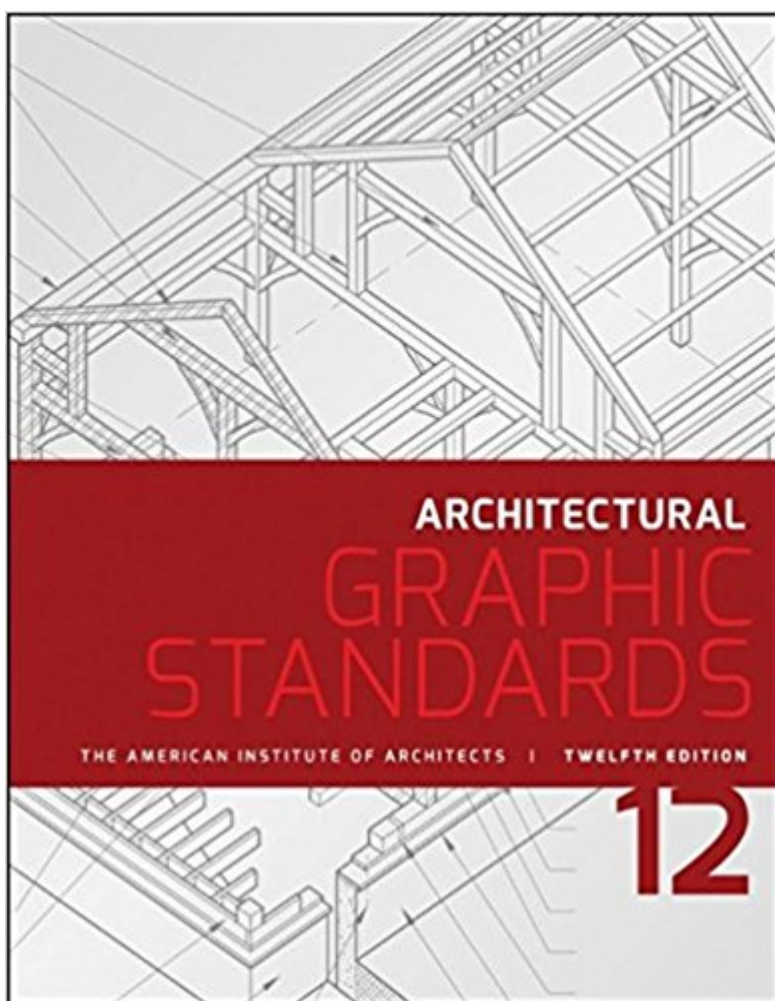


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# Architectural Graphic Standards (Ramsey/Sleeper Architectural Graphic Standards Series)



## Synopsis

The 'Architect's Bible' since 1932, updated with the latest codes and standards Architectural Graphic Standards is the written authority for architects, designers, and building contractors. It provides comprehensive guidance on the visual representation of materials, products, systems, and assemblies. Updated to reflect the most current codes and standards, this new 12th edition features over 300 new drawings, tables, and designs and twenty-five percent new content. In response to architects' feedback and overwhelming demand for a more graphics-heavy format, this edition employs shorter, more accessible texts and more images of the standards and evolution of design and construction. New coverage includes building resiliency and the building envelope, expert discussion on the fundamentals of design and construction documentation, and new examination of environmental factors and material properties and performance. Sustainable Design is no longer separated, but incorporated throughout, and extensive appendices keep useful data right at your fingertips. Graphic standards are essential to building design. They cover everything from door frames and roof designs to air ducts and outdoor sports facilities. This meticulous resource provides a compendium of planning standards, optimum dimensions, and normative construction details. The book is organized into three core sections covering: design and documentation, materials, and building elements. Architectural Graphic Standards features: Key architectural design and production processes—functional planning, environmental assessment, building resiliency, and architectural construction documentation Thorough coverage of materials: concrete, masonry, metals, wood, plastics, composites, and glass An exhaustive survey of building elements—substructures, shells, services, equipment, furnishings, special structures, and siteworks Comprehensive appendixes filled with pertinent data such as: classic architectural elements, mathematical data, and structural calculations Endorsed by the American Institute of Architects, this book has an enduring and unsurpassed reputation for high-quality illustration, text, and graphic design. For crucial information in a user-friendly format, Architectural Graphic Standards is the go-to reference on building design and construction.

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THE PRIMARY REFERENCE FOR ARCHITECTURAL GRAPHICS, UPDATED AND ACCESSIBLE ONLINE Architectural Graphic Standards is the unsurpassed reference for building design and construction professionals. This new twelfth edition features: Up-to-date codes and standards, with over 300 new drawings, tables, and diagrams New coverage of building resiliency, emphasizing the building envelope Material properties and performance analyses, with expanded materials selection Environmental factors including climate, thermal comfort, daylighting, and acoustics Sustainability and Universal Design principles integrated throughout the text Architectural Graphic Standards Online now makes Architectural Graphic Standards content available digitally. Through a mobile-friendly interface, it allows users to search expert content and download thousands of graphic details, texts, and tables. Every new book comes with a special offer on this new digital subscription tool. [www.graphicstandards.com](http://www.graphicstandards.com)

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Practice and former Chancellor of the CSI College of Fellows.

I needed the update from the 7th addition

I am a practicing architect and was really looking forward to having a book with information that I could just keep on my desk, and have open in connection with my laptop for reference... but this book is just sloppy. The measurements are there, but the explanations are often sloppy, half the time that I use the index it doesn't even point to the right page. "Handrails for Stairs" for example, points to page 350, but the information is on page 351. This might sound small, but it's really irritating when you are trying to get things done. I also used the guide for an introduction to seismic strategies and the explanations do not use the same labels as the diagrams... For example the text says "the following images depict both a damaging torsional mode resulting from a horizontal irregularity and a soft story failure resulting from a vertical change in story stiffness"... but they don't label the horizontal irregularity so I don't know what they are talking about, and they don't make any effort to connect which details would be most appropriate in specific parts of the structure. I am not expecting this book to replace a structural engineer, but if they are going to mention this level of detail I do expect AIA to situate and define the terms in this book. The other thing that is sorely missing from this book is a 'catalog of symbols' I am still learning what all of the different disciplines symbols mean, and imply for my own work and all I can do is google each one--- I was really hoping that this book would provide a list of all symbols a drawing set might contain, with brief explanations of each one's relevance to the work of an architect. Overall, I am irritated with the sloppiness of the book, it doesn't consider the reader's experience very well, and the information isn't structured well for assisting work. It feels like the AIA made a list of all the information that should be available to architects, produced a ton of drawings for them, but fell short in creating an index for such a large body of information, and fell short in accounting for people who are learning these things for the first time. For me, this is a huge shortcoming, because I wouldn't be buying a book like this if I already knew what was in it, but the book doesn't do a good job of making that information accessible.

Liked the older version more while it was still brown and yellow.

This is a really big disappointment. I held off on 11 because I thought they might fix the problems in this new one. But, no - the drafting quality and clarity is very poor, the page layouts are confusing and cluttered, the binding is like a cheap textbook. I will be selling this and purchasing the 10th

Edition until a decent one comes out.

just as described

I call it the Architectural Engineer's Bible. Great Information for any Engineering Technician, Draftsman, AutoCAD users, Architects, etc

Great Book for referencing...

Just got this the other day. I cannot imagine why anyone would complain about this new edition. It is packed with information and clean, easy to understand drawings. Lots of building details and construction assemblies. I guess I'm lucky that I never owned a previous edition so I'm not all grumpy and nostalgic for the old one. I read some review of it saying that oh Graphic Standards is irrelevant now because people just like to google building details, but I far prefer finding what I need in a well bound, beautifully laid out book than sifting through infinite internet flotsam.

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