

ELECTRONIC REFERENCE LIBRARY (ERL)

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Presentation Overview

Specifications Webpage

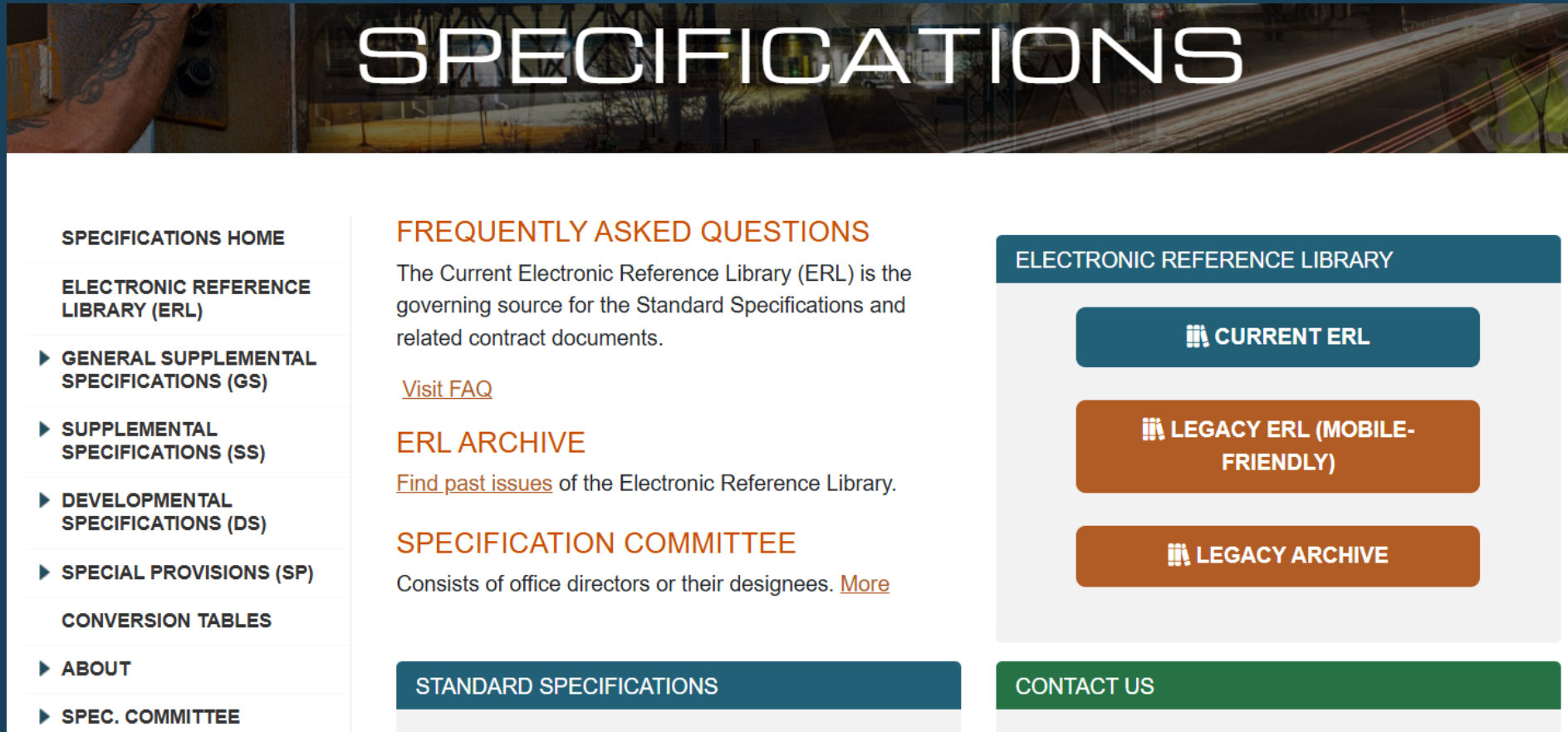
Current ERL (new)

Legacy ERL (mobile-friendly)

Archives

URL address changes

SPECIFICATIONS WEBPAGE



The image is a mockup of the 'Specifications' webpage. At the top, there is a large banner with the word 'SPECIFICATIONS' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background of the banner is a collage of images: on the left, a person's arm with a tattoo; in the center, a construction site with scaffolding; on the right, a blurred image of a train or high-speed rail tracks. Below the banner, the page is divided into three main columns. The left column is a vertical navigation menu with a white background and dark blue text. It includes links for 'SPECIFICATIONS HOME', 'ELECTRONIC REFERENCE LIBRARY (ERL)', 'GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS (GS)', 'SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS (SS)', 'DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS (DS)', 'SPECIAL PROVISIONS (SP)', 'CONVERSION TABLES', 'ABOUT', and 'SPEC. COMMITTEE'. The middle column has a white background and features three sections: 'FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS' with a description of the ERL and a 'Visit FAQ' link; 'ERL ARCHIVE' with a 'Find past issues' link; and 'SPECIFICATION COMMITTEE' with a description and a 'More' link. At the bottom of this column is a dark blue button labeled 'STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS'. The right column has a light gray background and features a dark blue header for 'ELECTRONIC REFERENCE LIBRARY'. Below this header are three orange buttons: 'CURRENT ERL', 'LEGACY ERL (MOBILE-FRIENDLY)', and 'LEGACY ARCHIVE'. At the bottom of this column is a green button labeled 'CONTACT US'.

SPECIFICATIONS

- SPECIFICATIONS HOME
- ELECTRONIC REFERENCE LIBRARY (ERL)
 - ▶ GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS (GS)
 - ▶ SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS (SS)
 - ▶ DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS (DS)
 - ▶ SPECIAL PROVISIONS (SP)
- CONVERSION TABLES
- ▶ ABOUT
- ▶ SPEC. COMMITTEE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Current Electronic Reference Library (ERL) is the governing source for the Standard Specifications and related contract documents.

[Visit FAQ](#)

ERL ARCHIVE

[Find past issues](#) of the Electronic Reference Library.

SPECIFICATION COMMITTEE

Consists of office directors or their designees. [More](#)

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

ELECTRONIC REFERENCE LIBRARY

-  **CURRENT ERL**
-  **LEGACY ERL (MOBILE-FRIENDLY)**
-  **LEGACY ARCHIVE**

CONTACT US

CURRENT ERL

- <https://erl.iowadot.gov/>
- Includes all ERL updates starting with October 2022
- Navigation
- Libraries
- Filters
- Sharing
- Register
- Formatting errors
- Training

CURRENT ERL HOMEPAGE

ELECTRONIC REFERENCE LIBRARY

Current ERL Issue - October 15, 2024.
The April 16, 2024 ERL has been archived.



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Standard Specifications
with GS-23003 Revisions



Supplemental
Specifications



Materials I.M.s



Standard Road Plans

CURRENT ERL LIBRARIES & RELEASE DATE

1 - 50 of 453						
Browse Path : Standard Specifications ✕						
Library : ERLArchiveLib OR ERLLib ✕						
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	Appendix	ERLArchiveLib	10/18/2022	Tables, charts	Standard Specificatio...	
	Appendix	ERLArchiveLib	04/18/2023	Tables, charts	Standard Specificatio...	
	Appendix	ERLArchiveLib	04/16/2024	Tables, charts	Standard Specificatio...	
	Appendix	ERLLib	10/15/2024	Tables, charts	Standard Specificatio...	

CURRENT ERL FILTERS

Filters

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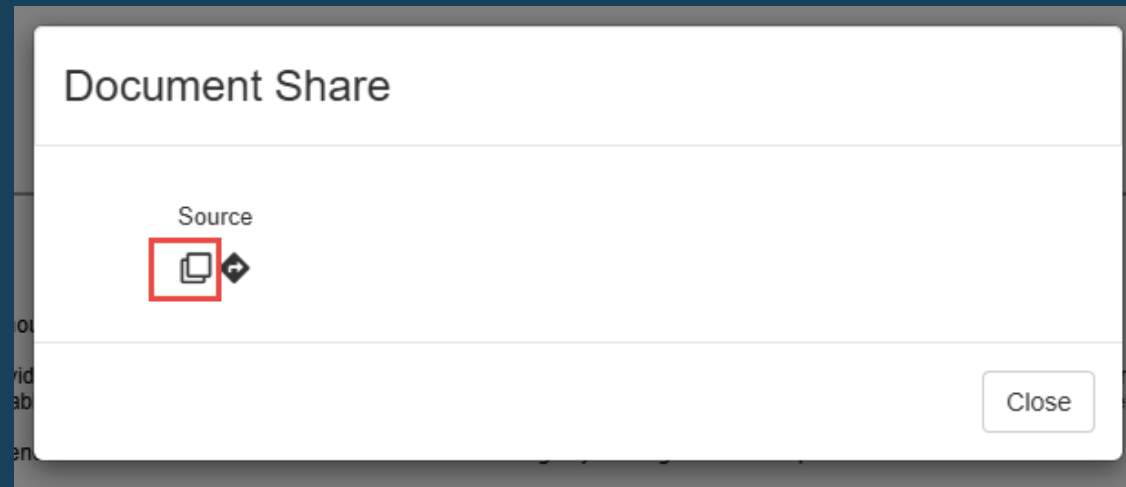
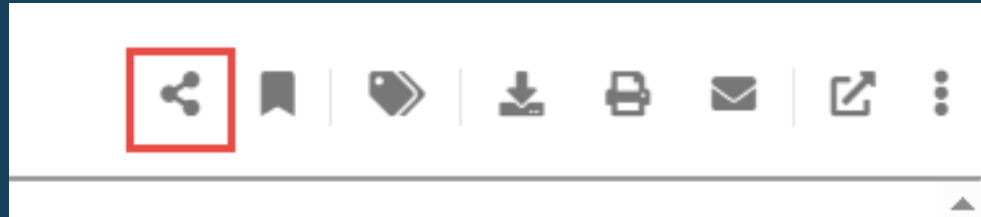
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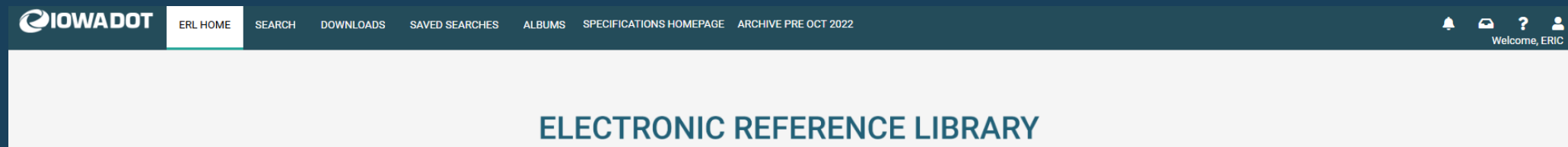
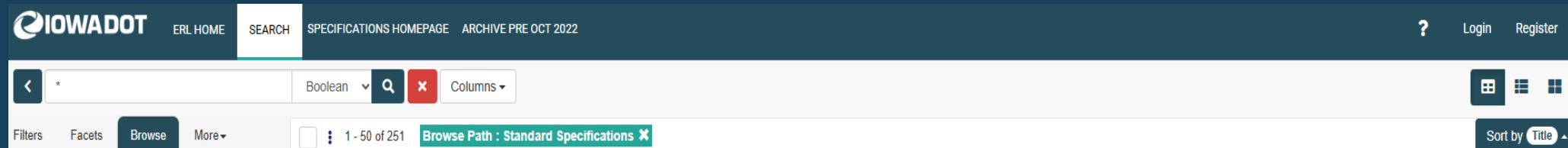
Category

Update Search Filters

CURRENT ERL SHARING



CURRENT ERL REGISTRATION



CURRENT ERL ISSUES

- Smartphones
- Formatting: bullet points and others
- Equations: symbols missing
- Legacy ERL is governing document if issues

CURRENT ERL TRAINING

- Training document almost complete
- Videos to come
- Link will be on Current ERL homepage

LEGACY ERL

- <https://iowadot.gov/erl/>
- Includes all ERL updates starting with April 2010
- Much better functionality on smartphones than New ERL
 - here

LEGACY ERL

[ERL home](#)
[Updates since current ERL issue](#)
[Archive](#)
[Read me](#)
[Credits](#)
[Specifications](#)

Legacy Electronic Reference Library (ERL) (Mobile-Friendly Version)

Issue Date - April 15, 2025

The new ERL is now live, and can be found at <https://erl.iowadot.gov/>.

The Legacy ERL is provided as a mobile-friendly version.

The October 15, 2024 ERL has moved to the [archive](#).

Browse ERL library

- [Standard Specifications with GS-23004](#)
- [Supplemental Specifications](#)
- [Materials I.M.s](#)
- [Standard Road Plans](#)
- [Standard Culvert Plans](#)
- [Standard Bridge Plans](#)
- [Sign Truss Standards](#)
- [Flagger Training Website](#)
- [Intelligent Transportation Systems Standards](#)

The following are not Iowa DOT contract documents, but are provided for information purposes:

- [Construction Manual](#)
- [SUDAS Standard Specifications](#)

Search ERL Library

Select items to be searched:

- ☐ All
- ☐ Standard Specifications
- ☐ Supplemental Specifications
- ☐ Materials I.M.s
- ☐ Standard Road Plans
- ☐ Standard Culvert Plans
- ☐ Standard Bridge Plans
- ☐ Sign Truss Standards
- ☐ Construction Manual
- ☐ Flagger's Handbook
- ☐ SUDAS Standard Specifications
- ☐ ITS

ERL ARCHIVES

- Available from both new ERL and Legacy ERL
- Legacy ERL archive will show complete copy of every ERL release
- Current ERL will show progression and revision dates

LEGACY ARCHIVES

Electronic Reference Library (ERL)

Archives

Select an archive year ▼

Date	Archive
April 16, 2024	• Standard Specifications with GS-23002 • Materials I.M.s • Standard Road Plans • Standard Culvert Plans • Standard Bridge Plans • Sign Truss Standards • Construction Manual • Flagger's Handbook • SUDAS Standard Specifications

CHANGES

- April 15, URL for Specifications website and Legacy ERL changing
- Main webpages will have redirect, but not all individual pages
- SS, DS, and SP pages changing at some point to documents.iowa.gov
 - Better search capabilities within documents

QUESTIONS?



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