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The Code may be adopted as a stand-alone code or can be used in combination with a structural design code or low-carbon material code adopted by an authority having jurisdiction. The Code is in a format that allows reference to a set of chapters based on the structure type. Adoption would include all of Chapters 1 to 4, the applicable chapter(s) of 5, 6, 7, and/or 8, plus Appendix A. This Code is written in a format that allows reference without change to its language. Therefore, background details or suggestions for carrying out the requirements or intent of the Code provisions cannot be included with the Code itself. The Commentary is provided for this purpose.

Some considerations of the committee in developing the Code are discussed in the Commentary along with references for the user desiring to study individual questions in greater detail.

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