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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

The original edition of this illustrated guide to building construction introduced the student of architecture and interested lay people to the basic principles of how buildings are built. It provided an overview of the major systems of a building, how each is constructed, and how each is influenced by its relationship to other systems. While this second edition retains this perspective, it updates information where appropriate, and includes coverage of basic structural steel, reinforced concrete, and curtain wall systems. It presents as clearly as possible the material and structural choices available to the designer, and how these choices affect a building's form and dimensions, and its relationship to its site. Since this visual imagery is implicitly a very important element in the presentation of the material, information in this second edition continues to be conveyed primarily through graphic illustrations. This handbook is organized according to a building's major components and systems. ·

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