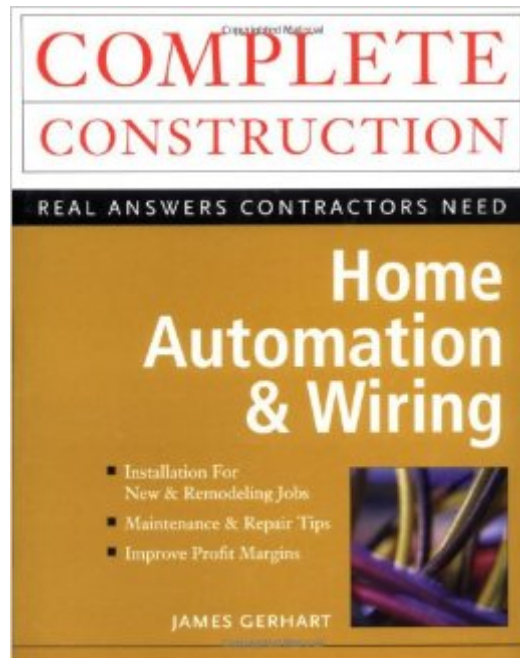


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Demand for fully automated homes is growing so why not get a jump on this highly lucrative market? With this book, you can easily install the most modern systems and efficient for complete personal control of entertainment, temperature and light, water, communications, security, and more and satisfy the skyrocketing consumer demand for state-of-the-art home technology. Step by step, you'll learn how to put together these systems to deliver maximum programmed energy savings to your clients, not to mention great investment potential. Home Automation is an all-in-one, planning-and-how-to kit for creating dream homes of the future, not 5 years from now, not 10 years from now, but today. It shows you how to: compare the hottest technologies, using this book's lists, descriptions, and evaluations, from plug-and-play to custom designs; add interoperability, infrared, and radio systems; configure and install wiring and connections; create an advanced plumbing system, with automation, temperature-balancing, maximal efficiency, spas and pools, and automated watering of indoor and outdoor plants; automate heat, air conditioning, and ventilation for energy savings and comfort; design and install top-of-the-line communications, phones, intercoms, networks, and more; create exciting home entertainment systems; build cutting-edge security into your homes; design stunning, energy-efficient automated lighting; and market these new wares to an eagerly waiting public.

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When I purchased this book I was hoping to receive a manual discussing "Home Automation and Wiring" instead I received a mish mash of very low tech information. Out of 322 pages I found only 7 items that were remotely useful. The book has no cohesive flow, the author jumps from subject to subject. I would strongly recommend purchasing "Structured Wiring and Design Manual" by Robert N. Bucceri.

The cover sure makes it look like this is a serious book with a lot of information. Too bad that notion disappears once you open it up. If you're looking to build a smart home and plan on doing some of the work yourself, this book won't help very much. You'll get a little information, but not enough to actually do the job on your own. If you want a smart home and are willing to hire someone to do it for you, then this book will at least tell you what words to use. The best book I've read I've read so far is "Smart Homes for Dummies." It has significantly more detail and is useful for someone who wants to try to do this on their own.

With the pace home automation as been changing, this book should be considered "out of date" and hopefully soon be "out of print." While the author does seek to enlighten readers, the focus of the book is out-of-touch with main stream home automation thinking in 2002. Even the control systems referenced are no-longer near the cutting edge. While references to structured wiring still ring true, the techniques for reaching a total integrated system have changed. I was so disappointed with this book I actually returned to as I felt it could not enhance my library in any regard. As an alternative I would suggest "Home Automation for Dummies."

If there ever was a case for false advertising, this book takes it all the way. The back cover claims that after reading you will be able to install some of the most modern systems. This book is nothing more than a brief discussion about some of the things that can be automated in the home. The wiring that is covered in the book is juvenile at best. If I had previewed the book at a book store I most definitely would not have purchased book. Pass on this one.

I found this book to be very helpful for me to identify some automation projects for my home, and to get me motivated to actually do them. The book is written in an easy to understand style and explains many interesting home automation applications and techniques.

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