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Plumbing, Electricity, Acoustics: Sustainable Design Methods For Architecture



Synopsis

Discover sustainable methods for designing crucial building systems for architects. This indispensable companion to Norbert Lechner's landmark volume *Heating, Cooling, Lighting: Sustainable Design Methods for Architects*, Third Edition completes the author's mission to cover all topics in the field of sustainable environmental control. It provides knowledge appropriate for the level of complexity needed at the schematic design stage and presents the most up-to-date information available in a concise, logical, accessible manner and arrangement. Although sustainability deals with many issues, those concerning energy and efficiency are the most critical, making an additional goal of this book one of providing architects with the skills and knowledge needed to create buildings that use electricity and water efficiently. Guidelines and rules-of-thumb are provided to help designers make their buildings use less energy, less water, and less of everything else to achieve their primary objectives. In addition, this book: Addresses ways to reduce electricity usage through more efficient lighting systems and appliances and by incorporating automatic switches and control systems that turn off systems not in use. Covers the design of well-planned effluent treatment systems that protect against potential health hazards while also becoming a valuable source of reclaimed water and fertilizer. Provides coverage of fire protection and conveyance systems, including very efficient types of elevators and escalators and designs that encourage the use of stairs or ramps. Complete with case studies that illustrate how these systems are incorporated into large-project plans, Plumbing, Electricity, Acoustics is an indispensable resource for any architect involved in a sustainable design project.

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This book is an excellent addition to the first Lechner Book, "Heating Cooling Lighting". I am in the process of studying for my registration exam and in my opinion the text is well written in a way that is understandable to most and easy to follow.

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