

# The List of Rule Revisions

Version No.	Date	Remarks
V1	2013-08-07	None
V2	2013-08-21	The sections 4.7.1, 4.7.2, 4.7.7 and 4.8.6 were revised.



The content presented below serves as the primary rules of this competition. However, if there are cases not stipulated or clearly defined in the rules, the organizer reserves the right of final interpretation of the cases.

#### **<u>1. The overview of this competition</u>**

Each team is required to design and construct a building model at the competition venue. The model should be able to resist the earthquakes generated by the shaking table at National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering (NCREE).

This is a two-day competition. On the first day, each team has 6.5 hours (including a lunch break) for constructing the building model. All the materials and tools are provided by the organizer.

On the second day, all models will be tested on the shaking table at NCREE. The artificial earthquakes with various intensities will be generated by using the shaking table. The peak ground acceleration (PGA) will gradually increase from 250 gal to 800 gal (gal =  $cm/sec^2$ ).

All models are ranked by using the efficiency ratio (ER). The value of ER is computed based on the mass of the model itself, the number of mass blocks supported by the model and the PGA eventually resisted by the model. The winner will be the team whose model obtains the largest value of ER.

In order to increase the challenge and interest of this competition, the theme of this year's competition is "A High First Floor with an Open Space." All teams are encouraged to exert their knowledge and creativity to construct an effective and efficient building model.

#### 2. The composition of team members

Each team consists of four students registered in the same university/college and one instructor, who is a teacher at the same school. During the two-day competition, the instructor is not allowed to use hands on constructing the model.

#### **<u>3. Materials and tools</u>**

Only the materials and the tools provided by the organizer can be used in this competition. Stationeries, e.g. pencils, rulers, erasers, and calculators, can be prepared by the teams. Nevertheless, these stationeries can be used only for computing and marking the materials. They cannot be used for cutting and drilling.



#### 3.1 Materials

The materials provided by the organizer include:

Item	Quantity	Details
1. Wooden base		It is made of medium density fiberboard (MDF). The size
board	1	of the board is about 0.55 cm thick, 26 cm (L) $\times$ 26 cm (W)
		(±0.3 cm).
2. Wooden stick		They are made of MDF. They are used for constructing the
	40	model and the frame supporting the poster board. Each
	40	stick is $70 \pm 0.5$ cm long with a 5.5 mm $\times$ 4 mm ( $\pm$ 1 mm)
		rectangular cross section.
3. Hot-melt glue		Each stick is about 30 cm long and 6 mm in diameter.
stick	20	These glue sticks cannot be used as the members of the
		building model.
4. Rubber band	16	Each rubber band is 3 mm wide, 1.5 mm thick, and the
	10	perimeter is about 240 mm.
5. A4-size paper	12	12 sheets of A4-size paper
6. String	1	A tinted cotton string with 4 m long
7. Bamboo stick	1	This item is used for making the team flag.
8. Poster board	1	The poster is pasted on this board.

#### 3.2 Tools

The tools provided by the organizer include:

Item	Quantity	Details
1. Scissors	1	It is a general office scissors.
2. Wire saw	1	0.9 cm wide and 30 cm long
3. Tape measure	1	The total length is 5.5 m.
4. Manual drill	1	Its bit is 8 mm.
5. Hot-melt glue gun	1	It is a general hot-melt glue gun
6. Large utility knife	2	The width of the blade is about 1.8 cm.
7. Check frame	1	This tool is used for checking the building area.
8. Pencil	1	It is a general official pencil.
9. Pencil sharpener	1	It is for sharpening the pencils.
10. Protractor	1	It is a general official plastic semicircular protractor.
11.Marker pen	1	It is a general official marker pen.
12.Ruler	1	30cm long plastic straight ruler
13 Cotton gloves	2	The participators can wear the cotton gloves to avoid
15. Conon gloves	2	burns when using the hot-melt glue gun.

Before constructing the model, each team should make sure that they have received all the materials and tools list above. If any material/tool is missed or damaged, please report to the judges for assistance.



# 4. The features of the model

All teams are encouraged to exert their creativity on constructing the model. Nevertheless, the following rules related to the models need to be complied with.:

Item	Details				
4.1 Basic structure	4.1.1 All models must follow the common rules of building construction. That is to say, the models are composed of the basic structural components of building structures, e.g., beams, columns, slabs, walls, and bracings.				
	4.1.2 It is not necessary to add claddings/decorations to the models for the purpose of aesthetic appearance. Even if claddings/decorations are added into the model, the clearance requirements stated in section 4.7 should be still met. It should be feasible for the judges to inspect and compute the building area of the model.				
	Figure 1. Schematic drawing of the building model.				
4.2 Site area of the model	4.2.1 Models must be constructed on the base board ( $26 \text{ cm} \times 26 \text{ cm} \times 0.55 \text{ cm}$ ) provided by the organizer. A 3 cm clearance around the edges of the base board must be kept in order to fix the model onto the shaking table. Teams violating this rule will be disqualified or punished by adding penalty weights to the models.				
	<ul><li>4.2.2 The allowable site area is the 20 cm × 20 cm gray square shown in Figure 2. The projection of the entire model onto the base board must be within this gray square.</li></ul>				









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4.7.6 The exterior clearance ratio of every floor (except the 1<sup>st</sup> floor) must be larger than 0.5.







#### 5. The placement of mass blocks

In reality, buildings are subjected to various types of loading. In this competition, mass blocks are used to simulate the vertical loading occurred in real buildings. The rules of placing the mass blocks are:

- 5.1 The material of the mass blocks is steel. The dimension of each mass block is  $6.0 \text{ cm} \times 4.5 \text{ cm} \times 3.0 \text{ cm} (\pm 2 \text{ mm})$ . The weight of each mass block is about 635 g.
- 5.2 The average vertical loading on each unit floor area is  $10 \text{ g/cm}^2$ . Thus, the required number of mass blocks on each floor is computed as:

Number of mass blocks = floor area 
$$(cm^2) \times 10 / 635$$
 (2)

The value computed from Eq. 2 must round off to the nearest integer. For example, the maximum allowable floor area of a certain floor is  $400 \text{ cm}^2$  as per Rule 4.2, so its corresponding number of mass blocks computed from Eq. 2 is  $400 \times 10 / 635 = 6.30$ . Thus, its required number of mass blocks is six, which is also the maximum number of mass blocks that can be possibly mounted onto a certain floor.

- 5.3 Mass blocks may be placed horizontally or vertically on the floors. Nevertheless, mass blocks cannot not be stacked up.
- 5.4 Mass blocks can be placed on top of beams, but cannot touch columns or bracings. The mass blocks, which touch columns or bracings, are treated as a part of the structure. When the mass blocks are regarded as a part of the structure, the clear floor height and the exterior clearance will be computed by using the position of the highest contact point.
- 5.5 Mass blocks must be placed inside the floor area, i.e., any parts of the mass blocks are not allowed to be beyond the boundary of the floor.
- 5.6 Mass blocks are placed on the floor when mounting the model to the shaking table. Only hot-melt glue can be used to fix mass blocks to the floors. Other materials, such as paper, cotton string, rubber bands etc., are not permitted to fix mass blocks.

Floor No.	Floor area (cm <sup>2</sup> ) (A)	The computed number of mass blocks $(B) = (A) \times 10 / 635$	The required number of mass blocks (C)	Weight factor (D)
RFL	200	3.15	3	3
7FL	280	4.41	4	3
6FL	300	4.72	5	2
5FL	360	5.67	6	2
4FL	381	6.00	6	1
3FL	390	6.14	6	1
2FL	400	6.30	6	1

Example:



#### 6. The grading rules

The criterion used for grading the performance of the models is the efficiency ratio (ER). The ER is computed as:

$$ER(Efficiency \ Ratio) = \frac{I \times \sum W_i}{M_M - M_B + M_p}$$
(3)

where:

*I*: The maximum seismic intensity resisted by the model (gal).

 $\sum W_i$ : The total number of mass blocks supported by the model. In addition, the number of

mass blocks on different floors is multiplied by different weight factors (Figure 4). The weight factor for the mass blocks on the  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  floors is equal to one. The weight factor for the mass blocks on the  $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$  floors is two. The weight factor for the mass blocks on the  $7^{th}$  and upper floors is three. It is noted that there is no mass block placed on the  $1^{st}$  floor, i.e. the ground floor.

- $M_M$ : The mass of the model itself, which excludes the mass blocks.
- $M_B$ : The mass of the base board.
- $M_P$ : The penalty mass, which penalizes the violation of the competing rules. The detail of the penalty mass is shown in Table 1.

It indicates that a model resisting larger earthquake load by using less material gets a larger value of ER. The larger the ER is, the better the model's performance is.

Violations	Penalty mass
1. Clean up the working area and arrange the tools in order	500 g
2. The site area of the model and the clearance along the edge of the base board ( $\geq$ 3 cm)	500 g
3. The total height of the model (55 cm $\leq$ H $\leq$ 70 cm)	200 g
4. The total floor area (1400 cm <sup>2</sup> $\leq$ A $\leq$ 2800 cm <sup>2</sup> )	100 g
5. The exterior and interior clearances for the 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	500 g
6. The total number of wooden sticks fixed on the base board (including columns, bracing, etc.) should be no larger than 24.	50 g /stick

Table 1. The penalty mass.



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7. The clear floor height (1FL $\geq 12$ cm, 8 cm $\leq$ other floors $\leq 10$ cm)	50 g / cm
8. Exterior clearance ( $\Sigma X_i / \Sigma L_i > 50\%$ for all floors except 1FL)	10 g / %
9. Interior clearance (must ≥ 5 cm for all floors except 1FL)	100 g / cm
10. Floor area $(2-4FL: > 300 \text{ cm}^2; 5FL-RFL > 200 \text{ cm}^2)$	$5 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^2$

For example, there is a model with the mass of the model itself,  $M_M$ , equal to 750 g, and the mass of the base board,  $M_B$ , equal to 275 g. In addition, the penalty mass,  $M_P$ , is 50 g because the clear height of one floor is only 7.6 cm. There are 6, 6, 6, 6, 5, 4 and 3 mass blocks placed on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and roof floors, respectively. This model passes the shaking test with a PGA equal to 700 gal, but fails at the subsequent shaking test with a PGA equal to 800 gal. Thus, the efficiency ratio of this model is computed as:

$$ER = \frac{I \times \sum W_i}{M_M - M_B + M_p} = \frac{700 \times (6 \times 1 + 6 \times 1 + 6 \times 1 + 6 \times 2 + 5 \times 2 + 4 \times 3 + 3 \times 3)}{750 - 275 + 50} = 81.33$$

#### 7. Mounting models onto the shaking table

Before the models are tested on the shaking table, there are periods allowing all teams to mount their models onto the shaking table and fix mass blocks on the floors of models.

- 7.1 Only two members of each team are allowed to mount their model onto the shaking table and fix the mass blocks. This task should be completed within 15 minutes. The team members are responsible for the completion of this task.
- 7.2 The organizer will provide a screwdriver and screws to each team for mounting the model onto the shaking table.
- 7.3 The organizer will provide a hot-melt glue gun and hot-melt glue to each team for fixing the mass blocks on the floors of the model.
- 7.4 The materials and tools not provided by the organizer cannot be used to mount the models onto the shaking table and fix the mass blocks.
- 7.5 During the period of mounting the models onto the shaking table and fixing the mass blocks, it is not allowed to strengthen the structure of the model.
- 7.6 The team members mounting the models onto the shaking table should be careful not to touch other teams' models, which have already been mounted on the table.
- 7.7 After all teams completed the task of mounting their models onto the shaking table and fixing the mass blocks, the staffs of this contest will check whether or not all models are



safely mounted on the shaking table and make necessary reinforcement. Nevertheless, each team is still completely responsible for the fixture of the model and the mass blocks.

- 7.8 The judges will examine all models mounted on the shaking table. The model with the following conditions stated in 7.8.1 to 7.8.3 will be required to make modifications of the model within an allowed time period. Otherwise, a certain penalty will be given to the model by the judges. Sometimes, in the worst case, the team may be disqualified for ranking in this contest.
  - 7.8.1 The number of mass blocks on each floor is not consistent with that reported in the check table.
  - 7.8.2 Mass blocks are attached to columns/bracings by using hot-melt glue.
  - 7.8.3 Mass blocks are beyond the boundary of the corresponding floor.
- 7.9 The side of the base board marked with a sticker is where the model should be built on. In addition, when mounting the model onto the shacking table, the sticker should be on the northwest corner (shown as Figure 14). If there is any question about the relative positions or directions shown in Figure 14, please ask the staffs/judges for assistance.



Figure 14. The orientation of the model fixed on the shaking table.



#### 8. Loading protocols

All models will be tested simultaneously on the shaking table. The artificial earthquakes generated by the shaking table contain a broadband of sweeping excitation frequencies. The intensity of each artificial earthquake is represented by using the PGA. The PGA increases from one test to another. Figure 15 shows the two components of the displacement time histories of the artificial earthquake with the PGA equal to 250 gal.

- 8.1 There will be at most six tests, in which the PGAs are in the sequence of 250 gal, 400 gal, 500 gal, 600 gal, 700 gal, and 800 gal.
- 8.2 The teams whose models pass the test with the PGA equal to 400 gal, which is equivalent to an earthquake with the intensity equal to VI in Taiwan, will receive the Quake-Resistant Certificate.
- 8.3 Only the models passing the test with the PGA equal to 600 gal are qualified for ranking in this contest.
- 8.4 The bidirectional time histories of the six artificial earthquakes are available on the IDEER's website. All teams are encouraged to download these data.
- 8.5 The mentioned directions are according to those specified in the lab. Figure 14 shows the directions and the orientation for mounting the models to the shaking table.



Figure 15. The E-W and N-S components of displacement time histories of the artificial earthquake with the PGA equal to 250 gal.



### 9. The failure criteria

A model will be judged to fail the test when the following conditions occur:

- 9.1 Any floor is unstable or collapsed.
- 9.2 Any mass block falls off or significantly dislocates.
- 9.3 The number of columns detached from the base board is larger than or equal to one half of the total number of columns.
- 9.4 The residual displacement of the inclined model, which is the horizontal distance measured from the original roof position to the final roof position, is greater than or equal to 10 cm.
- 9.5 The jury has the consensus of a model failing the test.



Figure 16. The shape of the check frame.

#### **10. The check frame**

A check frame shown as Figure 16 is provided to each team by the organizer. In order to make sure that the models are built within the allowable area, all teams are suggested to utilize the check frame by putting this frame through the models. Every horizontal cross section of the model should be within the opening of the check frame. The model violating this rule will be punished by adding 500 g penalty mass.



#### **<u>11. The poster</u>**

- 11.1 Each team must prepare an A4-size (29.7 cm L × 21 cm W) poster showing the design concept and creativity of the model. The affiliation of the team including the department and the university/college should be presented at the top of the poster. This poster is done before the contest is held.
- 11.2 Each team should paste the poster on the poster board, which is supported by using a frame. This frame is made of wooden sticks (Figure 17) and is done during the first day of this contest.



Figure 17. The frame for exhibiting the poster.

### **12. The team flag**

Each team must design a team flag, which is installed on the model during the first day of this contest. This flag may be drawn before or during this contest. All possible shapes of this flag are allowed. Nevertheless, the size of this flag should be no larger than that of a sheet of A6-size paper (14.4 cm L  $\times$  10.5 cm W, i.e., a quarter of an A4-size paper). This flag can be installed on the model by using any provided materials, such as the bamboo sticks.

#### **<u>13. Model inspection</u>**

The period of the model inspection begins at the end of the model construction and ends at the start of the shaking table tests.

13.1 The procedures of the model inspection are:

(1) The host calls the team number. (2) The members of the team being called weigh the model. (3) The judges inspect the model and then fill in the inspection form. (4) The staffs take a picture of the model and the poster. (5) The team members place the model



and the poster on the display table. On the second day, all competitors and judges vote models and posters for some special prizes. (6) Two team members mount the model onto the shaking table for the tests.

13.2 The items submitted to the judges for inspection are:

(1) the model, (2) the model inspection form, (3) the calculation sheet of the floor area,(4) the check frame and (5) the poster pasted on the exhibiting frame.

All of the abovementioned items are taken to the judges by two members of each team.

13.3 During the model inspection period, judges have the right to request the model to be modified or to make penalties to the model if the model violates the contest rules. During the two-day contest, jury has the right to re-inspect any models. The team, whose model needs to be re-inspected by the jury, cannot reject this request.

#### **<u>14. Special notices</u>**

- 14.1 In comparison with the contest rules adopted in previous years, there are significant modifications in this year's contest rules. All participants should read all contest rules in detail. The main modifications of this year's contest rules are:
  - 14.1.1 The site area is  $20 \text{ cm} \times 20 \text{ cm}$ .
  - 14.1.2 The 1<sup>st</sup>-story clear height must be no less than 12 cm. The clear story height of all stories except the first story must be no less than 8 cm and no greater than 12 cm.
  - 14.1.3 The number of mass blocks put on each floor is computed by using Equation 2 and then round off this computed value to the nearest integer.
  - 14.1.4 The way of fixing the base board onto the shaking table is to use the clamping strip. (Figure 18)
  - 14.1.5 Due to the change of the way of fixing the base board onto the shaking table, the size of the base board is changed into  $26 \text{ cm} \times 26 \text{ cm}$ .



Figure 18. The clamping strip for fixing the base board.

- 14.2 In order to save the inspection time, each team should complete the model inspection form, the calculation sheets of the floor area and the number of mass blocks before submitting the model to the judges for inspection.
- 14.3 Each team must clean their working area and arrange the tools in order after completing their model. Otherwise, the team will be punished by adding a penalty weight equal to 500 g.

# **Check Table of 2013 IDEERS Undergraduate Teams**

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# Floor Area Calculation Form

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# Floor Area Calculation Form

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