where

F_{px} = the diaphragm design force
F_i = the design force applied to Level i
w_i = the weight tributary to Level i
w_{px} = the weight tributary to the diaphragm at Level x

The force determined from Eq. 12.10-1 shall not be less than

$$F_{px} = 0.2S_{DS}I_e w_{px} \qquad (12.10\text{-}2)$$

The force determined from Eq. 12.10-1 need not exceed

$$F_{px} = 0.4S_{DS}I_e w_{px} \qquad (12.10\text{-}3)$$

Where the diaphragm is required to transfer design seismic force from the vertical resisting elements above the diaphragm to other vertical resisting elements below the diaphragm due to offsets in the placement of the elements or to changes in relative lateral stiffness in the vertical elements, these forces shall be added to those determined from Eq. 12.10-1. The redundancy factor, ρ, applies to the design of diaphragms in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E, or F. For inertial forces calculated in accordance with Eq. 12.10-1, the redundancy factor shall equal 1.0. For transfer forces, the redundancy factor, ρ, shall be the same as that used for the structure. For structures having horizontal or vertical structural irregularities of the types indicated in Section 12.3.3.4, the requirements of that section shall also apply.

12.10.2 Collector Elements

Collector elements shall be provided that are capable of transferring the seismic forces originating in other portions of the structure to the element providing the resistance to those forces.

12.10.2.1 Collector Elements Requiring Load Combinations with Overstrength Factor for Seismic Design Categories C through F

In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E, or F, collector elements (see Fig. 12.10-1) and their connections including connections to vertical elements shall be designed to resist the maximum of the following:

1. Forces calculated using the seismic load effects including overstrength factor of Section 12.4.3 with seismic forces determined by the Equivalent Lateral Force procedure of Section 12.8 or the Modal Response Spectrum Analysis procedure of Section 12.9.
2. Forces calculated using the seismic load effects including overstrength factor of Section 12.4.3 with seismic forces determined by Equation 12.10-1.
3. Forces calculated using the load combinations of Section 12.4.2.3 with seismic forces determined by Equation 12.10-2.

Transfer forces as described in Section 12.10.1.1 shall be considered.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. The forces calculated above need not exceed those calculated using the load combinations of Section 12.4.2.3 with seismic forces determined by Equation 12.10-3.
2. In structures or portions thereof braced entirely by light-frame shear walls, collector elements and their connections including connections to vertical elements need only be designed to resist forces using the load combinations of Section 12.4.2.3 with seismic forces determined in accordance with Section 12.10.1.1.

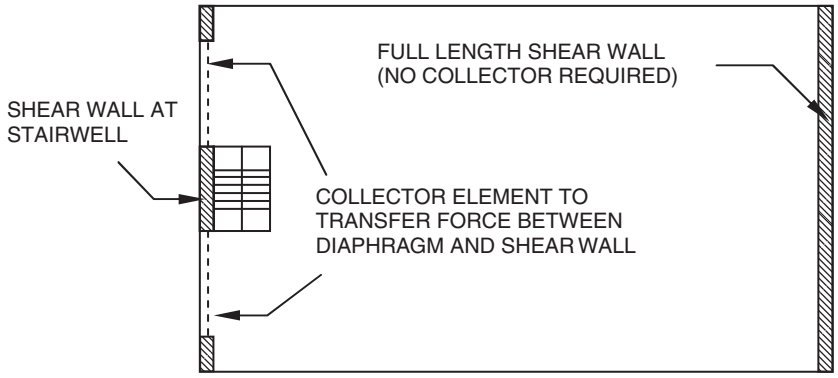

FIGURE 12.10-1 Collectors