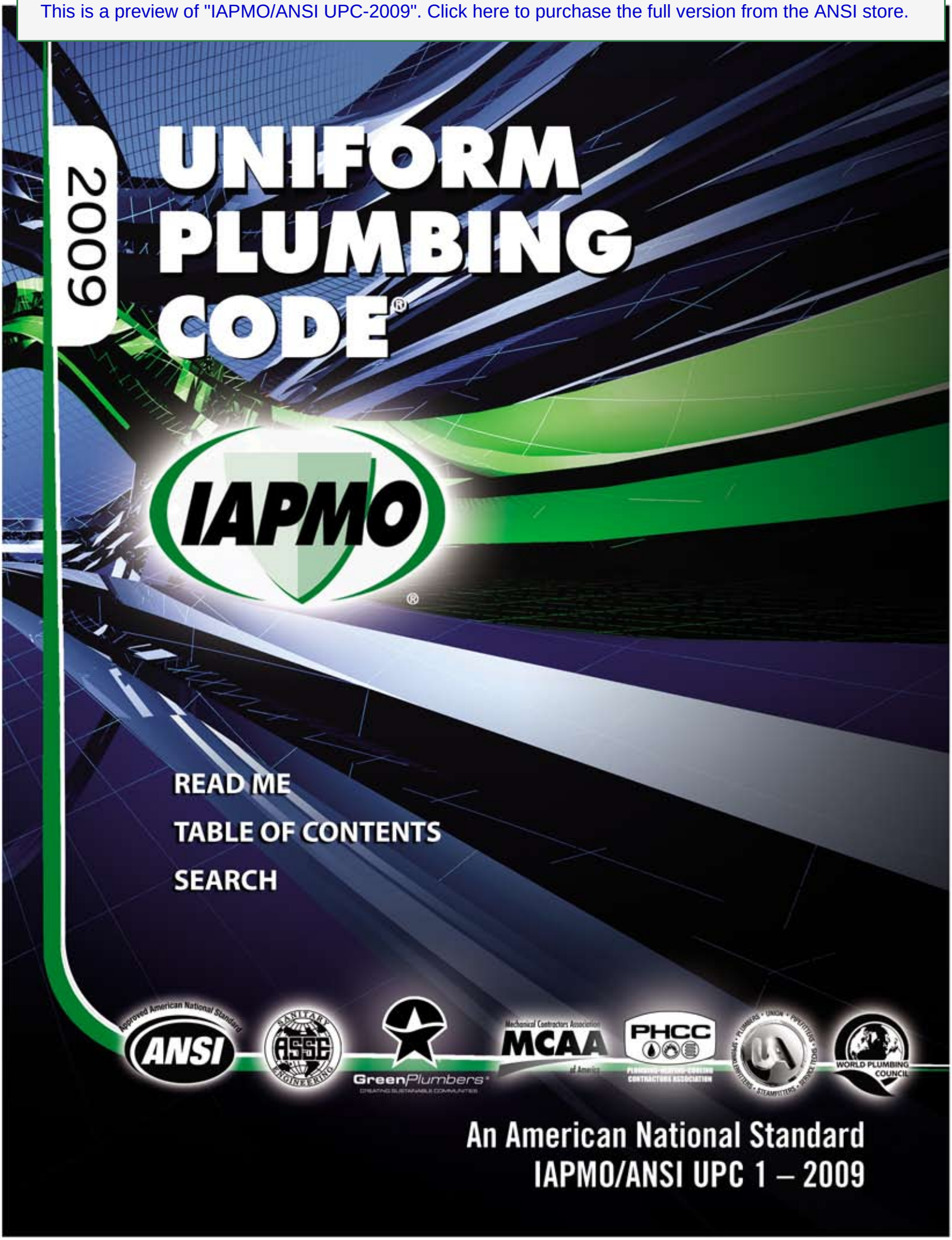

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CHAPTER 1

ADMINISTRATION

101.0 Title, Scope, and General.

101.1 Title.

This document shall be known as the "Uniform Plumbing Code,'' may be cited as such, and will be referred to herein as "this code.''

101.2 Purpose.

This code is an ordinance providing minimum requirements and standards for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

101.3 Plans Required.

The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall be permitted to require the submission of plans, specifications, drawings, and such other information as required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, prior to the commencement of, and at any time during the progress of, any work regulated by this code.

The issuance of a permit upon plans and specifications shall not prevent the Authority Having Jurisdiction from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans and specifications or from preventing construction operations being carried on thereunder when in violation of this code or of any other pertinent ordinance or from revoking any certificate of approval when issued in error.

101.4 Scope.

101.4.1 The provisions of this code shall apply to the erection, installation, alteration, repair, relocation, replacement, addition to, use, or maintenance of plumbing systems within this jurisdiction.

101.4.1.1 Repairs and Alterations.

101.4.1.1.1 In existing buildings or premises in which plumbing installations are to be altered, repaired, or renovated, deviations from the provisions of this code are permitted, provided such deviations are found to be necessary and are first approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

101.4.1.1.2 Existing building sewers and building drains shall be permitted to be used in connection with new buildings or new plumbing and drainage work only when they are found on examination and test to conform in all respects to the requirements governing new work, and the proper Authority Having Jurisdiction shall notify the owner to make any changes necessary to conform to this code. No building, or part thereof, shall be erected or placed over any part of a drainage system that is constructed of materials other than those approved elsewhere in this code for use under or within a building.

101.4.1.1.3 Openings into a drainage or vent system, excepting those openings to which plumbing fixtures are properly connected or which constitute vent terminals, shall be permanently plugged or capped in an approved manner, using the appropriate materials required by this code.

101.4.1.2 Maintenance. The plumbing and drainage system of any premises under the Authority Having Jurisdiction shall be maintained in a sanitary and safe operating condition by the owner or the owner's agent.

101.4.1.3 Existing Construction. No provision of this code shall be deemed to require a change in any portion of a plumbing or drainage system or any other work regulated by this code in or on an existing building or lot when such work was installed and is maintained in accordance with law in effect prior to the effective date of this code, except when any such plumbing or drainage system or other work regulated by this code is determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction to be in fact dangerous, unsafe, insanitary, or a nuisance and a menace to life, health, or property.

101.4.1.4 Conflicts Between Codes. When the requirements within the jurisdiction of this plumbing code conflict with the requirements of the mechanical code, this code shall prevail.

101.4.2 Additions, alterations, repairs, and replacement of plumbing systems shall comply with the provisions for new systems except as otherwise provided in Section 101.5.

101.4.3 The provisions in the appendices are intended to supplement the requirements of this code and shall not be considered part of this code unless formally adopted as such.