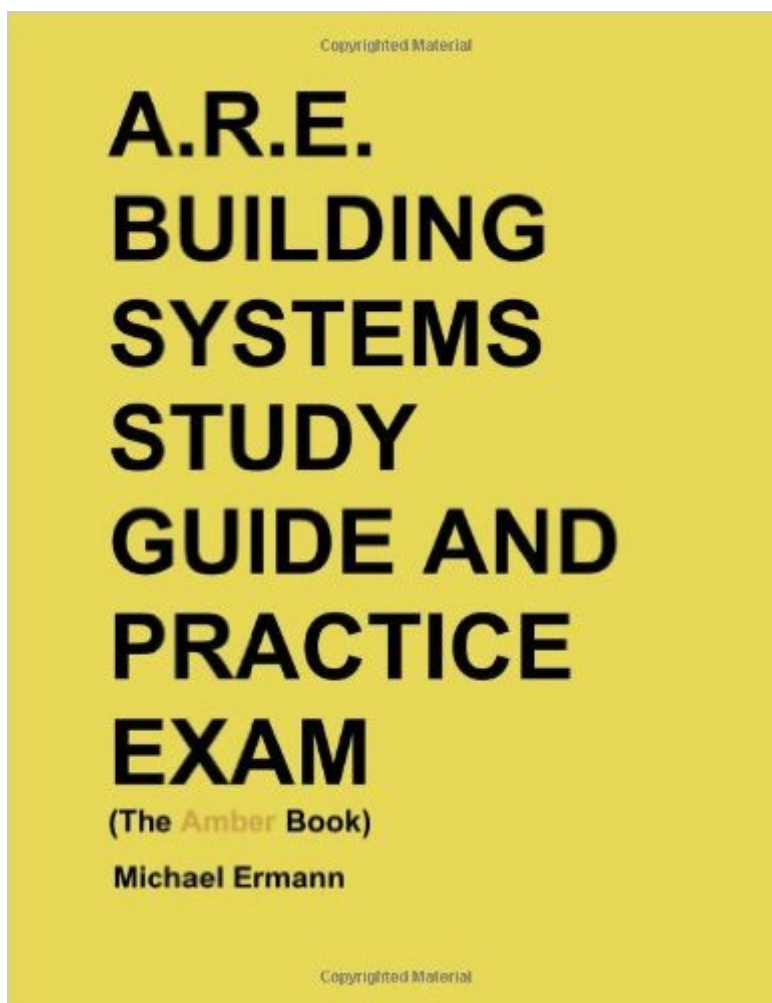# A.R.E. Building Systems Study Guide And Practice Exam (The Amber Book)

Synopsis

This exam and study guide testsâ ”and fostersâ ”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 â œyield.â • 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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Before ordering this book I took the Building Systems exam and failed it. I didn't want to take any chances on my second attempt so I pulled out all the stops. This book helped me with practice problems I hadn't understood before. The graphics were very helpful to comprehend from an architectural point of view. I am happy to say that I passed the exam after using this book in combination with MEEB, Kaplan, PPI/Ballast and Archiflash cards. Good luck to everyone else in the testing process!

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!

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.

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

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.

Failed BS on my first attempt. Used this book/online seminar and passed on my second try.Also used Ballast/Chen M.C. Workbooks and MEEB. After you watch each video section, skim the associated chapter in MEEB and focus primarily on the pictures/diagrams.

I acquired this guide as part of a 3-day seminar given by the author. Professor Ermann has Cracked the BuildingSystems portion without a doubt, especially the vignette. I passed at first attempt. In addition to this book, the author recommends becoming familiar with drawings in MEEB. Indeed good advice. I would have liked to insist a bit more on conveying systems.

I like the fact that this book not only gives you the answers but explains why the answer is correct and why the other selections are wrong. I wish there was one for every section of the ARE exam.

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