

# ASME'S GUIDE FOR JOURNAL AUTHORS

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## Why Choose an ASME Journal to Publish Your Research?

When you publish in an ASME journal, your work appears in an established, highly respected journal that is read, shared, and cited by an international community of engineers who value your contributions to the field.

ASME's publications are designed to support its membership and the entire engineering community throughout the **innovation lifecycle** to promote **interdisciplinary collaboration**.

### Ensure Your Work Has Significant Impact

As a mission-driven, not-for-profit scholarly publisher, **ASME is devoted to the widest dissemination of its content**. ASME publishes more than 30 of the most prestigious engineering journals in the world as evidenced by their **strong Impact Factors**.

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### Guarantee That Your Work Reaches a Receptive Audience

Beyond mechanical engineering, ASME's expanding journal publishing program covers a wide range of engineering disciplines as well, promoting interdisciplinary problem solving, collaboration, and the advancement of knowledge. Submit to the journal that best matches your article's content.

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# Benefits for Authors

## Expert and Fair Peer Review

At the heart of the ASME Journal Program is an international network of more than 9,400 fellow engineers who serve as peer reviewers. They are invited to participate because of their expertise in their fields and their ability to offer thorough and accurate criticism of current research in order to move knowledge forward.

### A good review:

- **Helps members** of the scientific community achieve higher standards than without expert feedback.
- **Enables authors** to learn something new or consider something they had not thought about.
- **Improves scientific communication** by helping authors to clarify statements that may be misleading, misunderstood, or plain wrong.

## Speed to Publication

ASME's journal publication workflow is designed to minimize the time between acceptance and publication. Accepted manuscripts are published online as individual articles as soon as they become available. This means the article is covered by indexing services very quickly and your work gains immediate attention. Author proofs are generated in about a week.

## Coverage by Major Abstracting and Indexing Services

ASME's journals are accepted for coverage in many of the major abstracting and indexing services as well as specialized citation databases. Your article will appear in services like:

- Web of Science
- Scopus
- Google Scholar
- Compendex
- Inspec
- PubMed and Medline (when relevant)



## Select the Right Journal for Your Work

Review the purpose and scope of titles within the ASME Journal Program to determine the journal that best matches your submission's content. For detailed information about each of the journals below visit

[asmedigitalcollection.asme.org/journals](https://asmedigitalcollection.asme.org/journals)

Applied Mechanics Reviews

ASCE-ASME Journal of Risk and Uncertainty in Engineering Systems, Part B: Mechanical Engineering

ASME Journal of Engineering for Sustainable Buildings and Cities – **NEW in 2020**

ASME Letters in Dynamic Systems and Control - **NEW in 2021**

Journal of Applied Mechanics

Journal of Autonomous Vehicles and Systems - **NEW in 2021**

Journal of Biomechanical Engineering

Journal of Computational and Nonlinear Dynamics

Journal of Computing and Information Science in Engineering

Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control

Journal of Electrochemical Energy Conversion and Storage (formerly Journal of Fuel Cell Science and Technology)

Journal of Electronic Packaging

Journal of Energy Resources Technology

Journal of Engineering and Science in Medical Diagnostics and Therapy

Journal of Engineering for Gas Turbines and Power

Journal of Engineering Materials and Technology

Journal of Fluids Engineering

Journal of Heat Transfer

Journal of Manufacturing Science and Engineering

Journal of Mechanical Design

Journal of Mechanisms and Robotics

Journal of Medical Devices

Journal of Micro- and Nano-Manufacturing

Journal of Nondestructive Evaluation, Diagnostics and Prognostics of Engineering Systems

Journal of Nuclear Engineering and Radiation Science

Journal of Offshore Mechanics and Arctic Engineering

Journal of Pressure Vessel Technology

Journal of Solar Energy Engineering

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# Journal Paper Types

What type of paper will you be submitting? The ASME Journal Program accepts the following types of technical submissions, all of which undergo **rigorous peer review**.

## Research Paper

Full-length, original research document that reports results of major and archival value to the specific community of engineers that comprise the journal audience. Recommended Length: 12,000 words. Beyond this amount, a mandatory excess-page charge may be assessed.

## Design Innovation Paper

Represents scholarly innovation in design that has technological implications. The archival value of such papers is in the innovation part of a design and not necessarily in the theory. This type of paper is intended for outstanding work in mechanical design that is concept oriented and does not necessarily require detailed theoretical or experimental development and analysis, but does have archival value in design practice, as well as potential technological implications. Recommended Length: 7000 words.

## Technical Brief (Technical Note, Brief Note)

Reports results that are of significant and archival value to the engineering community; however, these works are more limited in scope and length than a research paper. A technical brief may contain any of the following: 1. preliminary report of a result not yet fully developed or interpreted; and 2. commentary on a technical issue of potential interest to readers. Recommended Length: 4000 words.

## Review Article

Organizes, clarifies, and summarizes existing major works in science and engineering and provides comprehensive citations to a full spectrum of relevant literature. Length: Open.

## Letters Paper

Reports high-quality, cutting-edge original findings on theoretical or applied mechanical engineering topics. Letters papers offer rapid review and publication. Recommended Length: 2500-5000 words.

## Expert View

A brief overview of the most recent advances in a specific area of mechanical engineering. The format for an Expert View is the same as a Research Paper. Recommended Length: 4500 words.

## Non-technical submissions include:

- Editorial
- Discussion
- Closure (Response to a Discussion)
- Book Reviews
- Technology Review
- Announcement
- In Memoriam

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# ASME Journals Digital Submission Tool

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The ASME Journals Digital Submission Tool site has been created to assist you in submitting your work for publication consideration in one of ASME's journals. Both technical and non-technical submissions can be accepted at this site (refer to page 5).

**Click on Author Center on the ASME Journals Digital Submission Tool site to find valuable links for author resources, paper submission, and tracking your paper status.**

## Author Resources

At [asme.org/publications-submissions/journals/information-for-authors](http://asme.org/publications-submissions/journals/information-for-authors) you will find a wide range of author resources that provide useful information and tips that will help guide you through the submission process:

### Manuscript Preparation

- Help Manual
- Sample Nomenclature
- Avoiding Plagiarism and Self-Plagiarism (Office of Research Integrity)
- Sample Published Paper
- ASME Reference Style

### Services

- Language Editing Services
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- Reporting Uncertainty Quantification (J. Nuclear)

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### Ask yourself:

- Do your findings advance understanding in a specific research field?
- Is your work of interest to the journal's audience?
- Are your conclusions justified by your results?

# Guidelines for Submitting a Good Manuscript

## Original Research Papers

Your paper presents the results of you and your co-authors' research efforts. There are steps you can take to increase the likelihood that your work is published in the right journal and receives the recognition it deserves.

**All manuscripts should be submitted electronically at [journaltool.asme.org](http://journaltool.asme.org).** All submissions, regardless of paper type, must be submitted in PDF format.

**Search engine optimization (SEO) helps your article appear closer to the top of search engine results in services like Web of Science, Scopus, Google Scholar, Compendex, and Inspec. Here are a few tips:**

- **Be consistent** with your name across publications
- **Use keywords** in the title, abstract, and section headings
- **Include keywords** in image captions

Your submission should be clear, concise, and complete, with assumptions plainly identified and data presented (including their uncertainty) with precise logic, with relevance to practices described, and with actual accomplishments of the work clearly stated and honestly appraised.

## Instructions for Authors

Refer to the detailed Instructions for Authors of the specific journal you have selected and follow the guidelines carefully, so that your manuscript can be as well prepared as possible, increasing your chance of acceptance. All contributions should be written in English using American spelling. Refer to the Using Proper Language section (page 10) for a list of language editing services should you need assistance.

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It is ASME's policy that SI units of measurement be included in all papers. When U.S. customary units are given preference, the SI equivalent should be provided in parentheses or in a supplementary table. When preference is given to SI units, the U.S. customary units should be provided in parentheses or in a supplementary table.

## LaTeX

The LaTeX template for ASME journals submissions can be downloaded at [iel.ucdavis.edu/code/ASME/journals-1.0.html](http://iel.ucdavis.edu/code/ASME/journals-1.0.html)

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- Open Access option
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## Elements of a Well-Prepared Paper

**Here are the basic elements of a research paper listed in the order in which they should appear in your manuscript:**

### Title

The title of the paper should be concise and definitive. This will increase the discoverability of your work and support SEO (search engine optimization).

### Author Names and Affiliations

ASME's policy is all contributors who have participated significantly in the technical aspects of a paper be recognized as co-authors or cited in the acknowledgments. This list serves as a declaration that each individual has made a substantive and material contribution to the development and composition of the paper. The corresponding author(s) must be identified and contact information included. Adding or removing an author after submission requires a written statement from all of the authors.

### Abstract

An abstract (*250 words maximum*) should give a clear indication of the objective, scope, and results so that readers may determine whether the full text will be of particular interest to them.

### Some helpful tips:

1. Pages must be paginated.
2. Highly technical terms or phraseology must be explained and defined.
3. The use of the first person and reference to individuals should be made in such a manner as to avoid personal bias.
4. All papers should be concise, regardless of length.
5. Long quotations should be avoided by referring to sources.
6. Illustrations and tables must be kept to a practicable minimum.
7. Detailed drawings, lengthy test data and calculations, and photographs not integral to the understanding of the subject, should be omitted.
8. Equations should be kept to a reasonable minimum, and built-up fractions within sentences should be avoided.
9. Spell out all acronyms on first use in the abstract and then in the text of the paper. Put the acronym in parentheses immediately after the spelled-out term.



## Body of Paper

The text should be organized into logical parts or sections with headings and subheadings throughout to divide the subject matter into logical parts and to emphasize the major elements. The purpose of the paper should be stated at the beginning, followed by a description of the problem, the means of solution, and any other information necessary to properly qualify the results presented and the conclusions. Results should be presented in an orderly form, followed by the author's conclusions.

## Equations

Equations should be numbered consecutively beginning with (1) to the end of the paper, including any appendices. The number should be enclosed in parentheses and set flush right in the column on the same line as the equation. This number should be used when referring to equations within the text. Equations should be referenced within the text as "Eq. (x)." When the reference to an equation begins a sentence, it should be spelled out, e.g., "Equation (x)."

## Acknowledgments

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Within the text, references should be cited in numerical order according to their order of appearance. The numbered reference citation within text should be enclosed in brackets. ASME primarily uses *The Chicago Manual of Style* for reference format. ASME does not allow references to Wikipedia.

## Figures and Tables

All figures (graphs, line drawings, photographs, etc.) should be numbered consecutively and have a caption consisting of the figure number and a brief title or description of the figure. This number should be used when referring to the figure in text. ASME accepts .tif or .eps file formats for figures.

All tables should be numbered consecutively and have a caption consisting of the table number and a brief title. This number should be used when referring to the table in the text. Table references should be included within the text in numerical order according to their order of appearance.

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English language should be used throughout the manuscript, including figures, charts, graphs, and photos and their captions.

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- International Science Editing: [internationalsciencediting.com](http://internationalsciencediting.com)
- Editage: [editage.com](http://editage.com)
- LetPub: [letpub.com](http://letpub.com)
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- Conflict of Interest
- Policy on Informed Consent
- Funding Disclosure
- Statement on Human Research
- Statement on Animal Research

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ASME ensures that their editors, reviewers, and authors maintain high ethical standards relating to the submittal, review, and publication of manuscripts. These ethical standards derive from the Society's definition of the scope of the journal and from the engineering community's perception of standards of quality for engineering and scientific work, and its presentation.

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**Accepted OR Changes Required OR Rejected**



## Submission Checklist

Before you submit your manuscript, be sure to review this handy checklist to help ensure that your final paper submission is as complete as possible.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	References: Confirm that all relevant research references have been included. Provide complete information for all references, including all author names, title, volume, page numbers, publisher, location and year. Authors are encouraged to seek out precise instructions via: <a href="http://ChicagoManualofStyle.org">ChicagoManualofStyle.org</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number all tables, e.g., "Table 1", ..., and place captions over each table. Number all figures ("Graphic Files"), for example, "Fig. 1", ..., and place captions under each figure. Tables and figures may be included on separate pages at the end or embedded in the text (as in the Word template found in ASME's Author Resources).
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