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USG DONN® (DX/DXL, DXLA, DXW, DXWCE, DXCE, SDX/SDXL, ZXL), DONN FINELINE® (DXF), DONN FINELINE 1/8 (DXFF), DONN CENTRICITEE™ (DXT) AND DONN IDENTITEE® (DXI) SUSPENDED CEILING FRAMING SYSTEMS; USG DONN PARALINE® (DXP AND DXLP) SUSPENDED CEILING SYSTEM; USG™ DRYWALL SUSPENSION SYSTEM; DONN SEISMIC COMPRESSION POST; AND ACM7 AND MAC2 CEILING ATTACHMENT CLIPS

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1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

Compliance with the following codes:
- 2013 Abu Dhabi International Building Code (ADIBC)†

†The ADIBC is based on the 2009 IBC. 2009 IBC code sections referenced in this report are the same sections in the ADIBC.

For evaluation for compliance with codes adopted by Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), see ESR-1222 LABC Supplement.

Properties evaluated:
- Interior finish
- Fire resistance
- Structural

2.0 USES

The USG suspended ceiling framing systems described in this report are suspended, exposed framing, concealed ceiling assemblies used in fire-resistance-rated and non-fire-resistance-rated construction for applications as noted in this report. The Donn Telescoping Seismic Compression Post is used as a compression post located at the lateral force bracing locations for installation between the suspended ceiling framing members and the structural roof or floor members above the ceiling. The ACM7 or MAC2 ceiling attachment clip is used to connect main and cross runners to wall molding.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

3.1 Ceiling Framing and Ceiling Systems:

3.1.1 Acoustical Tile Ceiling Framing Systems: The Donn, Donn Fineline, Donn Centricitee and Donn Identitee acoustical suspended ceiling framing systems consist of main and cross runner framing members for use with acoustical tiles.

3.1.2 Donn Paraline Suspended Ceiling System: The Donn Paraline suspended ceiling system consists of main and cross runner framing systems and Paraline metal pans used as ceiling tiles.

3.1.3 USG™ Drywall Suspension System: The USG™ Drywall Suspension System consists of main and cross runner framing systems for use with gypsum wallboard attached to the bottom of the framing members.

3.2 Donn Telescoping Seismic Compression Post:

The Donn telescoping seismic compression post consists of a 7/16-inch-diameter (19.05 mm) steel tube inserted within and projecting out of a 1-inch-diameter (25.4 mm) steel tube; two plastic bushings; and a spring-steel tension ring fastened with a No. 10 by 1-inch-long (25.4 mm), hex washer head, self-tapping steel screw to the plastic bushing located in the end of the 7/16-inch-diameter (19.05 mm) tube which is inserted into the 1-inch-diameter (25.4 mm) tube. The steel tubes are formed from AISI 1010 steel having a minimum yield strength of 36 ksi (248 MPa). A spring-steel clip inserted into the upper end of the compression post is used with a mechanical fastener to attach the compression post to the structural roof or floor framing. A plastic clip in the opposite end of the compression post snaps onto the bulb of the main tee of the suspended ceiling. The compression post is also connected to the suspended ceiling members by wire tying the post to the hanger wires or fastening the plastic end clip to the main tee with a No. 10 by 1-inch-long (25.4 mm) steel bolt and a matching steel hex nut. Details are noted in Table 2.

3.3 ACM7 and MAC2 Clips:

The clips are manufactured from 0.028-inch-thick (0.711 mm), hot-dipped galvanized, cold-rolled steel complying with ASTM A568.

3.4 Accessories:

Each suspended ceiling system is available with a variety of wall angles, moldings, access angles and corner caps.

3.5 Materials:

3.5.1 Framing Members: Main runners and cross runn
runners are described in Table 1 of this report, which provides the cross-sectional dimensions, lengths and allowable transverse loads. Main runners are classified as either Intermediate or Heavy-Duty as shown in Table 1 in accordance with ASTM C635. The steel body of the suspension system members are hot-dipped galvanized in accordance with ASTM A653 with a coating designation G30, except that DXFEV and ZXLA members have a G90 coating prior to being painted. The exposed surface of the bottom flange of the framing members is covered with a pre-painted flange capping of either steel or aluminum. The end clips of DX cross tees are high-strength, low alloy steel complying with ASTM A568 and ASTM A879. The end clips of the DXFEV and ZXLA cross tees are formed from Type 300 series stainless steel complying with ASTM A480.

3.5.1.1 Donn Fineline, Centricitee, Ideentitee and Paraline Exposed and Concealed Ceiling Suspension Systems for Use with Acoustical Tiles and Metal Pans: The cross tees, main tees and Paralock® main tees are formed from steel meeting ASTM A653 CS Type B. Carbon steel composition conforms to ASTM A568, and zinc coating conforms to ASTM A653.

3.5.1.2 USG™ Drywall Suspension System: The DGL-26 and DGLW-26 main runners and DGL and DGLW cross runners are formed from steel meeting ASTM A653 CS Type B. Carbon steel conforms to ASTM A568, and zinc coating conforms to ASTM A653.

3.5.2 Hanger Wire: Hanger wire for suspended ceiling framing members, and fixtures, must comply with ASTM C636 as referenced in 2015, 2012 and 2009 IBC Section 808.1.1.1 (2006 IBC Section 803.9.1.1) and Section 13.5.6 of ASCE 7 as referenced in 2015, 2012, 2009, and 2006 IBC Section 2506.2.1.

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

4.1 Suspended Ceiling Framing Systems for Acoustical Tiles and Suspended Ceiling System with Paraline Metal Pans:

4.1.1 General: The suspended ceiling framing systems installed with acoustical tiles or the Paraline metal pans must be designed and installed in accordance with 2015, 2012 and 2009 IBC Sections 808, 1613, and 2506.2.1 (2006 IBC Sections 803.9, 1613 and 2506.2.1). The minimum tension and compression capacity of framing member connections is 180 pounds (800 N).

4.1.2 Main Runners: The maximum design loads for main runners must be less than or equal to the allowable capacities noted in Table 1 of this report.

4.1.3 Cross Runners: The maximum design load for cross runners must be less than or equal to the allowable capacities shown in Table 1 of this report.

4.1.4 Seismic Design:

4.1.4.1 General: Seismic design and installation details of the ceiling system, including lighting fixtures and mechanical services, must be in accordance with Section 13.5.6 of ASCE 7-10 for the 2015 and 2012 IBC (ASCE 7-05 for the 2009 and 2006 IBC) as referenced in IBC Section 1613, except as noted in Section 4.1.5 of this report. Systems with main runners classified as Intermediate-duty are limited to use in Seismic Design Categories A, B and C. Lighting fixtures may also be attached to the grid with clips complying with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Attachment Devices for Recessed Lighting Fixtures (Luminaires) in Suspended Ceiling Systems (AC184).

4.1.4.2 Partitions: Partitions must be laterally supported as required by Section 13.5.8 of ASCE 7-10 for the 2015 and 2012 IBC (ASCE 7-05 for the 2009 and 2006 IBC), as referenced by IBC Section 1613.

Alternate Suspended Ceiling Framing Systems for Acoustical Tiles:

4.1.4.3 Alternate Installation for Seismic Design Categories D, E and F: With this installation, the Donn, Centricitee, Fineline, Ideentitee and Aluminum Cap or Exposed Systems (DX/DXL, DXW, DXT, DXF, DXFF, DXI, DXLA, and ZXLA), main must be heavy duty as described in Section 3.5.1. Maximum total ceiling weight permitted is 4.0 lb/ft² (19.5 kg/m²). The ACM7 clips, MAC2 clips or pop rivets are used to secure the main runners and cross runners to the perimeter members (wall closures or wall moldings) on two adjacent walls and to allow free movement of the runners on the two opposing walls. See Figures 1, 2, 2b and 2c. A nominally 1/8-inch-wide wall closure angle (molding) is used in lieu of the 2-inch-wide (50.8 mm) perimeter wall molding required by ASTM E580 and Section 13.5.6.2.2 of ASCE 7-10 for the 2015 and 2012 IBC (Section 13.5.6.2.2 of ASCE 7-05 for the 2009 and 2006 IBC) for Seismic Design Categories D, E and F. Except for the use of the ACM7 clips, MAC2 clips or pop rivets and the nominally 1/8-inch-wide wall molding and the elimination of spacer bars (stabilizer bars), installation of the ceiling system must be as prescribed by the applicable code.

The ACM7 clip is attached to the wall molding by sliding the locking lances over the hem of the vertical leg of the wall molding. On the two adjacent walls where the runners are fixed, the clips are attached to the runner by a sheet metal screw through the clip into the bulb of the tee (See Figure 2). The MAC2 clip is attached by fastening to the wall molding with one sheet metal screw. An additional screw is fastened through one of the side holes of the MAC2 into the top bulb of the runner (See Figure 2c). Instead of fixed connections (or restrained connections) provided by ACM7 clip (See Figure 2) or by MAC2 clip (see Figure 2c), a 1/8-inch (3 mm) diameter pop rivet may be used to connect the runner end to the wall molding for a fixed connection (See Figure 2b). On the walls where the runners are not fixed (or runners are unrestrained), the ACM7 clips allow the terminal runner end to move 1/8 inch (19.1 mm) towards and away from the wall (See Figure 1). The ACM7 clips, MAC2 clips or pop rivets installed in this manner are used in lieu of the spacer bars (stabilizer bars) required in Section 5 of ASTM E580 for the 2015 and 2012 IBC (CISCA for Seismic Zones 3-4 for the 2005 and 2006 IBC).

ASTM E580 is referenced in ASCE 7-10, Section 13.5.6.2.2, which is referenced in 2015 and 2012 IBC Section 1613 (CISCA for Seismic Zones 3-4 is referenced in ASCE 7-05, Section 13.5.6.2.2, which is referenced in 2009 and 2006 IBC Section 1613). The assemblies described in this Section 4.1.5.1 are equivalent to that required by CISCA 3-4 and Section 5 of ASTM E580.

4.1.4.4 Alternate Installation for Seismic Design Category C: The ACM7 clip may be used in lieu of spacer bars (stabilizer bars) in suspended ceiling installations regulated by ASTM E580 for the 2015 and 2012 IBC (CISCA for Seismic Zones 0-2 for the 2009 and 2006 IBC). The ACM7 clip is attached to the wall molding by sliding the locking lances over the hem of the vertical leg of the wall molding. The ACM7 clips are placed at the intersections of all runners and the wall angle (molding) on the floating/unrestrained walls (See Figure 1), except where pop rivets or the MAC2 clips are used on the fixed or restrained walls as shown in Figures 2b and 2c. The ACM7 clips must be positioned to allow a minimum 1/8-inch
(9.5 mm) movement in both directions (towards and away from the wall) on two adjacent walls while the terminated ends of the main and cross runners are fixed tight to the perimeter on the two opposite walls (See Figures 2b and 2c). The maximum ceiling weight permitted is 2.5 lb/ft² (12.19 kg/m²). Except for the use of the ACM7 clip, MAC2 clip or pop rivet and the elimination of spacer bars (stabilizer bars), installation of the ceiling system must be as prescribed by the applicable code. The assemblies described in this Section 4.1.5.2 are equivalent to that required by Section 4 of ASTM E580, referenced in ASCE 7-10, Section 13.5.6.2.1, which is referenced in 2015 and 2012 IBC Section 1613 (CISCA for Seismic Zones 0-2, referenced in ASCE 7-05, Section 13.5.6.2.1, which is referenced in 2009 and 2006 IBC Section 1613).

4.2 Suspended Ceiling Systems for Gypsum Wallboard:

The installation must be in accordance with manufacturer’s written instructions, ASTM C636 and applicable provisions of IBC Chapter 25. Suspended ceilings constructed of lath and plaster or gypsum boards, screw or nail attached to suspended members that support a ceiling on one level that are surrounded by and connected to walls or soffits that are laterally braced to the structure above are exempt from the lateral load design requirements of ASTM E580 and CISCA for Seismic Zones 3-4, and as referenced in Section 13.5.6 of ASCE 7-10 in accordance with IBC Section 1613. The ceiling must be designed for seismic loads as required under Chapter 13.3 of ASCE 7-10 for the 2015 and 2012 IBC (ASCE 7-05 for the 2009 and 2006 IBC) as referenced in IBC Section 1613. The ceiling weight must not exceed 4 psf (19.5 kg/m²). The capacity of the DGL and DGLW runners must not exceed the allowable load values shown in Table 1 of this report.

4.3 Fire-resistance-rated Ceiling Assemblies:

4.3.1 Donn (DXL and SDXL) Fire-resistance-rated Ceiling Systems:

4.3.1.1 Two-hour Fire-resistance-rated Exposed Floor-ceiling System: The DXL and SDXL systems consist of a bulb tee with 15/16-inch-wide (23.8 mm) lower flange and main and cross-tee sizes shown in Table 1. The main tees are spaced 4 feet (1219 mm) on center and the cross tees are spaced 2 feet (610 mm) on center. The main tees are supported 48 inches (1219 mm) on center with No. 12 gage galvanized steel wires. Additionally, the same size wires support the framing members at the four corners of light fixtures and the center of each cross tee adjacent to the fixtures and air outlet ducts. The structural framing system consists of a minimum W8 x 15 steel beam that supports a minimum No. 18 gage, 1-1/2-inch-deep (38.1 mm) steel deck with flutes spaced 6 inches (152.4 mm) on center. The deck is welded to supports at 12 inches (604.8 mm) on center with welded or button-punched seams spaced 36 inches (914.4 mm) on center. Cellular steel decks may also be used. The decks are covered with normal-weight concrete having a minimum compressive strength of 3,500 psi (24.13 MPa) to a thickness of 21/2 inches (63.5 mm) over the top flute. Approved, recessed, 2-foot-by-4-foot (610 mm by 1219 mm) light fixtures may be used in the ceiling when spaced at up to 16 square feet per 100 square feet of ceiling area. The light fixtures must be independently supported by hanger wires. Approved air duct openings with approved dampers with a maximum opening dimension of 12 inches (305 mm) may be used in the ceiling, provided they are spaced at up to 113 square inches per 100 square feet of ceiling area. The lay-in acoustical material is USG Interiors, LLC, 5/8-inch-thick (15.8 mm), Type FR-83 nonperforated tile. The acoustical material is also used for protection of recessed light fixtures and consists of a three-sided rectangular enclosure cut to provide a 1-inch (25.4 mm) clearance around the fixture. The pieces are held together with three 6d nails on each side. Light fixtures located below or adjacent to a beam must have an additional piece of acoustical material laid on top of the fixtures. Hold-down clips spaced 2 feet (610 mm) on center are used to anchor the acoustical material weighing less than 1 psf (4.9 kg/m²). The overall assembly depth is 241/8 inches (619 mm). The restrained and unrestrained rating of the assembly is two hours. The unrestrained beam rating is four hours. See Table 1 for allowable loads.

4.3.1.2 One-hour Fire-resistance-rated Exposed Roof-ceiling System: The DXL and SDXL systems consist of a bulb tee with 15/16-inch-wide (23.8 mm) lower flange and main and cross-tee sizes as shown in Table 1. The main tees are spaced 4 feet (1219 mm) on center and the cross tees are spaced 2 feet (610 mm) on center. The main tees are supported 4 feet (1219 mm) on center with No. 12 gage galvanized steel wires. Additionally, the same size wires support the framing members at the four corners of light fixtures and the center of each cross tee adjacent to the fixtures and air outlet ducts. Approved, recessed, 2-foot-by-4-foot (610 mm by 1219 mm) light fixtures may be used in the ceiling when spaced at up to 24 square feet per 100 square feet of ceiling area. The light fixtures must be independently supported by hanger wires. Approved air duct openings with approved dampers may be used in ceilings that have a maximum opening dimension of 30 inches (762 mm), and these are spaced at up to 576 square inches (0.371 m²) per 100 square feet (9.25 m²) of ceiling area for steel ducts. The lay-in acoustical material is USG Interiors, LLC, 5/8-inch-thick (15.8 mm), Type FR-83 ceiling panel tiles. The acoustical material is also used for protection of recessed light fixtures and consists of a three-sided rectangular enclosure cut to provide a 1-inch (25.4 mm) clearance around the fixture. The pieces are held together with three 6d nails on each side. Light fixtures located below or adjacent to a beam must have an additional piece of acoustical material laid on top of the enclosure. The overall assembly depth is 24 inches (50.8 mm). The restrained and unrestrained assembly rating is one hour. For additional support and installation details, see Figure 3. The roof consists of minimum No. 22 gage (0.020 inch thick), 1-inch-deep (25.4 mm), galvanized steel deck, with 1-inch-wide (25.4 mm) flutes at 3/8 inches (89 mm) on center. Steel joists, 10 inches (254 mm) deep, are spaced 48 inches (1219 mm) on center. Decking is secured to the joists with 1/8-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) puddle welds through weld washers at 12 inches (305 mm) on center. United States Gypsum Company Type SCX gypsum wallboard, 4 feet (1219 mm) wide and 1/8 inch (15.8 mm) thick, is placed with the long dimension perpendicular to the deck. Board end joints must be staggered a minimum of 1 foot (304.8 mm) from adjacent courses. A layer of vinyl vapor barrier is laminated over the wallboard. One or more layers of mineral fiber insulation boards comprise the roof insulation. The boards are a minimum of 24 inches by 48 inches (610 mm by 1219 mm) by 1 inch (25.4 mm) thick. The first layer is placed perpendicular to the gypsum sheathing with end joints staggered a minimum of 2 feet (610 mm) from adjacent courses. Subsequent insulation board layers must have all joints staggered from adjacent layers a minimum of 12 inches (305 mm). The first two layers are secured through the gypsum sheathing into the decking with mechanical fasteners. Additional insulation board layers are adhered with hot asphalt or coal tar pitch at a rate not exceeding 25 pounds (11.3 kg) per square.
Class A, B or C built-up roof covering is applied over the insulation. The suspended ceiling grid system is hung by No. 12 gage galvanized steel wires, 48 inches (1219 mm) on center, tied to main runners and bottom chord of steel joists. The ceiling must be suspended a minimum of 24 inches (610 mm) below the bottom of the roof deck and a minimum of 12 inches (305 mm) below steel joists.

4.3.1.3 One-hour Fire-resistance-rated Concealed Floor-ceiling Systems: These systems support an approved 1/2-inch-thick (19.05 mm), 12-inch (305 mm) square non-ventilating acoustical mineral tile with kerfed edges. Hold-down clips are used for each tile around the perimeter. The galvanized steel DXL24 or SDXL24 main tee and DXL424 or SDXL424 cross-tee framing members support 2-foot-by-4-foot (610 mm-by-1219 mm) approved recessed light fixtures having slotted air openings on each side for 34 1/2-inch-long-by-1 1/4-inch-wide (876 mm by 31.7 mm) air boots. All air boots are provided with approved fire dampers. The stabilizer bars oppose the cross tees that support the long edge of the light fixtures, and are connected to the main tee. Light fixture framing members are supported at each corner of the fixture and at midspan of the cross tees along the long edge of the fixture. The light fixtures must be independently supported by hanger wires. Hanger wires are No. 12 gage galvanized steel. All main runners are supported with the hanger wires at 48 inches (1219 mm) on center, except at light fixtures where the supports are at the fixture corners. For additional support and installation details, see Figure 3. All light fixtures are protected above by a rectangular-shaped box consisting of 1/8-inch-thick (15.8 mm), approved mineral fiber board. Each side of the box is fastened to the top with four 7d coated nails. The structural framing system consists of open web steel joists spaced at 24 inches (610 mm) on center and supported by steel beams. The top and bottom of the joists are braced with 1/2-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) steel bars spaced 7 feet (2.1 m) on center and welded to each joist. Expanded 3.4 lb/ft^2 (1.8 kg/m^2), 1/2-inch (9.52 mm) ribbed metal lath is placed over the joists with nabs transverse to the joists. Normal-weight concrete with a 28-day compressive strength of 3,000 psi and an average thickness of 2 1/4 inches (70 mm) is placed over the metal lath. The entire assembly is 21 1/2 inches (546 mm) deep, including the ceiling and concrete.

The approved light fixtures may occupy a maximum of 16 square feet (1.48 m^2) per 100 square feet (9.25 m^2) of ceiling area. See Table 1 for allowable loads.

4.3.2 Paraline™ (DXLP) Linear Metal Ceiling Systems in Two-hour Restrained or Unrestrained Floor-ceiling Systems: The Paraline™ (DXLP) linear metal ceiling system is a suspended ceiling consisting of 3 1/2-inch-wide (82 mm), channel-shaped Paraline pans of 0.018-inch to 0.024-inch (0.45 mm to 0.60 mm) aluminum that are snap-locked to the bottom of DXP or DXLP Paralock™ main tees. The system may be used as two-hour fire-resistance-rated assembly as described below. See Table 1 for allowable loads.

The ceiling system consists of the DXLP 1 1/2-inch-deep (38.1 mm), bulb-shaped steel main tees spaced at 48 inches (1219 mm) on center with 1 1/2-inch-deep (38.1 mm), DXL steel cross tees spaced at 24 inches (610 mm) on center, suspended by No. 12 gage galvanized steel hanger wires. Cross tees are spaced 2 feet (610 mm) apart within 6 inches (152.4 mm) of each main runner splice location. The hanger wires are spaced a maximum of 48 inches (1219 mm) on center along each main runner adjacent to the intersection with cross tees; at the four corners of grid framing modules containing light fixtures and/or air boots; the main runners, at all four corners of air boots; at the center of all cross tees located adjacent to and parallel with walls; and within 6 inches (152.4 mm) of each main runner splice location. The following light fixtures may be used individually or mixed, as described below:

1. Nominally 24-inch-by-48-inch (610 mm by 1219 mm) fixtures spaced so that the area does not exceed 20 square feet (1.85 m^2) per 100 square feet (9.25 m^2) of ceiling area.
2. Nominally 9-inch-by-48-inch (228.6 mm by 1219 mm) fixtures spaced so that the number of fixtures does not exceed nine per 200 square feet (18.6 m^2) of ceiling area.
3. Nominally 5-inch-by-48-inch (127 mm by 1219 mm) fixtures spaced so that the number of fixtures does not exceed six per 100 square feet (9.25 m^2) of ceiling area.

Nominally 4-foot-long (1219 mm) Donn Paraline air boots with 6-inch-diameter (152.4 mm) inlets may also be used in the system. Spacing of air boots must not exceed one per 100 square feet (9.25 m^2) of ceiling area.

All light fixtures must be completely enclosed with 1/8-inch-thick (15.8 mm), Type FR-83 (s) acoustical boards manufactured by USG Interiors, LLC, that are held together with three 6d nails on each side. The same acoustical board, 24 inches by 48 inches (610 mm by 1219 mm), is laid in between all cross tees and main runners.

Hold-down clips are placed over the cross tees symmetrically at 2 feet (610 mm) on center when the acoustical material weighs less than 1 psf (4.9 kg/m^2). Access clips may be used in lieu of hold-down clips, where required.

The Paraline plain or perforated metal pans Types PAR, PASP and PARP (aluminum pans) are for use with the two-hour fire rating.

4.3.3 Donn Fineline (DXLF) Ceiling Suspension System:

4.3.3.1 One-hour Fire-resistance-rated Floor-ceiling System: The Donn Fineline suspension system is designed to support acoustical panels in one-hour fire-resistive floor-ceiling assemblies as noted in Figure 4. The main runners, 4-foot-long (1219 mm) cross tees and 2-foot-long (610 mm) cross tees are designated DXLF-29, DXLF-429 and DXLF-229, respectively. The overall depths and thicknesses of the runners and cross tees are described in Table 1.

4.3.3.2 One-hour Fire-resistance-rated Roof-ceiling System: The same framing members described in Section 4.3.3.1 of this report may be used as part of a one-hour fire-resistive, restrained, roof-ceiling assembly that may be described as follows: The main runners are spaced 4 feet (1219 mm) on center. Cross tees, 4 feet (1219 mm) long, are spaced 2 feet (610 mm) on center and inserted into main runners. Cross tees 2 feet (610 mm) long are inserted perpendicular to the 4-foot (1219 mm) cross tees and spaced to provide 24-inch-by-24-inch (610 mm by
4.3.5 USG™ Drywall Suspension System Fire-
resistance-rated Ceiling Systems: The USG™Drywall Suspension Systems are concealed, direct-hung grid systems that can be utilized as part of a fire-resistive floor-ceiling assembly as shown in Figure 5, with ratings as listed in Table 3. The main runners are either Type DGL or DGLW main runners. The cross runners are either Type DGL or Type DGLW cross runners, except that Type DGL cross runners are used around recessed light fixtures. The ratings apply to restrained and unrestrained assemblies as described in ASTM E119, which is referenced in IBC Section 703. General requirements of 2015 and 2012 IBC Section 711.1 (2009 IBC Section 712.1 and 2006 IBC Section 711.1) must be observed.

4.4 Special Inspection:
Suspended ceilings in Seismic Design Categories C, D, E and F, shall be subject to periodic special inspections during the installation of the suspended ceiling systems and their anchorage, in accordance with the following requirements: For installations in accordance with Section 4.1.5 of this report, special inspection must be conducted as indicated in 2012 IBC Sections 1704.3, 1705.1.1, 1705.1.4, and Item 3 of Section 1705.12; 2009 IBC Section 1704.15, 1704.8 and Item 3 of Section 1708.1; 2006 IBC Section 1704.13, 1708.5 and Item 3 of Section 1708.2, as applicable. For installations in accordance with Section 4.1.5 of this report, special inspections are required as indicated in 2015 IBC sections 1705.1.1, 1704.5 and 1705.13.2. For installations in accordance with Section 4.1, there must be compliance with the following: Section 11A.1.3.9, Item 2, of ASCE 7-10 for the 2015 and 2012 IBC (Section 13.5.6.2.2 (h) of ASCE 7-05, and 2009 IBC Section 1705.3.4, Item 3 for the 2009 IBC; Section 13.5.6.2.2 (h) of ASCE 7-05, and 2006 IBC Section 1705.3, Item 4.3 for the 2006 IBC, as applicable). The special inspector must verify that the ceiling system is as described in this report, and complies with the installation instructions in this report, and with the approved construction documents.

A statement of special inspections must be provided as required in 2015 and 2012 IBC Section 1704.3 (2009 IBC Section 1705.3.4, Item 3; and 2006 IBC Section 1705.3, Item 4.3).

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The USG suspended ceiling framing systems described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

5.1 The ceiling suspension main runners, cross runners, ACM7 clips, MAC2 clips and seismic compression post are fabricated and installed in accordance with this report and the manufacturer’s published installation instructions. In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer’s installation instructions and this report, this report governs.

5.2 Design loads and spans of main and cross runners must comply with Table 1 of this report.

5.3 Suspended ceiling systems must be designed in accordance with ASCE 7, Section 13.5.6, as referenced by 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 IBC Section 1613. The documents must be prepared by a registered design professional where required by statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.

5.4 For Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F, a quality assurance plan complying with, IBC Chapter 17, including 2015 and 2012 IBC Section 1704.3 (2009 and 2006 IBC Sections 1705.2 and 1705.3).must be submitted to the code official.

5.5 Periodic special inspections and a statement of special inspections must be provided in accordance with Section 4.4 of this report.

5.6 The ceiling framing systems must not be used to provide lateral support for walls or partitions, except as provided for in ASCE 7, Section 13.5.8.1, as referenced in 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 IBC Section 1613.

5.7 The ceiling systems must be braced to resist seismic forces as determined from Section 1613 of the 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 IBC.

5.8 The supporting construction for the ceiling system has not been evaluated and is outside the scope of this
The code official must approve the floor or roof construction supporting the suspended ceiling system.

5.9 The ceiling systems are limited to ceilings not considered accessible in accordance with Item 28 of 2015 and 2012 IBC Table 1607.1 (Item 31 of 2009 IBC Table 1607.1, Item 32 of 2006 IBC Table 1607.1).

5.10 The ceiling systems are limited to interior application. For exterior ceiling installations, the ceiling systems must be designed for wind loads and with due consideration of atmospheric conditions.

5.11 Lay-in ceiling panels must be justified to the satisfaction of the code official as complying with the interior finish requirements of Chapter 8 of the applicable code.

5.12 Lighting fixtures and mechanical services must be as described in Section 4.1.4.

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

6.1 Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Suspended Ceiling Framing Systems (AC368), dated July 2015.

6.2 Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Seismic Certification by Shake-table Testing of Nonstructural Components (AC156), dated October 2010 (editorially revised May 2015).

6.3 Reports of fire-resistance tests in accordance with ASTM E119.

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

7.1 Cartons of framing members, ACM7 clips, MAC2 clips, seismic compression posts and accessories are identified with the name and address of USG Interiors, LLC, the manufacturing location, the framing member designations and the evaluation report number (ESR-1222).

7.2 The report holder’s contact information is the following:

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## Table 1—Dimensions and Allowable Loads for Framing Members

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### DONN® Brand Exposed and Concealed Ceiling Suspension Systems

1. A DX-24 SDX-24  Main Tee  Intermediate Duty  144  1.64  0.014  48  48  3  12  24
2. A DXL-24  Main Tee  Intermediate Duty  144  1.64  0.014  48  48  3  12  24
3. A DX-26  Main Tee  Heavy Duty  144  1.64  0.014  48  48  4  16  24
4. A DXL-26  Main Tee  Heavy Duty  144  1.64  0.014  48  48  4  16  24
5. C DX-216 SDX-216  Cross Tee  24  1.00  0.014  24  24  13.7  27.3
6. C DXD-216  Cross Tee  24  1.00  0.014  24  60  2.9  14.8
7. C DX-20  Cross Tee  20  1.00  0.01  20  60  5.3  26.5  20
8. C DX-30  Cross Tee  30  1.00  0.014  30  60  2.7  13.6  30
10. C DXD-316  Cross Tee  36  1.00  0.01  36  36  2.6  7.7  36
11. C DXD-316  Cross Tee  36  1.00  0.01  36  36  2.6  7.7  36
12. B DXL-324  Cross Tee  36  1.50  0.014  36  36  2.6  7.7  36
14. B DX-426  Cross Tee  48  1.50  0.014  48  48  4  16
15. B DX-522  Cross Tee  60  1.50  0.01  60  24  2.1  4.3  60
16. B DX-524  Cross Tee  60  1.50  0.014  60  24  3.5  7.15  60
17. B DXL-524  Cross Tee  60  1.50  0.014  60  24  3.5  7.15  60
18. A DXLA-24  Main Tee  Intermediate Duty  144  1.64  0.014  48  48  3  12  24
19. A DXLA26  Main Tee  Heavy Duty  144  1.64  0.016  48  48  4  16  24
20. C DXLA-216  Cross Tee  24  1.00  0.01  24  24  12.5  25  24
21. C DXLA-242  Cross Tee  48  1.50  0.014  48  48  4  16
22. A ZXLA-24  Main Tee  Intermediate Duty  144  1.64  0.014  48  48  3  12  24
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25. B ZXLA-524  Cross Tee  60  1.50  0.014  60  24  3.5  7.15  60
26. B ZXLA-424  Cross Tee  48  1.50  0.014  48  48  3  12

### DONN® PARALINE™ Brand Linear Metal Ceiling Suspension System

27. A DXP  Main Tee  Heavy Duty  144  1.50  0.02  48  24  3  12  24
28. A DXLP  Main Tee  Heavy Duty  145  1.51  0.02  48  24  3  12  24

### DONN® FINELINE® Brand Exposed Ceiling Suspension Systems

28. F DXFF-29  Main Tee  Intermediate Duty  144  1.80  0.015  48  48  3  12  24
29. G DXFFH-29  Main Tee  Heavy Duty  144  1.80  0.015  48  48  4  16  24
30. F DXFF-229  Cross Tee  24  1.80  0.015  24  60  10  50  24
31. F DXFF-429N  Cross Tee  48  1.80  0.015  48  48  3  12  48
32. F DXFF-529N  Cross Tee  60  1.80  0.015  60  60  1.4  7.2  30
33. D DXF-29  Main Tee  Intermediate Duty  144  1.80  0.16  48  60  2.4  12  24
34. E DXFH-29  Main Tee  Heavy Duty  144  1.80  0.15  48  60  3.3  16  24
35. D DXF-129  Cross Tee  12  1.80  0.016  12  60  10  50  12
36. D DXF-20  Cross Tee  20  1.80  0.015  20  60  10  50  20
37. D DXF-229  Cross Tee  24  1.80  0.015  24  60  10  50  24
38. D DXF-30  Cross Tee  30  1.80  0.015  30  60  6.7  33.6  30
39. D DXF-329  Cross Tee  36  1.80  0.015  36  36  7.3  22  18
40. D DXF-429N  Cross Tee  48  1.80  0.015  48  48  3  12  24
41. D DXF-529N  Cross Tee  60  1.80  0.015  60  24  3.4  6.9  30
42. D DXLF-29  Main Tee  Intermediate Duty  144  1.80  0.016  48  48  3  12  24
43. D DXLF-229  Cross Tee  24  1.80  0.015  24  60  10  50  24
44. D DXLF-429N  Cross Tee  48  1.80  0.015  48  48  3  12  24
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For $\text{St}$: 1 inch $= 25.4$ mm; 1 psf $= 48$ N/m$^2$; 1 pfl $= 14.6$ N/m.

1. Items 1 & 1b will be sold as DX/DXL 24 & SDX/SDXL 24
2. Items 2 & 2a will be sold as DX/DXL 26
3. Items 3 & 3a will be sold as DX/DXL 216 & SDX/SDXL 216
4. Items 13 & 13a will be sold as DX/DXL 424 & SDX/SDXL 424
5. Items 16 & 16a will be sold as DX/DXL 524
6. Items 27 & 27a will be sold as DXP/DXL 26
7. Items 35 -44 can also be found as DXFEV with a galvanization Type G90
8. Items 49 & 49a will be sold as DXT/DXL 424
9. Items 52 & 52a will be sold as DXT/DXL 218
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FIGURE 1—ACM7 CLIP UNRESTRAINED

FIGURE 2—ACM7 CLIP RESTRAINED
FIGURE 2b—POP RIVET RESTRAINED (FIXED)

FIGURE 2c—MAC 2 CLIP RESTRAINED (FIXED)

FIGURE 3—DONN DXL ONE-HOUR FIRE-RESISTANT-RATED AND CONCEALED CEILING SYSTEMS
1 Normal-weight Concrete. Carbonate or siliceous aggregate, 150 + 3-pcf unit weight, 3,500-psi compressive strength with DXLT system and 2,500 psi with DXLF system.
2 Welded Wire Fabric. 6 x 6-W1.4 x W1.4 or heavier.
3 Steel Form Units. Minimum 9/16-inch-deep corrugated units of minimum No. 24 MSG galvanized steel, welded to supports with 1/16-inch puddle welds through welding washers. Washers located at each joint. Adjacent units overlapped one corrugation at the sides.
4 Steel Joists. Type BH3 minimum size; spaced 24 inches on center, welded to end supports.
5 Bridging. One by 1-inch steel angles, welded to top and bottom chord of each joint.
6 Duct Supports. Nominal 1 by 1 by 1/8-inch-thick steel angles or No. 16 MSG cold-rolled steel channels, 1 1/2 inches deep, suspended from lower chord of joists with No. 12 SWG galvanized steel wire to form a trapeze. Duct supports must be spaced at 48 inches on center maximum along length of duct and at air duct outlets.
7 Cold-rolled Channels. (Not shown)—No. 16 MSG cold-rolled steel channels, 1 1/2 inches deep with 9/16-inch flanges, located as needed to provide means of attachment for hanger wires located away from steel joists. Placed on top and secured to lower chord of joists with No. 18 SWG galvanized steel wire.
8 Hanger Wire. No. 12 SWG galvanized steel wire, twist-tied to lower chord of joists, spaced not over 48 inches on center along main runners adjacent to cross-tee intersections. If not already present, hanger wires shall also be provided at the four corners of light fixtures; at center of cross tees supporting the long sides of light fixtures; and at center of cross tees adjacent to air duct outlets.
9 Air Duct. No. 22 MSG minimum galvanized steel. Total area of duct openings not to exceed 113 square inches per each 100 square feet of ceiling area. Area of individual duct opening not to exceed 113 square inches. Maximum dimension of opening 12 inches.

10 Damper. No. 16 MSG galvanized steel, sized to overlap duct opening 1 inch minimum. Protected on both surfaces with 1/16-inch-thick ceramic fiber paper and held open with a fusible link.
11 Fixtures, Recessed Light. Fluorescent lamp-type, steel housing, 2 by 4 foot size with DXLT system and 2 by 2 foot size with DXLF system. Fixtures spaced so their area does not exceed 24 square feet per each 100 square feet of ceiling area. Wired in conformance with the National Electrical Code.
12 Fixture Protection—Acoustical Materials. 1/8-inch-thick USG Acoustical Products Co. GR-1(s) tiles having surface perforations cut into pieces to form a three-sided enclosure with open ends and trapezoidal in cross-section. Fixtures protection consists of a 23 1/4 by 47 1/4-inch top piece, with DXLT system and 23 1/4 by 23 1/4-inch top piece with DXLF system, two side pieces of a width which will provide a minimum 9/16 inch clearance between top piece and the fixture housing and are 47 1/4 and 23 1/2 inches long for the DXLT and DXLF systems, respectively. The side pieces are placed against the sides of the fixture and the top piece is placed on top of the side pieces. The pieces are held together by 6d nails near the center and near the ends on each long side of the fixture.
13 Steel Framing Members. DXLT or DXLF main runners, nominal 12 feet long spaced 4 feet on center. Cross tees, nominal 4 feet long installed perpendicular to main runners and spaced 2 feet on center. Cross tees, nominal 2 feet long, installed perpendicular to the 4-foot cross tees and spaced 2 feet on center.
14 Acoustical Material. Nominal 24 by 24 by 1/8-inch-thick USG Acoustical Products Co. GR-1(s) or GR-2(s). Border panels supported at walls by No. 26 MSG painted steel angles with 1/4-inch and 1-inch legs or channels 1/2 inches deep with 1-inch bottom and 1/4-inch top flanges. (S) = Surface perforations.

FIGURE 4—DONN DXLT AND DXLF ONE-HOUR FIRE-RATED SYSTEMS
For SI:
1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pcf = 16.02 kg/m³, 1 psi = 6.89 kPa, 1 pound/yard² = 0.54 kg/m², 1 inch² = 645.16 mm², 1 foot² = 0.0920 m².

1. **Beam**—W8 × 24, minimum size.
2. **Normal-weight Concrete**—Carbonate or siliceous aggregate, 152 pcf ± 3 pcf unit weight, 4,500-psi compressive strength.
3. **Welded Wire Fabric**—6 by 6 inches, 10/10 SWG.
4. **Metal Lath**—1/2-inch rib, 3.4-pound-per-square-yard expanded steel. Tied to each joist at every other rib and midway between joints at side lap with 18 SWG galvanized steel wire.
5. **Steel Joists**—Type 10J2 minimum size, spaced 24 inches on center, welded to end supports.
6. **Bridging**—1/2-inch-diameter steel bars welded to top and bottom chords of each joist.
7. **Hanger Wire**—No. 12 SWG galvanized steel wire tied to lower chord of joists or cold-rolled channels tied face to face with No. 18 SWG galvanized wire. Hanger wires spaced a maximum of 48 inches on center along main runners and located at ends of main runners at walls and at corners and midspan along 4-foot sides of light fixtures.
8. **Cold-rolled Channels**—No. 16 MSG cold-rolled steel, 1 1/2 inches deep.
9. **Air-Duct**—No. 20 MSG galvanized steel. Total area of duct openings not to exceed 57 square inches per 100 square feet of ceiling area. Area of individual duct openings not to exceed 113 square inches. Maximum dimension of opening is 12 inches. Duct supported by cold-rolled channels, spaced approximately 24 inches on center.
10. **Damper**—No. 16 MSG galvanized steel, 16 by 16 inches, protected on both surfaces with 1/16-inch-thick ceramic fiber paper and held open with a listed fusible link. Damper to overlap duct outlet a minimum of 1 inch.
11. **Fixtures, Recessed Light**—Listed fluorescent-lamp type, steel housing, 2-by-4-foot size. Fixtures spaced so their area does not exceed 24 square feet per 100 square feet of ceiling area. Fixtures and ballasts must be considered for these ambient temperature conditions before installation.
12. **Fixture Protection**—Wallboard, gypsum—1/2- and 5/8-inch-thick gypsum wallboard (SHEETROCK FIRECODE Type “C” as manufactured by United States Gypsum Company), cut into pieces to form a four-sided enclosure, trapezoidal in cross section, approximately 1/2 inch longer and wider than the fixture, with sufficient depth to provide at least 1/2 inch clearance between the fixture and the enclosure.
13. **Steel Framing Members**—Type DGL or DGLW—main runner tees, 12 feet long, spaced 4 feet on center. Main runner ends interlocked by an integral splice end detail. Type DGLW or DGCL cross channels, measuring 4 feet long, installed perpendicular to the main runners, spaced 24 inches on center. Additional channels placed 8 inches from light fixtures and from butted end joints. Channels clipped into main runner slots and secured to wall angle using 1/2-inch-long self-drilling and self-tapping screws having a thread diameter of 0.138 inch and a 3/16-inch head diameter. The Type DGL cross tees, used to support the 4-foot sides of light fixtures, are 4 feet long and installed perpendicular to the main runners.
14. **Gypsum Wallboard**—1/2- and 5/8-inch-thick gypsum wallboard (SHEETROCK FIRECODE Type “C” as manufactured by United States Gypsum Company), 4 feet wide, installed with the long dimension perpendicular to cross channels, with side joints centered along main runners. Wallboard fastened to cross channels using 1-inch-long wallboard screws located 1/2 inch from end joints and 1/2 inch from each side joint, and spaced 12 inches on center along the end joints and in the field.
15. **Metal Trim Molding**—No. 22 MSG molding measuring 3/4 inch wide, with 5/16-inch and 1 1/4-inch-long legs placed on wallboard edges around light fixtures and secured to the cross tees and main runners using 1-inch-long wallboard screws. Spacing of screws approximately 8 inches on center along the 4-foot side and 10 inches on center along the 2-foot side of light fixtures.
16. **Screw, Wallboard**—Type S-12, 1 inch long, self drilling and self tapping, 0.163-inch thread diameter, 3/16-inch head diameter.
18. **Wall Angle**—(Not shown)—No. 26 MSG angle with 1 1/2-inch legs, nailed to the walls supporting the cross channels.

**FIGURE 5**—FIRE–RESISTIVE FLOOR-CEILING ASSEMBLY UTILIZING THE USG DRYWALL SUSPENSION SYSTEM
1.0 REPORT PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Purpose:
The purpose of this evaluation report supplement is to indicate that the USG Donn® Brand Suspended Ceiling Framing Systems, described in ICC-ES master evaluation report ESR-1222, has also been evaluated for compliance with the codes noted below as adopted by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LABS).

Applicable code editions:
- 2017 City of Los Angeles Building Code (LABC)

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The USG Donn® Brand Suspended Ceiling Framing Systems, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the master evaluation report ESR-1222, comply with the LABC Chapters 8, 16 and 25, and are subjected to the conditions of use described in this supplement.

3.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The USG Donn® Brand Suspended Ceiling Framing Systems described in this evaluation report must comply with all of the following conditions:

- All applicable sections in the master evaluation report ESR-1222.
- The design, installation, conditions of use and identification of the USG Donn® Brand Suspended Ceiling Framing Systems are in accordance with the 2015 International Building Code® (2015 IBC) provisions noted in the master evaluation report ESR-1222.
- The design, installation and inspection are in accordance with additional requirements of LABC Chapters 16 and 17, as applicable.
- Main runners shall be identified by indentation or by nontransferable decal with letters not less than 1/8-inch high, and shall include the company name, runner designation and load rating.

This supplement expires concurrently with the master report, issued December 2018 and revised February 2019.
1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

Compliance with the following codes:
2013 and 2010 California Building Code (CBC), Chapters 8, 16, 16A, and 25

Properties evaluated:
- Interior finish
- Fire resistance
- Structural

2.0 PURPOSE OF THIS SUPPLEMENT

This supplement is issued to indicate that the USG Donn®, Donn Fineline®, Donn Centricitee™ and Donn Identitee® Acoustical Tile Suspended Ceiling Framing Systems; USG Donn Paraline® Suspended Ceiling System; USG™ Drywall Suspension System; Donn Seismic Compression Post; and ACM7 and MAC2 Ceiling Attachment Clips, described in master report ESR-1222, comply with the CBC, when design and installation are in accordance with the master evaluation report with the following modifications:

**Modify Section 3.5.2 (Hanger Wire) as follows:** Hanger wire for suspended ceiling framing members, and fixtures, must comply with ASTM C636 as referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 808, 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (2010 CBC Sections 808, 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16), and Section 13.5.6 of ASCE 7-10 as referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1 (Section 13.5.6 of ASCE7-05 as referenced in 2010 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1), and with ASTM E580 as referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16), as applicable.

**Modify Section 4.1.1 (General) as follows:** The suspended ceiling framing system installed with acoustical tiles or Paraline metal pans must be designed and installed in accordance with Section 13.5.6 of ASCE 7-10 as referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 808.1, 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (Section 13.5.6 of ASCE7-05 as referenced in 2010 CBC Sections 808.1, 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16), as applicable. The minimum tension and compression capacity of the ceiling framing member connections is 180 pounds (800 N).

**Modify Section 4.1.4.1 (Seismic Design: General) as follows:** Seismic design and installation details of the ceiling system, including lighting fixtures and mechanical services, must be in accordance with Section 13.5.6 of ASCE/SEI 7-10 as referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (Section 13.5.6 of ASCE/SEI 7-05 as referenced in 2010 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16), as applicable, except as noted in Section 4.1.5 of this report. Systems with main runners described in the master report Table 1, classified as intermediate-duty, are limited to use in Seismic Design Categories A, B and C. Lighting fixtures may also be attached to the grid with clips complying with the
Modify Section 4.1.4.2 (Seismic Design: Partitions) as follows: Partitions must be laterally supported as required by Section 13.5.8 of ASCE 7-10 as referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (Section 13.5.8 of ASCE 7-05 as referenced in 2010 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16), as applicable.

Modify Section 4.1.5.1 (Alternate Installation for Seismic Design Categories D, E and F) as follows: With this installation, the Donn, Centricitee, Fineline, Identiitee and Aluminum Cap or Exposed Systems (DXI, DX, DX, DX, DXLX and ZXLA) main runners must be heavy duty as described in Section 3.5.1 of the master report. Maximum total ceiling weight permitted is 4.0 lb/ft² (19.5 kg/m²). The ACM7 clips, MAC2 clips or pop rivets are used to secure the main runners and cross runners to the perimeter members (wall closures or wall moldings) on two adjacent walls and to allow free movement of the runners on the two opposing walls. See Figures 1, 2, 2b and 2c of the master report. A nominally 1/4-inch-wide (22 mm) wall closure angle (molding) is used in lieu of the 2-inch-wide (50.8 mm) perimeter wall molding required by Section 13.5.6.2.2 of ASCE/SEI 7-10 and Section 5.2.2 of ASTM E580 for the 2013 CBC (Section 13.5.6.2.2 of ASCE 7-05 and Section 5.2.2 of ASTM E580 for the 2010 CBC) for Seismic Design Categories D, E and F. Except for the use of the ACM7 clips, MAC2 clips or pop rivets and the nominal 1/4-inch-wide (22 mm) wall molding and the elimination of spacer bars, installation of the ceiling system must be as prescribed by the applicable code.

The ACM7 clip is attached to the wall molding by sliding the locking lances over the hem of the vertical leg of the wall molding. On the two adjacent walls where the runners are fixed, the clips are attached to the runner by a sheet metal screw through the clip into the bulb of the tee (See Figure 2 of the master report). The MAC2 clip is attached by fastening to the wall molding with one sheet metal screw. An additional screw is fastened through one of the side holes of the MAC2 into the top bulb of the runner (See Figure 2c of the master report). Instead of fixed connections (or restrained connections) provided by ACM7 clip (See Figure 2 of the master report) or by MAC2 clip (See Figure 2c of the master report), a 1/8-inch (3 mm) diameter pop rivet may be used to connect the runner end to the wall molding for a fixed connection (See Figure 2b of the master report). On the walls where the runners are not fixed (or runners are unrestrained), the ACM7 clips allow the terminal runner end to move 1/4 inch (19.1 mm) and away from the wall (See Figure 1 of the master report). The ACM7 clips, MAC2 clips or pop rivets installed in this manner are used in lieu of the spacer bars (stabilizer bars) required in Section 13.5.6.2.2 of ASCE 7-10 and Section 5 of ASTM E580 for the 2013 CBC (Section 13.5.6.2.2 of ASCE 7-05 and Section 5 of ASTM E580 for the 2010 CBC). ASTM 7-10 is referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1 (ASCE 7-05 is referenced in 2010 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1). ASTM E580 is referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16). The assemblies described in this Section 4.1.5.1 are equivalent to that required by Section 5 of ASTM E580.

Modify Section 4.1.5.2 (Alternate Installation for Seismic Design Category C) as follows: The ACM7 clip may be used in lieu of spacer bars (stabilizer bars) in suspended ceiling installations regulated by Section 4 of ASTM E580. The ACM7 clip is attached to the wall molding by sliding the locking lances over the hem of the vertical leg of the wall molding. The ACM7 clips are placed at the intersections of all runners and the wall angle (molding) on the floating/unrestrained walls (See Figure 1 of the master report), except where pop rivets or the MAC2 clips are used on the fixed or restrained walls as shown in Figures 2b and 2c of the master report. The ACM7 clips must be positioned to allow a minimum 1/8-inch (9.5 mm) movement between runner end and the wall molding in both directions (towards and away from the wall) on two adjacent walls while the terminated ends of the main and cross runners are fixed tight to the perimeter on the two opposite walls (See Figures 2 and 2b of the master report). The maximum ceiling weight permitted is 2.5 lb/ft² (12.19 kg/m²). Except for the use of the ACM7 clip, MAC2 clip or pop rivets and the elimination of spacer bars (stabilizer bars), installation of the ceiling system must be as prescribed by the applicable code. The assemblies described in this Section 4.1.5.2 are equivalent to that required by Section 4 of ASTM E580. ASTM E580 is referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16).

Modify Section 4.2 (Suspended Ceiling Systems for Gypsum Wallboard) as follows: The installation must be in accordance with ASTM C636 and applicable provisions of CBC Chapter 25. Suspended ceilings constructed of lath and plaster or gypsum boards, screw or nail attached to suspended members that support a ceiling on one level that are surrounded by and connected to walls or soffits that are laterally braced to the structure above are exempt from the lateral load design requirements of ASTM E580 and as referenced in Section 13.5.6 of ASCE 7-10 in accordance with CBC Section 1613. The ceiling must be designed for seismic loads as required under Chapter 13 of ASCE 7-10 as referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (Chapter 13 of ASCE 7-05 as referenced in 2010 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified in 2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16), as applicable. The ceiling weight must not exceed 4 psf (19.5 kg/m²). The capacity of the DGL and DGLW runners must not exceed the allowable load values shown in Table 1 of the master report.

Modify Section 4.3.5 (USG™ Drywall Suspension System Fire-resistance-rated Ceiling Systems), second paragraph, as follows: The ratings apply to restrained and unrestrained assemblies as described in ASTM E119, which is referenced in CBC Section 703. General requirements of 2013 CBC Section 711.1 (2010 CBC Section 712.1) must be observed.

Modify Section 4.4 (Special Inspection) as follows: Suspended ceilings that are part of building structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories C, D, E and F must be subject to periodic special inspections during the installation of the suspended ceiling systems and their anchorage, in accordance with the following requirements: For installations in accordance with Section 4.1.5, special inspection must be conducted as indicated in 2013 CBC Sections 1704.3, 1705.1.1, Item 3 of Section 1705.12, 1704A.3, 1705A.1.1, 1705A.11.5, and Item 3 of Section 1705A.12 for the 2013 CBC (2010 CBC Section 1704.15, Item 3 of Section 1708.1, 1704A.15 and Item 3 of Section 1708A.1 for the 2010 CBC); for installations in accordance with Section 4.1, there must be compliance with 2013 CBC Sections 1704.3, 1704A.3, 1705A.11.5 and Section 11A.1.3.9, Item 2 of ASCE7-10 (Section 13.5.6.2.2 (h) of ASCE 7-05, and 2010 CBC Sections 1705.3.4 and 1705A.3.4, Item 3). The special inspector must verify that the ceiling system is as described in this report, and complies with the installation instructions in this report, and with the approved construction documents.
A statement of special inspections must be provided as required in 2013 CBC Sections 1704.3 and 1704A.3 for the 2013 CBC (2010 CBC Sections 1704.1.1 and 1704A.1.1 for the 2010 CBC).

**Modify Section 5.3 as follows:** Suspended ceiling systems must be designed in accordance with Section 13.5.6 of ASCE 7-10 as referenced in 2013 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 for the 2013 CBC (Section 13.5.6 of ASCE 7-05 as referenced in 2010 CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and modified by 2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16 for the 2010 CBC), as applicable. The documents must be prepared by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.

**Modify Section 5.4 as follows:** For Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F, a quality assurance plan complying with CBC Chapters 17 and 17A, as applicable, must be submitted to the code official for approval.

**Modify Section 5.5 as follows:** Periodic special inspections must be provided in accordance with Section 4.4 of this report.

**Modify Section 5.6 as follows:** The ceiling framing systems must not be used to provide lateral support for walls or partitions, except as provided for in ASCE 7, Section 13.5.8.1, as referenced in CBC Sections 1613, 1613A and 2506.2.1, and must comply with applicable code provisions referenced in Section 4.1.4 of this report.

**Modify Section 5.7 as follows:** The ceiling framing systems must be braced to resist seismic forces as determined from Sections 1613 and 1613A of the CBC, and modified by 2013 CBC Sections 1616.10.16 and 1616A.1.20 (2010 CBC Sections 1615.10.13 and 1615A.1.16), as applicable.

**Modify Section 5.9 as follows:** The ceiling framing systems are limited to ceilings not considered accessible in accordance with Item 28 of 2013 CBC Tables 1607.1 and 1607A.1 (Item 31 of 2010 CBC Tables 1607.1 and 1607A.1).

**Modify Section 5.11 as follows:** Lay-in ceiling panels must be justified to the satisfaction of the code official as complying with the interior finish requirements of Chapter 8 of the CBC.

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