

**ANSI/ASHRAE/ICC/USGBC/IES Addendum n to  
ANSI/ASHRAE/ICC/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1-2023**

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

**Except Low-Rise  
Residential Buildings**

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

Approved by the ASHRAE Standards committee on October 17, 2025; by the International Code Council on November 17, 2025; by the Illuminating Engineering Society on November 13, 2025; by the U.S. Green Building Council on December 19, 2025; and by the American National Standards Institute on January 30, 2026.

This addendum was approved by a Standing Standard Project Committee (SSPC) for which the Standards Committee has established a documented program for regular publication of addenda or revisions, including procedures for timely, documented, consensus action on requests for change to any part of the standard. Instructions for how to submit a change can be found on the ASHRAE® website ([www.ashrae.org/continuous-maintenance](http://www.ashrae.org/continuous-maintenance)).

The latest edition of an ASHRAE Standard may be purchased on the ASHRAE website ([www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org)) or from ASHRAE Customer Service, 180 Technology Parkway, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. E-mail: [orders@ashrae.org](mailto:orders@ashrae.org). Fax: 678-539-2129. Telephone: 404-636-8400 (worldwide), or toll free 1-800-527-4723 (for orders in US and Canada). For reprint permission, go to [www.ashrae.org/permissions](http://www.ashrae.org/permissions).

© 2026 ASHRAE

ISSN 1041-2336



**ASHRAE Standard Project Committee 189.1**

**Cognizant TC: 2.8, Building Environmental Impacts and Sustainability**

**SPLS Liaison: Rusty C. Tharp · ASHRAE Staff Liaison: Thomas Loxley**

**ICC Liaison: Russ Manning · IES Liaison: Mark Lien · USGBC Liaison: Wes Sullens**

|                                           |                     |                          |                       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Donald Horn,* <i>Chair</i>                | Wanda D. Edwards    | Saber K. Nikkho          | Michael Schmeida      |
| Lawrence J. Schoen,* <i>Co-Vice Chair</i> | Steven J. Emmerich  | William Le Roy*          | Terri Self            |
| Charles N. Eley,* <i>Co-Vice Chair</i>    | Anthony C. Floyd*   | Hao Li                   | Matthew Setzekorn     |
| Josh Jacobs,* <i>Co-Vice Chair</i>        | Ellen M. Franconi   | Richard Lord             | Alexander T. Smith    |
| Michael Jouaneh,* <i>Co-Vice Chair</i>    | Anne Gire           | Mark P. Malkin           | Kent A. Sovocool*     |
| Bryan Ahee                                | Robert L. Goo*      | Jonathan R. McHugh*      | Dennis A. Stanke      |
| Constantinos A. Balaras                   | Tristan Grant*      | Hailey N. Mick           | Wayne H. Stoppelmoor* |
| Jeff Bradley*                             | Gregg Gress*        | Erik T. Miller-Klein     | Christine A. Subasic* |
| Ariel Brenner*                            | Roger L. Hedrick*   | Alyssa Mrvos             | Rusty C. Tharp        |
| Frank M. Burns*                           | Greg Johnson*       | Andrew K. Persily        | Kyle Thompson         |
| Glen Clapper                              | Jack Karlin         | Max Puchtel*             | John M. Topmiller     |
| Ernest A. Conrad*                         | Paul A. Karrer      | Tiffany Reed-Villarreal* | Martha G. VanGeem*    |
| John P. Cross*                            | Gerald J. Kettler   | Rock Ridolfi*            | Lin Wang              |
| Michael W. Cudahy*                        | Andrew S. Klein*    | Steven Rosenstock*       | Theresa A. Weston*    |
| Thomas D. Culp*                           | Thomas M. Lawrence* | Aniruddh Roy             | Daniel C. Whittet     |
| Darryl Dixon*                             | Brittany C. Moser*  | Brent Rutherford         | Joe F. Winters*       |

\* Denotes members of voting status when the document was approved for publication

---

**ASHRAE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2025–2026**

|                                               |                    |                       |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Adrienne G. Thomle, <i>Chair</i>              | Susanne Dormann    | Paul A. Lindahl, Jr.  | Paolo M. Tronville               |
| Jennifer A. Isenbeck-Pille, <i>Vice Chair</i> | Drake H. Erbe      | Kenneth A. Monroe     | Douglas K. Tucker                |
| Anthony M. Abate                              | Marcus Hassen      | Philip J. Naughton    | Thomas E. Watson                 |
| Omar A. Abdelaziz                             | William M. Healy   | Kathleen Owen         | David P. Yuill                   |
| Charles S. Barnaby                            | Jaap Hogeling      | Michael P. Patton     | Patrick C. Marks, <i>BOD ExO</i> |
| Hoy R. Bohanon                                | Satish N. Iyengar  | Karl L. Peterman      | Devin A. Abellon, <i>CO</i>      |
| Kelley P. Cramm                               | Phillip A. Johnson | Christopher J. Seeton |                                  |
| Abdel K. Darwich                              | Tatsuro Kobayashi  | Russell C. Tharp      |                                  |

Ryan Shanley, *Senior Manager of Standards*

---

**SPECIAL NOTE**

This American National Standard (ANS) is a national voluntary consensus Standard developed under the auspices of ASHRAE. *Consensus* is defined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), of which ASHRAE is a member and which has approved this Standard as an ANS, as “substantial agreement reached by directly and materially affected interest categories. This signifies the concurrence of more than a simple majority, but not necessarily unanimity. Consensus requires that all views and objections be considered, and that an effort be made toward their resolution.” Compliance with this Standard is voluntary until and unless a legal jurisdiction makes compliance mandatory through legislation.

ASHRAE obtains consensus through participation of its national and international members, associated societies, and public review.

ASHRAE Standards are prepared by a Project Committee appointed specifically for the purpose of writing the Standard. The Project Committee Chair and Vice-Chair must be members of ASHRAE; while other committee members may or may not be ASHRAE members, all must be technically qualified in the subject area of the Standard. Every effort is made to balance the concerned interests on all Project Committees.

The Senior Manager of Standards of ASHRAE should be contacted for

- interpretation of the contents of this Standard,
- participation in the next review of the Standard,
- offering constructive criticism for improving the Standard, or
- permission to reprint portions of the Standard.

**DISCLAIMER**

ASHRAE uses its best efforts to promulgate Standards and Guidelines for the benefit of the public in light of available information and accepted industry practices. However, ASHRAE does not guarantee, certify, or assure the safety or performance of any products, components, or systems tested, installed, or operated in accordance with ASHRAE's Standards or Guidelines or that any tests conducted under its Standards or Guidelines will be nonhazardous or free from risk.

**ASHRAE INDUSTRIAL ADVERTISING POLICY ON STANDARDS**

ASHRAE Standards and Guidelines are established to assist industry and the public by offering a uniform method of testing for rating purposes, by suggesting safe practices in designing and installing equipment, by providing proper definitions of this equipment, and by providing other information that may serve to guide the industry. The creation of ASHRAE Standards and Guidelines is determined by the need for them, and conformance to them is completely voluntary.

In referring to this Standard or Guideline and in marking of equipment and in advertising, no claim shall be made, either stated or implied, that the product has been approved by ASHRAE.

(This foreword is not part of this standard. It is merely informative and does not contain requirements necessary for conformance to the standard. It has not been processed according to the ANSI requirements for a standard and may contain material that has not been subject to public review or a consensus process. Unresolved objectors on informative material are not offered the right to appeal at ASHRAE or ANSI.)

## FOREWORD

*Addendum n clarifies that alterations of buildings are within the scope of Standard 189.1.*

**Informative 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 n to Standard 189.1-2023

**Modify Section 2.1 as follows:**

### 2. SCOPE

**2.1** This standard addresses site sustainability, water use efficiency, energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality (IEQ), materials and resources, and construction and plans for operation. It contains requirements that apply to the following:

- a. New buildings and structures and their systems
- b. ~~New portions of~~ additions to buildings and structures and their systems
- c. Alterations to existing buildings and structures
- ~~d.~~ ~~e.~~ New systems and equipment in existing buildings
- ~~e.~~ ~~d.~~ Relocated existing buildings
- ~~f.~~ ~~e.~~ The site on which the building or structure is located
- ~~g.~~ ~~f.~~ Demolition and deconstruction of buildings and structures and their systems
- ~~h.~~ ~~g.~~ Change of occupancy classification or use

**2.2** The provisions of this standard do not apply to the following:

- a. Single-family houses, multifamily structures of three stories or fewer above grade, manufactured houses (mobile homes), and manufactured houses (modular)
- b. *Building projects* and structures that use none of the following:
  - 1. Electricity
  - 2. Fossil fuel
  - 3. Water

**2.3** The requirements in this standard shall not be used to circumvent any applicable safety, health, or environmental requirements.

**POLICY STATEMENT DEFINING ASHRAE'S CONCERN  
FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ITS ACTIVITIES**

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.

### **Standard 189.1 and the International Green Construction Code**

Standard 189.1 serves as the complete technical content of the International Green Construction Code<sup>®</sup> (IgCC). The IgCC creates a regulatory framework for new and existing buildings, establishing minimum green requirements for buildings and complementing voluntary rating systems. For more information, visit [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

### **About ASHRAE**

Founded in 1894, ASHRAE is a global professional society committed to serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, and their allied fields.

As an industry leader in research, standards writing, publishing, certification, and continuing education, ASHRAE and its members are dedicated to promoting a healthy and sustainable built environment for all, through strategic partnerships with organizations in the HVAC&R community and across related industries.

To stay current with this and other ASHRAE Standards and Guidelines, visit [www.ashrae.org/standards](http://www.ashrae.org/standards), and connect on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

### **Visit the ASHRAE Bookstore**

ASHRAE offers its Standards and Guidelines in print, as immediately downloadable PDFs, and via ASHRAE Digital Collections, which provides online access with automatic updates as well as historical versions of publications. Selected Standards and Guidelines are also offered in redline versions that indicate the changes made between the active Standard or Guideline and its previous edition. For more information, visit the Standards and Guidelines section of the ASHRAE Bookstore at [www.ashrae.org/bookstore](http://www.ashrae.org/bookstore).

### **IMPORTANT NOTICES ABOUT THIS STANDARD**

**To ensure that you have all of the approved addenda, errata, and interpretations for this Standard, visit [www.ashrae.org/standards](http://www.ashrae.org/standards) to download them free of charge.**

**Addenda, errata, and interpretations for ASHRAE Standards and Guidelines are no longer distributed with copies of the Standards and Guidelines. ASHRAE provides these addenda, errata, and interpretations only in electronic form to promote more sustainable use of resources.**