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Preface

The 2015 *ASHRAE Handbook—HVAC Applications* comprises more than 60 chapters covering a broad range of facilities and topics, written to help engineers design and use equipment and systems described in other Handbook volumes. Main sections cover comfort, industrial, energy-related, general applications, and building operations and management. ASHRAE Technical Committees in each subject area have reviewed all chapters and revised them as needed for current technology and design practice.

An accompanying CD-ROM contains all the volume's chapters in both I-P and SI units.

This edition includes two new chapters:

- **Chapter 61**, Smart Building Systems, covers smart systems and technologies for automated fault detection and diagnostics, sensors, and actuators, and the emerging modernized electric power grid and its relationship to buildings and facilities.
- **Chapter 62**, Moisture Management in Buildings, addresses avoiding or reducing risks associated with damp buildings, with suggestions for architectural and HVAC system design, operation, and occupancy.

Other selected highlights include the following:

- **Chapter 1**, Residences, has updated guidance on duct system design and communicating control systems.
- **Chapter 4**, Tall Buildings, has new content on supertall and megatall buildings; improved stack effect discussion and calculations; and new information on chilled beams, code references, split central plants, and elevator shaft pressurization.
- **Chapter 7**, Educational Facilities, provides new design criteria updated for current standards, a new section on energy measurement and verification, and a newly compiled list of case studies from *ASHRAE Journal*.
- **Chapter 8**, Health Care Facilities, has been extensively revised to ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE *Standard 170-2013*, with new content on regulatory resources, hospital-acquired infections, sustainability, and operations, and expanded text on control measures, outpatient care, isolation and bronchoscopy rooms, plus research results from RP-1343 on heat gain from imaging systems.
- **Chapter 16**, Laboratories, includes updates on applying usage factors, pressurization control, and energy efficiency measures.
- **Chapter 18**, Clean Spaces, has extensive new content on demand control, computational fluid dynamics analysis, pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities, safety, environmental systems, installation and testing, and sustainability and energy conservation.
- **Chapter 19**, Data Centers and Telecommunication Facilities, has been completely rewritten for current best practices as in the ASHRAE Datacom Series.

- **Chapter 33**, Kitchen Ventilation, was updated for the latest revisions to relevant standards, with new sections added on commissioning and the design process (for the first-time designer), and the chapter content restructured to reflect the sequence of the design process.
- **Chapter 34**, Geothermal Energy, has significant new content and examples on ground-coupled heat pump systems design, hybrid ground-source heat pumps, piping, pressure considerations, purging, deep boreholes, central plants, open-loop/surface-water direct cooling, and simulation.
- **Chapter 35**, Solar Energy Use, has revised examples and figures, plus new content on solar-combi systems; design, control, and operation of solar cooling; and grid-connected photovoltaic systems.
- **Chapter 49**, Water Treatment, has major revisions on corrosion, deposition, microbiological growth and control, filtration and closed-loop systems, alternative water sources, Legionnaires' disease, thermal storage, and steam boiler systems.
- **Chapter 50**, Service Water Heating, describes new technologies for hot-water generation and distribution and reducing consumption at end-use fixtures.
- **Chapter 53**, Fire and Smoke Control, has been revised to align with ASHRAE's *Handbook of Smoke Control Engineering*, with many new figures and examples.

This volume is published, as a bound print volume and in electronic format on CD-ROM and online, in two editions: one using inch-pound (I-P) units of measurement, the other using the International System of Units (SI).

Corrections to the 2012, 2013, and 2014 Handbook volumes can be found on the ASHRAE web site at <http://www.ashrae.org> and in the Additions and Corrections section of this volume. Corrections for this volume will be listed in subsequent volumes and on the ASHRAE web site.

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