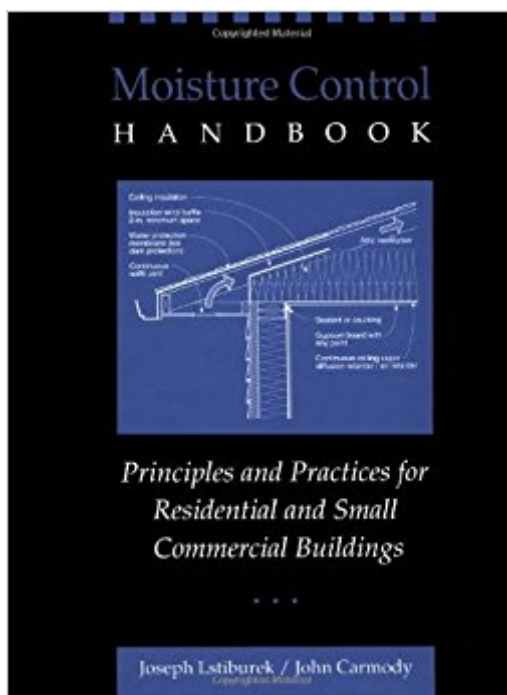


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Moisture is the single most important factor affecting house maintenance - this is my opinion, but a widely-held one. So, finding this very readable manual was exciting. It is well-written and readable for someone who's not in the construction industry, but the professional builder will also find it useful.

Great book if you are looking to expand your knowledge of modern building technology.

I would highly recommend this book for all builders, contractors, designers, architects and building scientists. Full of useful information and handy diagrams.

This book has a load of information in it and many helpful diagrams. I am pleased to have added this to my collection of moisture books.

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