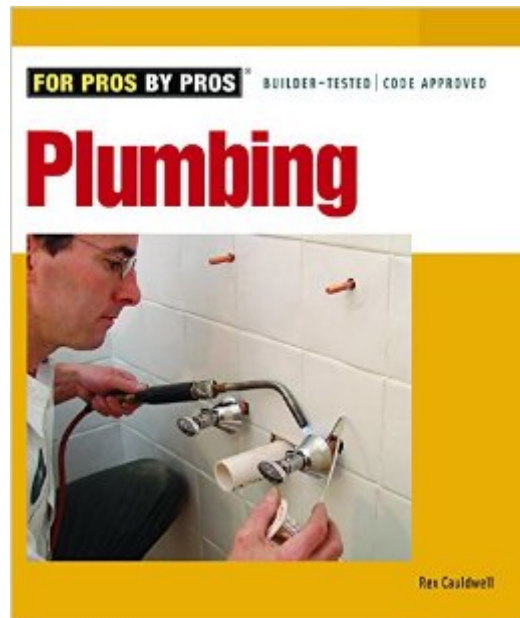


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# Plumbing (For Pros By Pros)



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You never know what you'll encounter during a remodel, so you have to be prepared to work around problems when they inevitably arise. In *Remodel Plumbing*, third-generation master plumber Rex Cauldwell provides real-world problems and solutions that you can use to figure out problems on your own jobs. This book covers the full range of pipe types you'll likely encounter on a remodel job, including steel, copper, PB, CPVC, and PEX. You won't just learn how to install them, but how to tie them into existing systems. This complete guide explains:

- The water supply system
- Tapping into supply lines
- Adding/running drains and vents
- Remodeling kitchens and baths
- Installing a dishwasher
- Plumbing in an icemaker
- Converting a tub-only faucet to a tub/shower
- Installing a toilet in a basement

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## Customer Reviews

It's not that this plumbing book by Rex Cauldwell is bad, it's just not as good as his other title, "*Remodel Plumbing*." If you are going to buy just one plumbing book, buy "*Remodel Plumbing*" by the same author.

This book has strengths and weaknesses. Lots of good info and photos on building a plumbing system in a house. Apparently the house is half in the country and half in the city. Paradoxically, the

author spends over forty pages on wells, pumps, pressure tanks and well-water supply system piping, but not one page on septic systems, cesspools, leach lines, or graywater systems. Go figure. The other void I found was zero information on cleanouts. The sub-title is a puzzle: For Pros By Pros. "For Pros" implies that the book is designed for professional plumbers. Do they really need help in learning how to sweat copper and glue plastic pipe? Apparently so, but apparently they need no help on cleanouts or waste systems beyond the house.

This is another down to earth Cauldwell book. It is full of tips on how to do superior work and it's up to date, PEX tubing, air admittance valves etc. I particularly like some of Rex's special tips such as his under the kitchen sink custom drain system. There is also practical advice on what tools are most useful including some specials that you can make yourself. The writing style is enjoyable, informal yet meaty. Reading it is like being mentored by a real world professional who has first hand practical experience to share. It's a bargain.

One of the other reviewers complained about all the attention Rex pays in this book to installing well pumps and expansion tanks -- I loved that part of the book! Sure there could be sections later on in the book about things like garbage disposals or even some more diagrams on waste-line systems, but I think it's a very thorough book. I'm in no way a plumber, but I think it's safe to say that you can save BIG BUCKS by reading this book and plumbing your own stuff around the house. Oh, and I also appreciated the sections on PEX, as several other plumbing books I read say almost nothing about the stuff.

I read some of the reviews below and was surprised. I liked this book a lot. This book contains everything you will need for most common, and some not-so-common problems you will encounter while plumbing. A review below talks about that there is nothing about Septic and leach lines. Probably because first off you have to get a \$5,000 soil test, and get a system designed by an engineer based on your perc test. You will not be doing that in a weekend, unless you do it illegally. Not to mention you better have a back-hoe, or do an above ground engineered system. Leave that to someone who does it every day, or look up the codes. That has many local niche codes too, depending on the state/county. I ready the "By Pros, for Pros" series as a "help" book for new, or learning plumbers and homeowners who want to do a professional job. You also mock that a professional would need it, if you get a good one, he probably DOES need it. Many plumbers are very experienced in SOME, BUT NOT ALL areas of plumbing. I helped a friend in the country and

am TERRIBLE WITH WELLS, because I never work with them or on them (I live in the city). If you think this book is not good, check out the foundation book. This book has many good in depth articles, and would assist even someone with low to moderate skills in many plumbing tasks. I recommend it for homeowners, plumbers apprentices, and as reference for most plumbers. Even you old know-it-all guys could learn something, try and keep yourself up to date or your skills will become outdated. Codes and standard practice change.

Plumbing by Rex Cauldwell reads like a good book for a beginner to learn about plumbing. Here is the Table of Contents : 1 Overview, What the book covers in 7 pages; 2 Wells and Pumps in 41 pages; 3 Utility Water in 24 pages; 4 Working with In-House Pipe in 33 pages; 5 Hot Water in 35 pages; 6 Drain and Vent Rough In in 28 pages; 7 Pressure Pipe Rough In in 17 pages; 8 Finish Plumbing in 29 pages; 9 Appendix in 5 parts on Tools , on Alternate Connection Systems, on Charts and Tables, on Codes and on the Disabilities Act Guidelines in 29 pages . There is an Index . Yes, a great emphasis on wells and pumps, followed by hot water , in house pipe and finish plumbing. These 4 items were his passions . It is the rare page that does not produce color photos and drawings with plenty of tables when necessary. It is a MODERN book ( 2006 ) and covers plastic, CPVC, PEX. The language is easy to read ; here is a paragraph taken from the chapter on In-House Pipe : " Years ago, when my uncle taught me the trade, galvanized and copper were the only pipes he put in people's houses. Sometime later, along came CPVC, or plastic pipe. After that came polybutylene, or PB. Now we have PEX. "Go for it !

Excellent book, very easy to read. Saved me literally thousands of dollars. I renovate an entire home and redid the plumbing work using Pex. This book covers every detail but still easy to read and provided plenty of pictures. I brought five plumbers for estimates and the cheapest was around three thousand and didn't even show up, everyone else asked for much more. I bought this book so I can be prepared to check the work of any plumber but it sounded so easy where I started doing the work by myself and decided to finish it without hiring anyone. I did the main pipes starting all the way from the Meter, brand new showers, sinks, toilets, etc. For this book honestly wouldn't have asked for more, I am surprised some people gave the book bad review based on the title that it referred to Pros or that it didn't cover specific plumbing maintenance, if the author will cover everything he knows he will need a book twice as big probably

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