

DATABASE USERS' CUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This is the first edition of the INSPEC Database Users' Guide. Its purpose is to provide the kind of background information on the database which will be helpful to a user working with INSPEC files either on his own computer system or on a publicly-available on-line service.

Because it is the first edition, the *Guide* will be subject to revision and improvement, as well as to the kinds of amendment which are inevitable when dealing with a database whose characteristics and content must change from time to time to keep up with developments in the literature and in information science and technology.

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