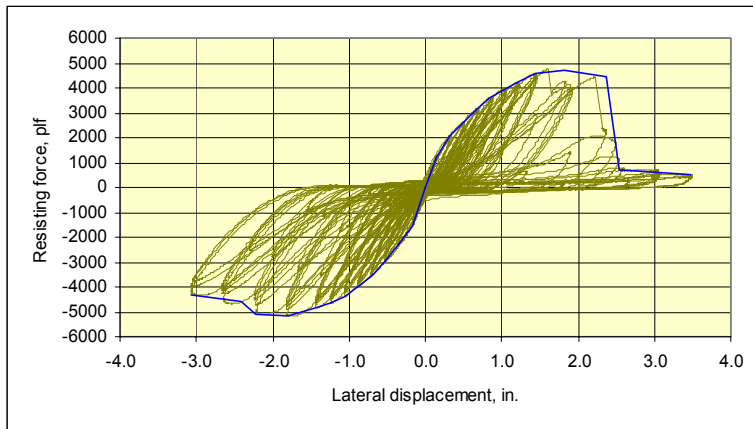


Figure 2. Specimen SB_2-3 response

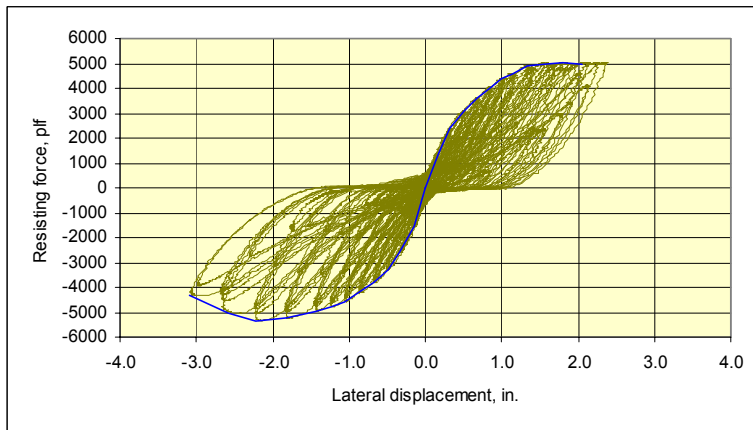


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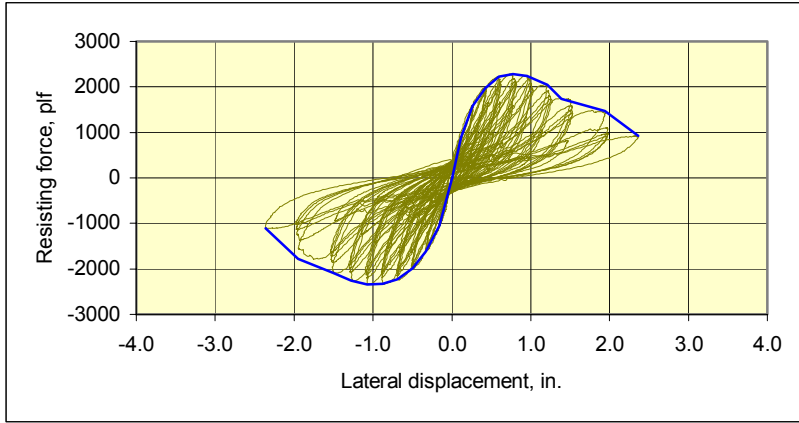


Figure 4. Specimen SB_8x8 response

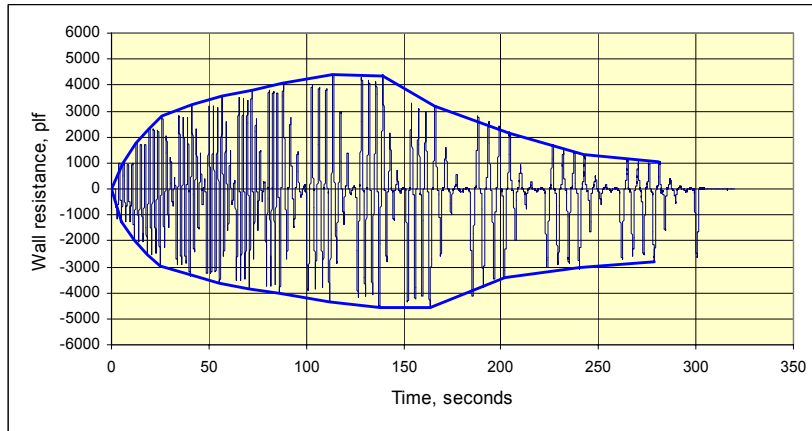


Figure 5. Wall resistance values used to develop the backbone curves in Figures 1 through 4

ANALYSIS OF TEST DATA

Using the backbone curves shown in Figures 1 through 4, the nominal strength level resistance and the corresponding lateral displacement were derived as illustrated in Figure 6. For a given test, the positive (pull) and negative (push) LRFD and ASD level resistances were then determined from the corresponding positive and negative nominal values as follows:

$$- \pm F_{LRFD} = 0.55(\pm) F_{nominal} \text{ and } \pm \Delta_{LRFD} \text{ was derived from the backbone curve}$$

$$- \pm F_{allowable} = \frac{\pm F_{LRFD}}{1.4} \left(\frac{2.5}{3.0} \right) = \frac{\pm F_{LRFD}}{1.68} \text{ and } \pm \Delta_{allowable} = \frac{\pm \Delta_{LRFD}}{1.68}$$

The $\left(\frac{2.5}{3.0} \right)$ ratio is an adjustment to account for the ICC-ES imposed safety factor (Ω) of 3.0 in Sure-Board's ER-6151. The adjustment was necessary because the Ω value used in design has traditionally been computed as $1.4/\phi$, where ϕ is the resistance factor for the wall. It is noteworthy that the CoLA-UCI shear wall report (*Report of a Testing Program of Light-Framed Walls with Wood-Sheathed Shear Panels, December 2001—produced by SEAOSC and University of California, Irvine*) recommends ϕ of 0.65 for wood structural panels when the wall strength is limited by the connection (sheathing to framing) strength. ϕ of 0.65 gives an implied Ω of 2.15 ($1.4/0.65$). Thus, design using $\phi = 0.55$ and $\Omega = 3.0$ appears to be relatively conservative.

As indicated earlier, data from three 8 ft. x 8 ft. CoLA-UCI wall tests was also analyzed for comparison with the Sure-Board 8 ft. x 8 ft. wall test. Figure 7 compares the results these three identical CoLA-UCI shear walls with the results from SB_8x8. The basic configuration of the CoLA-UCI test is summarized in the figure. Although only a single 8 ft. x 8 ft. test was conducted using the Sure-Board MDF panel, when compared to the CoLA-UCI test results, it is apparent that the Sure-Board MDF panel provides a higher strength and roughly twice the stiffness of the conventional wood structural panel shear wall.

Finally, based on the interpretation of test data described above, the design values for the Sure-Board tests, and the CoLA-UCI tests, are summarized in Table 2. Note that the resistance and deflection values given in Table 2 for a particular test are averages of the push and pull (negative and positive) interpreted values (for example, $F_{LRFD} = (|+F_{LRFD}| + |-F_{LRFD}|)/2$ and $\Delta_{LRFD} = (|+\Delta_{LRFD}| + |-\Delta_{LRFD}|)/2$). In Table 3, rather than interpret all resistance values as averages, only the nominal resistances are computed using the average of the push and pull curves. The LRFD and ASD resistance values are

computed directly from the averaged nominal strength values as $F_{LRFD} = 0.55F_{nominal}$ and $F_{ASD} = F_{LRFD}/1.68$.

It is of interest to note that at a lateral displacement equal to twice the nominal displacement value (Table 2), the MDF wall had a residual level resistance that exceeded (by more than twice) the allowable resistance.

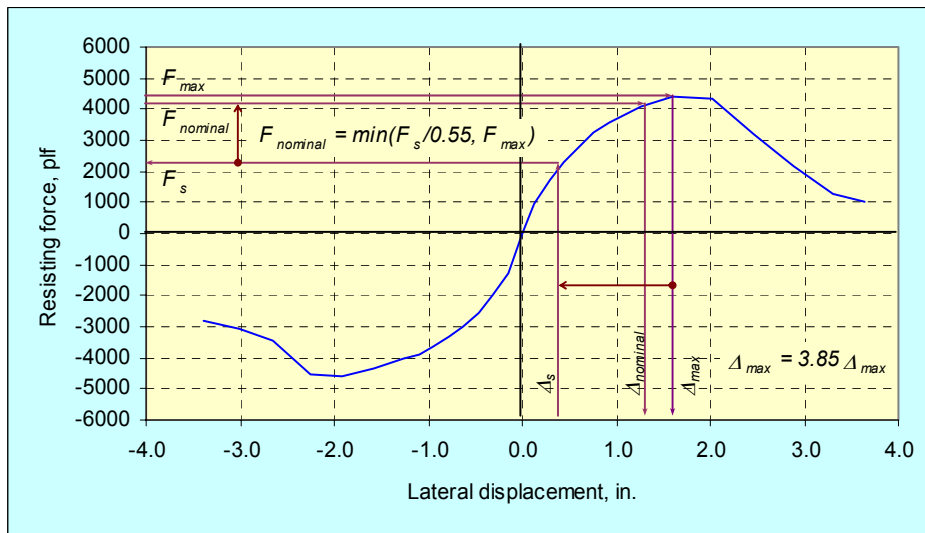


Figure 6. Interpretation of nominal wall strength

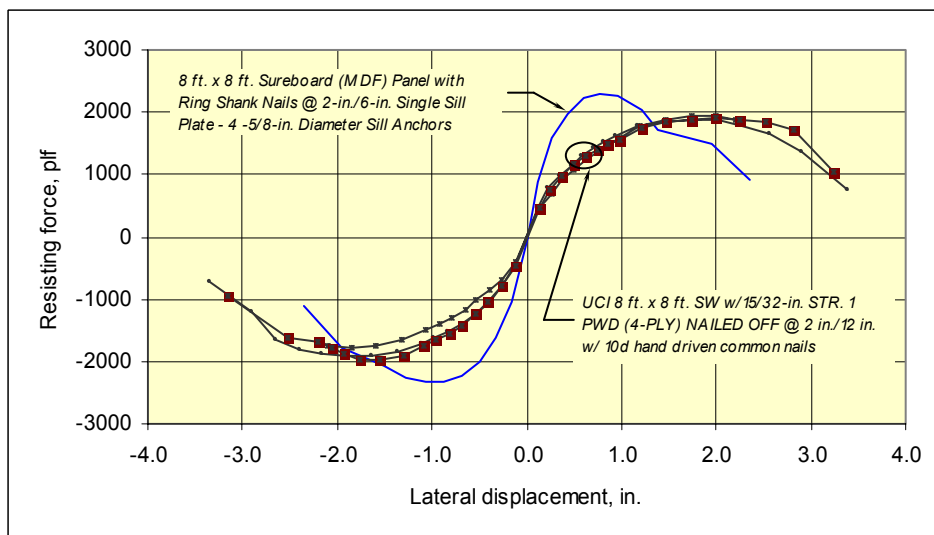


Figure 7. Comparison of CoLA-UCI shear wall tests with SB_8x8

Table 2. Interpretation of test results ¹

Test No.	F _{max} , plf	Δ at F _{max} , in.	F _{nominal} , plf	Δ at F _{nominal} , in.	F _{LRFD} , plf	Δ at F _{LRFD} , in.	F _{allowable} , plf	Δ at F _{allowable} , in.
SB_1-3	4482	1.755	4299	1.576	2408	0.441	1433	0.262
SB_2-3	4957	1.816	4851	1.667	2668	0.472	1588	0.281
SB_3-3	5174	2.008	5174	2.008	2846	0.414	1725	0.203
SB_8x8	2308	0.923	2308	0.923	1270	0.176	769	0.109
<i>9A CoLA_UCI</i>	<i>1893</i>	<i>1.822</i>	<i>1893</i>	<i>1.822</i>	<i>1041</i>	<i>0.313</i>	<i>631</i>	<i>0.189</i>
<i>9B CoLA-UCI</i>	<i>1862</i>	<i>1.926</i>	<i>1852</i>	<i>1.843</i>	<i>1032</i>	<i>0.490</i>	<i>621</i>	<i>0.221</i>
<i>9C CoLA-UCI</i>	<i>1937</i>	<i>1.889</i>	<i>1937</i>	<i>1.889</i>	<i>1065</i>	<i>0.323</i>	<i>646</i>	<i>0.197</i>

¹ All values computed as the average of the "push" and "pull" data

Table 3. Recommended design values

Test No.	F _{nominal} ¹ , plf	Δ ¹ at F _{nominal} , in.	F _{LRFD} , plf	Δ at F _{LRFD} , in.	F _{allowable} , plf	Δ at F _{allowable} , in.
SB_1-3	4299	1.576	2364	0.441	1407	0.262
SB_2-3	4851	1.667	2668	0.472	1588	0.281
SB_3-3	5174	2.008	2846	0.414	1694	0.203
3-test average	4775	1.750	2626	0.442	1563	0.249
SB_8x8	2308	0.923	1269	0.176	756	0.109
<i>9A CoLA_UCI</i>	<i>1893</i>	<i>1.822</i>	<i>1041</i>	<i>0.313</i>	<i>620</i>	<i>0.189</i>
<i>9B CoLA-UCI</i>	<i>1852</i>	<i>1.843</i>	<i>1019</i>	<i>0.490</i>	<i>606</i>	<i>0.221</i>
<i>9B CoLA-UCI</i>	<i>1937</i>	<i>1.889</i>	<i>1065</i>	<i>0.323</i>	<i>634</i>	<i>0.197</i>
3-test average	1894	1.851	1042	0.375	620	0.202

¹ Computed as the average of the "push" and "pull" data