

# Step-by-step instructions: Steps 1-2 of 9

Seismic Design Web Service Do... x +

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## Reference Document End Points

ASCE7

- [2016 ASCE 7 Standard \(ASCE7-16\)](#)
- [2010 ASCE 7 Standard \(ASCE7-10\)](#)
- [2005 ASCE 7 Standard \(ASCE7-05\)](#)

ASCE41

- [2017 ASCE 41 Standard \(ASCE41-17\)](#)
- [2013 ASCE 41 Standard \(ASCE41-13\)](#)

NEHRP

- [2009 NEHRP Standard \(NEHRP-2009\)](#)
- [2015 NEHRP Standard \(NEHRP-2015\)](#)

IBC

- [2012 IBC Standard \(IBC-2012\)](#)
- [2015 IBC Standard \(IBC-2015\)](#)

AASHTO

- [2009 AASHTO Guide Specifications \(AASHTO-2009\)](#) **2**

1. Using a web browser such as Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox, go to <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps>
2. Click on design document of interest, such as AASHTO-2009

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Example **3**

Request

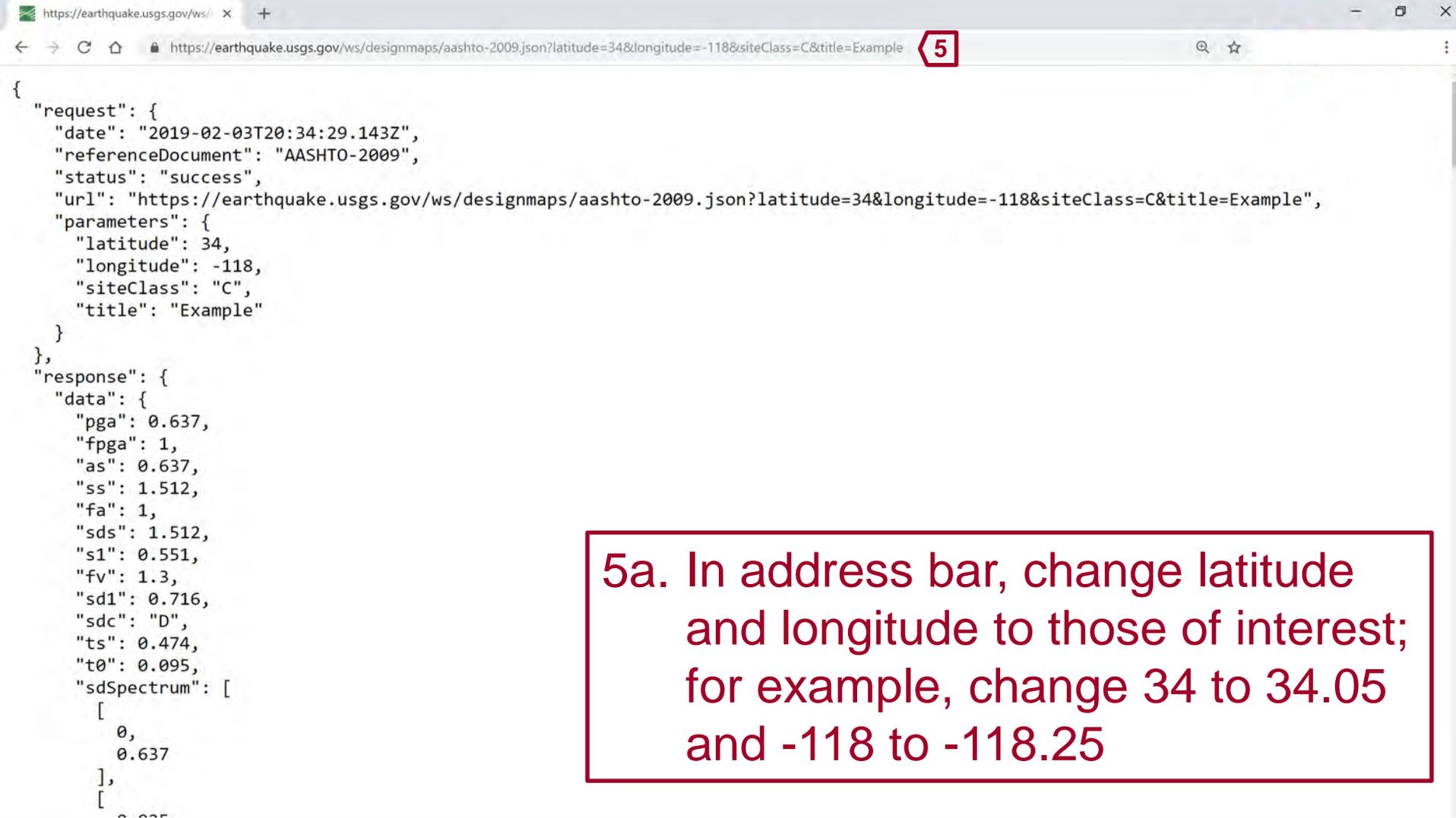
<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/aashto-2009.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&siteClass=C&title=Example> **4**

Response

```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2018-06-03T00:50:52.810Z",
    "referenceDocument": "AASHTO-2009",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/aashto-2009.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&siteClass=C&title=Example",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34,
      "longitude": -118,
      "siteClass": "C",
      "title": "Example"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
```

3. Scroll down to Example
4. Click on example request

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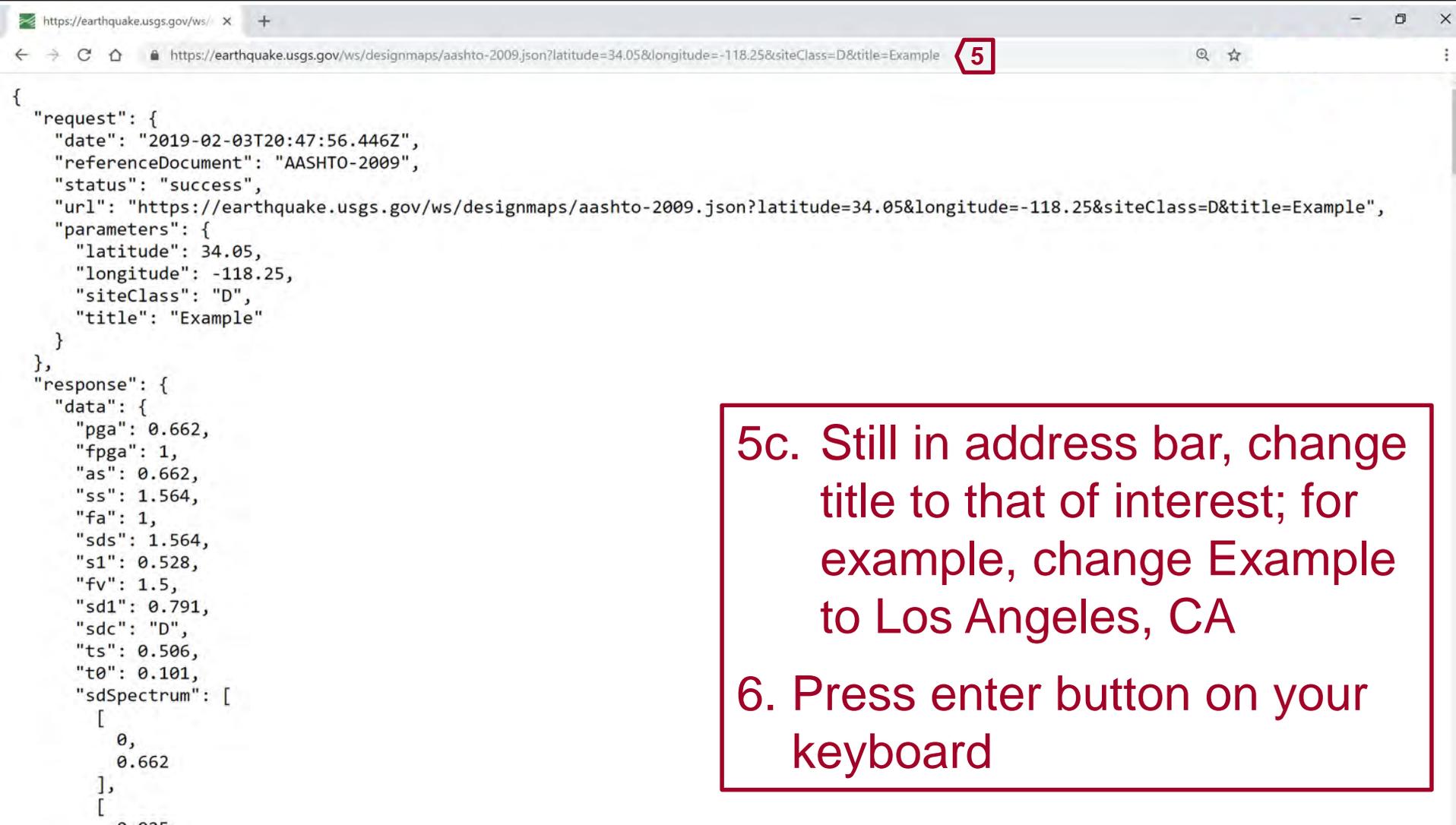


```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2019-02-03T20:34:29.143Z",
    "referenceDocument": "AASHTO-2009",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/aashto-2009.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&siteClass=C&title=Example",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34,
      "longitude": -118,
      "siteClass": "C",
      "title": "Example"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
      "pga": 0.637,
      "fpga": 1,
      "as": 0.637,
      "ss": 1.512,
      "fa": 1,
      "sds": 1.512,
      "s1": 0.551,
      "fv": 1.3,
      "sd1": 0.716,
      "sdc": "D",
      "ts": 0.474,
      "t0": 0.095,
      "sdSpectrum": [
        [
          0,
          0.637
        ],
        [
          0.025,
          0.637
        ]
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

5a. In address bar, change latitude and longitude to those of interest; for example, change 34 to 34.05 and -118 to -118.25



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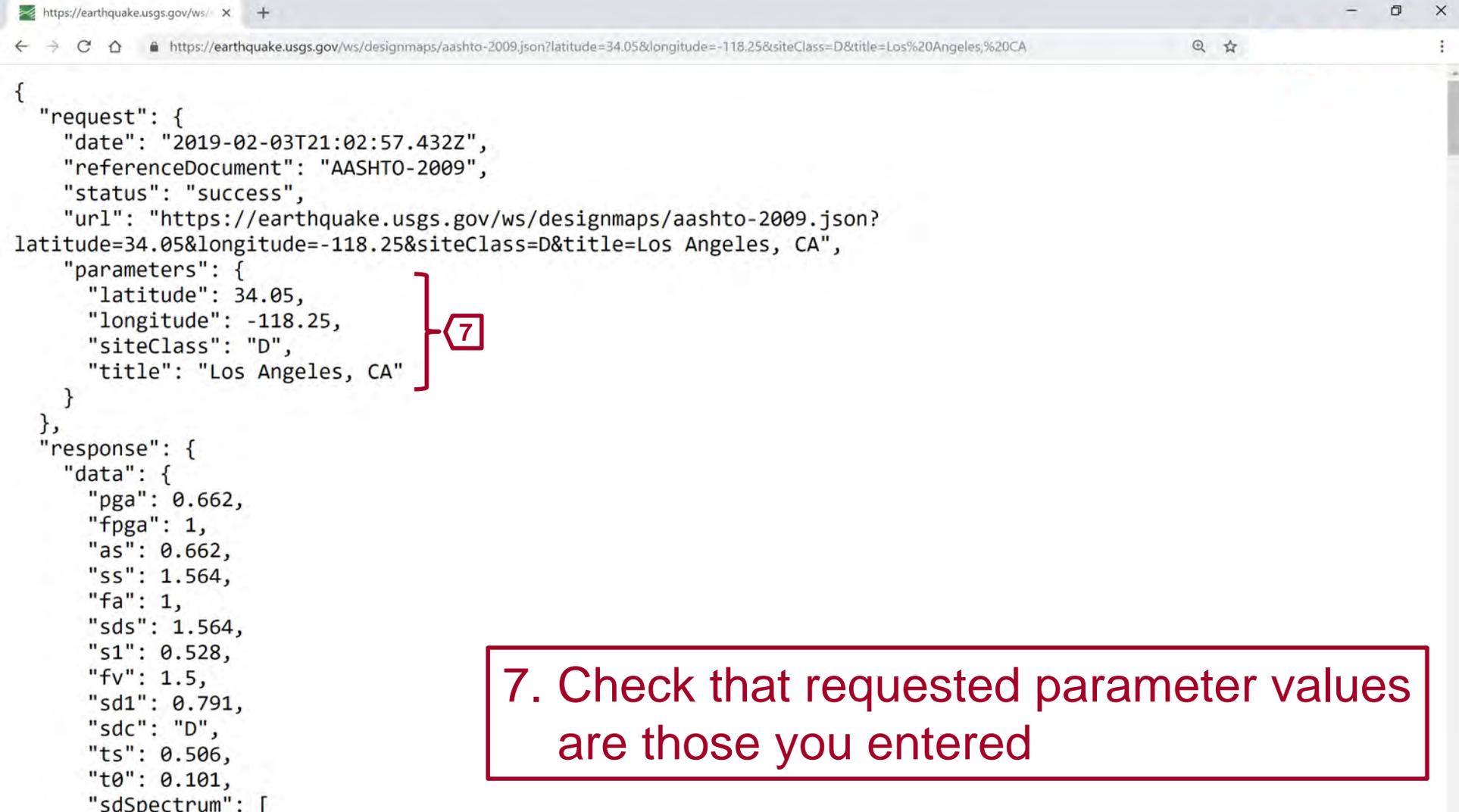
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```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2019-02-03T20:47:56.446Z",
    "referenceDocument": "AASHTO-2009",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/aashto-2009.json?latitude=34.05&longitude=-118.25&siteClass=D&title=Example",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34.05,
      "longitude": -118.25,
      "siteClass": "D",
      "title": "Example"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
      "pga": 0.662,
      "fpga": 1,
      "as": 0.662,
      "ss": 1.564,
      "fa": 1,
      "sds": 1.564,
      "s1": 0.528,
      "fv": 1.5,
      "sd1": 0.791,
      "sdc": "D",
      "ts": 0.506,
      "t0": 0.101,
      "sdSpectrum": [
        [
          0,
          0.662
        ]
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

5c. Still in address bar, change title to that of interest; for example, change Example to Los Angeles, CA

6. Press enter button on your keyboard

# Step-by-step instructions: Step 7 of 9



```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2019-02-03T21:02:57.432Z",
    "referenceDocument": "AASHTO-2009",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/aashto-2009.json?
latitude=34.05&longitude=-118.25&siteClass=D&title=Los Angeles, CA",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34.05,
      "longitude": -118.25,
      "siteClass": "D",
      "title": "Los Angeles, CA"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
      "pga": 0.662,
      "fpga": 1,
      "as": 0.662,
      "ss": 1.564,
      "fa": 1,
      "sds": 1.564,
      "s1": 0.528,
      "fv": 1.5,
      "sd1": 0.791,
      "sdc": "D",
      "ts": 0.506,
      "t0": 0.101,
      "sdSpectrum": [
```

7. Check that requested parameter values are those you entered

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```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2019-02-03T21:02:57.432Z",
    "referenceDocument": "AASHTO-2009",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/aashto-2009.json?latitude=34.05&longitude=-118.25&siteClass=D&title=Los Angeles, CA",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34.05,
      "longitude": -118.25,
      "siteClass": "D",
      "title": "Los Angeles, CA"
    }
  },
  "response": { 8
    "data": { 9
      "pga": 0.662,
      "fpga": 1,
      "as": 0.662,
      "ss": 1.564,
      "fa": 1,
      "sds": 1.564,
      "s1": 0.528,
      "fv": 1.5,
      "sd1": 0.791,
      "sdc": "D",
      "ts": 0.506,
      "t0": 0.101,
      "sdSpectrum": [
```

8. Scroll down to response data
9. Read  $S_S$ ,  $F_a$ ,  $S_{DS}$ , etc (see [documentation](#) for parameter definitions, or next slide)

# Parameter Definitions

**response**

**data**

**pga**  
PGA, the mapped horizontal Peak Ground Acceleration, in units of g

**fpga**  
 $F_{PGA}$ , the site coefficient for PGA, from Table 3.4.2.3-1 of the seismic design reference document

**as**  
 $A_S = F_{PGA} \times PGA$  (Equation 3.4.1-1), the design peak ground acceleration, in units of g

**ss**  
 $S_S$ , the mapped short-period (0.2-second) spectral acceleration, in units of g

**fa**  
 $F_a$ , the site coefficient for  $S_S$ , from Table 3.4.2.3-1

**sds**  
 $S_{DS} = F_a \times S_S$  (Equation 3.4.1-2), the design short-period (0.2-second) spectral acceleration, in units of g

**s1**  
 $S_1$ , the mapped 1-second spectral acceleration, in units of g

**fv**  
 $F_v$ , the site coefficient for  $S_1$ , from Table 3.4.2.3-2

**sd1**  
 $S_{D1} = F_v \times S_1$  (Equation 3.4.1-3), the design 1-second spectral acceleration, in units of g

**sdc**  
SDC, the Seismic Design Category from Table 3.5-1

**ts**  
 $T_S = S_{D1} / S_{DS}$  (Equation 3.4.1-6), in seconds, for construction of design response spectrum

**t0**  
 $T_0 = 0.2T_S$  (Equation 3.4.1-5), in seconds, for construction of design response spectrum

**sdSpectrum**  
 $S_a$ , the design response spectrum from Figure 3.4.1-1 and Equation 3.4.1-4