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This document governs the design of thin shell concrete structures. Where required for design of thin shell concrete structures, provisions of ACI 318 are to be used to complement the provisions of this Code.

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CHAPTER 1—SCOPE

1.1—Scope
This Code provides minimum requirements for the design, analysis, and construction of concrete thin shells.

1.2
Provisions of this Code shall govern for nonprestressed and prestressed concrete thin shell structures, including ribs and edge members.

1.3
All provisions of ACI 318-19 not specifically excluded and not in conflict with provisions of this Code shall apply to thin shell structures.

CHAPTER 2—GENERAL

2.1—Terminology
**analysis, elastic**—An analysis of deformations and internal forces based on equilibrium, compatibility of strains, and assumed elastic behavior, and representing, to a suitable approximation, the three-dimensional action of the shell together with its auxiliary members.

**analysis, experimental**—An analysis procedure based on the measurement of deformations, strains, or both, of the structure or its model.

**analysis, inelastic**—An analysis of deformations and internal forces based on equilibrium, nonlinear stress-strain relations for concrete and reinforcement, consideration of cracking and time-dependent effects, and compatibility of strains. The analysis shall represent, to a suitable approxi-