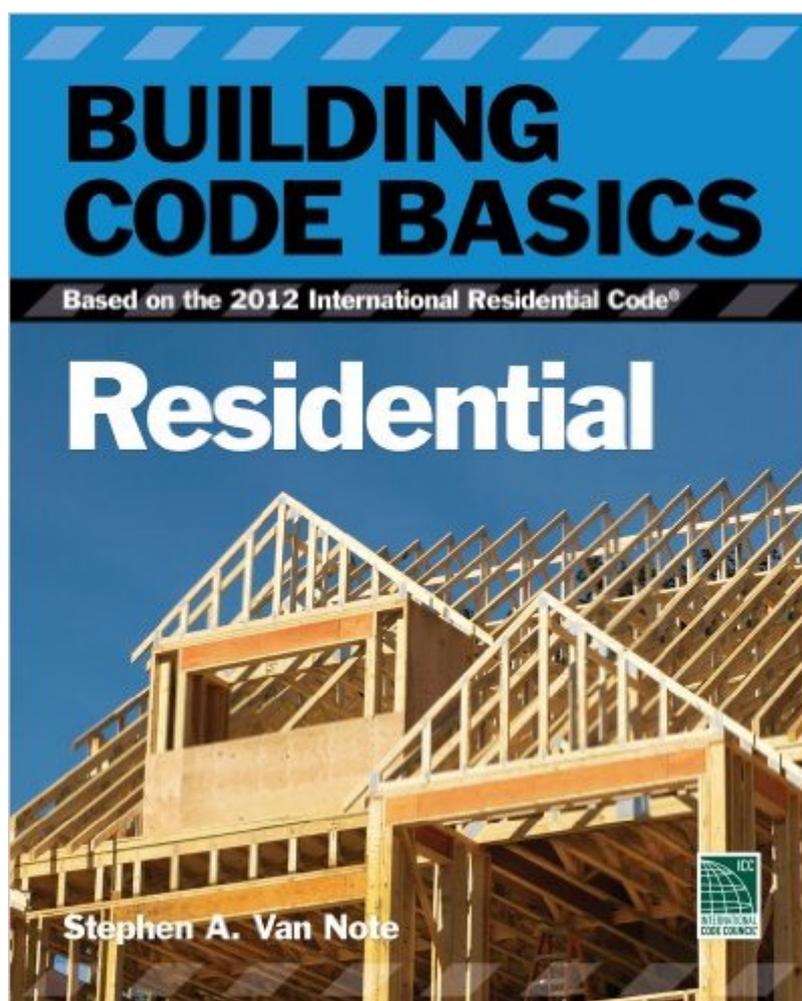


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# Building Code Basics: Residential, Based On The 2012 International Residential Code® (IRC®) (International Code Council Series)



## Synopsis

Take away the uncertainty about applying the International Residential Code® (IRC®) with this user-friendly guide from the BUILDING CODE BASICS series. Unlike other books on the market, Building Code Basics Residential uses simplified, non-code language and logical topic organization to make complex code concepts more understandable. It avoids the technical language associated with the IRC® and instead features code references and descriptive illustrations and tables to explain code fundamentals. Chapters progress in the order of construction, from site-work and foundations through to fire- and life-safety and environmental requirements of a finished residence. Also included are requirements for plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, electrical systems, and equipment. Building Code Basics Residents fills the existing gap for technically accurate, highly illustrative residential code resources, making it an ideal resource for both beginning and experienced code users to ensure compliance.

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## Customer Reviews

The book is full of information, as you would expect from something explaining code. It's all written in plain English, with diagrams anywhere you'd want them, so everything is clear. They assume you

know nothing about the code, and walk you through every common aspect of residential design and construction. I only rated this 4/5 however, as the author seemed to have a page minimum and filled pages upon pages (usually near the beginning or end of chapters) with useless commentary, commonly repeating things, or explaining what information they were going to talk about. I understand there's a psychology to book thickness and price, that the author probably did have to fill XX pages to meet a quota. But it distracts from the real content and led to a few moments of frustration as I searched through fluff to find the content.

I work mainly with residential construction documents all day everyday and know many of them by heart. The reason for buying this book is because of the illustrated images easy to understand and easy to find. This book does have both of that but the main reason for two stars is because it also missing many other codes required for residential. When you do find a diagram illustrated the code it doesn't say what section reference back to the IRC code book IE: in IRC2012 section R311 is "means of egress" or something so you can refer back to the code book to read the entire codes. I originally thinking I will only need this book and not the main IRC2012 but this book will only help you to explain to other people not familiar with (some) building codes. Don't expect to find all building codes in this book. I work mainly with residential construction documents all day everyday and know many of them by heart. The reason for buying this book is because of the illustrated images easy to understand and easy to find. This book does have both of that but the main reason for two stars is because it also missing many other codes required for residential. When you do find a diagram illustrated the code it doesn't say what section reference back to the IRC code book IE: in IRC2012 section R311 is "means of egress" or something so you can refer back to the code book to read the entire codes. I originally thinking I will only need this book and not the main IRC2012 but this book will only help you to explain to other people not familiar with (some) building codes. Don't expect to find all building codes in this book.

I am not a contractor but I do lots of DIY projects. Knowledge is important and it is very useful to know how things are supposed to be done. This guide is very readable and boils down the important information, making it easy to locate what you need and simple to appreciate the code requirements. The full code is available online and can easily be read but is hard to sift through because it provides SO MANY details. While I prefer digital versions, I wanted a paper copy of this book so I can flip to the sections I need and navigate between them easily. I still pull up the full Residential Code online to fill in the details that are not contained in this book but I have not

regretted the purchase

I recently did a total remodel of my 1939 Cape Cod style home. I live in earthquake country and enforcement of current building codes is very rigorous. This book was all I needed to read through before I started and to reference before I called for any inspections. had the book delivered three days after I ordered it...thank you.

This book provides a brief survey of building code requirements. For most readers, I think it is about right. For example, safety considerations regulate the distance between stair rail uprights and the strength of the railing supports, the allowable open space between treads, the required treat height and all that. These are the essential details that allow an architect or home designer of his own retirement home to meet most requirements without going into all the fine detail of the thousand page building code. The book is broken down to deal with major systems like plumbing, mechanical & heating, vents, etc. The book starts with the foundation and goes all the way to the roof. Most key elements of the building code are included without all the fine detail. High recommended reading - but a bit too light for professional builders. That said, it will even serve as a good "quick reference" for professionals.

it does provide basic codes, but does not go in depth enough on some. I was hoping for more scenario and usage areas. Even though many projects are different, I just had a feeling this seemed to be basic and a little vague at times. It is good for general knowledge though.

This is the textbook for a Building Inspection class I am taking. It gives a broad overview of the IRC in clear, easy to understand language. Helpful photos and illustrations. Very helpful to me since I don't have a construction/contractor experience.

Best resource I have found in a long time for someone who needs to quickly reference the code without going through all the deep language. Awesome tables, great diagrams. If you're a Construction Manager or a Site Superintendent this is a must have for those occasional arguments with an inspector.

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