The *Construction Building Envelope and Interior Finishes Databook* provides the project manager, construction superintendent, design consultant and facility managers with a one-source reference guide to building envelope and roofing systems, interior partition work, and floor, wall and ceiling finish installations, components and material specifications.

Sprinkled throughout are handy “Tips” and checklists.

Valuable information including ADA guidelines, “soft” and “hard” metrification conversion charts along with useful tables and formulas also resides within the covers of this book.

How many times during project meetings or visits to the field, or in conversations with subcontractors or design consultants is it convenient to have a concise source of construction details, materials or specifications at your fingertips? The *Construction Building Envelope and Interior Finishes Databook* was written with those needs in mind.

I selected those components that, in my forty years in the construction industry, appear to be those for which reference material is so often required, and, of course, always needed “yesterday.”

Much of the material in this book has been gleaned from manufacturer’s sources and from the many trade organizations that are only to willing to assist in disseminating valuable information. Some of this information is proprietary in nature, but much is generic and varies just slightly from producer to producer.

For those experienced construction professionals the *Construction Building Envelope and Interior Finishes Databook* may serve as a “refresher course” and for those new to the industry, it offers a simple way to become familiar with the complex and often bewildering array of materials and installation techniques that make up today’s structures.

I hope you find this book a worthwhile addition to your construction library.

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