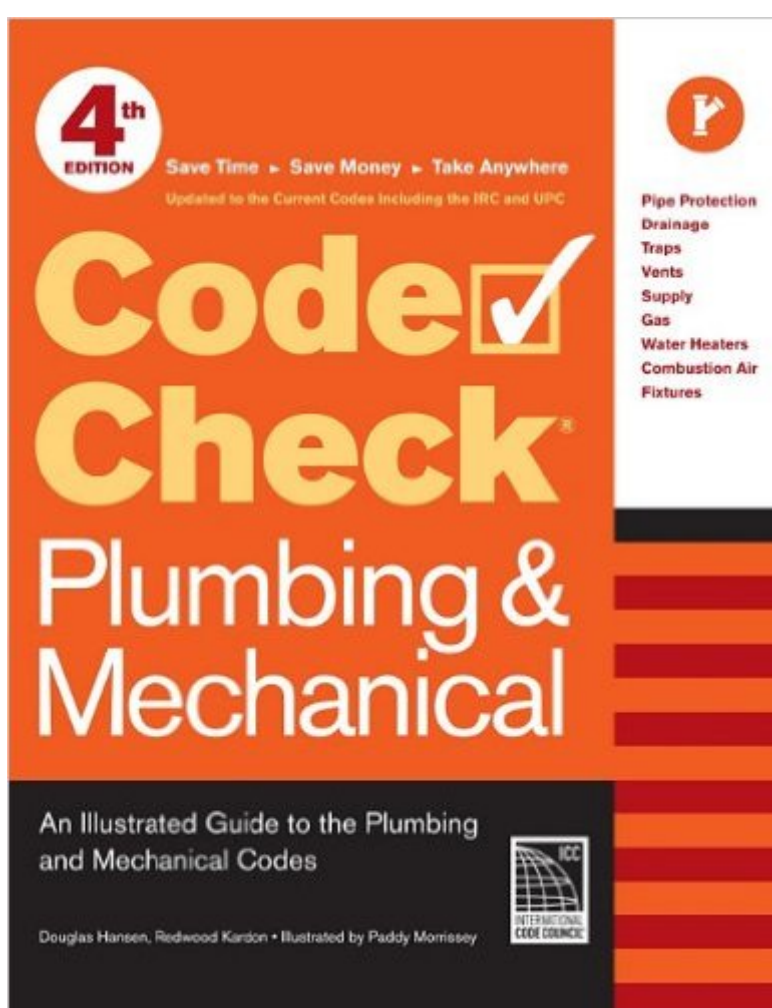


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# Code Check Plumbing & Mechanical 4th Edition: An Illustrated Guide To The Plumbing And Mechanical Codes (Code Check Plumbing & Mechanical: An Illustrated Guide)



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Save on time, money, and potential delays for code violations. Code Check Plumbing & Mechanical is an essential reference guide providing reliable information on up-to-date residential plumbing and mechanical codes. Highly accurate and cross-referenced to the current International Residential Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, and Uniform Mechanical Code. Designed for quick on-site referencing, this go-to book has durable, laminated pages and a practical spiral binding. Detailed reference tables, more than 100 illustrations, and clear language help to clarify complex rules and numerous code changes.

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## Customer Reviews

We are doing the wiring, most of the plumbing, building and installing cabinets, interior door hanging and most of the heating system as well as other finish work in our new house. This is the 2nd house that we have built and we are doing more on this house than we did on the first. I was previously a land use planner and was heavily involved in permit coordination and supervision for 30 years. I am not a professional builder or plumber - however, I have a good understanding of the plumbing system in a residence and the need for both codes and inspections. I use this code check guide to help avoid making some of the otherwise likely errors that will cause needless delays in the inspection process as well as some of the expense of doing it over if I do it wrong. This book is well

prepared as are the other Code Check books that I have purchased and use. They will assist someone who is doing their own work to understand the requirements in the plumbing codes.

I bought this in connection with two other code check books guides. They have lived up to expectations as a quick reference guide with citations to major national codes if you need additional information. These codes are not always adopted in their entirety or without editing at the local level, I would not rely on this manual for building a house from the ground up. But, as a homeowner who wants to know how to properly address day to day repairs and updates this manual series has you covered. The configuration of Code Check is great. Each page is tabbed for quick reference and spiral bound at the top. Also, someone was thinking ahead the paper is heavy thickness and appears to be laminated or otherwise coated which helps it resist dirt and staining (which are always present when working).

When I first received this book, I was disappointed that it was so thin. It turns out that it doesn't need 250 pages to explain how to avoid the most common code violations. There are no verbose explanations or paragraphs. It doesn't tell you how to do anything. It just provides clear illustrations, tables, and bullet points. You can quickly look up the "maximum length of X", "minimum slope of Y", "don't try to hook a sink drain up this way", "you can use this type of vent in areas following this code, but not that code", etc. Using the information in this book, walking through homes under construction, and some trial-and-error, I plumbed my new-construction pool house which has a full bath and kitchen. End of review. Details on construction: PEX supplies, PVC drains, sewer under slab-on-grade foundation, HVAC provided by a single heat pump. All natural gas was installed underground in PEX which requires a certification even to buy the pipe, so I ended up paying \$400 for a plumber to do the gas lines.

The book is an excellent compendium of code references but without the full IBC can be hard to follow especially given references to the IBC tables and specific text not contained in the code check binder.

This book is okay on many levels but some of the information is a bunch of malarkey. If you're doing a remodel on your own home fine but if you are plumbing houses for a living you should use the actual code book adopted by the state you live in. This book states that plastic ABS and PVC drain pipe in a house must be supported with plastic J hooks not the traditional metal plumbers tape that

has been used for over a hundred years. The plastic J hooks are flimsy and expensive and the metal is strong and inexpensive. Maybe the authors make money by supporting different manufacturers. In Washington state it is standard practice to use metal strapping to support plastic drain pipes. It does not say anywhere in the "Uniform Plumbing Code" that one must use plastic and not metal to support ABS or PVC drain piping.

First, I selected two stars not three; the illustrations are very good but they could be greatly improved by adding a CD of the illustrations that could be used by inspectors who write inspection reports without illustrations or expanded diagrams to show clients not only words but pictures.

This guide is a great reference for the Do It Yourselfers out there. However I would wait until they update to the new version as the new 2012 IRC book has just been released. Nice laminated pages, holds up well in my tool box.

This book crammed into the 15-20 pages for the plumbing section in a clear and concise format all the pages in the UPC book perhaps 300 pages of confusing writing. This is a great asset for anyone that needs to do an in-code plumbing job.

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