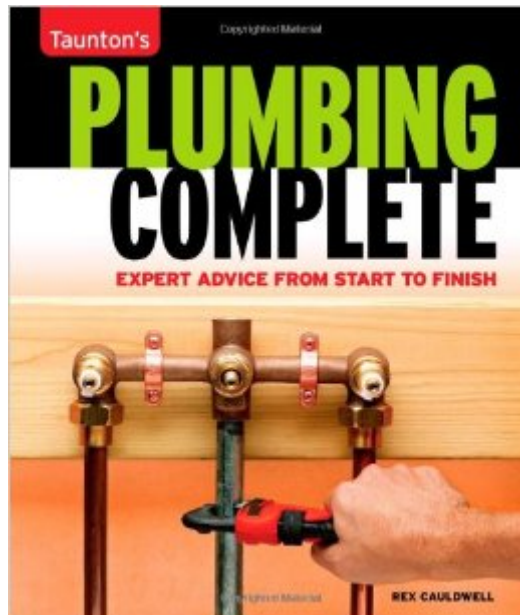


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# Plumbing Complete: Expert Advice From Start To Finish (Taunton's Complete)



## Synopsis

An easy-to-access, comprehensive step-by-step reference on home plumbing offering authoritative, reliable information that enables the reader to tackle any DIY plumbing project with confidence. This volume is a comprehensive, authoritative, and easy to use reference for homeowners covering all home plumbing situations from the most basic to advanced. The only projects not covered are those that should be left to professionals. This highly visual book focuses on real world situations faced by homeowners and offers real world advice, including how to deal with the inevitable things that can go wrong. What is unique about this plumbing guide is that it is easy to find the project and the information on how to tackle it. Intuitive finding devices and visual tables of contents make it easy to identify the material in the book relevant to the readers situation.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a remodeler and have done a lot of plumbing in houses I have lived in. I have done a fair amount of plumbing in houses I have remodeled, when the job only took a couple hours. Beyond that I would hire a licensed plumber for liability reasons. When I have a plumber on the job, I usually ask questions and think I am fairly knowledgeable about residential plumbing. I saw this book in a big box store, but didn't have time to look through it. I looked at the reviews on [Amazon](#) and was quite surprised. I believe this book was aimed at the average home handyman. From some of the reviews,

I would gather "handy" was not an attribute of the reviewers. It would be impossible to show how to fix all of the thousands of toilets and faucets made over the years. As far as having to buy thousands of dollars of tools to do the plumbing, I have but a small toolbox of tools I consider plumbing only tools. Four or five hundred dollars at most. I found the book fairly complete as to how to join the various types of pipe in use today. The pictures were helpful in understanding what he was writing about. I feel this should prove to be a good reference for the typical projects most homeowners would encounter. I won't be buying the book as I already knew most of what he covered. BTW, I took the book out of the library and read the entire book.

I think this is a really good book to compliment your plumbing guide library. I've read a few plumbing books recently in preparation for a house renovation I'm about to start, and I felt like no one book had all the plumbing information I wanted. This is a good purchase though. It's not quite as complete as the author's Electrical Complete book (which I think is an essential electrical guide) but it's still worth reading/owning.

Really helpful for the home handyman. Very easy to understand and the author writes very well. Even plumbing becomes interesting. For example, I've been struggling to open up a slow draining tub in my older home. I've tried everything I could think of. Learned from the book that Pros usually just replace the drain trap - that there really is no way to clean it out once the gunk has hardened in it - and this just happens after many years of service. So that is my next project...

I purchased the Taunton Wiring Complete for a housing project I was working on and was very satisfied with it. The tips and diagrams all proved to be very useful. I bought this hoping for similar results when tackling the plumbing, but I didn't find it to be quite as useful. I'm still glad I have it for a handy reference, but many of my specific questions about kitchen sink plumbing (which can get fairly complicated) remained unanswered.

Plumbing Complete by Rex Cauldwell is not as good as his books on wiring. Book has tools needed for each type of plumbing, copper, pex and threaded pipe. Then repair and installation. Fittings, new work, installing new lines. Then there is clearing blocked lines, cleaning tasks. This book is not what I expected. It has its good points but I am going to look for a better book on plumbing.

Has the basic home plumbing answers. Does not talk about current shark bite push fittings. Also

does not talk about plumbing manifolds for the entire house. Ok for the basic home problems but doesn't go beyond that.

Vague details as best, doesn't cover any one project or give you a good foundation of understanding, no better than the black and decker books

Good informative book. Basics for a newby, but enough detail and advanced techniques to keep an old hand interested.

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