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- ASCE 4-98 Seismic Analysis of Safety-Related Nuclear Structures
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- SEI/ASCE 8-02 Standard Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Stainless Steel Structural Members
- ANSI/ASCE 9-91 listed with ASCE 3-91
- ASCE 10-97 Design of Latticed Steel Transmission Structures
- SEI/ASCE 11-99 Guideline for Structural Condition Assessment of Existing Buildings
- ASCE/EWRI 12-13 Standard Guidelines for the Design of Urban Subsurface Drainage
- ASCE/EWRI 13-13 Standard Guidelines for the Installation of Urban Subsurface Drainage
- ASCE/EWRI 14-13 Standard Guidelines for the Operation and Maintenance of Urban Subsurface Drainage
- ASCE 15-98 Standard Practice for Direct Design of Buried Precast Concrete Pipe Using Standard Installations (SIDD)
- ASCE 16-95 Standard for Load Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) of Engineered Wood Construction
- ASCE 17-96 Air-Supported Structures
- ASCE 18-96 Standard Guidelines for In-Process Oxygen Transfer Testing
- ASCE 19-10 Structural Applications of Steel Cables for Buildings
- ASCE 20-96 Standard Guidelines for the Design and Installation of Pile Foundations
- ANSI/ASCE/T&DI 21-13 Automated People Mover Standards
- SEI/ASCE 23-97 Specification for Structural Steel Beams with Web Openings
- ASCE/SEI 24-05 Flood Resistant Design and Construction
- ASCE/SEI 25-06 Earthquake-Actuated Automatic Gas Shutoff Devices
- ASCE 26-97 Standard Practice for Design of Buried Precast Concrete Box Sections
- ASCE 27-00 Standard Practice for Direct Design of Precast Concrete Pipe for Jacking in Trenchless Construction
- ASCE 28-00 Standard Practice for Direct Design of Precast Concrete Box Sections for Jacking in Trenchless Construction
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- EWRI/ASCE 34-01 Standard Guidelines for Artificial Recharge of Ground Water
- EWRI/ASCE 35-01 Guidelines for Quality Assurance of Installed Fine-Pore Aeration Equipment
- CI/ASCE 36-01 Standard Construction Guidelines for Microtunneling
- SEI/ASCE 37-02 Design Loads on Structures during Construction
- CI/ASCE 38-02 Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data
- EWRI/ASCE 39-03 Standard Practice for the Design and Operation of Hail Suppression Projects
- ASCE/EWRI 40-03 Regulated Riparian Model Water Code
- ASCE/SEI 41-06 Seismic Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings
- ASCE/EWRI 42-04 Standard Practice for the Design and Operation of Precipitation Enhancement Projects
- ASCE/SEI 43-05 Seismic Design Criteria for Structures, Systems, and Components in Nuclear Facilities
- ASCE/EWRI 44-05 Standard Practice for the Design and Operation of Supercooled Fog Dispersal Projects
- ASCE/EWRI 45-05 Standard Guidelines for the Design of Urban Stormwater Systems
- ASCE/EWRI 46-05 Standard Guidelines for the Installation of Urban Stormwater Systems
- ASCE/EWRI 47-05 Standard Guidelines for the Operation and Maintenance of Urban Stormwater Systems
- ASCE/SEI 48-11 Design of Steel Transmission Pole Structures
- ASCE/SEI 49-12 Wind Tunnel Testing for Buildings and Other Structures
- ASCE/EWRI 50-08 Standard Guideline for Fitting Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity Using Probability Density Functions
- ASCE/EWRI 51-08 Standard Guideline for Calculating the Effective Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity
- ASCE/SEI 52-10 Design of Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Stacks
- ASCE/G-I 53-10 Compaction Grouting Consensus Guide
- ASCE/EWRI 54-10 Standard Guideline for Geostatistical Estimation and Block-Averaging of Homogeneous and Isotropic Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity
- ASCE/SEI 55-10 Tensile Membrane Structures
- ANSI/ASCE/EWRI 56-10 Guidelines for the Physical Security of Water Utilities
- ANSI/ASCE/EWRI 57-10 Guidelines for the Physical Security of Wastewater/Stormwater Utilities
- ASCE/T&DI/ICPI 58-10 Structural Design of Interlocking Concrete Pavement for Municipal Streets and Roadways
- ASCE/SEI 59-11 Blast Protection of Buildings
- ASCE/EWRI 60-12 Guidelines for Development of Effective Water Sharing Agreement

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FOREWORD

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UNIT CONVERSIONS

<i>Measurement</i>	<i>SI Units</i>	<i>Customary Units</i>
Abbreviations	m = meter (SI base unit of length) cm = centimeter km = kilometer ha = hectare L = liter (SI base unit of volume) mL = milliliters kg = kilogram (SI base unit of mass) g = gram N = Newton (m kg s^{-2}) Pa = Pascals (N/m^2) kPa = kilopascals J = Joule W = watt kW = kilowatt s = second (SI base unit of time) min = minute h = hour day °C = degrees Celsius ppm = parts per million	yd = yard in. = inch mi = mile acre gal = gallon qt = quart lb = pound oz = ounce lbf = pound-force (lb/ft) psi = pounds per square inch atm = atmosphere ft·lbf = feet per pound-force Btu = British thermal unit hp = horsepower s = second min = minute h = hour day °F = degrees Fahrenheit ppm = parts per million
Length	1 m = 3.2808 ft = 1.0936 yd 1 cm = 0.3937 in. 1 km = 0.6214 mile	1 ft = 3 yd = 0.3048 m 1 in. = 2.54 cm 1 mile = 0.869 nautical mile = 1.6093 km
Area	1 m ² = 10.7643 ft ² 1 km ² = 0.3861 mi ² 1 ha = 2.4710 acre	1 ft ² = 0.0929 m ² 1 mi ² = 2.59 km ² 1 acre = 43,560 ft ² = 0.4047 ha
Volume	1 L = 0.2642 gal 1 ml = 1 cm ³	1 gal = 4 qt = 3.7854 L 1 ft ³ = 7.481 gal = 28.32 L
Mass	1 g = 0.0353 oz 1 kg = 2.2046 lb	1 oz = 28.3495 g 1 lb = 0.4536 kg
Force	1 N = 0.2248 lb/ft	1 lbf = 4.4482 N
Density	1 kg/m ² = 0.2048 lb/ft ² 1 kg/m ³ = 6.2427 lb/ft ³	1 lb/ft ² = 4.882 kg/m ² 1 lb/ft ³ = 16.018 kg/m ³
Pressure	1 kPa = 0.145 psi	1 psi = 6.8948 kPa 1 atm = 14.7 psi = 101.35 kPa
Energy and Power	1 J = 1.00 W·s = 0.7376 ft·lbf 1 kJ = 0.2778 W·h = 0.948 Btu 1 W = 0.7376 ft·lbf/s = 3.4122 Btu/h 1 kW = 1,3410 hp	1 ft·lbf = 1.3558 J 1 Btu = 1.0551 kJ 1 ft·lbf/s = 1.3558 W 1 hp = 550 ft·lbf/s = 0.7457 kW
Flow	1 L/s = 15.85 gal/min = 2.119 ft ³ /min	1 gal/min = 0.1337 ft ³ /min = 0.0631 L/s
Concentration	mg/L = ppm _m (in dilute solutions)	
Temperature	°C = (°F - 32) × 5/9	°F = (°C × 9/5) + 32
Fundamental Constants and Relationships	Acceleration of gravity Density of water (at 4 °C) = Specific weight of water (15 °C) = Weight of water	32.2 ft/s ² = 9.81 m/s ² 1,000 kg/m ³ = 1 g/cm ³ 62.4 lb/ft ³ = 9,810 N/m ³ 1 gal = 8.345 lbs = 3.7854 kg

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