ASCE Requirements for Citations

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- All factual material that is not original with you must be accompanied by a reference to its source.
- 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.

ASCE Requirements for Citations

- 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 be 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).

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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...
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).

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

*For example:*

Recent data (Smith et al. 2006) indicates that steam curing is ...

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 ...

- The **reference list** listing all the **text citations** appears at the end of the paper.
- Prepare a **reference** section listing all references alphabetically by last name of the first author.
- For anonymous reports and standards, alphabetize by the issuing institution.

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


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Books

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

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

**Journals**

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

**Conference Proceedings and Symposia**

Include the sponsor of the conference or publisher of the proceedings, and that entity’s location; city and state or city and country.
**Web Pages and On-line Material**


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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**Technical Manuals**

American Concrete Institute (1999). Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-99) and Commentary.

**Reference List**


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Reference List – For Project #2 Report


End of ASCE Requirements for Citations

Question?