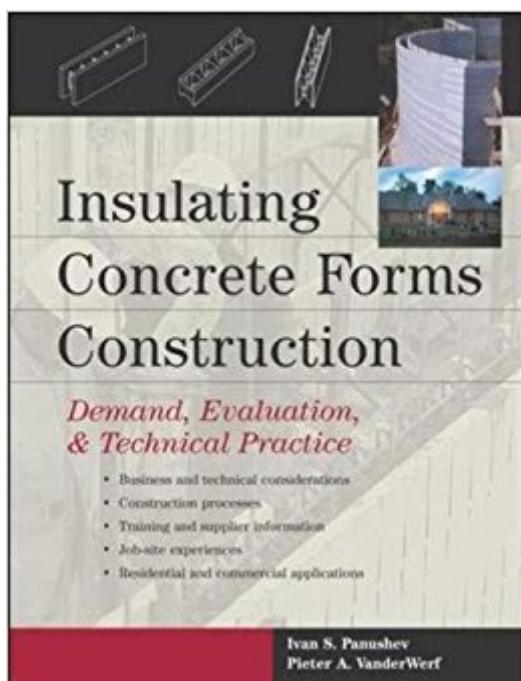


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Insulating Concrete Forms Construction : Demand, Evaluation, & Technical Practice



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Ever year, thousands of general contractors and subcontractors must grapple with whether to bid Insulating Concrete Form (ICF) projects, how much to charge for them, and how to manage the job. ICFs are stronger, energy-efficient, and offer great design flexibility, and their use is growing by 30% a year. This invaluable work walks the contractor through both business and technical considerations in evaluating and adopting Insulating Concrete Forms for both the residential and commercial markets.

- * Details the entire ICF construction process
- * Training and supplier information
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- * Construction process details, including plumbing and

Ivan S. Panushev is a licensed engineer who has researched ICFs for the past three years. He is a graduate of three ICF training programs and labored on several job sites to learn the details of ICF construction first-hand. His articles on ICFs have appeared in such magazines as Concrete Construction, and he is the author of the Prescriptive Method for Connecting Cold-Formed Steel Framing to Insulating Concrete Form Walls in Residential Construction. Pieter A. VanderWerf, Ph.D., is an expert on insulating concrete forms in construction who has been researching the subject since 1993. A columnist for Permanent Buildings and Foundations, a trade industry publication, he is the co-author of two other books on insulating concrete forms: Insulating Concrete Forms for Residential Design and Construction and the Insulating Concrete Forms Construction Manual. He also co-authored The Portland Cement Association's Guide to Concrete Homebuilding Systems. (All three books are also published by McGraw-Hill.) He has served as general contractor on ICF homes and for a year he moderated an online ICF message board.

I bought this book because I am planning to build an ICF house here in a few months and wanted to educate myself. I am an engineer and pilot by trade but the level of technical detail is easily grasped by anyone. I am familiar with the terms used now thus when the house is under construction I will be able to follow what is going on. Also this book explains what problems can arise like a wall blow out and why it happened which is good since you want to avoid that at all costs. Would I buy this book again? Yes

This book is not a how-to of ICF construction. It is an introduction to ICF terms and practices geared primarily toward building contractors interested in expanding their business into ICF construction. There is quite a bit of text on the topic of marketing ICF to homebuyers and justifying the costs of ICF construction, which as a DIY owner/builder I found mostly uninteresting. A lot of text is spent describing the benefits of ICF construction against wind damage, but almost no mention of the benefits of reinforced concrete against seismic damage. There is also a lot of repetition of content between chapters - advice and anecdotes found in the early introductory chapters are repeated verbatim in later chapters. This makes it feel like the authors were trying to bulk up their page count without actually adding any content. This book deals only with generalities. For specific details on things like wall thicknesses required or rebar placement this book always redirects you to the ICF manufacturer's documentation or other ICF books by the same author. Overall, this book is a reasonable introduction to the lingo and general practices of ICF construction. It might be useful for a building contractor who is clueless about concrete or to keep this book on hand to loan out to

prospective clients, but as it does not contain any specific information it is not a reference that a builder or designer will return to again and again.

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Excellent book!

it is ok. A little outdated.

Very well written information for the experienced builder and tradesman. Technical yet not hard to read. The author takes you through all stages of ICF construction without being brand specific.

I am having a house designed to use ICF construction, but I wanted to come up to speed on the construction methods used. This book was a good source to get that knowledge. It covers many specifics about ICF as well as general concrete construction methods.

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