anchors and their attachments shall be designed in accordance with 17.2.3.5.3. The anchor design shear strength for resisting earthquake forces shall be determined in accordance with 17.5.

## **Exceptions:**

- 1. For the calculation of the in-plane shear strength of anchor bolts attaching wood sill plates of bearing or nonbearing walls of light-frame wood structures to foundations or foundation stem walls, the in-plane shear strength in accordance with 17.5.2 and 17.5.3 need not be computed and 17.2.3.5.3 shall be deemed to be satisfied provided all of the following are
  - 1.1. The allowable in-plane shear strength of the anchor is determined in accordance with ANSI/AWC NDS Table 12E for lateral design values parallel to grain.
  - 1.2. The maximum anchor nominal diameter is  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch (16 mm).
  - 1.3. Anchor bolts are embedded into concrete a minimum of 7 inches (178 mm).
  - 1.4. Anchor bolts are located a minimum of 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches (45 mm) from the edge of the concrete parallel to the length of the wood sill plate.
  - 1.5. Anchor bolts are located a minimum of 15 anchor diameters from the edge of the concrete perpendicular to the length of the wood sill plate.
  - 1.6. The sill plate is 2-inch (51 mm) or 3-inch (76 mm) nominal thickness.
- 2. For the calculation of the in-plane shear strength of anchor bolts attaching cold-formed steel track of bearing or nonbearing walls of light-frame construction to foundations or foundation stem walls, the in-plane shear strength in accordance with 17.5.2 and 17.5.3 need not be computed and 17.2.3.5.3 shall be deemed to be satisfied provided all of the following are met:
  - 2.1. The maximum anchor nominal diameter is <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inch (16 mm).
  - 2.2. Anchors are embedded into concrete a minimum of 7 inches (178 mm).
  - 2.3. Anchors are located a minimum of  $I^3/_4$  inches (45 mm) from the edge of the concrete parallel to the length of the track.
  - 2.4. Anchors are located a minimum of 15 anchor diameters from the edge of the concrete perpendicular to the length of the track.

2.5. The track is 33 to 68 mil (0.84 mm to 1.73 mm) designation thickness.

Allowable in-plane shear strength of exempt anchors, parallel to the edge of concrete, shall be permitted to be determined in accordance with AISI S100 Section E3.3.1.

3. In light-frame construction bearing or non-bearing walls, shear strength of concrete anchors less than or equal to 1 inch [25 mm] in diameter attaching sill plate or track to foundation or foundation stem wall need not satisfy 17.2.3.5.3(a) through (c) when the design strength of the anchors is determined in accordance with 17.5.2.1(c).

## SECTION 1906 STRUCTURAL PLAIN CONCRETE

**1906.1 Scope.** The design and construction of structural plain concrete, both cast-in-place and precast, shall comply with the minimum requirements of ACI 318, as modified in Section 1905.

**Exception:** For Group R-3 occupancies and buildings of other occupancies less than two stories above grade plane of light-frame construction, the required footing thickness of ACI 318 is permitted to be reduced to 6 inches (152 mm), provided that the footing does not extend more than 4 inches (102 mm) on either side of the supported wall.

## SECTION 1907 MINIMUM SLAB PROVISIONS

**1907.1 General.** The thickness of concrete floor slabs supported directly on the ground shall be not less than  $3^{1}/_{2}$  inches (89 mm). A 6-mil (0.006 inch; 0.15 mm) polyethylene vapor retarder with joints lapped not less than 6 inches (152 mm) shall be placed between the base course or subgrade and the concrete floor slab, or other *approved* equivalent methods or materials shall be used to retard vapor transmission through the floor slab.

**Exception:** A vapor retarder is not required:

- For detached structures accessory to occupancies in Group R-3, such as garages, utility buildings or other unheated facilities.
- 2. For unheated storage rooms having an area of less than 70 square feet (6.5 m²) and carports attached to occupancies in Group R-3.
- For buildings of other occupancies where migration of moisture through the slab from below will not be detrimental to the intended occupancy of the building.
- 4. For driveways, walks, patios and other flatwork that will not be enclosed at a later date.
- 5. Where *approved* based on local site conditions.