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New Fix-It-Yourself Manual: How To Repair, Clean, And Maintain Anything And Everything In And Around Your Home



Synopsis

The indispensable reference guide for every homeowner, guaranteed to help you maintain and improve your home while saving time and money. Covering everything from replacing faulty faucets and showerheads to curing the quirks of an air conditioner, this book provides step-by-step illustrated instructions, plus a comprehensive chapter on tools. The indispensable reference guide for every homeowner, guaranteed to help you maintain and improve your home while saving time and money. Covering everything from replacing faulty faucets and showerheads to curing the quirks of an air conditioner, this book provides step-by-step illustrated instructions, plus a comprehensive chapter on tools. Includes more than 3,000 instructional photographs, illustrations, charts, and diagrams. Let New Fix-It-Yourself Manual guide you through: * Fixing a broken dryer by testing the thermostat, thermal fuse, heating coils, etc. * Troubleshooting electric and gas range problems and fixing them * Reupholstering and reweaving chair seats * Stocking up on the proper tools and supplies for fixing electronics * Installing, testing, and repairing speakers, including maintaining proper polarity * Repairing broken handbags and suitcases properly and professionally * Fixing small engines in yard and workshop tools * Restoring broken air conditioners, heaters, and dehumidifiers * Safely disassembling, testing, and repairing a chain saw

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Customer Reviews

I hated it. It has a lot to do about small appliance repair, jewelry and a lot of things no one repairs anymore. I was hoping it had info on plumbing, fencing, changing locks, hanging doors, refinishing

tubs, restoring a kitchen, trouble shooting water heater and cleaning it. Things handi-men are called for. Hi to lay tile, remove tile. Lay vinyl and remove it. Trouble shoot a septic tank, etc. This is void of these things.

The listing for this item notes "Hardcover-2009". Although the book is hardcover, when you open it you see that copyright date is 1996 and that this particular run was printed in 1999: it covers such topics as repairing vinyl record turntables, vcrs and typewriters! Horribly out-of-date; don't buy this!

This book is advertised on this website as having a "Release date: June 11, 2009". This is incorrect, as this "latest" edition is, simply, a re-release of the edition last printed in 1997. Every page and illustration is exactly the same, with the exception of the new artwork on the front and back covers. There is NO new information in this "re-released" edition. The original edition (ISBN 0895778718) was printed in the USA and the newer "re-release" (ISBN 978-0895778710) was printed in China.

I don't know how many copies I've purchased over the years, as it is so amazing, I gift it to every new homeowner I know. Although technology has increased significantly since the last edition got published, it is actually amazing to see how much things have stayed the same over the last 50 years.

This book is good only if you are living in a time warp where fixing typewriters may be something you'd like to do. Or fix a VCR (remember those?) And everything is imperial unit, no metric. Most of the repair diagrams seem to date from a past age, circa 1980 or so. An updated version that relates to today's world was what I wanted. I didn't get it.

What I lack in fix-it knowledge, this book doesn't lack. Directions are easy to follow and illustrations help a lot. It really is a money-saver. I don't have to call a repairman until I'm sure I can't fix it myself. Not only does it save money, there's no way to measure the worth of self-satisfaction gained in successfully fixing something myself.

This is one of the best repair manuals I have ever used. I used the original manual and this newer edition is even more comprehensive. The descriptions, illustrations and explanations are very good. The hints provided also help the user make repairs that if you hired someone to do would cost a great deal of money. The manual gives you the confidence to repair rather than toss which I think

is very important.

As first-time homeowner I am very grateful for this book! We have referenced so many times already. Very easy to follow, great instructions and pictures. There is a lot of info to find online, but it's nice to be able to grab this off the shelf and have large print in front of you while you work (as opposed to a blog on a tiny cell phone screen.)

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