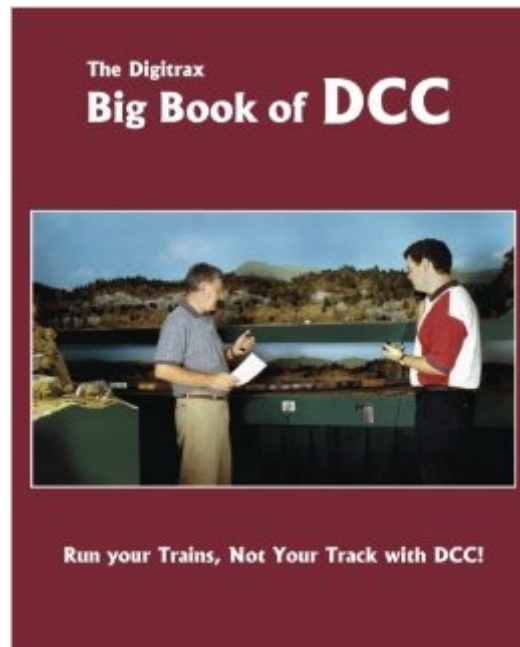


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The Digitrax Big Book Of DCC



Synopsis

Digital command control is one of the hottest topics in model railroading today! The Digitrax Big Book of DCC explains this exciting new technology in terms that everyone can understand. The "Big Book" uses examples to show you how to put DCC to work on your model railroad right now.

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Customer Reviews

Thanks to John Palmer from New Zealand, DCC Model Train users around the world can now learn how to get more out of their Digitrax products. This book is well set out in different chapters that cater for the basic user through to the person who is more technically inclined. Also included is a Glossary to help define most of the DCC terminology. I myself have had a lot of fun setting up user defined speed tables with the help of this book. Throughout the book there is a good selection of pictures and diagrams to further help the reader. Although it is geared towards the Digitrax user, I recommend this book to any and all DCC users.

I purchased this book because it was also on the Digitrax website. I figured it would refer to Digitrax products, which it does. The problem is the book is so old that it refers to products that are outdated and no longer available. The theory is there but some of the products referred to are so out-of-date that there is no way to figure out how to use the new (replacement) product in the same way as the old product.

This book can be looked at as a gigantic advertisement for Digitrax digital command and control

equipment. That is what it is but it is also much, much more. It is also a thorough introduction to a subject which intimidates many model railroaders. Most of what is presented is independent of manufacturer. Digitrax plugs their own equipment but they also point out that most of the information applies to their competitors as well. Where things are not so universal, this is clearly pointed out. The book explains not only what DCC is but also explains how to most effectively use it. Sections are presented on planning and construction. The use of DCC is examined for the control of locomotives and also for the control of stationary devices. The ways that it can be used for reporting and signaling are thoroughly examined. Indeed, one of the more difficult things about the book is that it is so thorough that the information seems to blend together sometimes since I don't have any real working examples to experiment with. Still, this will be a useful reference for a long time to come. This book is out of print. That makes me wonder if a newer edition is on the way. I hope so.

When I purchased the revised version of the Digitrax "Big Book of DCC" I had anticipated that it would have been brought up to date to a greater extent. I am a beginner in the modeling hobby at age 70, and was looking for a single go-to source for everything I needed to know about setting up a DCC layout in HO. It seemed that much of the book was speaking to the experienced modeler who was making a transition from Direct Current to Digital Command Control. I would guess that most of those who intended to change over their DC layouts would have done so by the time this revised version went to press. That said, even though I was disappointed that there wasn't more information directed to the raw beginner who was setting up a DCC layout from scratch, and less devoted to the conversion from DC to DCC, I still found a lot of helpful info and I am glad I invested in the book. I read through the book with my yellow highlighter in hand, and made note of a host of explanations and definitions that were new to me. Until a better instruction manual hits the market, I will recommend this (inadequately) "updated" Digitrax handbook.

I am trying to figure out the best way to run a train layout. I really want some system that can take advantage of wireless iPad or iPhone technology. This book was printed in 1999 and so, from my perspective, is very outdated. While the basics are correct I am sure and digitrax is one of the more reliable companies out there, I really wanted something more up to date.

The book is very dated. Showing layouts with Atlas control systems is irrelevant and confusing. Very few layouts use this type of control. The constant reference to DC systems is unnecessary. Would liked to have seen better explanations of Digi-Trax equipment and their uses. Frankly, had I seen the

book before purchasing it, I would not have. I have better books supplied by Kalmbach. Thanks
George

Gives a basic introduction and some advanced uses. Not perfect, but a nice compendium of information about DCC, how it works, and some of its uses. This has a lot of information in one place and I would recommend it as a good reference book. Has some Digitrax-specific information, but is compatible with any standard DCC system. Gave me a good start.

There is a lot of good stuff here to help you understand DCC. Yes, some of it is old information, but very informative to today's configurations. I had my doubts, but I was wrong. Worth the purchase, esp. if you are using DIGITRAX.

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