

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2005 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Optitum Foundation Design for Model Houses Undergoing an Earthquake

Objectives/Goals

Abstract

Find what type of house foundation:rubber, coil, or cement will absorbe the shock givin off by an earthquake and survive in the best strucutural condition.

Methods/Materials

Earthquake Simulator from company Pitsco that follows the Rictor scale . 4 model houses,4 foundations, power tools, nails, ect.

Results

Rubber foundation absorbed earthquake shock and remained in perfect structural condition.

Conclusions/Discussion

Earthquake simulator has flaws at the higher settings.

Summary Statement

Testing model houses with different foundations on an earthquake simulator

Help Received

Dad helped use power tools and edit video.