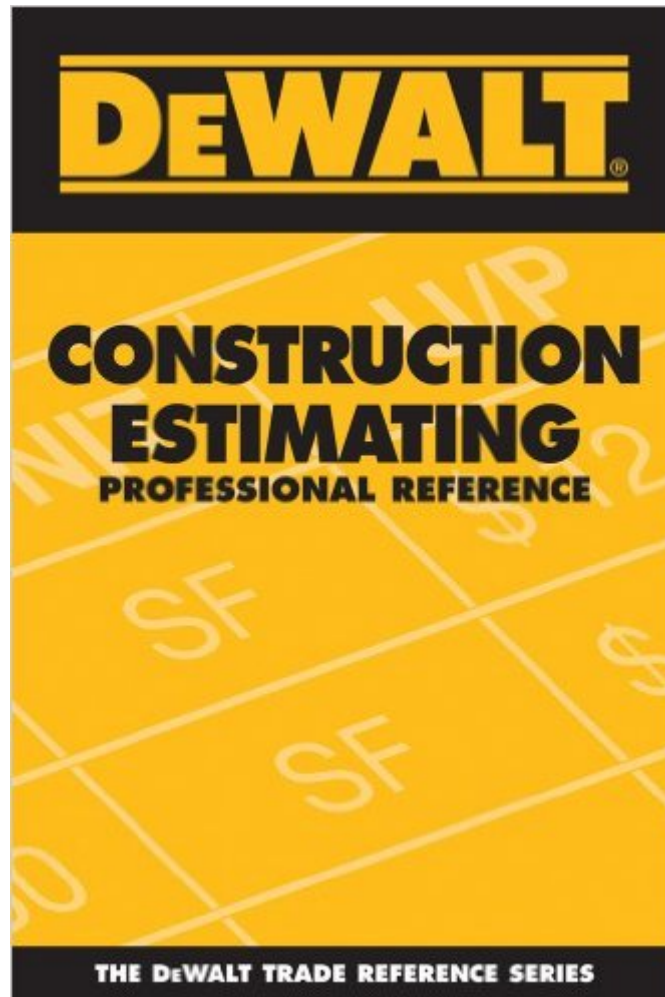


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# DEWALT Construction Estimating Professional Reference (DEWALT Series)



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This handy book is great for almost all levels of contractors. It provides step-by-step instructions to bid a job as well as tips for estimating various trades (from site to electrical). The book walks you through different stages of estimating: document review, site visit, quantity take-off, pricing, bid submittal and feedback etc. If you are self-performing, it has detailed checklists and forms for quantity take-off. If you are subcontracting some work and want to evaluate quotes from subs, the book also offers detailed question lists you can use. It is incredible that so much information has been compressed into a book of this size. Inside you will find instant answers to all levels of questions from how many cubic yards of concrete is in a 200 ft 8 x 16 tie beam WITHOUT

calculations, to how to do a cost breakdown on a multi-million job. This book is apparently suitable for all sectors (residential, commercial, industrial.....). For example, it included the weight tables(unbelievably comprehensive) for almost all structural steel shapes, or you will find the number of wood joists for given floor length and joist spacing right away. What makes it unique from other estimating books is that it offers quick solutions(mostly immediate)without having to read a lot of pages. If you are overwhelmed by how much you have to do everyday, this book is going to be a life saver. Trust me, from what I read, it is written by a highly-organized professional, i.e. a "number guy" who knows the tricks. It is something you want to bring along with you at all times.

I just received my copy today. I always prefer DeWalt books(used to be "Pal" books) because they are convenient and more importantly, to-the-point. Still, I fell in love with this one the moment I flipped through pages. Unlike the big and heavy books I used to struggle with when I was in school, this compact book offers direct answers to so many questions. The book also introduced a very organized approach for the bidding game, in addition to its 200+ estimating tips. Thus I believe it will be handy for both general and trade contractors. Whether you need to be jack-of-all-trades or specialize on certain line of work, this book is a must.If you are always doubtful whether there is ever an estimating book worth buying, try this one. It is down to earth and saves so much time. Well worth the money!

This is a very handy and fairly comprehensive estimating guidebook. It does not delve into a lot of estimating theory, but it is extremely practical. I am a Construction Management professor, and I like it enough to encourage students to purchase the book to use as a resource for estimating. I also like the size of the book. I can fit it in my back pocket! Great job DeWalt and author Adam Ding!

This is more than a reference. I found it is more like an estimating manual. Great for people who is active in industry. Honestly, I think it is not an elementary book. It doesn't waste your time to show you how to use scales (shouldn't you already know that?). Instead, it gives you tons of tips, checklists, forms to actually help in the real-world estimating. I often open it up and find answers within two minutes (Isn't this the way it should be?) Anyway , it is great book. That price is a steal.

The DEWALT Construction Estimating Professional Reference (Dewalt Trade Reference Series)is a great pocket book guide! It has lots of examples, from bid sheets to calculating concrete.I would recommended for anyone who is in the construction business.

This book is very helpful. The advice it gives a new contract is extremely informative and it provides a great first step into this field.

Has limited use for the purpose but it does provide an outline to estimate projects. It is good for someone who needs direction

It is book about quantity surveying and not one thing about construction cost estimating. Very misleading! Do not buy this book.

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