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Synopsis

This exam and study guide tests and fosters ownership of concepts in building systems, with an emphasis on the content stressed in the Architect Registration Examination (A.R.E.) Building Systems component. It is designed as a study tool, learning exercise, and confidence-builder. Questions are not reading comprehension devices that follow lessons, but rather opportunities to introduce a topic. Your time is valuable so this study guide does not treat all content that might appear on the exam equally. Rather it weights content by (1) its importance in the A.R.E. exam, and (2) its usefulness to the career of an architect. It further weights the content based on its “yield.” In other words, memorizing the entire plumbing code will certainly help you on the A.R.E. exam, but it is certainly not the most efficient means of studying for it.

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I am so happy I bought this. It is more than just questions and answers. Reading this guide helped me to comprehend the subject matters. I took this exam twice and failed. After reading this twice (and skimming through chapters of MEEB), I finally passed!

Highly recommended by many people and it seemed well organized study book.

Great study resource. Used in addition to Ballast and Kaplan, and felt like it filled in gaps / further clarified on topics that were not detailed enough in the main sources. Helped Pass BS - thank you! Would recommend.

Although I am not eligible to enter the A.R.E. exam, I bought this book to learn more about HVAC fundamentals. With this book I learned the basics of Building Science, because it's very visual it is easy to understand how the systems are working. Highly recommended for any Architect who needs to understand the mechanical building system.

Passed the first time around. This book is worth its weight in gold colored paper. Also used Ballast, which was very good and complimentary.

It was a great tool in addition to Kaplan and Ballast study guides. The diagrams in this book were great.

I would definitely say this helped me with the BS exam!! Would definitely recommend this to anyone that's taking it - go over the problems a few times -they help nail down concepts!

Perfect to help understand HVAC better. It is worth the money and the book is easy to go through. The only guide I've bought for the ARE and I don't regret it.

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