ASCE Requirements for Citations

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- A reference to its source must accompany all factual material that is not original with you.
- ASCE books and journals prefer the author-date system of referencing.
- This system has two parts, the text citation and the reference list.

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- The **text citation** appears where the material to be cited is presented in the body of the report.
- The citation refers readers to a source in the **reference list**.
- The reference list is sorted alphabetically by the author's name and then year of publication.

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Every **reference** must have a **text citation** and

 Every text citation must have a corresponding reference.

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- ASCE prefers text citation to use the author-date method.
- List the last names of the authors, then the year of publication.
- The author-date formats are:

et alii Latin for "and others"

- One author (Smith 2004);
- two authors (Smith and Jones 2004); and
- three or more authors (Smith et al. 2004).

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In most **text citations**, the author and date appear in parentheses with no comma between them.

For example:

One recent report (Carson 2006) finds evidence that...

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In most **text citations**, the author and date appear in parentheses with no comma between them.

For example:

... yielded varying results (Jones 2005; Marks and Smith 2004).

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For **text citations** when the researcher's name is part of the sentence, the last name does not need to be repeated.

For example:

Smith et al. (2006) indicate that steam curing is ...

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For **text citations** by the same author(s) published in the same year are designated with lowercase letters: 2004a, 2004b.

For example:

The results of numerous studies (Smith et al. 2006a, 2006b) show the effects of water on ...

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• The **reference list** listing all the **text**

 Prepare a reference section listing all references alphabetically by the last name of the first author.

citations appears at the end of the paper.

 For anonymous reports and standards, alphabetize by the issuing institution.

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• **References** begin with the names of the author(s), last name first for all authors, followed by the year of publication in parentheses.

Feld, J. & Carper, K. (1997). *Construction Failure,* 2nd Ed., Wiley, New York.

Publisher

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Zhang, H. M. (2000). "Phase transitions in nonequilibrium traffic theory." J. Transp. Engrg., ASCE, 126(1), 1-12.



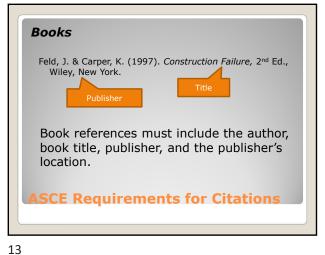
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Books Feld, J. & Carper, K. (1997). Construction Failure, 2nd Ed., Wiley, New York. If a specific chapter is being used, list the chapter title and inclusive page numbers. **ASCE Requirements for Citations**

Reports

- Same as for books.
- For reports authored by institutions, spell out the institution's name first and then follow it by the initialism or acronym in parentheses, if applicable.

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- If that same institution also authored subsequent references, use only the initialism or acronym.
- For reports authored by persons, include the full institution name—no acronym and its location.

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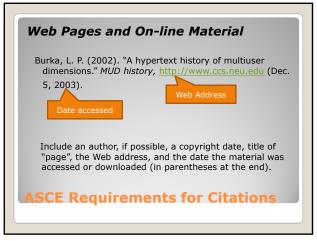
Journals

King, S. & Delatte, N. J. (2004). "Collapse of 2000 Commonwealth Avenue: Punching shear case study." J. Perf. Constr. Facil., 18(1), 54-61.

Double-check the year, journal title, volume, issue numbers, and page numbers.

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Conference Proceedings and Symposia Fwa, T. F., Liu, S. B., & Teng, K. J. (2004). "Airport pavement condition rating and maintenance-needs assessment using fuzzy logic." Proc., Airport Pavements: Challenges and New Technologies, ASCE, Reston, Va., 29-38. Include the sponsor of the conference or publisher of the proceedings, and that entity's location; city and state or city and country. SCE Requirements for Citations



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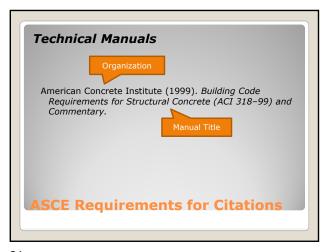
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Include an author, if possible, a copyright date, title of "page", the Web address, and the date the material was accessed or downloaded (in parentheses at the end).

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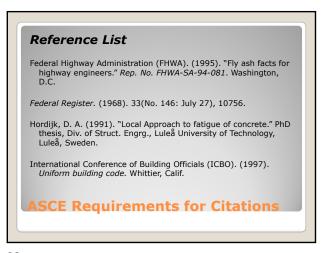
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Bazant, Z. P. & Novak, D. (2000a). "Probabilistic nonlocal theory for quasibrittle fracture initiation and size effect. I: Theory." J. Engrg. Mech., ASCE, 126(2), 166-174.

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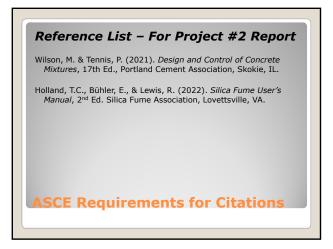
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Merifield, R. S., Sloan, S. W., & Yu, H. S. (1999). "Rigorous plasticity solutions for the bearing capacity of two-layered clays." Geotechnique, London, 49(4), 471-490.

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