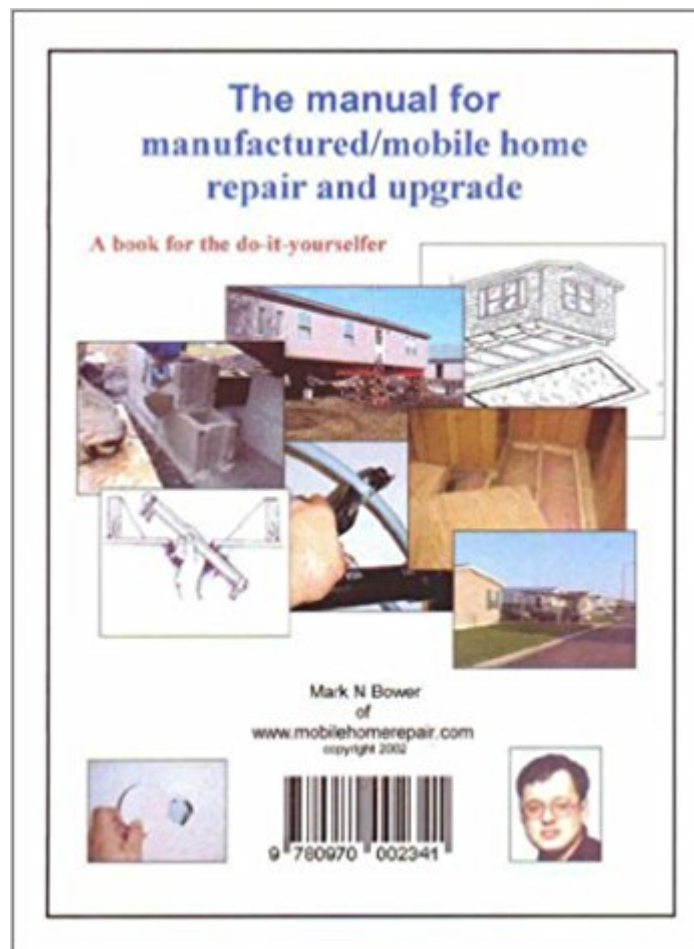


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The Manual For Manufactured/Mobile Home Repair And Upgrade



Synopsis

Books on repairing manufactured homes are nearly impossible to find. If one is found, it's either outdated or lacking real information. This manual has changed all that. Designed for homeowners as well as contractors, "The manual for manufactured/mobile home repair and upgrade" is packed full of useful repair techniques. But it's more than just doing repairs, it's also about upgrading and improving a manufactured home. For instance, not only will you learn how to stop a metal roof from leaking, you'll also discover an inexpensive way to replace it. Want to relevel your own home? This manual gives you step by step instructions. Need to replace your waterlines? Then you can't miss the information found here. Even if you don't do your own repairs, this manual will give you invaluable knowledge of how a repair should be performed so when you do seek a contractor, you know the right questions to ask. Written by a contractor, this manual should be required reading for every owner of a manufactured home.

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Customer Reviews

As a contractor who repairs manufactured homes, I've found the information in this book invaluable in solving customer problems. -- Little Falls Home Repair
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This 125-page book was born from three years of questions and information requests from Mark's website on mobile home repair. Will this book answer all your questions regarding mobile home repair? The answer is NO. The subjects covered are listed in the table of contents. If your question isn't covered, never fear. Answers can be found by . . . General information that relates to all homes such as shingling, tape & texture, laying vinyl and carpet, and such are NOT included as that information can be readily found in any library or bookstore.

I am a first-time mobile home owner. I am not a contractor or repairman. I don't know the ins-and-outs of maintenance and repair. I was looking for a book to help me learn about my mobile home -- how it is put together, how to maintain and how to repair it. I ordered this book through my library to see if it was as good as it sounded. I learned about electrical outlets and about what could cause them to stop working. I was able to fix my electrical outlet because of the detailed information in this book. I learned about the walls and what kinds of fasteners to use in order to successfully hang pictures on my walls. I learned about ways to change the look of the walls and ceilings. I also learned a lot about how mobile homes are put together. This information is helpful to me even though I don't plan on replacing my floor or roof. If that kind of repair needs to be done I have a little knowledge about what is involved in the procedure. After borrowing this book from the library twice and renewing it as often as the library would let me, I decided I should just go ahead and buy the book. I'm glad I did. I hope this review is helpful.

This manual coupled with another one titled Your Mobile Home: Energy and Repair Guide for Manufactured Housing, 5th Edition provide a very complete guide for any Do It Yourself person, and even many professionals could improve their weak areas. I knew I was taking over an abandoned home manufactured in 1981 and it was in sad shape, but with much potential. I got the "...Repair and Upgrade" book to see how to best tackle things like rebuilding the entire floor and how the walls are built and such. I also got the "...Energy and Repair..." book as an after thought but I am so glad I did. This book taught me how to pretty much rebuild the entire manufactured home, whereas the "...Energy..." book taught me how to do it smart to save a big pile of money over the years I will have to pay utility bills. When I actually start using the Repair and Upgrade book for the actual rebuilding process, I will be looking to incorporate the great energy(money) saving ideas in this one as I go. I will replace ceiling tile and flooring so using the blown in insulation won't even require me

to cut then patch holes to save myself big bucks each year. I suspect the energy savings will pay for the extra remodel costs with in 2-4 years. Although the pictures are older, lower quality and black and white they get the point across. Together they are a tremendous pair of books that compliment each other. Note that a third book that often sells with these two, much cheaper was mostly useless so I won't name it.

I scanned through the whole book. It seems quite thorough for the price. I have yet to try applying it to a specific task, but it appears it will be detailed enough to meed most of my needs. I like that it has lots of pictures. Really like that it addresses releleveling your own home, and discusses varieties of MH skirting. Subjectively lost a star (should really be a half star) because of the plastic spiral binding that I don't like much.

This is an excellent book for repairs of most problem areas of a mobile home. It is extremely detailed in explanations and has pictures and/or drawings showing procedures for each task. It is inclusive, from floors to ceiling repairs, and everything in between. It covers exterior problems as well as interior ones - and takes you through the procedures step by step. An excellent book for even beginner DIY.

Photo Copied Thought I was getting a real book for the price..

This is a meat and potatoes book. Not a lot of pretty pictures and fancy camera angles. But it's easy to read and the pictures illustrate exactly what the author is talking about. If you have a manufactured house, have a loved one in one, or are just interested in these kinds of repairs, this is the best book to start.

So I just spent a couple hours reading through this book and it covers in good detail what I need to know to repair and remodel my mobile home. It has pictures and covers things with enough detail that it will be very helpful. It covers floor, underbelly, siding, walls, windows, roof, ceiling, plumbing, releleveling, basements, foundations, skirting, site prep, anchors, additions, furnace repairs and heating and cooling. The only thing I do not like is that it is printed on card stock with a plastic binder ring. I plan to buy some clear plastic sleeves, remove the binding and put it in a binder so it will hold up for a long time. I purchased this book along with "Your Mobile Home: Energy and Repair Guide for Manufactured Housing". That book covers a lot of info but not in detail. It is very basic. I think you

could get by with just this manual and skip the other book, but it may be nice to have as an additional reference or useful for installing insulation. I have posted a full review for that book as well.

Not very comprehensive. Some areas of the mobile home are covered well and some are barely mentioned and not enough detail to be helpful. For example, there is little information about duct work. I have some duct work that needs cleaning or replacing. I was trying to figure out if this was something I could do on my own or if I had to consult a professional. The book mentions duct work but provide little to not information that is helpful. Same about walls, I needed to make some repairs so the framing. I was trying to figure out the correct way to make the repairs i.e, how far the studs should be from each other, how to secure them, how to choose new hurricane anchors. Again, little to no information.

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