



# Product Evaluation Report

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**Listed Product**

**DH4 4-Way Seismic Separation Joint Clip**

**Listed For**

**USG Interiors, LLC**

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**Approved Manufacturing Locations**

**USG Interiors, LLC - Plant # 601**  
1000 Crocker Rd.  
Westlake, OH 44145-1089

**Listing Details**

**DH4 4-Way Seismic Separation Joint Clip** is manufactured by **USG Interiors, LLC**. The plant location listed above has an approved Q.C. Manual to manufacture the product and a Follow-up Service Agreement with *Progressive Engineering Inc.* The plant location listed above will be audited Quarterly by *Pei*.

**Product Description**

The **DH4 4-Way Seismic Separation Joint Clip** is a one piece hot-dipped galvanized steel structure. The joint clip is 5.2" in length x 1.3" in height, which will allow for a full size acoustical panel at the separation joint and maintains square and strength of the suspension system. Concealing tee-face sleeves are 3" long and offer use with DX/DXL 15/16" systems, Centricitee™ DXT 9/16" systems, Fineline® DXF systems with 1/4" Reveal, Fineline® DXFF systems with 1/8" Reveal and DXI Identitee™ systems.

The **DH4 4-Way Seismic Separation Joint Clip** is non-directional and can be used on either main tees or cross tees. Fastener holes and expansion slots enable fail-safe installation, furthermore no extra hangers or special fasteners are required. Clip placement is over the bulb of the tee and does not interfere with light fixtures, allowing a clean uninterrupted look.

Applications include all interior general use areas and works with Donn® Suspension Systems, DX®/DXL™, Fineline® (DXF), Fineline® 1/8" (DXFF), Centricitee™ (DXT), DXLA™, DXI Identitee™ and ZXLA™ (Environmental).

The joint clip meets or exceeds all national code requirements and fulfills requirements for IBC Seismic Design Categories D, E and F.

**General Product Use**

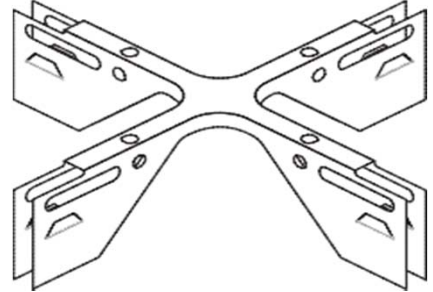
1. The **DH4 4-Way Seismic Separation Joint Clip** shall be installed in accordance with the installation guide provided for and are subject to the conditions of this **PER**. A copy of the installation guide shall be made easily available to the installer.
2. Seismic separation joints can be installed in any combination of main tees or cross tees and may be constructed at a main tee or cross tee intersection to conceal the separation joint from below.
3. Suspension system tees may be broken to construct a seismic separation joint provided a device is used to secure the tees together that allows movement or supplementary hanger wires should be installed.
4. The seismic separation joints are meant for the suspension system alone and ceiling panels should not be installed differently. Installed in compliance with ASTM C 636 and ASTM C 635.
5. A braced partition or kicker may be constructed to minimize or eliminate seismic separation joints.
6. Seismic separation joints shall be capable of allowing [+or-] 3/4"(18mm) axial movement.
7. Lateral force bracing should not be attached directly to seismic separation joints.

**General Product Use Continued**

- 8. A structural engineer should be consulted for very large suspended ceilings where multiple separation joints are necessary to break the ceiling into areas less than 2,500sq.ft. (232m<sup>2</sup>).
- 9. Seismic separation joints should be installed in accordance if that an area less than 2,500sq.ft. (232m<sup>2</sup>) has a ratio of the long to short dimension less than or equal to four (4).

**Code Compliance**

<b>2012 International Building Code</b>
<b>Section 2506.2.1, Section 808.1 and 808.1.1</b>
<b>Section 1613 - In Compliance with Requirements</b>



*Note: Installed to the requirements based on Sections 808.1.1.1 and 803.11.2.1*

<b>ACM7 Seismic Clip Performance</b>		
Test	Failure Criteria	Results
Tension Test	Tee fallout / displacement	Less than 300 lbs. Load Test stopped to protect equipment Failure load will exceed this level
Compression Test	Tee fallout / displacement	Less than 400 lbs. Load Test stopped to protect equipment Failure load will exceed this level

*Note: ASTM Class - Heavy Duty use*

<b>Load Rating Classifications</b>		
Light Duty	Intermediate Duty	Heavy Duty
5 lbs./LF	12 lbs./LF	16 lbs./LF

<b>Seismic Design Classifications</b>		
Seismic Design Category A, B	Seismic Design Category C	Seismic Design Category D, E, F
No requirement	Intermediate Duty	Heavy Duty

*Note: DH4 Seismic Expansion Joint Clip - Seismic Category: D, E, F*

**Compliance with the following Standard**

- ASCE 7 - Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Structures
- ASTM C 636 - Standard Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels
- ASTM C 635 - Standard Specifications for the Manufacture, Performance and Testing of Metal Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panel Ceilings
- ASTM E 580 - Standard Practice for Application of Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels in Areas Requiring Moderate Seismic Restraint

**Product Documentation**

- USG Interiors, LLC** Quality Control Manual for Donn<sup>®</sup> Brand Suspension Systems and **USG** Drywall Suspension Systems -- Dated: May 28, 2013
- ICC-ES Evaluation Report ESR-1222 -- Dated: December 1, 2011
- USG Interiors, LLC** Donn<sup>®</sup> Suspension Systems - 4-Way Seismic Separation Joint Clip - Submittal Sheet -- Dated: February, 2012
- USG Interiors, LCC** Seismic Technical Guide - Seismic Separation Joints - Technical Document -- Dated: February, 2012

**Product Documentation Continued**

***Seismic Evaluation of Suspended Ceiling Systems: Phase 1 and 2 of 2011 Test Program. Report No. PEER-STI/2011-12 Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, University of California, Berkeley, Dated: July, 2011.***

**Test No. Listed Below**

***Test No. 172 - DH4 Seismic Expansion Joint Clip, Dated: February 15, 2011.***

**Product Labeling**

Each **DH4 4-Way Seismic Separation Joint Clip** assembly shipment, that is covered by this **Product Evaluation Report**, must have a label attached with at least the following information:

1. **USG Interior, LLC**'s name and address
2. Product name
3. Plant identifier & date code
4. The **PER** number and **Pei**'s name or logo
5. ICC-ES ESR Report Number