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TO: **PARTIES INTERESTED IN EVALUATION REPORTS ON POWER-DRIVEN FASTENERS**

SUBJECT: Revisions to the Acceptance Criteria for Fasteners Power-driven into Concrete, Steel, and Masonry Elements, Subject AC70-0210-R1 (EL/DP)

Dear Madam or Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the revised subject acceptance criteria approved by the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee on February 3, 2010, effective March 1, 2010.

The following revisions were approved by the committee:

1. The criteria has been updated to address the 2009 *International Building Code*® (IBC) and the 2009 *International Residential Code*® (IRC). References to the *Uniform Building Code*™ (UBC) have been removed from the criteria. AC70 dated October 2006 will be retained on the ICC-ES web site, to address the UBC.

2. Section 1.2 has been revised to more clearly identify special uses of power-driven fasteners that are within the scope of the criteria.

3. Sections 1.3 and 1.4 have been revised to coordinate with references and terms used in the body of the criteria.

4. Section 1.5 has been added to the criteria to define notation used in the criteria. This notation has been applied throughout the criteria.

5. The testing and performance requirements that were previously in Section 2.1.1.11 of AC70 have been moved to Section 3.0 of the revised criteria.

6. Section 3.1.2.2 of the criteria has been revised to clarify requirements for qualifying power-driven fasteners installed in CMUs.

7. Section 3.3 of the criteria has been reorganized to clarify how various factors, such as fastener overstrength, base material overstrength, sample size and coefficient of variation, are accounted for in the determination of allowable load capacity of the fasteners.

8. Section 3.4 has been reorganized to address multiple special end uses.

9. In conjunction with updating the criteria to the 2009 IBC and IRC, Section 3.4.1 of the criteria has been revised. Evaluation reports will now provide information needed to perform engineered design using the sill plate fasteners, rather than prescriptive designs. Section 6.5.2 has been revised accordingly to clarify what information needs to be reported to allow for engineered design.

Evaluation reports issued on or after the effective date noted above, and falling within the scope of this criteria, will be required to comply with the enclosed edition of the criteria. Evaluation reports issued prior to the effective date may be in compliance either with the enclosed acceptance criteria or with the previous edition. Evaluation reports based on a superseded version of an acceptance criteria must be brought into compliance with the most recent edition at the time the reports are reissued. Therefore, applicants should submit data verifying compliance at the time they apply for re-examination.

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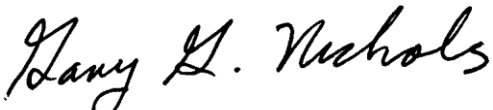

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ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR FASTENERS POWER-DRIVEN INTO CONCRETE, STEEL AND MASONRY ELEMENTS

AC70

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PREFACE

Evaluation reports issued by ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICC-ES), are based upon performance features of the International family of codes and other widely adopted code families, including the Uniform Codes, the BOCA National Codes, and the SBCCI Standard Codes. Section 104.11 of the *International Building Code*® reads as follows:

> The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any materials or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been approved. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be approved where the building official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety.

Similar provisions are contained in the Uniform Codes, the National Codes, and the Standard Codes.

This acceptance criteria has been issued to provide all interested parties with guidelines for demonstrating compliance with performance features of the applicable code(s) referenced in the acceptance criteria. The criteria was developed and adopted following public hearings conducted by the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee, and is effective on the date shown above. All reports issued or reissued on or after the effective date must comply with this criteria, while reports issued prior to this date may be in compliance with this criteria or with the previous edition. If the criteria is an updated version from the previous edition, a solid vertical line (**I**) in the margin within the criteria indicates a technical change, addition, or deletion from the previous edition. A deletion indicator (➜) is provided in the margin where a paragraph has been deleted if the deletion involved a technical change. This criteria may be further revised as the need dictates.

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Acceptance criteria are developed for use solely by ICC-ES for purpose of issuing ICC-ES evaluation reports.

ACCEPTENCE CRITERIA FOR FASTENERS POWER-DRIVEN INTO CONCRETE, STEEL AND MASONRY ELEMENTS (AC70)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose: The purpose of this acceptance criteria is to establish requirements for fasteners power-driven into concrete, steel and masonry elements to be recognized in an ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICC-ES), evaluation report under the 2009 *International Building Code*® (IBC) and the 2009 *International Residential Code*® (IRC). The bases of recognition are IBC Section 104.11 and IRC Sections R104.11 and R301.1. The reason for the development of this criteria is to provide guidelines for the evaluation of alternative fasteners to those addressed by the codes.

1.2 Scope: This acceptance criteria applies to fasteners power-driven into uncracked concrete, minimum $^1/_8$-inch-thick (4.8 mm) steel and uncracked masonry elements as alternatives to anchor bolts in concrete and concrete masonry and bolts in steel. The fasteners form connections between the uncracked concrete, steel, and uncracked concrete masonry base materials and other building elements. Other base materials such as brick may be considered if substantiated by appropriate data. Fasteners addressed under this criteria are limited to allowable stress design (ASD). Fasteners are not permitted for earthquake load resistance except when used in areas enforcing the IBC or IRC, with architectural, electrical and mechanical components described in Section 13.1.4 of ASCE/SEI 7 as exempt from seismic design requirements, and when used to attach wood foundation sills to concrete foundations as specified in Section 3.4 of this criteria. This criteria addresses requirements for power-driven fasteners intended for general use, and additional requirements for fasteners intended for the following end uses:

- Sill plate anchorage
- Ceiling clip fastening

1.3 Reference Standards:

1.3.1 2009 *International Building Code*® (IBC), International Code Council.

1.3.2 2009 *International Residential Code*® (IRC), International Code Council.

1.3.3 ACI 211.1-91 (Reapproved 2002), Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight, and Mass Concrete, American Concrete Institute.

1.3.4 ACI 318-08, Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete, American Concrete Institute.

1.3.5 ASCE/SEI 7-05, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, American Society of Civil Engineers/Structural Engineering Institute.

1.3.6 National Design Specification (NDS) for Wood Construction, 2005 edition, American Forest & Paper Association.

1.3.7 ASTM C 31-06, Standard Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field, ASTM International.

1.3.8 ASTM C 33-03, Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates, ASTM International.

1.3.9 ASTM C 39-99ae1, Standard Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens, ASTM International.

1.3.10 ASTM C 42-99, Method of Obtaining and Testing Drilled Cores and Sawed Beams of Concrete, ASTM International.

1.3.11 ASTM C 55-06e01, Standard Specification for Concrete Brick, ASTM International.

1.3.12 ASTM C 90-06b, Standard Specification for Loadbearing Concrete Masonry Units, ASTM International.

1.3.13 ASTM C 330-05, Standard Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Structural Concrete, ASTM International.

1.3.14 ASTM C 270-07, Standard Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry, ASTM International.

1.3.15 ASTM C 476-02, Standard Specification for Grout for Masonry, ASTM International.

1.3.16 ASTM C 1314-07, Standard Test Methods for Compressive Strength of Masonry Prisms, ASTM International.

1.3.17 ASTM E 1190-95 (2007), Standard Test Methods for Strength of Power-Driven Fasteners in Structural Members, ASTM International.

1.3.18 Standard 4450, Approval Standard for Class I Insulated Steel Deck, February 1989, FM Global.

1.3.19 Standard 4470, Approval Standard for Class I Roof Covers, 1992, FM Global.

1.3.20 TMS 402-08/ACI 530-08/ASCE 5-08, Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures, The Masonry Society/American Concrete Institute/American Society of Civil Engineers.

1.4 Definitions:

1.4.1 Alignment Tips: Alignment tips are a washer, eyelet or other guide member located on the fastener shank to align and retain fasteners in driving equipment.

1.4.2 Fasteners: Fasteners are drive pins or threaded studs manufactured from special heat-treated steel, which attach one component to another.

1.4.3 Fastener Test Series: A fastener test series is a group of identical fasteners tested under identical conditions. Identical conditions encompass fastener type, diameter, length, embedment, spacing, edge distance, concrete/masonry density/weight, test member thickness and concrete/masonry compressive strength, steel thickness and steel strength.

1.4.4 Masonry: Masonry is construction with mortar, grout and masonry units that comply with Section 3.1.

1.4.5 Stabilizer: A stabilizer is an accessory supplied with driving tools and used to reduce flying particles and hold the driving tool perpendicular to material surface.

1.4.6 Test Member: The test member is the structural member, usually a concrete slab, steel plate or masonry prism, receiving fasteners to be tested.

1.4.7 Tool Class: Tool class is a velocity class of power-actuated tools used in the tests, designated in accordance with ANSI A 10.3.

1.4.8 Uncracked Concrete/Masonry: Concrete or masonry elements where analysis indicates no cracking ($f_t < f_r$) due to service loads or deformations. For concrete, f_r is defined in ACI-318, Section 9.5.2.3. For masonry, f_r is defined in TMS 402, Section 3.1.8.2.

1.4.9 Additional definitions are noted in Section 3 of ASTM E 1190.

1.5 Notation:

COV = Coefficient of variation of the test series (=s/F).

f'_c = Minimum specified concrete strength at time of installation, psi (kpa).

$f'_{c,max}$ = Maximum concrete strength applicable to recognized allowable load, psi (kpa).

$f'_{c,test}$ = Actual compressive strength of concrete test specimen, psi (kpa).

f_r = Modulus of rupture of concrete.

f_t = Extreme fiber tension stress in concrete.

F = Average ultimate load of the test series, lbf (N).

F_{all} = Allowable load for fastener, lbf (N).

F_u = Specified tensile strength of steel base material, ksi (mpa).

$F_{u,test}$ = Actual tensile strength of steel base material, ksi (mpa).

H_c = Minimum specified Rockwell C core hardness.

$H_{c,test}$ = Actural Rockwell C core hardness of tested fasteners.

n = Exponent for combined loading.

p = Actual tension load on fastener, lbf (N).

P_a = Allowable tension load on fastener, lbf (N).

P_u = Average ultimate tension test load from tension test, lbf (N).

$P_{u,45}$ = Average ultimate tension test load from combined load test, lbf (N).

R = Governing reduction factor.

R_c = Reduction factor for overstrength of concrete test specimen.

R_f = Reduction factor for overstrength of fastener.

R_s = Reduction factor for overstrength of steel base material test specimen.

s = Standard deviation of the test series.

v = Actual shear load on fastener, lbf (N).

V_a = Allowable shear load on fastener, lbf (N).

V_u = Average ultimate shear test load from tension test, lbf (N).

$V_{u,45}$ = Average ultimate shear test load from combined load test, lbf (N).

Ω = Safety factor.

2.0 BASIC INFORMATION

2.1 General: The following information shall be submitted:

2.1.1 Product Description:

2.1.1.1 Generic or trade name.

2.1.1.2 Manufacturer's catalog number.

2.1.1.3 Fastener head diameter and thickness.

2.1.1.4 Nominal fastener or shank diameter.

2.1.1.5 Fastener shank length.

2.1.1.6 Permitted manufacturing tolerances.

2.1.1.7 Washer or clip size and thickness, if used.

2.1.1.8 Alignment tips.

2.1.1.9 Shank characteristics. If knurled, the knurl pattern must be described.

2.1.1.10 Fastener and, as applicable, washer or clip material specifications, including protective coatings and physical properties, such as tensile strength and/or hardness.

2.1.2 Installation Instructions: Recommended installation procedures. Manufacturer's published instructions shall be submitted for installation, application and design.

2.1.3 Packaging and Identification: A description of the method of packaging and manner of field identification prior to or after installation is needed. The manufacturer's name or insignia and the product's type and size shall be marked on the fastener or packaging units. The ICC-ES evaluation report number shall be placed on packaging.

2.1.4 Exposure: When fasteners are recognized for exterior exposure or damp environments, evidence of durability shall be established using appropriate methods such as Factory Mutual Research Corrosion Test Procedure in Standards 4450 and 4470.

2.2 Testing Laboratories: Testing laboratories shall comply with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Test Reports (AC85), and Section 4.2 of the ICC-ES Rules of Procedure for Evaluation Reports.

2.3 Test Reports: Test reports shall comply with AC85. In addition, test reports shall include the following information:

2.3.1 Information specified in report section of the applicable test standard.

2.3.2 Method of failure for each test (e.g., concrete or masonry cracking, concrete spalling, fastener pullout, fastener shear, steel tear out, or ductile steel failure).

2.3.3 Seal of a registered design professional.

2.3.4 Fastener Identification:

2.3.4.1 Manufacturer's catalog number or model line designation.

2.3.4.2 Physical dimensions, which may be shown on drawings.

2.3.4.3 Washer dimensions, which may be shown on drawings.

2.3.4.4 Description of coatings or finishes.

2.3.5 Data collection sheets.

2.3.6 The fasteners, tool setting aids and necessary driving aids, such as stabilizers, used in the tests.

2.4 Product Sampling: Sampling of the fasteners for tests under this criteria shall comply with Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of AC85.

3.0 TEST AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Test Member Specifications:

3.1.1 Concrete:

3.1.1.1 To obtain desired concrete compressive strengths, the mix shall be based on recommendations for proportioning in the Design and Control of Concrete Mixtures, ACI 211.1, and Chapter 19 of the IBC (ACI 318). Proportions are permitted vary to meet local requirements and to achieve desired nominal compressive strength. The reasons for variations shall be documented in the test report.

3.1.1.2 Coarse and fine aggregate in concrete shall comply with either ASTM C 33 or ASTM C 330. The aggregate description shall include the rock and mineral components, shape, hardness, maximum size, and grading specification.

3.1.1.3 Concrete test members shall be prepared in accordance with ASTM C 31. Compressive strength cylinders shall be stored and cured in accordance with Section 9.3.1 of ASTM C 31 (field cure). These cylinders are tested in accordance with ASTM C 39 and Section 3.1.3 of this criteria.

3.1.1.4 Where cylinders are unavailable, compressive strength shall be determined by obtaining, preparing and testing drilled cores. Procedures in ASTM C 42 shall be followed. One sample from each of three cores shall be tested in accordance with ASTM C 42 and Section 3.1.3 of this criteria.

3.1.1.5 Reinforcement is used only to stabilize test members during transportation. Reinforcing elements in concrete test members shall be outside the potential failure region of each test fastener. The testing laboratory shall control and verify location of reinforcing.

3.1.2 Masonry:

3.1.2.1 Masonry test specimens shall be prepared in accordance with IBC Chapter 21. Masonry strength shall be determined in accordance with IBC Chapter 21 where masonry unit, mortar, and grout strengths are less than or equal to 110 percent of specified values. As an alternative, masonry strength may be determined by prism tests without limitations to masonry unit, mortar and grout strengths.

3.1.2.2 The testing laboratory shall verify that masonry units comply with the following standards, as appropriate:

3.1.2.2.1 Concrete building brick: ASTM C 55. The grade and density shall be identified.

3.1.2.2.2 Concrete masonry units: ASTM C 90. The density (normal weight, medium weight, or lightweight) shall be identified.

3.1.2.2.3 Brick not conforming with above-noted standards shall comply with a nationally recognized standard.

3.1.2.3 Mortar shall be prepared in accordance with IBC Section 2103 and ASTM C 270. The testing laboratory shall report the mortar composition, mortar type, proportions, and compliance with the standard. The compressive strength of the mortar used in the test specimens shall be 110 percent (maximum) of specified values.

3.1.2.4 Grout shall be prepared in accordance with IBC Section 2103 and with ASTM C 476. The testing laboratory shall report grout composition, grout type, proportions and compressive strength. The compressive strength of the grout used in the test specimens shall be 110 percent maximum of specified values.

3.1.2.5 When masonry strength is determined by prism tests, masonry prisms shall be prepared and tested in accordance with ASTM C 1314 and Section 3.1.3 of this criteria.

3.1.2.6 Reinforcement shall only be used to stabilize test members during transportation. Reinforcing elements in masonry test members shall be outside the potential failure region of each test fastener. The testing laboratory shall control and verify the location of reinforcing.

3.1.3 Concrete and Masonry Strength Determination:

3.1.3.1 Concrete and masonry test members shall age a minimum of 21 days prior to the beginning of fastener load tests described in Section 4.1 of this criteria. For masonry where strength is determined according to IBC Table 2105.2.2.1.2, fastener load tests shall be done when masonry reaches 21 to 35 days of age, and masonry unit, mortar and grout tests for strength shall be done at 28 days of age.

Exception: For tests to determine performance of fasteners in high early strength or uncured concrete.

3.1.3.2 For concrete or masonry less than 90 days old, two cylinders, cores or prisms, prepared according to Section 3.1.1 or 3.1.2 of this criteria, shall be tested at the beginning and two at the end of fastener load testing, as indicated in Table 1. The beginning test shall be concurrent with the initiation of fastener testing. The beginning and end strength results shall be averaged (four cylinders, cores or prisms total) to establish the strength of the test members during the test period.

3.1.3.3 For concrete or masonry aged 90 days or more, the compressive strength shall be the average of a single test of three cylinders, cores, or prisms determined after at least 90 days, and within 30 days of fastener testing.

3.1.3.4 Reported concrete or masonry strength for any anchor test series shall be determined from the tests in this section within the time limitations indicated in Table 1 of this criteria.

3.1.4 Steel: Steel plates and steel deck panels shall comply with the appropriate standard for structural quality steel. Compliance is determined by test reports submitted by the mill or a testing laboratory. Tensile strength of the

steel shall be established through mill certification or by testing in accordance with ASTM A 370.

3.1.5 Other Test Members: Test members not otherwise described in Section 3.1 of this criteria shall be described and shall meet applicable standards.

3.2 Test Program:

3.2.1 Fastener Verification: All tested fasteners, whether they are prototypes or production fasteners, shall be proven by the testing laboratory to conform to the manufacturer's fastener specifications. This evaluation shall include confirmation of equivalent dimensions, chemical composition, and material properties, such as strength and/or hardness. As an alternative to chemical testing, a mill certificate for the raw wire material, corresponding to the tested fastener lot, may be submitted to demonstrate compliance with the chemical composition requirements.

3.2.2 Load Test Program: For determining allowable loads used in structural designs, tests shall be done in accordance with Sections 4.1 and 4.3 of this criteria, as applicable.

3.3 Allowable Load Determination:

3.3.1 General: The documents containing allowable load determinations shall be sealed by a registered design professional.

Based on results from tests described in Sections 4.1 through 4.3 of this criteria, the allowable load shall be computed using Equation 3-1:

$$F_{all} = \frac{F \cdot R}{\Omega} \qquad (3\text{-}1)$$

where:

F = Average ultimate load [lbf (N)] of the test series.

EXCEPTION: When testing satisfies the alternate sample size described in Section 8.1 of ASTM E 1190 (the COV from ten tests is 15 percent or greater), *F* shall be taken as the lowest ultimate load of the ten tests.

Ω = Safety factor determined in accordance with Section 3.3.2

EXCEPTION: When testing satisfies the alternate sample size described in Section 8.1 of ASTM E 1190 (the COV from ten tests is 15 percent or greater), Ω shall be taken as 5.

R = Most severe reduction factor determined in accordance with Section 3.3.3, as applicable.

3.3.2 Safety Factor, Ω: The safety factor shall be determined using Equation 3-2.

$$\Omega = \frac{3.5}{(1 - 2\text{COV})} \geq 5 \qquad (3\text{-}2)$$

3.3.3 Load Adjustment (Reduction Factors):

3.3.3.1 Concrete: Where the concrete test member's compressive strength, $f'_{c,test}$, exceeds f'_c by more than 10 percent, but is within 1,000 psi (6,895 kPa), the reduction factor for overstrength of the concrete test specimen, R_c, shall be calculated using Equation 3-3:

$$R_c = \sqrt{\frac{f'_c}{f'_{c,test}}} \qquad (3\text{-}3)$$

3.3.3.2 Masonry: Where masonry units used in test members have net area compressive strength properties exceeding 110 percent of the specified values, or dimensions varying from specified values, design loads for fasteners installed directly into units shall be adjusted based on ratios of test member values to specified values.

Where mortar compressive strength exceeds 110 percent of the specified values, design loads for fasteners installed in mortar joints shall be adjusted based on ratios of tested mortar strength to specified mortar strength.

Where grout compressive strength exceeds 110 percent of the specified values, design loads for fasteners installed down into the top of grouted cells shall be adjusted based on ratios of tested grout strength to specified grout strength.

3.3.3.3 Steel: Design loads derived from tests in steel shall be adjusted for steel strength as follows:

1. If tests have been conducted in one steel strength, the following relationship shall be used to derive the reduction factor for lesser steel strengths:

$$R_s = 1 - \frac{F_{u,test} - F_u}{100} \qquad (3\text{-}4)$$

2. If tests have been conducted in more than one steel tensile strength with the difference between the maximum and minimum tested steel tensile strengths, Δ_{fu}, greater than or equal to 10 ksi (68.9 MPa), a relationship for the influence of steel tensile strength on fastener capacity may be derived from the test results. Maximum fastener capacity shall be limited to those values associated with the maximum tested steel tensile strength.

3.3.3.4 Fastener: When failure is attributed to the fastener material, and the average core hardness of the fasteners, $H_{c,test}$, exceeds the minimum specified core hardness, H_c, by more than ten percent, fastener load test results shall be adjusted by the following reduction factor:

$$R_f = \frac{H_c}{H_{c,test}} \qquad (3\text{-}5)$$

3.3.4 Combined Loads: Allowable loads for fasteners subjected to combined shear and tension loads are calculated by Equation 3-6.

$$\left(\frac{p}{P_a}\right)^n + \left(\frac{v}{V_a}\right)^n \leq 1 \qquad (3\text{-}6)$$

To permit $n = {}^5/_3$ in Equation 3-6, combined load oblique tension tests described in Section 4.1.7 of this criteria, at 45 degrees are required to confirm the Equation 3-7. If combined load tests are not done or if Equation 3-5 is not satisfied, then $n = 1$ in Equation 3-6.

$$\left(\frac{P_{u,45}}{P_u}\right)^{5/3} + \left(\frac{V_{u,45}}{V_u}\right)^{5/3} \geq 1 \qquad (3\text{-}7)$$

3.3.5 Wood to Steel, Concrete or Masonry: Reference shear load values are determined according to the NDS. Bending yield strength values shall result from tests conducted on the fasteners in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Test Method to Determine Bending Yield Moment of Nails (AC95). If hardness values under Section 2.1.1.10 of this criteria give Rockwell C hardness values greater than 45, then bending yield strength tests do not have to be performed and the bending yield strength values for the fasteners shall be the values noted in the NDS based on nail diameter.

3.4 Requirements Based on Intended End Use:

3.4.1 Fasteners Intended for Use in Wood Sill Plates: Recognition of power-driven fasteners used as sill plate anchorage shall be limited to Seismic Design Category A or B. An engineered design is required that uses allowable loads determined in accordance with Section 3.3, based on testing in accordance with Section 4.2. Fasteners used to attach code-complying preservative-treated wood foundation sills to concrete foundations shall comply with IBC Section 2304.9.5.

3.4.2 Ceiling Clip Fastening: Ceiling wire hanger assemblies shall be tested in accordance with Section 4.3 and evaluated in accordance with Section 3.3.

4.0 TEST METHODS

4.1 Fastener-load Testing Procedures:

4.1.1 Concrete Test Specimens: Concrete slabs are formed and poured to sufficient size to permit installation of fasteners with spacings and edge distances complying with Table 1of ASTM E 1190.

4.1.2 Masonry Test Specimens: Masonry assemblies shall be fully grouted, partially grouted or ungrouted and be of sufficient size to permit installation of fasteners with spacings and edge distances complying with Table 1 of ASTM E 1190. Fastener locations include face shells of units into grouted spaces, ungrouted spaces, mortar joints or down through grouted cells, simulating concrete masonry foundation walls. The fastener position used in the test establishes the position specified in the evaluation report.

4.1.3 Steel Test Specimens: Steel plates shall be of sufficient size to permit installation of fasteners with spacings and edge distances complying with Table 2 of ASTM E 1190.

4.1.4 Installation: Fasteners shall be installed into the test member according to the manufacturer's recommended procedure, with spacing from edges and adjacent fasteners as set forth in Table 1 of ASTM E 1190. Additional tests may be required to determine fastener loads at spacings and edge distances described in the manufacturer's installation instructions. Fasteners shall be driven into concrete or masonry when the specified compressive strength is attained plus or minus a 400 psi (2.8 MPa) deviation. Fastener embedment shall be observed and recorded.

4.1.5 Sample Size: The minimum sample quantity for each data category shall comply with Section 8 of ASTM E 1190.

4.1.6 Testing Methods: Test apparatus shall comply with Section 5 of ASTM E 1190, for tensile and shear loading. Test procedures shall comply with Section 9 of ASTM E 1190. Ultimate load and failure mode shall be recorded for each test.

4.1.7 Combined Loads: For combined loads, tests shall be done by loading the fastener obliquely at a 45° angle from test member surface. Figure 1 of this criteria illustrates loading set-up. Other aspects of the test program shall comply with general requirements in ASTM E 1190.

4.2 Sill Attachment Test Procedure:

4.2.1 Installation: Fasteners shall be placed into the concrete test member through the center of a nominal 2-inch-thick (51 mm) wood member with a specific gravity of 0.5 or greater. The concrete compressive strength shall be 2,000 psi ± 400 psi (13.8 MPa ± 2.8 MPa) when the fastener is installed and tested. Any concrete spalling or cracking after installation shall be reported.

For recognition of use to attach sill plates for exterior shear walls, interior shear walls, and interior non-shear walls, the fastener shall be installed with a $1^3/_4$-inch (44.5 mm) edge distance.

For recognition of use to attach sill plates to slab foundations, away from the edges, the fastener shall be installed with an edge distance equal to or greater than the minimum edge distance, *c*, specified in Table 1 of ASTM E 1190.

4.2.2 Testing: The fasteners shall be tested for shear and tension loads according to ASTM E 1190, except that edge distance shall be as described in Section 4.2.1 of this criteria, depending on the installation conditions and locations that are sought. The sill plate shall be removed before testing. The shear load shall be applied towards the closest test member edge.

4.3 Ceiling Clip Assemblies (fastener and clip combination):

4.3.1 Installation: Assemblies shall be installed into test members as a complete unit.

4.3.2 Testing: Assemblies shall be tested by loading the assembly in the same manner as the loading when assemblies are installed in field conditions, i.e., load attached to the hole where the wire would attach.

5.0 QUALITY CONTROL

5.1 Quality documentation complying with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Quality Documentation (AC10) shall be submitted. The quality control program shall verify component compliance with specifications described in Section 2.1 of this criteria.

5.2 Third-party follow-up inspections are not required under this acceptance criteria.

6.0 EVALUATION REPORT RECOGNITION

The evaluation report shall include the following:

6.1 Basic information required by Section 2.1 of this criteria, including product description, installation procedures, packaging and identification.

6.2 Allowable loads for each fastener and ceiling clip assembly determined by Section 3.3 of this criteria. The allowable loads shall include tension, shear and combined loads, as applicable.

6.3 Unless data in accordance with Section 2.1.4 of this criteria is submitted, the evaluation report shall state that installation must be limited to dry, interior conditions.

6.4 Information concerning connections with wood, in accordance with Section 3.3.5 of this criteria, as applicable.

6.5 Information concerning use as foundation sill plate anchorage, based on Sections 3.4 and 4.2 of this criteria, as applicable, including the following:

6.5.1 Allowable shear and tension (uplift) loads, based on capacity in concrete.

6.5.2 Bearing area and thickness of washers, to allow for calculation of pull through capacity.

6.6 The evaluation reports shall state that earthquake load resistance is beyond the scope of the report.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Fasteners used with architectural, electrical and mechanical components described in Section 13.1.4 of ASCE/SEI 7 (IBC and IRC) as exempt from seismic design requirements.

2. Foundation sill plate applications complying with Section 3.4 of this criteria.

6.7 The evaluation reports shall state that use is limited to uncracked concrete or masonry. Cracking occurs when $f_t > f_r$ due to service loads or deformations.■

TABLE 1—TEST MEMBER STRENGTH TEST TIME LIMITATIONS

AGE OF CONCRETE OR MASONRY AT BEGINNING OF FASTENER TEST	MAXIMUM TIME BETWEEN TEST MEMBER STRENGTH TESTS (TEST PERIOD)	COMMENTS
Less than 21 days	3 days	Per Section 3.1.3.1, for special tests only
21 - 35 days	7 days	None
36 - 56 days	14 days	None
57 - 90 days	30 days	None
More than 90 days	—	See Section 3.1.3.3

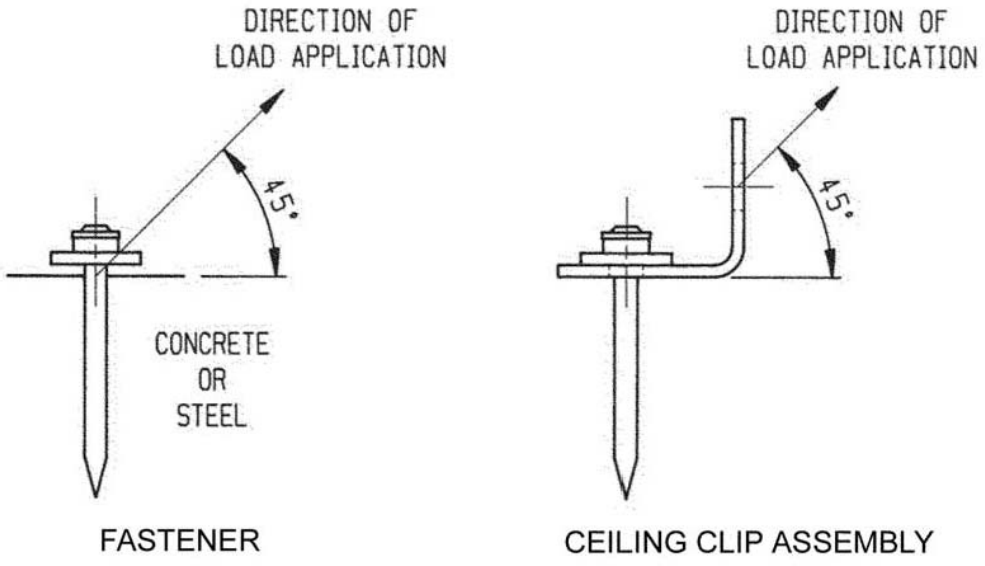

FIGURE 1—FASTENER AND CEILING CLIP ASSEMBLY