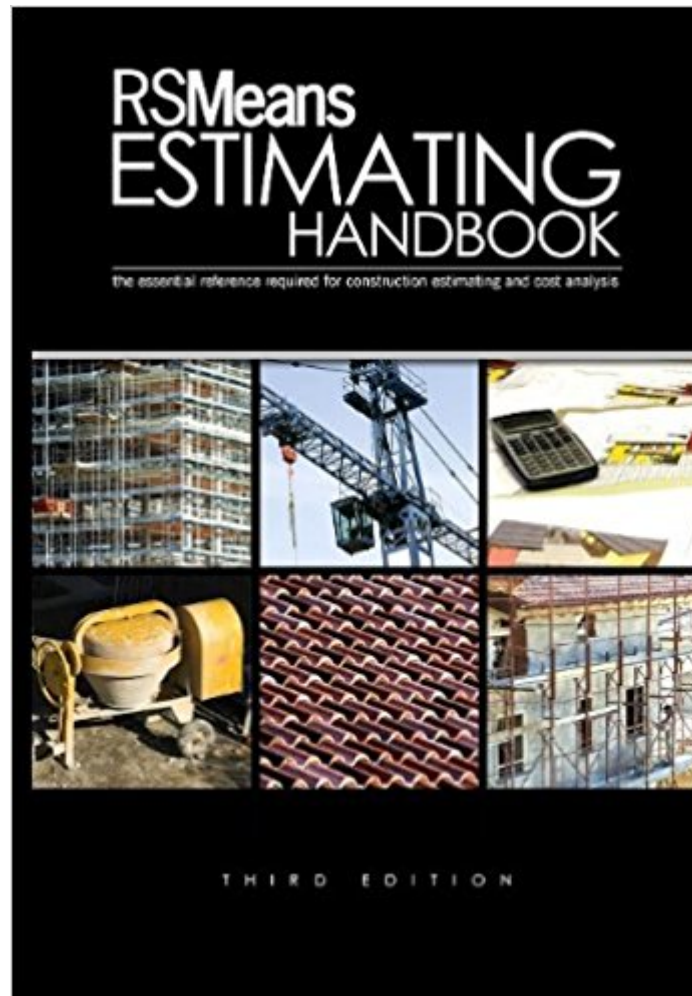




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# RSMeans Estimating Handbook



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- Evaluate architectural plans and specifications
- Prepare accurate quantity takeoffs
- Compare design alternatives and costs
- Perform value engineering
- Double-check estimates and quotes
- Estimate change orders

**FEATURES:** This new edition includes expanded coverage of:

- Construction specialties—green building, metal decking, plastic pipe, demolition items, and more
- Preliminary or square foot estimating tools
- Updated city cost indexes to adjust costs by trade for 30 major cities
- Historic indexes to factor costs for economic effects over time
- Complete reorganization to the newest CSI MasterFormat classification system

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I'm honored that RS Means has asked me to help out as a contributing editor. The Means staff has done a great job in compiling a great selection of useful information under one cover. This book is a helpful reference source for estimators, architects, engineers, and other building professionals.

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very old book, that needs updating. has very good information

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