

Energy Codes: Contractors Guide to Energy Compliance
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The Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA) has just released a free new e-book titled, *Energy Code Compliance: A Guide for Metal Building Contractors*. This new e-book is filled with concise information to help contractors and builders understand the ever-changing and complex energy code and insulation requirements for low-rise commercial buildings, with a special focus on metal buildings. A copy can be downloaded for free by clicking on the “Free Energy Code Guide” icon on the home page at www.mbma.com.

“This guide provides the basic information that contractors need to know in an easy-to-use format and will help contractors to provide metal buildings that are energy-efficient and code compliant,” says Dan Walker, PE, MBMA’s general manager. “It will save builders significant time in research and planning and will help simplify this sometimes complicated but necessary aspect of their daily jobs.”

Most state and local governments have adopted either the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) or ASHRAE 90.1, or both. MBMA’s free e-book on the subject provides a resource primarily for contractors.

Energy Code Compliance: A Guide for Metal Building Contractors is divided into six chapters and is clear and easy-to-understand for anyone who works with metal buildings. The guide introduces basic responsibilities and energy code fundamentals before exploring IECC and ASHRAE 90.1 compliance. There are also sections on insulating metal building systems and an introduction to the free COMcheck energy code compliance software. While designed specifically for metal buildings and those who work with them, much of this information is useful to anyone interested in creating energy-efficient buildings.

