

AUTHOR-DATE REFERENCES

All factual material that did not originate with the authors should be accompanied by a citation to its reference. ASCE Books prefer the author-date system of referencing. This system has two parts, the **text citation** and the **References list**.

TEXT CITATIONS

The text citation appears where the material to be cited is presented. The citation refers readers to a reference listed by the author's surname and the year of publication. Often, the author and date appear in parentheses; a comma is *not* placed between them.

For example: One recent report (Carson 2012) finds evidence that...

Or: ...yielded varying results (Jones 2010; Marks and Smith 2004a, b)

Or: Some researchers (Jules et al. 2017, Oneida 2014, MacIntire 2018) have found...

For publications with three or more authors, use the first author's surname followed by "et al." in the text citation.

For example: ...by limit equilibrium analysis (Merriweather et al. 2014).

Or: [for two authors only] ...using the mobility study (Metcalf and Froustet 2018).

When the author of the referenced publication is part of the sentence, the last name does not need to be repeated.

For example: Carson (2006) finds evidence that...

REFERENCES LISTS

The list of references cited should appear at the end of a book chapter or proceedings paper and as the last chapter in standards. (Because book chapters can be accessed or downloaded electronically, it is important for readers that the references are included in each chapter.

References begin with the last name of the first author, then all the authors with initials appearing first, then the year of publication not in parentheses. References lists are alphabetized by the last name of the first author. For abbreviations of journal names, go to the Woodward Library:

<https://woodward.library.ubc.ca/research-help/journal-abbreviations/>

For example: Li, S., H. Tang, X. Zhang, W. Sun, and R. Bold. 2014. "Fatigue behavior of precorrosion deformed bars." *J. Mater. Civ. Eng.* 26 (9), 06014020.

When the author is an organization, firm, or government agency, the entity's abbreviated name is listed first, followed by the spelled-out version, and then the year of publication. The exception is ASCE, which is left as the acronym and not spelled out afterward.

For example: AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials). 2014. *AASHTO LRFD bridge design specifications, customary U.S. units*, 7th Ed. Washington, DC: AASHTO.

References by the same author(s) published in the same year are designated with lowercase letters: 2004a, 2004b. In text, these are presented as, for example, 2004a, b.

Every reference must have a text citation and every text citation must have a corresponding reference. Unmatched references or citations are queried by the copyeditor.

SAMPLE REFERENCES

Journal References

Use the official abbreviation for the journal. Include year, volume, issue, and page numbers. Some journals do not have issue numbers but include for the rest. Use the [Woodward Library](https://woodward.library.ubc.ca/research-help/journal-abbreviations/) of the University of British Columbia (<https://woodward.library.ubc.ca/research-help/journal-abbreviations/>) as a primary resource for journal title abbreviations.

Stahl, D. C., R. W. Wolfe, and M. Begel. 2004. "Improved analysis of timber rivet connections." *J. Struct. Eng.* 130 (8), 1272–1279.

Note: After the first author, the initials of subsequent authors come *before* surnames. The date is not in parentheses. The name of the article is initial capital only. There is no comma after the abbreviated name of the journal. A space is present between the volume number and the issue number, which is in parentheses. There is an en dash (not a hyphen) for the page range; the en dash can be found in the Symbol font set.

When the journal has content identifiers, these can be used instead of page numbers:

Zhou, H., and T. Attard. 2014. "Simplified anisotropic plasticity model for analyzing the postyield behavior of cold-formed sheet-metal shear panel structures." *J. Struct. Eng.* 10.1061/(ASCE)ST.1943-541X.0001152, 04014185.

Conference Proceedings and Symposia

Include the publisher of the proceedings **and** that entity's location—city and state or city and country. Only include the conference sponsor if it is part of the title of the proceedings. If there is no "publisher," then the name and location of the conference sponsor are required. URLs pointing to the proceedings are optional.

Garrett, D. L. 2003. "Coupled analysis of floating production systems." In *Proc., Int. Symp. on Deep Mooring Systems*, Reston, VA: ASCE, 152–167, <https://ascelibrary.org/doi/book/10.1061/9780784407011>.

Books

Include author, book title, publisher's location, publisher, and chapter title and inclusive page numbers (if a whole book is used, or pages here and there throughout, page numbers need not be given). If no author is listed, alphabetize the entry by book title.

For example:

ASCE. 2016. *Minimum design loads and associated criteria for buildings and other structures*, Standard ASCE/SEI 7-16. Reston, VA: ASCE.

Committee on Curtain Wall Systems. 2014. *Curtain wall systems: A primer*, ASCE Manuals and Reports on Engineering Practice No. 126. Memari, Ali M., ed. Reston, VA: ASCE.

Singh, V. P. 2014. *Entropy theory in hydraulic engineering: An introduction*. Reston, VA: ASCE Press.

Book Chapters

Dhillon, G. S., S. Kaur, C. M. Ajila, and R. Y. Surampalli. 2013. "Greenhouse gas contribution on climate change." In *Climate change modeling, mitigation, and adaptation*, R. Y. Surampalli, T. C. Zhang, C. S. P. Ojha, B. Gurjar, R. D. Tyagi, and S. M. Kao, eds. Reston, VA: ASCE, 26–61.

Unpublished Material

Unpublished material is not included in the references but may be cited in the text as follows:

(John Smith, personal communication, May 16, 1983).
(J. Smith, unpublished internal report, February 2003).

In Press Articles

Articles that are in press (i.e., those that have been accepted but have not yet been published) may be included in the references as follows:

Dasgupta, G. (in press). "Stiffness matrix from isoparametric closed form shape functions using exact integration." *J. Aerosp. Eng.*

In press articles should be updated to include the actual publication information whenever possible.

Web Pages

Include author, year of publication or last revision, title of "page," title of the complete work, date material was accessed, and Web address, and.

Burka, L. P. 1993. "A hypertext history of multi-user dimensions." *MUD history*. Accessed December 5, 2013. <http://www.ccs.neu.edu>.

CD-ROM

Include authors, copyright date, title, medium, section, chapter, page numbers if available, and producer/publisher and its location.

Liggett, J. A., and D. A. Caughey. 1998. "Fluid statics." *Fluid mechanics* (CD-ROM). Section 3.1, Chapter 2, 167–177, Reston, VA: ASCE.

Theses and Dissertations

Include author, copyright date, title, and the name and location of the institution where the research was conducted. Note that some institutions use specific terminology; for example, "doctoral dissertation" rather than, for example, "Ph.D. thesis" or "Ph.D. dissertation". Use the abbreviated terminology.

Sotiropoulos, S. N. 1991. "Static response of bridge superstructures made of fiber reinforced plastic." M.S. thesis, Morgantown, WV: West Virginia Univ.