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EARTH BUILDING GUIDES					
#	Authors and document name	Date	Location	Brief description of document	Link
1	Blondet, M. Earthquake resistant construction of adobe buildings: a tutorial	2011	n/a	A guide on the safer construction of adobe houses in high seismic areas (23 pages)	
2	Blondet et al. Building hygienic and earthquake-resistant adobe houses using geomesh reinforcement	2007	Peru	A set adobe house design using geomesh reinforcement (41 pages)	
3	HB 195 The Australian earth building handbook	2002	Australia	A highly detailed and well-illustrated guide to construction and engineering design of earthen building in general, and the predominant systems in specific. (152 pages)	https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/building/bd-083/hb--195-2002
4	CRATerre and Skat. Construction manual for the Great Lakes Region: Stabilised compressed earth blocks - SCEB	2015	Great Lakes Region, Africa	A simple guide to construction of CSEB buildings with many diagrams. Focused on construction rather than making blocks. (48 pages)	http://madeingreatlakes.com/manuals/construction-manual-for-the-great-lakes-region-mouled-earth-blocks-meb-stabilised-mouled-earth-blocks-smeb/
5	MININFRA and RHA. Basic housing construction instruction for protection against natural and manmade disasters in rural areas	2012	Rwanda	Simple guide on how to improve typical rural housing specifically in Rwanda against storms. (82 pages)	https://www.minema.gov.rw/fileadmin/user_upload/Minema/Publications/Contingency_Plans/Basic_housing_construction_instructions_for_protection_against_natural_and_manmade_disasters_in_rural_areas_.pdf
6	Summary of California Regulations for Adobe in New Construction	2011	USA	Support for builders and professionals to build with adobe in California	
7	California Health and Safety Code	2010	USA	Guidelines for Straw-Bale Structures	https://law.justia.com/codes/california/2010/hsc/18944.40-18944.41.html
8	NBC 204: Guidelines for earthquake resistant building construction: Earthen buildings	1994 : updated	Nepal	Prescriptive guidelines and details covering adobe in high seismic area with great consideration of available materials. limited discussion on soil and adobe blocks in particular (80 pages)	https://www.dudbc.gov.np/uploads/default/files/52e69c2ecf9c35bb64a8f22884dc4f8c.pdf
9	Guidelines for Construction of Compressed Stabilized Earthen Wall Buildings	2001	India	The Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority	https://documents.pub/document/guidelines-for-construction-of-compressed-stabilised-earthen-wall-buildings.html

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