

FOREWORD TO THE SEVENTH EDITION

In the four decades since SP-4 made its first appearance, more than 120,000 copies have been printed and the book has become recognized as the “green bible” of the formwork industry. Formwork for Concrete has been and continues to be a cooperative effort supported by individuals and corporations, public agencies, and industry and professional associations. Much of the record of this cooperation will be found in the forewords to previous editions reprinted on the following pages. While it is not possible to list all participating individuals and organizations, we have listed the contributors of illustrations in a special section of the appendix and added footnotes to identify certain other contributions.

The seventh edition, as all previous editions, follows the most recent guidelines established by ACI Committee 347 and documented in the official committee report, now ACI 347-04, which is reprinted in full in the appendix. This new edition considers the effects of the weight and chemistry coefficients now provided by ACI 347 to determine lateral pressure for form design, and also reflects the latest changes in wood design recommendations of the National Forest and Paper Association. The recent recommendations of other ACI committees have also been considered in text revisions, as well as a number of formwork industry products and practices adopted since the last edition was published.

All drafts of revisions have been submitted for review and approval of ACI Committee 347, whose suggestions and advice have been most creatively constructive. Membership of the committee at the time of seventh edition approval included:

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