

Construction Materials for Civil Engineering

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About this Publication:

Construction Materials for Civil Engineering Second Edition bridges the gap between school and university by providing practical examples and everyday concepts. These are applied to explain, in plain language, the fundamentals of civil engineering.

The book has been fully revised and includes a new chapter on internal building materials used.

Key Features

- Clear language is used which aids in explaining technical terminology and concepts.
- Fully worked examples are provided within each section.
- Self-evaluation questions with answers are included in each section for immediate practice and feedback. The answers to the self-evaluation questions appear at the end of each chapter.
- The process of constructing a house is used as a golden thread throughout the book, acting as an example, and demonstrating the practical application of civil engineering materials.
- A methodology is used that is suitable for both contact and distance education.

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Of Interest and Benefit to:

Construction Materials for Civil Engineering Second Edition is written for tertiary students who are studying towards a National Diploma or Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. It is essential reading for anyone looking to gain a firm grounding in the application of materials within the field of civil engineering in general.