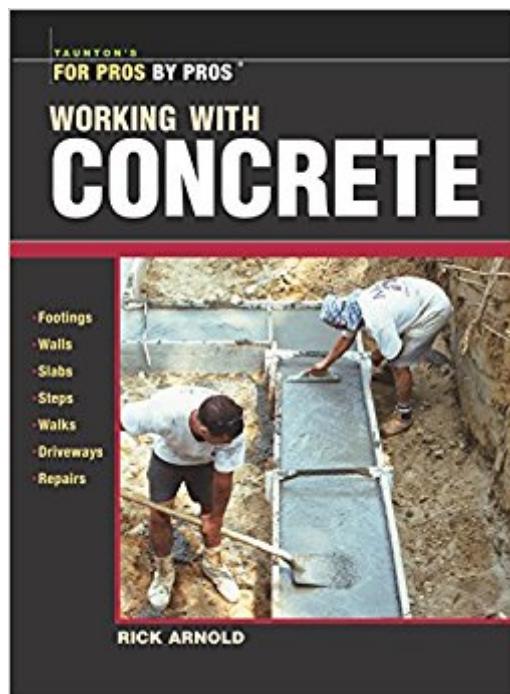


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# Working With Concrete (For Pros By Pros)



## Synopsis

Whether you're pouring a concrete walkway or staking out the excavation for a basement foundation, doing the job right demands a thorough knowledge of concrete construction techniques. In *Working with Concrete*, veteran builder Rick Arnold explains everything from mix characteristics and formwork options to waterproofing details and repair procedures. You'll benefit from Arnold's years as a general contractor, framer, and foundation contractor as he offers time- and money-saving advice that comes from understanding the subject from all angles. Get the rock-solid results you're after with this comprehensive guide to building with concrete. This book will enable you to: prepare a site for excavation evaluate soil conditions lay out footings and foundation walls use site-made and manufactured forms install proper reinforcement in footings, walls, and flat work estimate and order ready-mix concrete test and evaluate concrete quality before the pour build walkways, patios, steps, and slabs from start to finish

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## Customer Reviews

Rick Arnold lives in North Kingstown, RI.

I must say the photos are great! but to the point the book is lacking in my view in many areas especially for the novice and the DIY guys, people need value for money or i guess attending

construction sites & classes will cover all the possibilities from planning to foundation to retaining walls, from hillside homes to flat construction. Books are intended to educate, and once is written well it will meet all requirements to the persons who ponders what hmm how to get you projects done effieciently.

Covered many areas and ideas that were new to me (like rebar chairs and footing brackets), but I wish more coverage had been shown on dealing with hydronic tubing in slabs. Even the hydronic books lack specificity on how to maintain tubing at uniform location in slab so as not to be too deep, yet not so close to surface to prevent damage by saw-cut control joints. Would have also like to have seen more discussion on powered trowels for flatwork, and finishing stairs so as not to see formwork impressions on riser (says to leave formwork on for several days, but that means no texturing options for the risers.)

Excellent pictures/illustrations. Focused on job site / placement / curing issues. Detailed mechanics of form work. Compliments Foundations and Concrete Work (for Pros by Pros).

This book was purchased for a refresher for the PSI test. It is thorough and learned a few extra's on topics.

Pretty good all around information but doesn't give much information on finishing or the nuances of handling and placing concrete.

Book was good but not for me it was all about foundation work it's perfect book for someone working or just getting into foundation work

Good read

I own a few books on concrete and masonry work. This book has more useful information than the others I've purchased, but it does seem to be geared more towards people who live in areas where basements are common (like most DIY books seem to be). Homes in my area are almost exclusively frame on slab with no basement or crawl space.

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