

More Suggested Reading & References

This source list is provided to ASHI Candidates and Examinees.

General Reference Books:

Standards of Practice American Society of Home Inspectors, 1735 N. Lynn St. Suite 950, Arlington, VA 22209-2022

A Training Manual for Home Inspectors Alfred L. Alk, American Society of Home Inspectors, 1735 N. Lynn St. Suite 950, Arlington, VA 22209-2022

Preventive Home Maintenance American Society of Home Inspectors and the Editors of Consumer Reports, Consumer Reports Books, 9180 LeSaint Drive, Fairfield, OH 45014-5452 (Available at a discount to ASHI Members and Candidates)

The Complete Book of Home Inspection Norman Becker, P.E., McGraw-Hill ISBN 0-07-004180-6

The Home Reference Book Carson, Dunlop & Associates, 120 Carlton Street, Suite 407, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5A 4K2

The User-Friendly Home Larry Reavis, Homexam Services and Products, HC-1 Box 34-A, Rte 671, Front Royal, VA 22630-9304

The Homebook Michael P. Lennon, Homepro Systems, Inc, 6715 Lowell Ave, McLean, VA 22101

Red Flags - Property Inspection Guide James Prendergast, Professional Publishing Corporation, 122 Paul Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903 Lib. of Cong # 87-082966 Also has good general information on structures, geology, seismic reinforcement, and environmental hazards.

Suggested Periodicals

The ASHI Technical Journal American Society of Home Inspectors, 1735 N. Lynn St. Suite 950, Arlington, VA 22209-2022 (Building inspection techniques; defects)

The Journal of Light Construction P.O. Box 686, Holmes, PA 19043

The Old House Journal P.O. Box 50214, Boulder, CO 80321-0214

Fine Homebuilding Taunton Press, P.O. Box 5506, Newtown, CT 06470-5506

Report Writing

ASHI Conference Proceedings 1985, 1988, 1990 American Society of Home Inspectors, 1735 N. Lynn St. Suite 950, Arlington, VA 22209-2022

Foundations & Structures:

Residential Foundations: Design, Behavior and Repair Robert Wade Brown, Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, 135 West 50th Street, NY, NY 10020, ISBN 0-442-21302-6 (Especially applicable to regions with high clay content in soils, but applicable to all foundation inspection.)

Diagnosing and Repairing House Structure Problems Edgar O. Seaquist, Ph.D., P.E., McGraw-Hill ISBN 0-07-056013-7

Structures. Or Why Things Don't Fall Down J.E. Gordon, Da Capo Press (Plenum Publishers) Quality Paperback (QPS) (800) 321-0050

Construction Manual: Rough Carpentry T.W. Lowe, Craftsman Book Company, 6058 Corte del Cedro, P.O. Box 6500, Carlsbad, CA 92008 ISBN 0-910460-18-3

Audel Carpenters and Builders Library No. 3: Layouts, Foundations, Framing John E. Ball, Audel & Co. div. of Howard Sams & Co, 4300 W. 62nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46268 (Note: This publisher has several valuable books on other topics, such as air conditioning.)

Contractors Guide to the Building Code Jack Hageman, Craftsman Book Company, 6058 Corte del Cedro, P.O. Box 6500, Carlsbad, CA 92008 ISBN 0-910460-91-4

CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code compiled by the 3 National Model Code Agencies:

Basic Building Code Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60477

Standard Building Code Southern Building Code Congress International 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, AL 35213

Uniform Building Code International Conference of Building Officials 5360 S. Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601

Seismic

Earthquake Safe: A Hazard Reduction Manual for Homes David Benaroya Helfant, Ph.D. Builders Booksource, 1817 Fourth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710 ISBN 0-9625287-0-6

Peace of Mind in Earthquake Country Peter Yanev, Chronicle Books, 870 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 ISBN 0-87701-050-1

Roofing

The NRCA Roofing and Waterproofing Manual National Roofing Contractors Association, One O'Hare Centre, 6250 River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018 [(312) 318-6772]

Handbook of Accepted Roofing Knowledge (HARK) National Roofing Contractors Association, One O'Hare Centre, 6250 River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018 [(312) 318-6772]

Manual of Built-Up Roof Systems: C.W. Griffin, McGraw-Hill, Inc. ISBN 0-07-024783-8

Masonry / Fireplaces

Residential Masonry Fireplace and Chimney Handbook James E. Amrhein, S.E., Masonry Institute of America, 2550 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057 ISBN 0-940116-03-0

"Technical Notes on Brick Construction" Brick Institute of America, 11490 Commerce Park Drive, Reston, VA 22091

All About Chimneys John E. Traister, TAB Books Inc, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 ISBN 0-8306-1376-5

Plumbing

Uniform Plumbing Code Illustrated Training Manual International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, 20001 S. Walnut Drive, Walnut, CA 91789-2825

Basic Plumbing Harry Slater and Lee Smith, Delman Publishers, div. of Van Nostran Reinhold, Limited, Albany, NY 12205 ISBN 0-8273-1204-0

Water Systems Handbook Water Systems Council, 8th Ed., WSC, 221 N. LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60601 (Excellent reference for private water supply wells and equipment)

Basic Plumbing Code Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60477

Standard Plumbing Code Southern Building Code Congress International, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, AL 35213

Uniform Plumbing Code International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), 5360 S. Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601

Heating

"Residential Steam Heating Systems", "Warm Air Heating Systems", and Residential Hydronic Heating Systems" (Home inspection training materials) Instructional Technologies Institute, Inc, 145 "D" Grassy Plain St, Bethel, CT 06801 [1-800-227-1663]

Installation Guide for Residential Hydronic Heating Systems The Hydronics Institute, 35 Russo Place, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

Basic Mechanical Code Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60477

Standard Mechanical Code and Standard Gas Code Southern Building Code Congress International, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, AL 35213

Uniform Mechanical Code International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), 5360 S. Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601

National Fuel Gas Code and National Fuel Gas Code Handbook American Gas Association (AGA), 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209 (also available from the National Fire Protection Association [NFPA]).

Electrical

National Electrical Code 19xx National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101

National Electrical Code 19xx Handbook National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101 (full code & explanations)

The McGraw Hill Electrical Code Handbook (More depth in explanations but does not include text of code)

American Electricians' Handbook Terrell Croft and Wilford Summers, McGraw Hill (An encyclopedic and instructive reference work)

Designing Electrical Systems James Stallcup, American Technical Publishers, 1155 W. 175th St, Homewood, IL (Excellent illustrations and explanations of code)

Electrical Inspection - A Workbook for Home Inspectors Douglas Hansen, Inspection Training Associates, 410 S. Santa Fe, Suite 204, Vista, CA 92084

Air Conditioning

"Inside the Heat Pump" Carrier Corporation, 1976 Pub. GTA-4A-Advanced General Training, (Companion Color Slide and Cassette program part #GTA-4A, avail. f. Carrier

Modern Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Althouse, Turnquist, and Bracciano, Goodheart-Wilcox Co., South Holland, IL, 1982 ISBN 0-87006-340-5 (1,000 page text)

"Air Conditioning and Heat Pumps" (Home inspection training materials) Instructional Technologies Institute, Inc, 145 "D" Grassy Plain St, Bethel, CT 06801 [1-800-227-1663]

Audel series of books on this topic.

Interiors

Dampness in Buildings. Diagnosis. Treatment. Instruments T.A. Oxley and E. G. Gobert, 1987 Rev. Butterworths, London. ISBN 0-408-01463

Asbestos Handbook for Remodeling National Association of Home Builders, NAHB Bookstore

Exteriors

The Consumer's Stucco Handbook John Bucholz, P.E., Plaster Information Center, 4960 Hamilton Ave, Suite 100, San Jose, CA 95130 (408) 866-8318

Truman's Scientific Guide to Pest Control Operations Purdue University/Edgell Communications Project, Edgell Communications, One E. 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802

Urban Entomology

Sources

Builders Booksource, 1817 Fourth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710 (415) 845-6874

Professional Equipment, 153 Plainview Rd, Woodbury, NY 11797 (800) 334-9291 and The Specialty Tool Company, 145 D Grassy Plain Street, Bethel, CT 06801 (800) 456-4605

National Association of Home Builders NAHB Bookstore, 15th & M Streets NW, Washington, DC 20005 (800) 368-5242

Small Homes Research Council, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, One East St. Mary's Rd., Champaign, IL 61820 217/333-1801