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***
- Every ***text citation*** must have a corresponding ***reference***.

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- ASCE prefers ***text citations*** to use the ***author-date method***.
- List the ***last names*** of the authors, then the ***year of publication***.
- The author-date formats are:
  - One author (Smith 2004);
  - Two authors (Smith and Jones 2004); and
  - Three or more authors (Smith et al. 2004).

et alii
Latin for "and others"

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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 from numerous studies last year, (Smith et al. 2006a, 2006b) show the effects of water on …

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- The ***reference list*** gives all the ***text citations*** and appears at the end of the paper.
- The ***reference list*** shows all references alphabetically by the last name of the first author.
- 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

Title

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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.

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

Journal Title

Volume(Issue)

Page Numbers

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Books

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

Publisher

Title

Book references must include the author, book title, publisher, and the publisher's location.

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Publisher

Title

If a specific chapter is being used, list the chapter title and inclusive page numbers.

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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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Reports

- 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.

Volume (Number)

Page numbers

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.

Page numbers

Organization, Location

Include the sponsor of the conference or publisher of the proceedings, and that entity's location; city and state or city and country.

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Web Pages and Online Material

The following elements should be included:

- author's name or owner of the website (if known);
- year of publication or last revision (if available);
- full title of the specific page, in quotation marks; title of website (if applicable), in italics;
- the date of access, and the full web address

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Web Pages and Online Material

Burka, L. P. (2002). "A hypertext history of multiuser dimensions." *MUD history,* http://www.ccs.neu.edu (Dec. 5, 2025).

Web Address

Date accessed

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Web Pages and On-line Material

"Product overview." (2025). <http://in-site.bidcom.com.html/overview.html> (Feb. 3, 2026).

Web Address

Date accessed

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Technical Manuals

Organization

American Concrete Institute (2022). *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318–22) and Commentary.*

Manual Title

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American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). (1997), "Standard test method for electrical indication of concrete's ability to resist chloride ion penetration." *C 1202-97*, West Conshohocken, Pa.

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.

"Factory liability limits backed." (2000). *Washington Post*, Feb. 3, A7.

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Federal Register. (1968). 33(No. 146: July 27), 10756.

Hordijk, D. A. (1991). "Local Approach to fatigue of concrete." PhD thesis, Div. of Struct. Engrg., Luleå University of Technology, Luleå, Sweden.

International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO). (1997). *Uniform building code.* Whittier, Calif.

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Melan, J. (1913). *Theory of arches and suspension bridges*, D. B. Steinman, translator, Myron C. Clark, Chicago.

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.

"Product overview." (1999). <http://in-site.bidcom.com.html/overview.html> (Feb. 3, 2000).

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). (1995). *Soil survey of Acadia Parish, Louisiana.* Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D.C.

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Reference List – For Project #2 Report

Wilson, M. & Tennis, P. (2021). *Design and Control of Concrete Mixtures*, 17th Ed., Portland Cement Association, Skokie, IL.

Holland, T.C., Bühler, E., & Lewis, R. (2022). *Silica Fume User's Manual*, 2nd Ed. Silica Fume Association, Lovettsville, VA.

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End of ASCE Requirements for Citations

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