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Preface

This book is broad in scope and contains a series of carefully designed chapters giving detailed information about various materials used in the construction industry. Technical information is rapidly changing providing new and improved materials and construction processes. This handbook provides current information on widely used construction materials. In some areas, various illustrations are given plus a short descriptive paragraph to help clarify the data shown in a table or chart.

This book is designed to serve as a guide in the construction company office as decisions are being made and also as a field manual to assist with on-site issues which often occur. In addition, it serves as a supplement to a library of technical books as found in architectural, engineering, and contractors offices.

The careful, precise selection of the widely used construction materials and related construction activities condensed in a series of chapters, makes it an easy to use source of technical information.

Special attention should be given to Chapter 1, The Construction Specifications Institute MasterFormat™, because of the influence it has on all written manuals prepared for the construction industry. Chapter 2, Safety on the Construction Site, is also a chapter you should observe.

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