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Erickson Anchorage of Roof-Top Equipment

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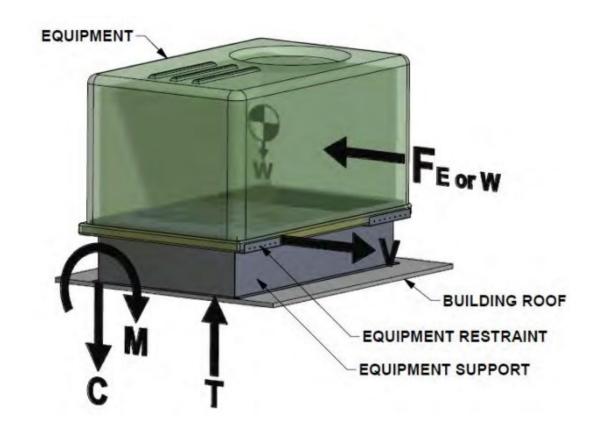


Introduction

Description

Based on the ASCE 7-10 manual codes, create an automated tool to calculate lateral anchorage and wind loads of rooftop equipment







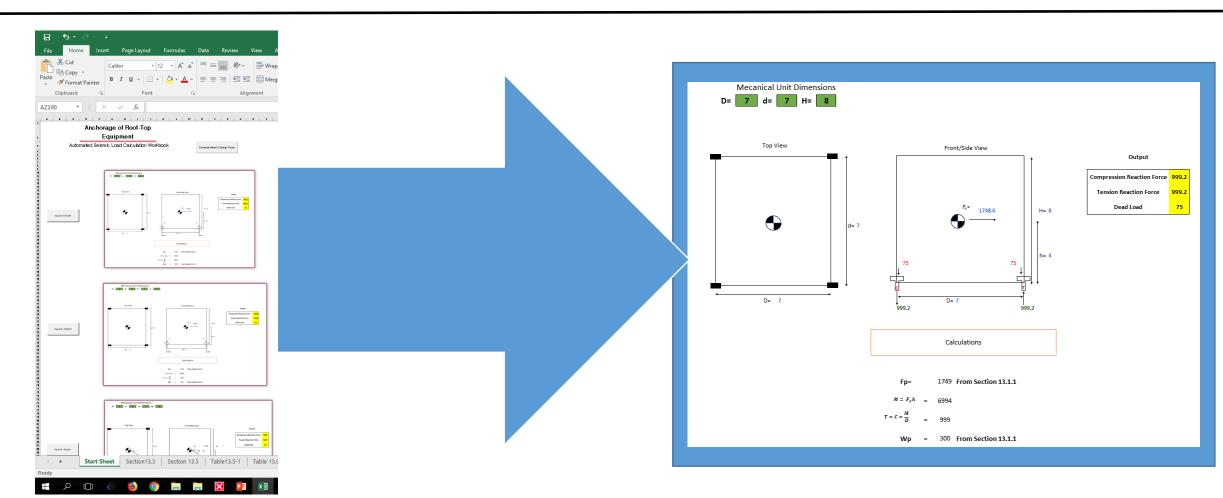
Project Tasks and Deliverables

- Create and Excel spreadsheet appropriate for calculating gravity and lateral anchorage of rooftop equipment (including solar panels, mechanical units, etc.)
- Create AutoCAD details to depict typical connections of rooftop equipment to the building structure.
- Create template proposal for use for such projects.
- Deliverables: Excel spreadsheet, AutoCAD model, Proposal template.

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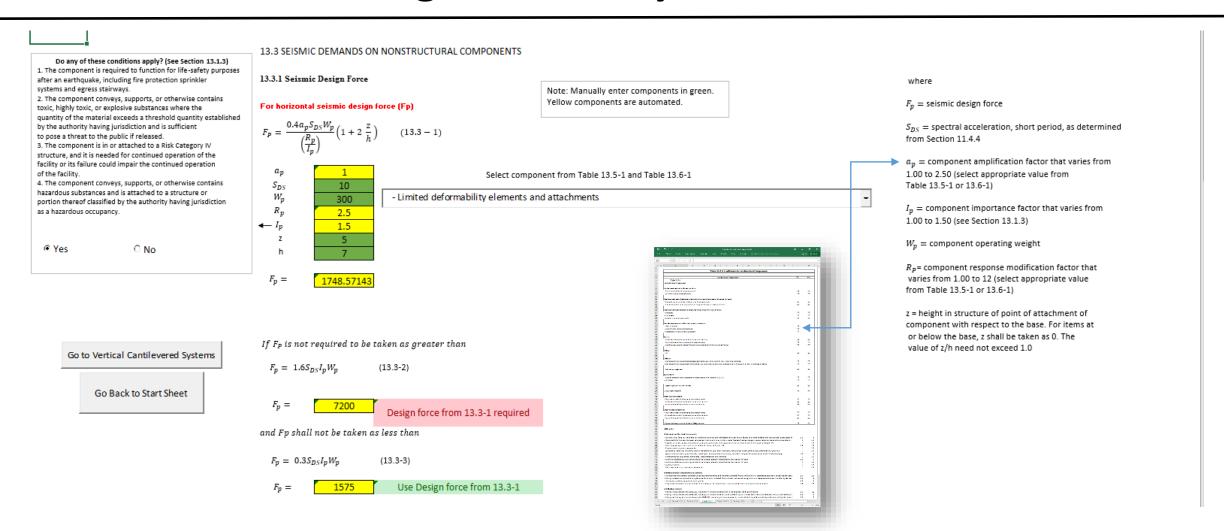


Design and Analysis





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- Challenges: first time for all of us. What would be useful and what wouldn't?
- Limited in-person help Client is out of town and no faculty advisor.
- Based on the ASCE 7-10 codes, chapter 13 and 29.
- In accordance with IBC 2006, IBC 2015, and IBC 2018 manual codes

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Discussion of Results

- There are automated sheets for a number of scenarios, more sheets could be added as different scenarios are required.
- Could use further testing and altering as it is used in real world projects.

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Conclusions

- We created an automated spreadsheet to calculate gravity and lateral anchorage loads of rooftop equipment (including solar panels, mechanical units, etc.)
- The spreadsheet was automated to accommodate several different scenarios such as varying sizes of equipment and different seismic loading requirements.
- Using AutoCAD, we created details to depict typical connections of rooftop equipment to the building structure.



Conclusions Cont'd

- We learned many lessons such as:
- How to communicate with a client far away.
- To create something based off our own design. Not just following orders.
- How to schedule our time wisely to complete the project.

We hope our project will be useful to Erickson Structural

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Recommendations

- The spreadsheet can always be updated and altered to further help the engineers using it as new ideas pop up.
- We hope at the very least this spreadsheet can serve as a foundation to build upon to make it better.



The End

Any Questions?