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ANSI/ASHRAE/ICC/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1-2020**

# **Standard for the Design of High-Performance Green Buildings**

**Except Low-Rise  
Residential Buildings**

*The Complete Technical Content of the International Green Construction Code®*

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## FOREWORD

*Addendum am cleans up Section 4.1 by removing text that is not needed. In earlier versions of Standard 189.1, Section 4.1 described the use of prescriptive and performance options for compliance that were patterned on Standard 90.1. Only Section 7 still maintains the alternatives of prescriptive and performance paths, and the use of those alternatives is fully described in Section 7.2. There is no need to repeat the material from Section 7.2 in Section 4.1. This addendum deletes that duplicative text.*

**Note:** In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~striking through~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

### Addendum am to Standard 189.1-2020

**Modify Section 4.1 as shown.**

**4.1 General.** *Building projects* shall comply with either of the following:

- a. Sections 4 through 11. ~~Within each Section 4 through 9, *building projects* shall comply with all mandatory provisions (x.3) and, where offered, either the~~
  1. ~~Prescriptive Option (x.4) or~~
  2. ~~Performance Option (x.5).~~
- b. ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 189.3.

**Informative Note:** Per its scope, Standard 189.3 is applicable only to “patient care areas and related support areas of health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing facilities, outpatient facilities and their sites.”

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ASHRAE is concerned with the impact of its members' activities on both the indoor and outdoor environment. ASHRAE's members will strive to minimize any possible deleterious effect on the indoor and outdoor environment of the systems and components in their responsibility while maximizing the beneficial effects these systems provide, consistent with accepted Standards and the practical state of the art.

ASHRAE's short-range goal is to ensure that the systems and components within its scope do not impact the indoor and outdoor environment to a greater extent than specified by the Standards and Guidelines as established by itself and other responsible bodies.

As an ongoing goal, ASHRAE will, through its Standards Committee and extensive Technical Committee structure, continue to generate up-to-date Standards and Guidelines where appropriate and adopt, recommend, and promote those new and revised Standards developed by other responsible organizations.

Through its *Handbook*, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date Standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

ASHRAE will take the lead with respect to dissemination of environmental information of its primary interest and will seek out and disseminate information from other responsible organizations that is pertinent, as guides to updating Standards and Guidelines.

The effects of the design and selection of equipment and systems will be considered within the scope of the system's intended use and expected misuse. The disposal of hazardous materials, if any, will also be considered.

ASHRAE's primary concern for environmental impact will be at the site where equipment within ASHRAE's scope operates. However, energy source selection and the possible environmental impact due to the energy source and energy transportation will be considered where possible. Recommendations concerning energy source selection should be made by its members.

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