How to Read ICC Evaluation Service® ESR-1539P® Part III Table 4A & 4B Reference Nail Head Pull-Through Design Values, Table 5 Lateral Design Values – Steel Side Members to Wood Table 6 Fastener Withdrawal

Table 7

Preface:

This is the third in a series of technical bulletins designed to provide a greater understanding of the ICC Evaluation Service® evaluation report ESR-1539P®.

The focus of this Part III document is to address values of nail and staple withdrawal for a variety of wood specific gravities detailed in Table 6, as well as the allowable shear values for wood structural horizontal diaphragms detailed in Table 7 and 8 of ESR-1539P[©].

The driven fasteners (nails and staples) described in the evaluation report are used in engineered and non-engineered (prescriptive) structural connections and are primarily installed using power tools. This technical bulletin references **ESR-1539P**[®] **Reissue Date 10/2025.**

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Background:

The first technical bulletin in this series <u>Terminology Used In ICC Evaluation Service Report® ESR-1539P®</u> provides a brief description of several technical and administrative terms used.

Part I: Basic ESR Information

Part II: <u>Fastener Basics</u>, <u>Table 1 Nail Types</u>, <u>Tables 2A & 2B Code Fastening Schedules</u>, <u>Table 3 Reference Lateral Design Values 2 by Members</u>

Nail Head Pull-Through

Figure A1 Table 4A represents nail head pull-through design values for full round head nails driven into plywood and OSB sheathing which have referenced specific gravity values of 0.42 and 0.50. Values in this table represent the minimum design values for all listees in ESR.

TABLE 4A—REFERENCE NAIL HEAD PULL-THROUGH (WH) DESIGN VALUES - FULL ROUND HEADS (Ibf)1,2,3

SIDE MEMBER SG _{NDS} ⁴	NAIL SHANK	MINIMUM HEAD	SIDE MEMBER THICKNESS (III.)										
	DIAMETER (in.)	DIAMETER (in.)	³ /8	7/ ₁₆	¹⁵ / ₃₂	1/2	¹⁹ / ₃₂	⁵ / ₈	²³ / ₃₂	3/4	1	11/8	11/2
0.42	0.113 to 0.135	0.259	37	43	46	50	59	62	64	64	64	64	64
0.42	0.148 and 0.162	0.280	40	47	50	54	64	67	75	75	75	75	75
0.50	0.113 to 0.135	0.259	53	61	66	70	83	88	91	91	91	91	91
0.50	0.148 and 0.162	0.280	57	66	71	76	90	95	106	106	106	106	106



Figure A1

Figure A2 Table 4B represents nail head pull-through design values for clipped (D-head nails) driven into Structural I Plywood complying with DOC PS-1 and OSB sheathing complyins with DOC PS-2. Values in this table represent the minimum design values for all listees in ESR.

TABLE 4B—REFERENCE NAIL HEAD PULL-THROUGH (WH) DESIGN VALUES - CLIPPED HEADS (D-HEADS) (lbf)1,2

SIDE	NAIL SHANK	MIN. HEAD PERIMETER, P _H	NOMINAL SHEATHING THICKNESS (in.)												
MEMBER	DIAMETER (in.)		3/8	⁷ / ₁₆	15/32	1/2	19/32	5/8	²³ / ₃₂						
	0.113	0.795	49	57	60	64	79	79	79						
Plywood ³	0.120	0.771	47	56	58	62	77	77	77						
	0.131	0.823	50	59	62	67	82	84	88						
	0.113	0.795	42	48	51	54	79	82	87						
OSB ⁴	0.120	0.771	40	48	49	53	77	79	82						
	0.131	0.823	43	50	53	57	82	84	93						

Figure A2

Nail and Staple Reference Withdrawal Design Values)

Nail and Staple Reference Withdrawal Design Values for smooth shank nails, deformed shank nails, and staples are provided in Figure B. Values are calculated from the equations provided in Appendix A for nail and staple withdrawal. In the 2018 NDS, a substantial change was made in regards to the withdrawal of deformed shank nails and stainless steel nails.

First: Prior to the 2018 NDS, deformed shank nails were referenced with an approximate 10% increase in withdrawal value over smooth shank nails of the same diameter. This was changed in 2018 to assume that deformed shank nail withdrawal values were equivalent to smooth shank nail withdrawal values.

Second: Withdrawal values for stainless steel nails Values presented in Figure A are based on:

- 1. Specific Gravity of the wood the fastener has been driven into
- 2. Nominal shank diameter of carbon steel nails (smooth and deformed shank, bright or galvanized)
- 3. Nominal shank diameter of deformed shank nails
- 4. Staple Gage



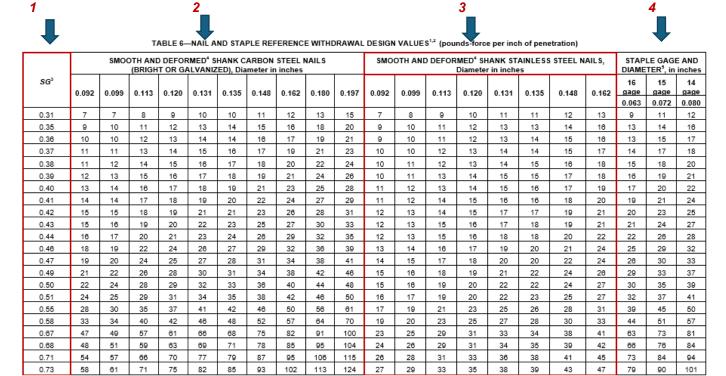


Figure B – (Table 6 Annotation added for clarity of design example)

Appendix A of ESR-1539P[©] provides mathematical equations for calculating withdrawal values for carbon steel nails and staples and stainless steel nails.

Allowable Shear Tables

Figures C-E represents the first of the Allowable Shear tables referenced in ESR-1539P[©] and references Structural I sheathing for use in diaphragms.

Referenced Section 1 (Figure C): Indicates the type of sheathing referenced and the framing material that the sheathing is attached to.

If framing materials are different than the listed materials, then adjustment factors must be made for differences in material specific gravity. Footnote 4 on page 9 details how the adjustment is to be made. An explanation of why an adjustment for specific gravity is provided later in this document when discussing (Figure E).

Referenced Section 2 (Figure C): References two of the three Structural I material thicknesses, referenced in SDPWS Table 4.2A. IBC® Section 2304.8 does not reference the $^{5}/_{16}$ " thick material, thus the evaluation report is limited to $^{3}/_{8}$ " and $^{15}/_{32}$ " only.

Referenced Section 3 (<u>Figure C</u>): Addresses the fasteners recognized for diaphragms by material thickness.

Referenced Section 4 (<u>Figure C</u>): Addresses the miniumum fastener length required for the fastener diameter / material thickness.

Example of length determination:

For $^{3}/_{8}$ " Structural I wood structural panel, SDPWS calls for an 8d common nail (2½" x 0.131) nail with a minimum penetration into the main member of $^{13}/_{8}$ ".



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This equates to minimum required nail length of $1^3/4^{\circ}$. The sum of the minimum penetration into the main member + the side member thickness $1^3/8^{\circ} + 3/8^{\circ} = 1^3/4^{\circ}$.

The IBC® & IRC® reference a 16 gage staple with a minimum leg of 1½".

Referenced Section 5 (Figure C) addresses the two minimum (nominal) framing widths, 2 inch and 3 inch, referenced in the IBC® and SDPWS.

Reference Section 6, 7 & 8 (Figure C)

The table is then divided into two main sections:

6 Blocked Diaphragms 7 Unblocked Diaphragms

Each of these types of diaphrgams have their own requirements when determining allowable shear values.

The column headers for blocked diaphragms makes references to diaphragm boundaries, continuous panel edges, continuous panel joints and all panel edges.

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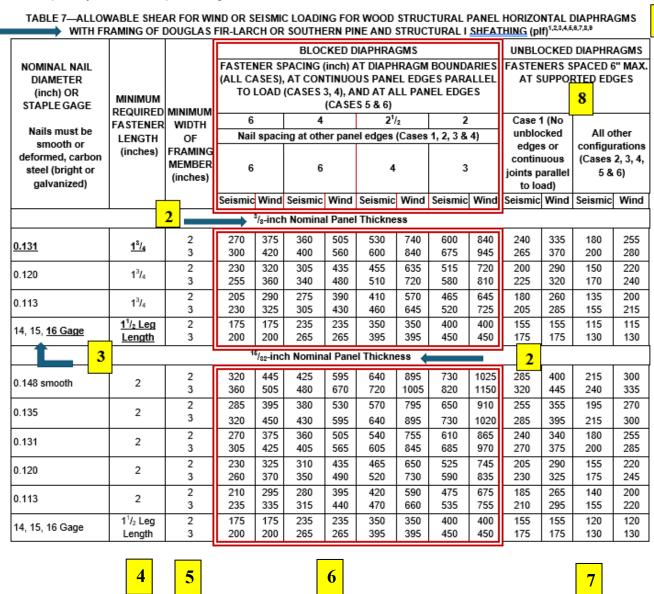


Figure C – (Table 7 Annotation added for clarity of design example)



An 8d common ($2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 0.131") nail and a 16 gage staple are the prescribed fasteners for $^{3}/_{8}$ " Structural 1 sheathing when used in diaphragms. These fasteners have established allowable shear values taken from the IBC and/or SDPWS and are indicated in Figure C.

For ESR-1539[©], provisions allowing for alternative fasteners were developed and published by ICC-ES in two specific documents known as <u>Acceptance Criteria</u>: AC116 Acceptance Criteria for Nails and <u>AC201 Acceptance Criteria for Staples</u>.

The allowable shear tables in Table 7 make reference to "<u>cases</u>". Cases are the standard wood structural panel diaphragm configurations used in design and construction. See Appendix 1 for a brief description on each of the six cases.

TABLE 7—ALLOWABLE SHEAR FOR WIND OR SEISMIC LOADING FOR WOOD STRUCTURAL PANEL HORIZONTAL DIAPHRAGMS WITH FRAMING OF DOUGLAS FIR-LARCH OR SOUTHERN PINE AND STRUCTURAL I SHEATHING (plf)^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}

NOMIN	IAL NAIL					BLO	UNBLOCKED DIAPHRAGMS									
(inc	METER :h) OR LE GAGE	MINIMUM	MINIMUM WIDTH	CASES	S), AT C	PACING (incontrol) ONTINUOL 4), AND A	FASTENERS SPACED 6" MAX. AT SUPPORTED EDGES									
Nails must be smooth or		REQUIRED FASTENER	OF	6	Nail spa	4 acing at other panel		2 ¹ / ₂		2, 3 & 4)		Case 1 (No unblocked edges		All other configurations		
carbo (bri	deformed, LENGTH (inches) (bright or		MEMBER (inches)	6		6		4		3		or contin joints para load	allel to	(Cases 2	2, 3, 4,	
galv	anized)			Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic Win		
³/₂-inch Nominal Panel Thickness																
0.131		13/4	2 3	270 300	375 420	360 400	505 560	530 600	740 840	600 675	840 945	240 265	335 370	180 200	255 280	
0.120		1 ³ / ₄	2 3	230 255	320 360	305 340	435 480	455 510	635 720	515 580	720 810	200 225	290 320	150 170	220 240	
0.113		1 ³ / ₄	2 3	205 230	290 325	275 305	390 430	410 460	570 645	465 520	645 725	180 205	260 285	135 155	200 215	
14, 15,	16 Gage	1 ¹ / ₂ Leg Length	2 3	175 200	175 200	235 265	235 265	350 395	350 395	400 450	400 450	155 175	155 175	115 130	115 130	
					¹⁵ / ₃	₂ -inch Non	ninal Pa	nel Thick	ness							
0.148		2	2 3	320 360	445 505	425 480	595 670	640 720	895 1005	730 820	1025 1150	285 320	400 445	215 240	300 335	
0.135		2	2 3	285 320	395 450	380 430	530 595	570 640	795 895	650 730	910 1020	255 285	355 395	195 215	270 300	
0.131		2	2 3	270 305	375 425	360 405	505 565	540 605	755 845	610 685	865 970	240 270	340 375	180 200	255 285	
0.120		2	2 3	230 260	325 370	310 350	435 490	465 520	650 730	525 590	745 835	205 230	290 325	155 175	220 245	
0.113		2	2 3	210 235	295 335	280 315	395 440	420 470	590 660	475 535	675 755	185 210	265 295	140 155	200 220	
14, 15,	16 Gage	1 ¹ / ₂ Leg Length	2 3	175 200	175 200	235 265	235 265	350 395	350 395	400 450	400 450	155 175	155 175	120 130	120 130	

Figure D – (Table 7 Annotation added for clarity of design example)

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AC116 has provisions that allow for the lateral connection strength of an alternate nail to be compared to the closest <u>but larger</u> code prescribed nail. This process requires the calculation of the Reference Lateral Design Value 'Z'.

Calculating 'Z' requires using the dowel bearing strength which is dependent on wood specific gravity. Thus a change in the wood specific gravity would change the values in the tabulated values in Figure D. This is taken into consideration when the adjustment factor referenced in the footnotes is taken. These principles have been used to develop the shear strength values for the alternative diameter nails in Figure D. The 0.131 inch diameter nail is the larger code prescribed nail for use in $\frac{3}{8}$ Structural I sheathing while the 0.148 inch nail is prescribed for $\frac{15}{32}$ Structural I.

AC201 does not provide a similar provision for staples. The values for staples in this table are based strictly on the code prescribed 16 gage staples.

Table 7 – Addresses allowable shear for wind and seismic loading in Rated Sheathing. With rated sheathing for use in diaphragms, four material thicknesss ($\frac{3}{8}$ ", $\frac{7}{16}$ ", $\frac{15}{32}$ " and $\frac{19}{32}$ ") are addressed.

The same process and procedures used to develop Table 6 are used in determining the information provided in Table 7.

How to use the allowable shear tables for diaphragms

Example A:

A blocked diaphragm is to be built using $^{15}I_{32}$ " rated sheathing applied over 2' x 10" truss chords that are 16" on-center. It has been calculated that the diaphragm must resist a unit shear of 400 plf due to wind loading. Nails are to be used for fastening the sheathing.

What nail sizes and spacing are appropriate for the design?

Note: This example does not take into consideration any adjustment factors referenced in the NDS or SDPWS. It is the responsibility of the designer to ensure this has been addressed.

- Step 1: Diaphragm of rated sheathing. Choose Table 8.
- Step 2: Choose an appropriate material thickness in this case, ¹⁵/₃₂".
- Step 3: Nails were being specified; thus, eliminate staples.
- Step 4: Blocked diaphragm was specified for this application; eliminate the unblock diaphragms.
- Step 5: Framing is 2" x 10"; eliminate 3" framing members.
- Step 6: Example is for Wind Loading eliminate Seismic Loading
- Step 7: The exercise states that the design meets a 400 plf. wind load. Choose values greater than 400 plf.



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			BLOCKED DIAPHRAGMS UNBLOCKED DIAPHRA										AGMS	
NOMINAL NAIL DIAMETER (inch) or	MINIMUM	MINIMUM WIDTH	CASE	S), AT C	PACING (ir ONTINUO 4), AND A	FASTENERS SPACED 6" MAX. AT SUPPORTED EDGES								
STAPLE GAGE	REQUIRED FASTENER	OF	6	i	4	Į.	21	l ₂	2	2	Case unblo			
Nails must be smooth or deformed	LENGTH	FRAMING MEMBER		Nail spacing at other panel edges (Cases 1, 2, 3 & 4)									All other configurations	
and must be carbon steel (bright or galvanized).	(inches)	(inches)	6	i	6		4		3		edges or continuous joints parallel to load)		(Cases 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)	
			Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind
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0.120	13/4				\vdash									
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14, 15,16 Gage	Length													
			7/18	-inch No	ominal Par	nel Thic	kness							
0.131	2													
0.120	2													
0.113	2													
14, 15, 16 Gage	11/2 Leg Length													
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0.135	3	2 3	255 285	255 400	240 280	475 530	505 575	710 800	580 650	810 010	225 255	245 255	470 400	225 285
0.131 (5)	2	2 3	270 200	280 420	260 400	505 560	520 800	740 840	600 676	840 045	240 285	225 270	480 200	255 280
0.120	2	2 3	220 255	225 260	205 240	430 480	450 510	630 715	5.10 5.7.5	715 805	205 225	285 245	4.6.6 4.7.0	220 240
0.113	2	2 3	205 230	200 220	275 205	285 420	405 460	570 646	460 520	645 725	485 205	255 285	440 466	105 215
14, 15, 18 Gage (3)	4 ⁴ l ₂ Leg	2 3	480 480	225 250	240 225	205 220	215 255	440 405	260 405	505 585	440 460	405 225	405 420	445 470
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14, 15, 16 Gage	11/2 Leg Length													

Example A - Table 8 Annotation added for clarity of design example)

Example B:

From the previous example, what changes would be seen if the framing material was specified as another common lumber species, Spruce-Pine-Fir (SPF)?

Steps 1, 2, 3 would be the same as above.

- -Use of Table 7 for rated sheathing
- -Choice of the ¹⁵/₃₂" thick material
- -Elimination of the Seismic Values, 3-inch framing members, unblocked diaphragm columns, staples, and values less than 400 plf.

Step 4 After determining which values exceed 400 plf the required adjustment factor for changes in framing material specific gravity must be made. From foot note 4 for ESR-1539[©] Table 6:

"Find the assigned specific gravity for the applicable species of lumber = 0.42 (for SPF from Table A of the ESR-1539P[©])

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"For nails, find the shear value from the applicable table and multiply the value by the Specific Gravity Adjustment Factor = [1-(0.5-G)], where G= Specific Gravity of the framing lumber. This adjustment factor must not be greater than 1."



The values exceeding 400 plf are multiplied by 0.92 resulting in the following changes.

In Example B below the newly recalculated values are rounded to the nearest 5 plf.

Two of the values no longer exceed 400 plf, the minimum level, and would be eliminated from consideration.

TABLE 8—ALLOWABLE SHEAR FOR WIND OR SEISMIC LOADING FOR WOOD STRUCTURAL PANEL HORIZONTAL DIAPHRAGMS WITH FRAMING OF DOUGLAS FIR-LARCH OR SOUTHERN PINE AND RATED SHEATHING (pif)^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}

					BLO	UNBLOCKED DIAPHRAGMS										
NOMINAL NAIL DIAMETER (inch) or	MINIMUM	FASTENER SPACING (inch) AT DIAPHRAGM BOUNDARIES (ALL CASES), AT CONTINUOUS PANEL EDGES PARALLEL TO LOAD (CASES 3, 4), AND AT ALL PANEL EDGES (CASES 5 & 6)								LÒAD	FASTENERS SPACED 6" MAX. AT SUPPORTED EDGES					
STAPLE GAGE	REQUIRED FASTENER	WIDTH OF	(6	4		21	l ₂	2		Case					
Nails must be smooth or deformed	LENGTH	FRAMING MEMBER		Nail spa	cing at otl	ner pane	el edges (Cases 1	, 2, 3 & 4)		unblo edge		All o configu			
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			Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind	Seismic	Wind		
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14, 15,16 Gage	1 ¹ / ₂ Leg	2	160	225	210	295	315	440	360	505	140	195	105	145		
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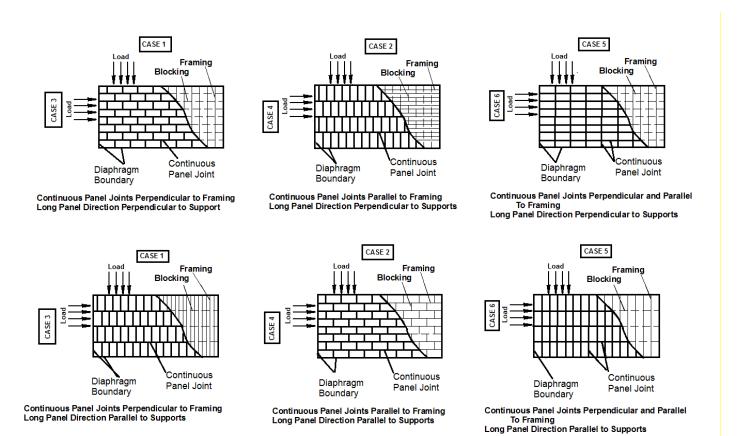


Figure E - Cases for Tables 7 and 8 in ESR-1539



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