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Handyman In-Your-Pocket



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Synopsis

Finally, THE building and maintenance reference book you have been looking for..... information galore! An amazing new shirt pocket reference designed specifically for handymen, maintenance people, engineers, scientists, industrial workers, contractors, and builders. It contains 768 pages of facts, tables, and vital information AND it fits in your shirt pocket!

Book Information

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This book provides the many little used or remembered variables to get projects completed correctly. Going to provide irrigation for your green house 118 feet out in your back yard? This book lets you know the friction losses of various types of water pipe you might use so that you end up with a stream instead of a trickle.Got 6/12 roof meeting a 10/12 and need to know how to use that combination square to get the right cut? This book has it. As Chuck Yeager says, don't wait for trouble; look it up and get it right the first time. A few bucks for this helpful little book can save you big in the long run.

I can't believe just how much this book and the others in the Pocket Ref. series actually contain. As a full time engineering student, welder, and DIY'er, I don't think I'll ever need to know anything that isn't within the contents of this book. From frictional losses, to fasteners, to every type of conversion imaginable, it can be found in these pocket ref books. How I lived without them is a mystery to me. I own a number of the pocket references in this series. I originally purchased the Pocet Reference, 1st edition, several years ago and found it to be quite useful. After I bought, The Handyman in a Pocket, I find it to be the reference I go to first. It seems to have a database of information directed at the home improver, hobbyist and/or gadget person. I even keep a copy at work where it is a mini-information sorce for practical reference tables in my work as a development chemist.

I've used a "Pocket Ref" for years as an engineer, and thought I'd get this one for my son, the new homeowner. For the most part, it's a conglomeration of information from several of the other pocket books (including Pocket Ref) put out by Young, Glover, and Sequoia Publishing. This book weighs in at almost 800 pages in a 3-1/8 x 5-1/4 inch format (and 7/8 thick), and includes sections on wall anchors, bolts and screws, wood and joists, electrical and wire info, concrete and cement, nails, general math and science, pipes and fittings, general construction, conversion factors, and other subjects that homeowners and handypersons should have at least some knowledge of in order to avoid stupid mistakes or to at least understand what that new general contractor or craftsperson is talking about. There are a lot of sketches to complement the words on items like bolt and screw head designs and pulleys and belts, and a large index at the end. Only complaint is that some of the info is too thorough for a homeowner or casual handyman, with some of the tables going on for many pages. Overall, a well done little book.

This book is a really, really interesting find! My husband works in a variety of capacities, including electric work, estimating, managing and other duties- all of which are covered in some form or another in this book. It has so many different topics I really couldn't begin to list them all, it would be an exercise in futility! I definitely recommend it.

We own a professional handyman service in Scottsdale, AZ and thought this might be handy to keep in the trucks. However, the information in this book is so technical, it is of no real use on a day-to-day basis. If you need to know (and even know that you need to know) the distance across squares and hexagons OR Maximum Horizontal Roof Rafter Spans, then this is the book for you. Otherwise stick to the practical books you can get at Home Depot or Lowes.

All I can say about this book is... be sure to check the index. This book is filled with more info than most of us will ever need. The only problem has been finding it. Well, this book has it someplace in its 760 some odd pages.

Bought as a gift for my husband's stocking at Christmas time and he was very impressed with the amount of helpful information the book contained. He related it as being a valuable resource and likes to have it handy to consult for at home projects. We have other in-your-pocket books and have enjoyed this series. My husband rated this one as the best though.

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