

$e_n$  = Staple slip, in inches (mm) [see Table 2305.2(1)].

$Gt$  = Panel rigidity through the thickness, in pounds per inch (N/mm) of panel width or depth [see Table 2305.2(2)].

$h$  = Shear wall height, in feet (mm).

$v$  = Induced unit shear, in pounds per linear foot (N/mm).

$\Delta_{sw}$  = Maximum shear wall deflection determined by elastic analysis, in inches (mm).

## SECTION 2306 ALLOWABLE STRESS DESIGN

**2306.1 Allowable stress design.** The design and construction of wood elements in structures using *allowable stress design* shall be in accordance with the following applicable standards:

**American Wood Council.**

ANSI/AWC NDS National Design Specification for Wood Construction

SDPWS Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic

**TABLE 2305.2(2)**  
**VALUES OF  $Gt$  FOR USE IN CALCULATING DEFLECTION OF WOOD STRUCTURAL PANEL SHEAR WALLS AND DIAPHRAGMS**

PANEL TYPE	SPAN RATING	VALUES OF $Gt$ (lb/in. panel depth or width)							
		Structural Sheathing				Structural I			
		Plywood			OSB	Plywood			OSB
		3-ply	4-ply	5-ply <sup>a</sup>		3-ply	4-ply	5-ply <sup>a</sup>	
Sheathing	24/0	25,000	32,500	37,500	77,500	32,500	42,500	41,500	77,500
	24/16	27,000	35,000	40,500	83,500	35,000	45,500	44,500	83,500
	32/16	27,000	35,000	40,500	83,500	35,000	45,500	44,500	83,500
	40/20	28,500	37,000	43,000	88,500	37,000	48,000	47,500	88,500
	48/24	31,000	40,500	46,500	96,000	40,500	52,500	51,000	96,000
Single Floor	16 o.c.	27,000	35,000	40,500	83,500	35,000	45,500	44,500	83,500
	20 o.c.	28,000	36,500	42,000	87,000	36,500	47,500	46,000	87,000
	24 o.c.	30,000	39,000	45,000	93,000	39,000	50,500	49,500	93,000
	32 o.c.	36,000	47,000	54,000	110,000	47,000	61,000	59,500	110,000
	48 o.c.	50,500	65,500	76,000	155,000	65,500	85,000	83,500	155,000

	Thickness (in.)	Structural Sheathing			Structural I		
		A-A, A-C	Marine	All Other Grades	A-A, A-C	Marine	All Other Grades
Sanded Plywood	$\frac{1}{4}$	24,000	31,000	24,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
	$\frac{11}{32}$	25,500	33,000	25,500	33,000	33,000	33,000
	$\frac{3}{8}$	26,000	34,000	26,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
	$\frac{15}{32}$	38,000	49,500	38,000	49,500	49,500	49,500
	$\frac{1}{2}$	38,500	50,000	38,500	50,000	50,000	50,000
	$\frac{19}{32}$	49,000	63,500	49,000	63,500	63,500	63,500
	$\frac{5}{8}$	49,500	64,500	49,500	64,500	64,500	64,500
	$\frac{23}{32}$	50,500	65,500	50,500	65,500	65,500	65,500
	$\frac{3}{4}$	51,000	66,500	51,000	66,500	66,500	66,500
	$\frac{7}{8}$	52,500	68,500	52,500	68,500	68,500	68,500
	1	73,500	95,500	73,500	95,500	95,500	95,500
	$1\frac{1}{8}$	75,000	97,500	75,000	97,500	97,500	97,500

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound/inch = 0.1751 N/mm.

a. 5-ply applies to plywood with five or more layers. For 5-ply plywood with three layers, use values for 4-ply panels.