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where T is the fundamental period of the structure (s); a_g is the design peak ground acceleration on type A ground (m/s^2); S is the soil factor; T_B is the lower limit of the constant spectral-acceleration branch (s); and q is the behavior factor.

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