

Domes Formation in Middle East Islamic Countries

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Abstract This paper addresses the history of the configuration of dome mosques in the Middle Eastern Islamic Cities, and describes the basic architecture of the dome prototype and contemporary forms. The dome, as an architectural form, is known in many cultures as one of the most important architectural achievements of man. It was chosen wherever efficiency and stability of the building were needed, because the dome is the most practical building system. The paper found that the construction of the dome was a vital element that shaped the architectural characteristics of the Islamic cities.

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