

1. The structure consists of light-frame construction; the design spectral response acceleration at short periods, S_{DS} , as determined in Section 1613.5.4, does not exceed 0.5g; and the height of the structure does not exceed 35 feet (10 668 mm) above *grade plane*; or
2. The structure is constructed using a reinforced masonry structural system or reinforced concrete structural system; the design spectral response acceleration at short periods, S_{DS} , as determined in Section 1613.5.4, does not exceed 0.5g, and the height of the structure does not exceed 25 feet (7620 mm) above *grade plane*; or
3. Detached one- or two-family dwellings not exceeding two *stories above grade plane*, provided the structure does not have any of the following plan or vertical irregularities in accordance with Section 12.3.2 of ASCE 7:
 - 3.1. Torsional irregularity.
 - 3.2. Nonparallel systems.
 - 3.3. Stiffness irregularity-extreme soft story and soft story.
 - 3.4. Discontinuity in capacity-weak story.

1705.3.1 Seismic-force-resisting systems. The seismic- force-resisting systems in structures assigned to *Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F*, in accordance with Section 1613.

Exception: Requirements for the seismic-force-resisting system are permitted to be excluded from the statement of special inspections for steel systems in structures assigned to *Seismic Design Category C* that are not specifically detailed for seismic resistance, with a response modification coefficient, R , of 3 or less, excluding cantilever column systems.

1705.3.2 Designated seismic systems. Designated seismic systems in structures assigned to *Seismic Design Category D, E or F*.

1705.3.3 Seismic Design Category C. The following additional systems and components in structures assigned to *Seismic Design Category C*:

1. Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) ductwork containing hazardous materials and anchorage of such ductwork.
2. Piping systems and mechanical units containing flammable, combustible or highly *toxic* materials.
3. Anchorage of electrical equipment used for emergency or standby power systems.

1705.3.4 Seismic Design Category D. The following additional systems and components in structures assigned to *Seismic Design Category D*:

1. Systems required for *Seismic Design Category C*.
2. Exterior wall panels and their anchorage.
3. Suspended ceiling systems and their anchorage.
4. Access floors and their anchorage.
5. Steel storage racks and their anchorage, where the importance factor is equal to 1.5 in accordance with Section 15.5.3 of ASCE 7.

1705.3.5 Seismic Design Category E or F. The following additional systems and components in structures assigned to *Seismic Design Category E or F*:

1. Systems required for *Seismic Design Categories C and D*.
2. Electrical equipment.