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The *IBC SEAOC Structural/Seismic Design Manual*, throughout its many editions, has served the purpose of illustrating good seismic design and the correct application of building-code provisions. The *Manual* has bridged the gap between the discursive treatment of topics in the *SEAOC Blue Book* (*Recommended Lateral Force Requirements and Commentary*) and real-world decisions that designers face in their practice.

The examples illustrate code-compliant designs engineered to achieve good performance under severe seismic loading. In some cases simply complying with building-code requirements does not ensure good seismic response. This *Manual* takes the approach of exceeding the minimum code requirements in such cases, with discussion of the reasons for doing so. Please note that the information presented in this manual is intended to assist structural engineers in their designs; this information should not be treated as design requirements equal to building code requirements.

This manual comprises four volumes:

- Volume 1: Code Application Examples
- Volume 2: Examples for Light-Frame, Tilt-Up, and Masonry Buildings
- Volume 3: Examples for Concrete Buildings
- Volume 4: Examples for Steel-Framed Buildings

In general, the provisions for developing the design base shear, distributing the base-shear-forces vertically and horizontally, checking for irregularities, etc., are illustrated in Volume 1. The other volumes contain more extensive design examples that address the requirements of the material standards (for example, ACI 318 and AISC 341) that are adopted by the IBC. Building design examples do not illustrate many of the items addressed in Volume 1 in order to permit the inclusion of less-redundant content.

Each volume has been produced by a small group of authors under the direction of a manager. The managers have assembled reviewers to ensure coordination with other SEAOC work and publications, most notably the *Blue Book*, as well as numerical accuracy.

This manual can serve as a valuable tool for engineers seeking to design buildings and building components for good seismic response.

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Preface to Volume 1

Volume 1 of the 2021 *IBC SEAOC Structural/Seismic Design Manual* addresses the application and interpretation of the seismic provisions of the 2021 *International Building Code*. More specifically, Chapter 16 of the 2021 IBC requires compliance with the provisions of ASCE/SEI 7-16 "Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures." The design examples in this volume have been written to include the provisions of Supplements 1, 2, and 3 to ASCE 7. Supplement 1 has been adopted into the 2021 IBC. Supplements 2 and 3 have not been adopted into the 2021 IBC because they were published after the publication of the 2021 IBC.

ASCE 7 generally prescribes the loading and methodology to be used in the analysis of a structure or an element. In order to determine strength to resist the load demands from ASCE 7, the IBC adopts national material design standards (such as ACI, AISC, and NDS) to be used for the design of an element of a particular material. The Volume 1 examples focus on the application of the provisions of ASCE 7, while the examples in Volumes 2, 3, and 4 focus more on the application of the material design standards. The *Manual* is not intended to serve as a building code or to be an exhaustive catalogue of all valid approaches.

Volume 1 presents 62 examples covering most of the key code provisions within ASCE 7 Chapters 2, 11, 12, 13, and 15. Of the 62 examples, 58 have been updated and revised to reflect applicable changes to codes and standards since the 2018 edition of the *Manual*, to provide additional clarification and commentary for the more complex or nuanced provisions, and to incorporate input from the SEAOC Seismology Committee and other practicing engineers regarding the latest SEAOC interpretations and recommended practices. Example 62 has been added to Volume 1; this new example covers the design of shallow foundations on liquefiable soil in compliance with ASCE 7 Section 12.13.9.

Whenever possible, the authors have incorporated lessons learned from actual projects into the examples. Readers are welcome to submit other conditions or provisions not addressed in this edition for consideration in future editions.

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How to Use This Document

The examples in Volume 1 are written to illustrate the application of a specific section or provision within ASCE 7. Each example is a separate problem (or group of problems) for a unique condition chosen to best address the particular referenced code provision. Examples are stand-alone and do not rely on results from another example.

Each example contains a problem statement with a detailed listing of "given" information and a clear list of items to be determined in order to arrive at the solution. The problem is solved through a logical sequence of steps, and appropriate code references are provided in the right-hand margin of the page. Most examples include an introductory overview to the particular code provision and/or additional commentary following the solution. Readers are referred to applicable *SEAOC Blue Book* articles for additional information when appropriate.

For all examples, ASCE 7 is the default source document for the references, unless another document is specifically included in the reference. The following abbreviations are used within the references:

§—Section T—Table

F—Figure Eq—Equation