BASIC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND

HISTORY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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Tapping the energies of nature, building machines, producing goods, and transportation are important Mechanical Engineering activities without which the modern society cannot exist; the diverse needs of mankind cannot be met. That is why, every engineer, whatever may be his/her branch, has to have some basic knowledge in Mechanical Engineering. To meet this requirement, most of the Universities, Engineering Institutions, and Colleges prescribe a core course in Mechanical Engineering for the first year students, in particular, for Non-Mechanical Engineering students.

This book touches upon all the essential areas of Mechanical Engineering and hence, it can serve as an Introductory Text on the subject.

The topics covered are:

- 1. Energy Resources
- 2. Steam Generators
- 3. Prime Movers
- 4. Power Plants
- 5. IC Engines
- 6. Refrigeration and Air-conditioning
- 7. Power Transmission
- 8. Engineering Materials
- 9. Heat Treatment of Steels
- 10. Metal Casting
- 11. Metal Forming
- 12. Metal Joining
- 13. Machine Tools
- 14. CAD / CAM / CIM
- 15. Mechatronics