

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A PRE-FABRICATED STEEL SHEAR WALL SYSTEM

## ELECTRICAL ACCESS

3/4 inch holes with grommets for running electrical wiring are provided at upper and lower area of Panels.

## STRENGTH, STIFFNESS & DUCTILITY

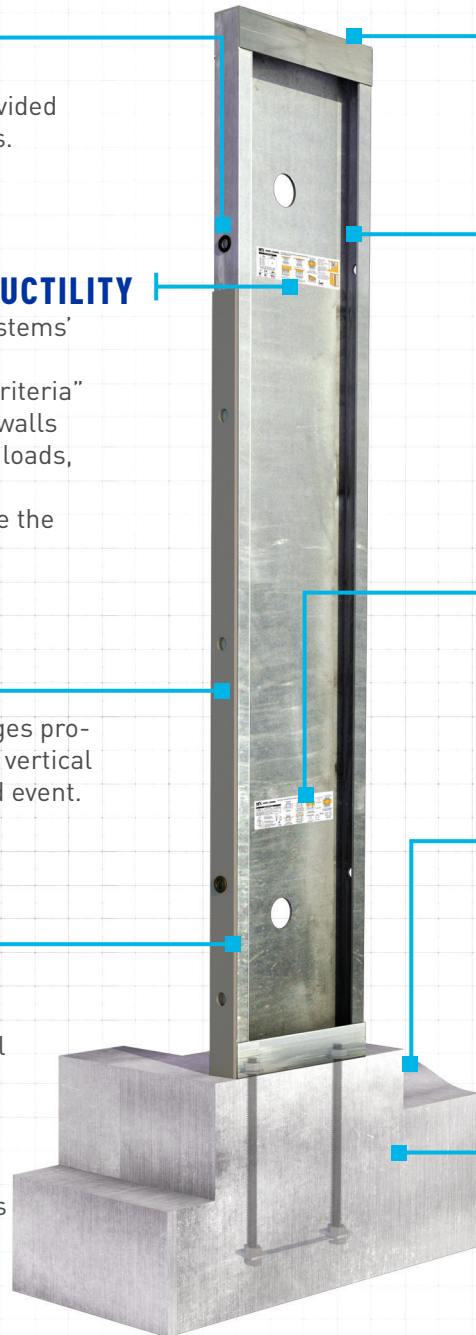
The Hardy Frame® Shear Wall Systems' proprietary design meets the ICC Evaluation Service "Acceptance Criteria" (AC322) for pre-fabricated shear walls with the strength to resist lateral loads, stiffness to reduce damage to the structure and ductility to dissipate the energy of an earthquake.

## RESERVE CAPACITY

Steel "stiffeners" at the Panel edges provide a reserve capacity to hold up vertical loads after a seismic or high wind event.

## WIDTH

The 9 inch wide Hardy Frame® is the narrowest pre-fabricated shear Panel in the industry. Panel widths include 9, 12, 15, 18, 21 and 24-inches. For architectural designs that maximize openings choose Hardy Frame® Panels to resist earthquake and wind forces with the highest allowable loads in the industry.



## CUSTOM HEIGHTS

For non-standard wall heights choose a shear wall system that offers custom height manufacturing.

## PANEL SHAPE

Look for the steel Shear Panel that is a C-shape. The cavity of the C-shape can be used to recess fixtures like porch lights and sockets, install wood backing and can be insulated. Hardy Frame® Panels are the only C-shape shear wall system in the industry.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Labels provide illustrated instructions for top and bottom connections that won't get lost or separated from the Panel.

## MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

Hardy Frame® Shear Wall Systems have multiple applications. Panels can be installed on concrete, on wood floor systems or stacked floor to floor by combining the Panel with the appropriate Hardy Frame® accessory.

## ECONOMICAL OPTIONS

Shear walls that require high-strength anchors regardless of the design load drive up material cost. Hardy Frame® Panels provide allowable loads for both standard and high strength anchors.