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No matter what code you're using or where your project is located, this reference is essential for designing, building, or inspecting, using the latest building codes. This second edition provides expert guidance on the making the transition to the IBC for architects and engineers, building officials and AHJs, contractors and homebuilders, and manufacturers and building owners. It provides complete coverage of the International Building Code (IBC) 2003, with expert advice and comprehensive comparison to the IBC 2000 and model building codes.

In this edition, Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc., the leading U.S. building code consultants, worked with the International Code Council to present a user-friendly, side-by-side comparison of the model building codes, the IBC 2000, and the IBC 2003. The IBC 2003 revisions include construction methodologies, life safety and property protection provisions, and structural requirements.

Additions to the IBC 2003 that are covered in this book include:

- Changes in numbering system and format
- Alignment of IBC 2003 with HUD "Safe Harbor" requirements
- Frame construction and testing for sloped glazing and skylights
- Separation between private garages and dwelling units
- Smoke partitions, through penetrations, and new wall assemblies
- New fire alarm and sprinkler system requirements
- Seismic requirements and wind load design methods
- Cold-formed steel in light frame construction
- Site grading, excavation, and earthwork

### **FEATURES:**

Additional features for ease-of-use include:

- A Quick-Find Index that lets users instantly identify the IBC equivalent to model codes they are familiar with (Uniform Building Code, BOCA National Building Code, and Standard Building Code)
- Side-by-side comparison that spells out differences between model code requirements and the 2003 and 2000 versions of the IBC
- Expert advice on implementation from Rolf Jensen & Associates' engineers and the International Code Commission
- New illustrations to clarify IBC 2003 requirements

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