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The following Standards have been issued:

ANSI/ASCE 1-82 N-725 Guideline for Design and Analysis of Nuclear Safety Related Earth Structures

ANSI/ASCE 2-91 Measurement of Oxygen Transfer in Clean Water

ANSI/ASCE 3-91 Standard for the Structural Design of Composite Slabs and ANSI/ASCE 9-91 Standard Practice for the Construction and Inspection of Composite Slabs

ASCE 4-98 Seismic Analysis of Safety-Related Nuclear Structures

Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures (ACI 530-02/ASCE 5-02/TMS 402-02) and Specifications for Masonry Structures (ACI 530.1-02/ASCE 6-02/TMS 602-02)

ASCE/SEI 7-05 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

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

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ASCE/EWRI 13-05 Standard Guidelines for Installation of Urban Subsurface Drainage

ASCE/EWRI 14-05 Standard Guidelines for 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 19-96 Structural Applications of Steel Cables for Buildings

ASCE 20-96 Standard Guidelines for the Design and Installation of Pile Foundations

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ASCE 21-98 Automated People Mover Standards—Part 2

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ASCE/SEI 24-05 Flood Resistant Design and Construction

ASCE/SEI 25-06 Earthquake-Activated 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

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EWRI/ASCE 35-01 Guidelines for Quality Assurance of Installed Fine-Pore Aeration Equipment

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CI/ASCE 38-02 Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data

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ASCE/EWRI 40-03 Regulated Riparian Model Water Code

ASCE/SEI 41-06 Seismic Rehabilitation of Buildings
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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
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1.0 STANDARD CALCULATION METHODS FOR STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION

1.1 GENERAL

Building codes specify the fire resistance required for structural members and barriers in identified occupancies and classifications of construction. The fire endurance is based on the test results of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) test designation E119, "Standard test methods for fire tests of building construction and materials."

As an alternative to selection of tested assemblies, this Standard provides methods to calculate the fire resistance of selected structural member and barrier assemblies using structural steel, plain concrete, reinforced concrete, timber and wood, concrete masonry, and clay masonry. These methods are intended to provide architects, engineers, building officials, and others with calculation methods that will give the equivalent fire resistance that would have been achieved in the ASTM E119 standard fire test.

1.2 SCOPE

1.2.1

The calculation methods provided in the document are intended to produce fire resistance rating times that are equivalent to the results obtained from the standard fire test, ASTM E119. The calculation methods of this Standard are for use as an alternative to the laboratory test results.

1.2.2

These calculation methods are applicable only to structural steel, plain concrete, reinforced concrete, timber and wood, concrete masonry, and clay masonry. Limitations of applicability are identified in the individual chapters that describe the methods for each of the materials that compose this Standard.

1.3 PURPOSE AND USE

1.3.1

While the fire resistance ratings calculated by the procedures specified in this Standard are equivalent substitutes for the results obtained by the ASTM E119 standard fire test, they do not necessarily describe the performance for natural fires having time-temperature relationships different from ASTM E119.

1.3.2

The fire resistance results obtained by calculation methods are for use in building fire evaluations or for building code applications. It is the responsibility of the user of this Standard to establish appropriate technical or regulatory use for the results.

1.3.3

The procedures for calculating the fire resistance ratings for structural members or assemblies for the different structural materials are organized under the following chapters:

Chapter 2. Standard Methods for Determining the Fire Resistance of Plain and Reinforced Concrete Construction
Chapter 3. Standard Methods for Determining the Fire Resistance of Timber and Wood Structural Elements
Chapter 4. Standard Calculation Methods for Determining the Fire Resistance of Masonry
Chapter 5. Standard Methods for Determining the Fire Resistance of Structural Steel Construction

1.4 REFERENCED STANDARDS

1.4.1 American Concrete Institute (ACI)

ACI 318–95	Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete
ACI 530–95/ASCE 5–95/TMS 402–95	Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures

1.4.2 American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

ASTM C33–93	Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates
ASTM C67–94	Standard Methods of Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay Tile
ASTM C140–95a	Standard Methods of Sampling and Testing Concrete Masonry Units
ASTM C331–94	Standard Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Concrete Masonry Units
ASTM C332–87	Standard Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Insulating Concrete (Reapproved 1991)