

The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers Copyright Policy

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(Objective)

Article 1

This policy specifies the handling of the copyright of works published by the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers (hereafter, JSME).

(Subject)

Article 2

The subjects of this policy are all works compiled and published by JSME and include electronic data (such as articles uploaded on websites).

(Ownership of copyright)

Article 3

The ownership of copyright (including all rights specified in Articles 21–28 of the Copyright Act of Japan and the rights to digitize works and use their secondary works) is as follows.

1. The copyright of the works published by JSME under its name is held by JSME.
2. The ownership of the copyright of the works published by an entrusted third party such as a publisher is determined on the basis of the publication contract concluded between the third party and JSME.
3. If the creators of the work (hereafter, authors) refuse the transfer of its copyright to JSME for special reasons, notwithstanding Provision 1 of Article 3, the authors shall request exemption from transferring the copyright to the JSME in writing with the reasons before or at the time of submission of the work and discuss the handling of the copyright of the work with JSME. Upon the approval of the exemption by JSME, the copyright of the work is not transferred to

JSME and remains with the authors.

4. Even if the authors retain the copyright of the work in accordance with the foregoing provision, by submitting the work to events (such as lecture meetings), the authors shall agree to grant to JSME the rights to use all of the work (including the right to sublicense third parties) free of charge.

(Transfer of copyright)

Article 4

Copyright shall be transferred to JSME when JSME receives the copyright transfer form from the authors. If works such as papers or articles are rejected and not published, the copyright of the works is returned to the authors.

2. Works that are jointly created through activities such as by JSME councils, boards, committees, branches, divisions, technical sections, and research committees where the contributions of individuals cannot be used separately shall be regarded as the works of JSME. If these works are published under the name of JSME, in principle, JSME is the author of the works and holds their copyright.

(Waiver of author's moral right)

Article 5

The authors waive the author's moral right to JSME and the third parties that are permitted to use the works by JSME.

2. The foregoing provision shall apply to the secondary works created by JSME and the third parties that are permitted to use the original works by JSME.

(Author's responsibilities)

Article 6

The authors shall be responsible for the contents of the works and guarantee to JSME that the authors do not infringe any right of a third party in relation to the creation of the works. JSME is not responsible for the accuracy, safety, and adequateness of the contents of the works.

(Permission of use of copyright)

Article 7

Persons who wish to use JSME copyrighted works shall request JSME permission in writing in advance. In principle, the authors are permitted to use (including but not limited to copy, translate, and adapt) part of their works without prior permission by JSME.

(Exemption)

Article 8

Other arrangements concluded regarding joint events with other societies shall be prioritized over this policy. The articles in JSME website and the materials distributed (not sold) in events for which the copyright transfer form has not been submitted to JSME are excluded from JSME copyrighted works and their copyright remains, in principle, with the authors.

(Revision or abolition of this policy)

Article 9

This policy may be revised or abolished with the approval of the Executive Board.