

**ALTERNATIVE BLASTING LEVEL CRITERIA**

(Appendix B, Replicated from US Department of the Interior Blasting Guidance Manual 8507)

Safe blasting vibration criteria were developed for residential structures, having two frequency ranges and a sharp discontinuity at 40 Hz (table 13). There are blasts that represent an intermediate frequency case, being higher than the structure resonances (4-12 Hz) and lower than 40 Hz. The criteria of table 13 apply equally to a 35-Hz and a 10-Hz ground vibration, although the responses and damage potentials are very much different.

Using both the measured structure amplifications (fig. 39) and damage summaries (figs. 52 and 54), a smoother set of criteria was developed. These criteria have more severe measuring requirements, involving both displacement and velocity (fig. B-1).

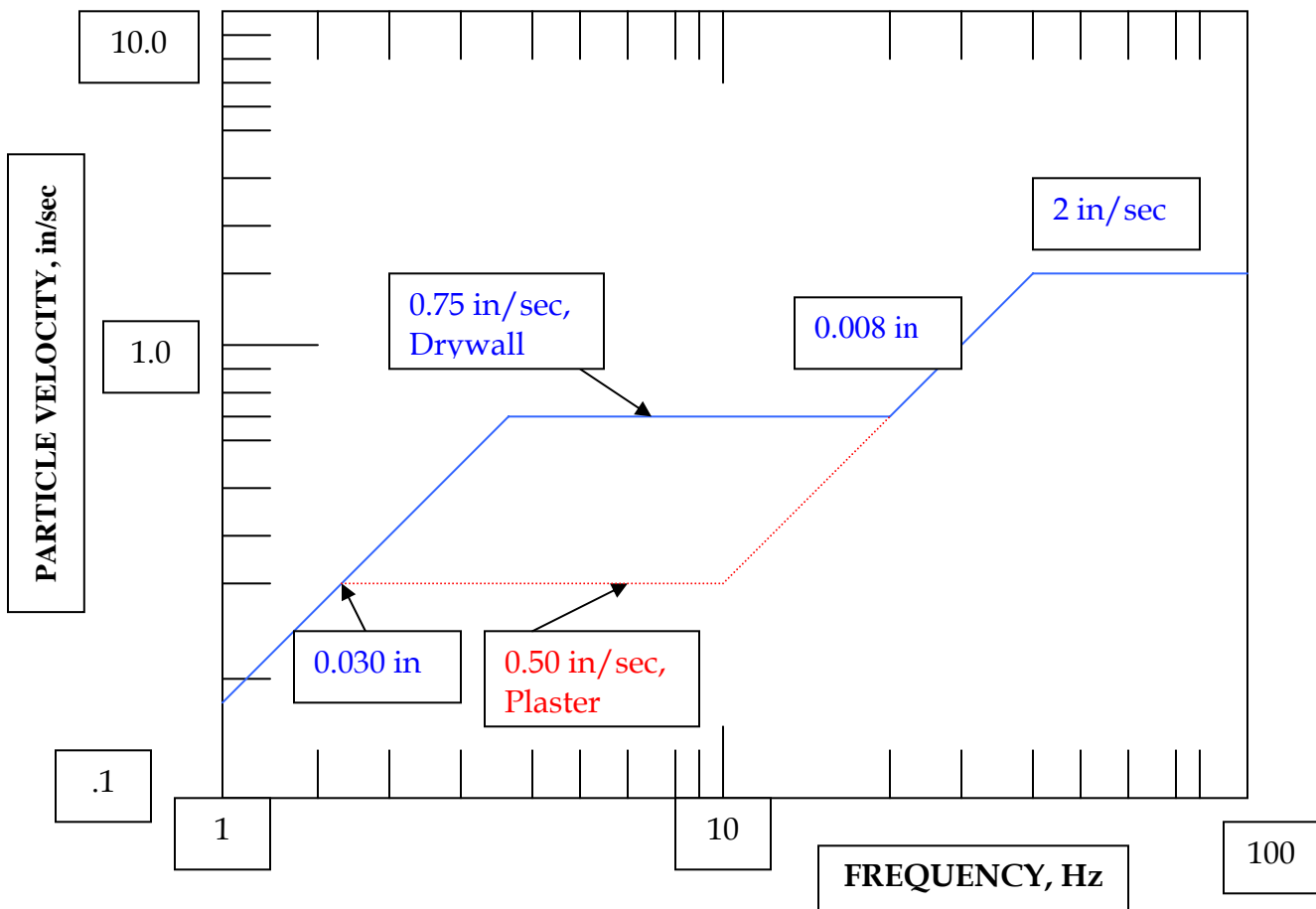


Figure B-1. -Safe levels of blasting vibration for houses using a combination of velocity and displacement.