

## UMC FOREWORD

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The *Uniform Mechanical Code*® (UMC®) provides complete requirements for the installation and maintenance of heating, ventilating, cooling, and refrigeration systems, while at the same time allowing latitude for innovation and new technologies.

This code was first published in 1967. With the publication of the 2003 edition of the *Uniform Mechanical Code*®, another significant milestone was reached. For the first time in the history of the United States, a mechanical code was developed through a true consensus process. The 2006 edition represents the most current approaches in the mechanical field and is the second edition developed under the ANSI Consensus process. Contributions to the content of this code were made by every segment of the built industry, including such diverse interests as consumers, enforcing authorities, installers/maintainers, insurance, labor, manufacturers, research/standards/testing laboratories, special experts, and users.

The public at large is encouraged and invited to participate in IAPMO's open consensus code development process. This code is updated every three years. A code development timeline and other relevant information is available at IAPMO's website at [www.iapmo.org](http://www.iapmo.org).

The *Uniform Mechanical Code*® is dedicated to all those who, in working to achieve "the ultimate mechanical code," have unselfishly devoted their time, effort, and personal funds to create and maintain this, the finest mechanical code in existence today.

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