Guide for Properly Formatted References:
Electronic Journal of Severe Storms Meteorology

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As a convenience to authors, reviewers and readers, this document offers a guide to formatting many kinds of references for the Electronic Journal of Severe Storms Meteorology (EJSSM). References almost always follow the format used in the American Meteorological Society’s journals. A reliable default assumption for authors familiar with AMS convention is to follow those referencing rules here. Wherever there is a conflict between journals, over time in one journal, or from one journal to another, or an error in a journal, this guide takes precedent.

While attempting to be reasonably thorough, every possible permutation of reference formats cannot be covered here. Still, the references used here actually have appeared in EJSSM papers and can be used as templates for similar types. For unusual or obscure citations of a type neither covered here nor found in an EJSSM or AMS article, please consult the Editor prior to use. Note the presence of N-dashes and not hyphens for ranges of numbers (including pages).

References to informal “gray literature” (Schultz 2009) should be kept to a minimum, mainly where no formal alternative is available. For the sake of scientific reproducibility, any reference to an obscure or decades-old citation not found in books or formal journals, or to gray literature outside conference proceedings, should be concluded by an “[Available from...]” or “[Available online at...]” tag, offering specific whereabouts of the reference.

ORDERING:

References must appear in alphabetic order of the lead author’s last name, or (for institutionally authored manuscripts) the name of the institution. For multiple papers by the same author(s), only the first appearance of his/her name is used in the same position; thereafter please substitute the conjoined M-dashes ———. Ordering of multiple papers with the same lead author is by one author, then two, then three or more. Inside that tree, please order chronologically. This is an example of proper ordering:


ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS:

The following agency acronyms and abbreviations are considered sufficiently

Some common atmospheric-science and related journal abbreviations that would be used in EJSSM references include:

Agric. For. Meteor.
Atmos. Environ.
Atmos. Res.
Climate Res.
Electronic J. Severe Storms Meteor.
J. Atmos. Electr.
J. Atmos. Oceanic Technol.
J. Atmos. Sci.
J. Fluid Mech.
J. Hydrol.
J. Hydrometeor.
J. Meteor.
Mon. Wea. Rev.
Natl. Wea. Dig.
Nat. Disaster Sci.
Nat. Hazards Rev.
Physica D.
Proc. IEEE
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA
Pure Appl. Geophys.
Water Resour. Manage.
Wea. Climate Soc.
Wea. Forecasting
Non-abbreviated journals include: Climatic Change, Earth Interactions, and any journal with a one-word name.

For journals entirely outside atmospheric science, EJSSM (like AMS) follows the American Chemical Society’s (ACS) abbreviation guidelines. Please use the ACS’ CASSI search engine to determine the correct abbreviation.

COMMON ISSUES:

Please see the examples below for many solutions. Some general issues that may arise:

- Author(s) names and year must match between text citation and reference.
- Personal communications are cited but not referenced.
- Obvious typographic or spelling errors in a title can be corrected. Otherwise, all titles must appear as published.
- Serial commas are used in references but not in text prose.
- For names with prefixes (e.g., bon, de, den, du, van, von), follow the author’s capitalization and spacing preferences.
- Use a hyphen for such compound names (e.g., Davies-Jones), not a dash.
- Use Roman numerals for parts of multipart papers or volumes (Part I, etc.)
- Page numbers with five or more digits contain a space every three decimal places (e.g., 12 345–12 368).
- To resolve a DOI: http://dx.doi.org/
- Do not include “CD-ROM” before a conference paper number.
- If the author cites printed, out-of-print material that he/she is willing to lend or copy for readers, the following is acceptable: [Available from lead author.]

SPECIFIC FORMAT EXAMPLES:

Journal article, non-EJSSM:

EJSSM article (hyperlink from the title):

Journal article, nine or more authors:
Journal or periodical article, page numbering renews with each issue:

Journal article, non-AMS, DOI optional:

Journal article spanning two volumes:

Journal article, accepted but unpublished (DOI optional):

Journal or periodical article in non-English language:

Journal or periodical article, discontinuous:

Journal article with corrigendum:

Book:

Book or compendium with named editor:

Book, volume from multivolume printing:

Book edition:

Book authored institutionally:

Book, non-English language:

Chapter in a book (editor specified):

Chapter in a multivolume book:

Monograph article, meteorological (DOI optional):
Monograph article, geophysical:

Monograph, entire (note volume designation for AGU, number for AMS):


Thesis or dissertation:


Conference preprint, numbered pages:

Conference preprint on digital media:

Symposium:

Workshop (e.g., IPCC):

Technical report/memo not online:

Technical report/memo available online:

Technical report/memo with NTIS tag:

Software, institutional authorship:

Software engine or numerical model online:

Software manual:
Database, authored:

Database, print edition, single issue:

Database, printed, multiyear:

Database online:

Online document, informal, pages numbered:

Online document, informal, no page numbers:

News report online: