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# Code Check Complete 2nd Edition: An Illustrated Guide To The Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, And Electrical Codes (Code Check Complete: An Illustrated Guide To Building,)



## Synopsis

Code Check Complete, 2nd Edition combines the full versions of the individual Code Checks (Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical) in a complete, all-in-one guide to the most commonly cited code violations encountered by building inspectors. Using clear language to ensure compliance with codes at each stage of construction, this edition reflects the most up-to-date changes in the building, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical codes. Tables and illustrations help to clarify the complex rules and numerous changes in the latest edition of the codes. Specific code changes are highlighted throughout the text and summarized at the end of the book. The Code Check series is one of Taunton's most successful book lines, selling over 1,250,000 copies; the series is endorsed by the International Code Council (ICC). Designed to work hard for the user, Code Check Complete has a tough outer case and lay-flat spiral binding perfectly suited to the job site or the desktop. Detailed cross-references and 400 drawings address all common code questions with up-to-date answers, ensuring that all jobs meet the highest safety standards while drastically reducing code violation call-backs.

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## Customer Reviews

I use these Code Checks constantly as a quick easy reference to navigate through the numerous, often confusing and misleading, codes. But it's important that a contractor or homeowner know that

they are using the latest or applicable code version. I find it sad that the author does not tell you on the cover or in the description, which version of each code this book covers so I will provide that information here. From the Code Check web site this book covers: 2009 International Residential Code, 2011 National Electrical Code, 2009 Uniform Plumbing & Mechanical Codes, 2009 ISPDE International Private Sewage Disposal Code, 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code, 2009 NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code, 2011 NFPA Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, 2010 ASHRAE 62.2 Ventilation & Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings, 2010 NFPA 211 Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents & Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances, 2011 NFPA 70 National Electrical Code. I also think the publisher should sell updated sections when that appropriate code is updated. I have contacted them and they do not offer updates so you may be better off buying the individual Code Check books and replacing each when the new code is out.

It is a good book but, it frequently refers you back to the main code check book for the service you are working on e.g. in plumbing it will refer you to the code check plumbing book for complete information. Had I to do over again I would buy the individual books.

This is a handy composite easy-to-use reference book of the four major building codes covering building, electrical, plumbing and HVAC. It is for residential buildings. Previously, the Code Check series was (and still is) issued for each of the individual codes noted above. This guide combines all four into a condensed and smaller spiral bound hard cover book. It is easier to carry and use if you need to take a quick peek at more than one of the various building code references. It is an easy guide for contractors, home inspectors, and others interested in the current rules and regulations as they pertain on a national basis. It is not meant as a substitute for your local code regs however. I believe both formats have a use and am glad they came out with this newer composite or complete version of all residential codes into one small book. An individual contractor or tradesperson might appreciate the individual CODE CHECK flip chart style guide better. As they cover one of the 4 various building codes, they are slightly larger and much more durable than the composite book. They are published on damage-resistant plastic coated card stock and impervious to moisture damage. They are also larger, yet thinner and are quicker to use as they flip open with their sections all summarized on the cover. The composite book is smaller, yet thicker. While it is also spiral bound, the paper it is printed on is not tear or moisture-resistant. The value for the composite is superior in that it provides most, if not all of the same information as the individual Code Checks. It is also much less expensive buying the composite compared to buying the four code checks.

separately. The pages are smaller and more difficult to read if one relies upon glasses in order to read. The other glaring detractor is the information for the Electrical section. Perhaps the book came out a few months too early. Everything in the Building, HVAC, and Plumbing sections is up-to-date. The Electrical section still contains the information from the 2002/2005 National Electrical Code. Not the newest 2008 version. I would imagine however, that the next edition of the composite "Complete" Code Check book would contain the latest info. Many, if not most local jurisdictions tend to operate off the older NEC, so it may be of little consequence at this point anyway. One other small observation, is that if you lend out your code check "complete", then you lend all of it out together. Unlike the individual publications. Also, it is not as durable, so if one does lend it out, it may not hold up in the long run, unlike the other larger plastic-coated booklets. It is still a wise investment for the money. And a great way to have all the major code R&Rs in your hand for a quick and easy reference. One other note, the publisher on their website also offers several downloads free of charge. One is the "California" Building Code. Another is changes or errors and omissions in the Code Check Complete. It is after all in its first edition. However the mistakes are kept to a minimum.

good source book for those who are making their way through the permit and inspection process. Seems to be complete, but misses a few things such as smoke alarm requirements. An index would have been really helpful.

I used prior versions in 2000 when I built a 22x40 addition with bathroom on our prior house. I loved them so much that I knew I had to get the complete book now that we're building a pool house with kitchen and bathroom. It's simple and yet has enough detail with just the right amount of charts and pictures to keep it clear. I'm a simple homeowner with some handyman skills; not a contractor. This was the first time I ever built anything that needed a permit/ inspection. Using these books, I passed all my inspections, without any problems.

I am a home inspector and I needed a book that could easily carry with me when I go to inspect a house. This is just the book that I needed. All inspectors know that they can't remember all the codes, so this book helps.

This is my third. It's real value is to make sure the job is done to industry standards, not to simply conform to codes. After all, the codes are written for our safety, after a history of improvements. In

my county, I don't even have inspectors, but still refer to my code book to get the job done in the best way. Just met a client, and she was seriously hurt falling to concrete because no railing - a code violation to be sure, but she could have lost her life. I was a licensed contractor for 15 years. This book and the JLC field guide are indispensable tools.

I have been doing some home remodeling projects and found this book at the library. I found it so useful that I decided to buy a copy so I can have it available whenever I need it. It takes a little while to get used to some of the acronyms used, but they are all defined in each section. It is not the complete code, but it has a summary for the most referenced codes for residential housing. It includes diagrams and charts that are very useful.

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