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Updated to the 2007 AIA Documents and the 2009 International Building Code Successful exam preparation requires the best resources, and the ARE Review Manual gives you the power to pass all seven divisions of the ARE. This one book, updated to the 2007 AIA documents and the 2009 International Building Code, provides you with a complete and comprehensive review of the content areas covered on the ARE divisions. Additional chapters covering basic mathematics, important building regulations, and barrier-free design supplement your preparation regime. ARE Divisions Covered Building Systems Building Design & Construction Systems Construction Documents & Services Programming, Planning, & Practice Schematic Design Site Planning & Design Structural Systems Prepare to Pass All Seven Divisions of the ARE with a thorough review of all the content areas covered hundreds of tables and figures exam advice to help you avoid common mistakes guidelines to effectively focus your preparation a revised edition with updated codes and standards

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Customer Reviews

I found this book to be the best resource for getting my studying started and understanding the scope of all the exams. I also used a few Kaplan guides, which I found to be overkill. For a few of the exams, I used the specific Ballast books, but I only used them because I was able to borrow them for free. They were great as well, but provided more questions and exams than I could have ever found the time or desire to pursue. If you're preparing to start taking exams, this book is the best resource, and will save you a lot of time. If you think you're weak in a particular area, use this

book first, and then consider supplemental information/books from Ballast or Kaplan. btw, I passed all my exams the first time around.

This is an essential resource for the ARE, but please be aware that the publisher PPI / Ballast sells this book directly [maximum list price is \$240+s&h as of 12/10/2103] and it is almost always cheaper than anywhere else new plus there are AIA / AIA Associate member, student, and other discounts if you call and ask. Make sure you are buying the 2010 copyright since the 2007 book has older contract documents. 's constantly fluctuating price and many sellers trying to recoup more than this study material costs do not make it easy to decipher what is newest and for the best price.

Look no further. Great book, has all the information for all the exams in one. I actually like it better than Kaplan guides, and much cheaper too. Kaplan and Ballast has two different styles of teaching the information, and I prefer this one. Everyone is different, try to get your hands on both if you can. Check out your local AIA office and see if you can take a peek at either one and see what fits best. I personally read both materials from Ballast and Kaplan for each exam, and so far so good... knock on wood. Good luck future architects!

This is a great study guide- very comprehensive. I've used this as my primary study guide and have been doing well on the ARE. I think it's well written and isn't so dry that it's impossible to get through. I'm giving 4 stars because of some things I didn't like regarding formatting/ information location (that resulted in being unprepared for some questions). Be sure to review the actual ARE test guidelines from NCARB. The chapters split the subject matter up fairly well, but there are a few where the material is in the wrong section (i.e. Vertical Transportation should be in "Building Systems" chapter, but is in the "BD&CS" chapter). There are 2 chapters at the very end - Chapters 55 & 56 - Code info- and they should absolutely be the first chapters in the book!!!! They are not and I just realized, 3 tests in, that these chapters exist. It's my fault for not reading the T of C, but I think they're not placed properly. This is critical stuff on most every test and doesn't belong hidden in the back. OK that is all- would definitely recommend. I went through each chapter and made my own flashcards for review a few days prior to the test. It's a lot of trees, but effective!

This is one of the two leading study guides for the Architectural Registration exams. While I already had access to the competing Kaplan study materials, I found that the books were not concise enough for me. This book is extremely concise and dense with information. It condenses all you

need to know for the 7 ARE exams into a single book instead of spreading it out into several books with repetitive information. Since most architects take their exams while working full time jobs, it's very important being able to absorb as much information as possible in a short time span. This book allows us to do that. Not only is it much more compact than the competing Kaplan system, it's also much more affordable. Very happy with the purchase.

If you are studying for the ARE, you will know that there are lots of resources out there and they are all ridiculously expensive. This is the one stop book you need, especially if you have been working in the industry for any given period of time. You won't need anything else.

The item was delivered promptly in perfect condition. It is a great resource for anyone studying for the ARE. Although it does not contain any practice questions, it covers all the sections of the ARE in a concise and easy to understand manner.

I literally used the Ballast book from the very first day I started studying until the very last. By the end it was so covered in markups. It's helpful to have all 7 tests under ONE cover so you can go back and forth and cross reference certain details that pop up on all exams. For example, I found that I needed a refresher on the AIA documents portion for most exams. I've used it countless times to look things up in the office, so I plan on hanging on to it

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