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Masonry inspection and testing reference updated

The International Code Council and the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) are publishing the third edition of *Inspection and Testing of Concrete Masonry Construction*. Updated to reference both the 2003 and 2006 editions of the *International Building Code (IBC)*, the manual provides an in-depth look at masonry inspections with the use of photos, graphics and checklists. It also includes new placement and testing information on self-consolidating grout, and provisions for continuous and periodic special inspections.

“Here in one volume are the 2003 and 2006 International Building Code requirements for inspection and testing of masonry structures and materials,” said NCMA Director of Technical Publications Dennis Graber. “This publication is not only a terrific resource for field inspection and laboratory technicians but also for designers as it contains a lot of the background information regarding the code requirements.”

In addition to referencing the IBC, *Inspection and Testing of Concrete Masonry Construction* references requirements in the *2005 Building Code for Masonry Structures (ACI 530/ASCE 5/TMS 402)* and *Specifications for Masonry Structures (ACI 530.1/ASCE 6/TMC 602)*.

“This publication is a great tool for conducting consistent, high-quality inspections. It offers the best information on how to inspect masonry at various stages of construction,” said International Code Council Senior Vice President of Business and Product Development Mark Johnson. “It is a must-have tool for masonry designers and inspectors.”

Available in February, *Inspection and Testing of Concrete Masonry Construction* can be purchased at iccsafe.org/store or by calling 1-800-786-4452. The manual also is available from NCMA at secure.ncma.org/source/orders/index.cfm or 703-713-1900.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

NCMA is the national trade association representing the concrete masonry industry. It offers a variety of technical services and design aids through publications, computer programs, slide presentations and technical training.

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