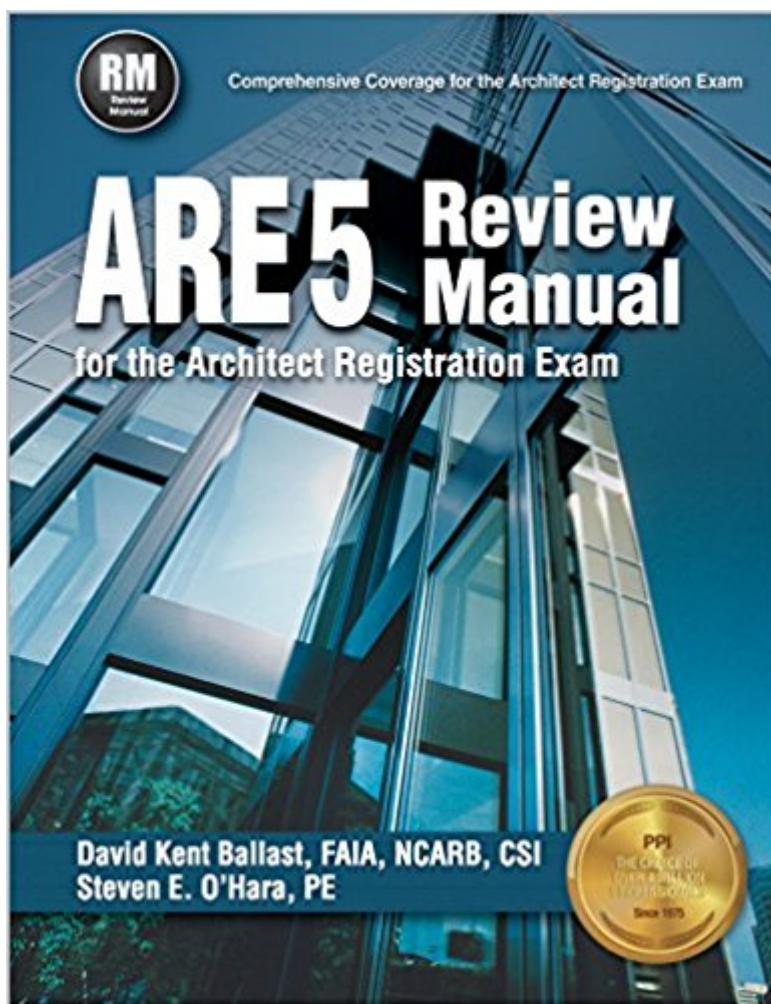


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# ARE 5 Review Manual For The Architect Registration Exam



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Comprehensive Architect Registration Exam 5.0 Coverage The ARE 5 Review Manual is the most comprehensive textbook for the Architect Registration Exam 5.0 (ARE® 5.0). All six exam divisions are covered with thorough explanations for each of the division's sections. Over 150 example problems demonstrate how to apply key architectural concepts, codes, and standards. Cross-references to more than 100 tables and nearly 400 figures will point you to additional support material when you need it. The extensive index contains thousands of entries so you can prepare for the exam by easily finding division sections and concepts. This book features thorough coverage of all divisions and their sections over 150 clarifying examples of industry-standard terminology and nomenclature along with exam advice, tips, and strategies. After you pass your exam, the ARE 5 Review Manual will continue to serve as an invaluable reference throughout your architectural career.

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The ARE 5 Review Manual is written to give you a thorough review of the subjects most likely to appear on the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) 5.0. The book is organized into sections that follow the exam divisions, and the chapters are arranged by subject to help you organize your study efforts. Practice Management Project Management Programming & Analysis Project Planning & Design Project Development & Documentation Construction & Evaluation

I used the ARE 4.0 version of this book (and ArchiFlash) to pass two tests on the first try. I am disappointed that in this version, the text is a single column, meaning each line is 6.5" long. I preferred the two-column layout of the previous book, as each line was 3.5" - 4", and much easier to speed read. The content seems robust, we'll see how the tests go.

**EDIT AFTER A MONTH OF STUDYING:** This book has numerous grammatical, punctuation, and content errors. The editor should be fired. In at least one instance, nearly an entire paragraph appears in two parts of the same page. The second instance of the paragraph is copied into the middle of a sentence, hopefully content was not lost. In other locations, at least the first word of a sentence (though likely more) is completely missing, which is confusing and potentially omitting content. In other locations, a maximum or minimum dimension is given in one sentence, and in the next sentence a larger or smaller dimension is given as 'most common'. Examples:

Page 18-21: "The most common method of preliminary sizing is to calculate the depth-to-span ratio, because this can be done even if only the structural layout and the basic use of the system are known. and use this approach." And use what approach?

Page 19-12: "The inverse square law, , states that... [passage continues]" Double comma, arguably the most benign error I have come across.

Page 21-8 ends with a complete sentence, page 21-9 begins: "being extended to a lower level." What is being extended to a lower level, and why is it important? The world may never know.

Page 22-11: "For exterior cladding, precast elements can be as thin as 5/8 in. For textured panels, a 3/4 in or 1/18 in thickness is used." If 5/8" is the minimum for a smooth panel, it seems strange that a textured panel would be less than that, and even more strange it would be only 1/18". Also, I have never seen 18ths of an inch used for anything before.

Page 22-21: "When used as wall panels in one-story buildings, they usually reach from the

foundation to the roof framing. two panels must be placed end to end, they are butt-jointed with flashing between."Going to guess the missing word is 'If', but why do I need to guess? This is only a sample of the errors I have found, and only while studying for a single test. I can't imagine the issues are isolated to the section I have read. It is disappointed that this was published, appalling that they are charging \$250, and embarrassing that I bought it. After a month of use, I can only offer one suggestion: DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK!

I would recommend Ballast for 4.0 ARE tests. However, this study material is not caught up to the 5.0 ARE tests. For example, in Ballast, the 'PDD' chapters were largely made up of structural equations and properties-- but in reality I had 2 or 3 questions (out of 120) regarding this subject. I would recommend Ching or Iano in lieu of this book.

**DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK.** The Ballast ARE 5.0 review manual and associated practice problems and practice exams are absolutely terrible. They're FULL of editing mistakes, spelling errors, missing words, and erroneous information. The Practice Exams and Practice Problems books are full of terribly worded questions, questions that don't apply to the topics covered by the exam division, and questions that rely on obscure and unrelated assumptions which would never be on the actual exams. Many questions say "choose 4 that apply" and when you go to the solutions to review your answers, you find that there are only 3 correct solutions. These materials make it HARDER to study for the exam divisions because they have so many confusing and poorly worded practice questions. One of the Practice problem sections titled "Contracts" started with a question about the selection of an HVAC system for a given project. Unacceptable. These books are not worth the hundreds of dollars they're charging. It's clear the company rushed them to market to be the first study guide available for the new exam format but in doing so they published a horrible resource FULL of errors. This is unacceptable for the amount they charge and the statement that their books are "comprehensive" study materials.

I purchased the three book set of these...and they were very much rushed to production. When you go through them, you get a feeling that the authors and editors threw together their "Best Guesses" tossed in a few questions and said, "Hey! Get these! They're comprehensive and they'll help you...and they're out FIRST!" So I bought them (directly from PPI) and started studying away for my first test. Then, when I went in to actually take my first test I found that the section in the book covered **MAYBE** 60% of what was actually on the test. When it came to the Case Studies? Hardly a

mention, and there was no correlation in the book between the information IN the section and what might possibly be on the test.GRANTED: Yes, the 5.0 tests are literally brand new. Very few people have taken them, so there are very few strategies out there for dealing with them, and most people are pretty unsure about what's on them.WITH THAT IN MIND: I'd recommend focusing on using the information from architectexamprep BEFORE I'd recommend this set of books (we're not even going into the grammatical errors, misspellings, and random copy pasting errors going on). Now that I've gone through my first test, I'm very tempted to throw another five hundred dollars down the toilet and get the architectexamprep materials too and use the PPI/Ballast books as supplemental material/expensive coasters. Otherwise you're pretty much taking your test fees and gambling as to whether or not the section you're studying for was not only well written enough, but also has information applicable to the test section it correlates to.Overall I'm pretty disappointed with how very unprepared I felt while actually taking the test after relying on this set.

Terrible book including the questions. Everyone is right about the total lack of editing. In the sample questions they even provide the wrong answers. You have to read the explanation of the answer to realize they are contradicting themselves. Buy if you want to learn about errors and omissions.

PcM: This book serves as a guideline of what to study, but not nearly enough in depth content is provided.

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