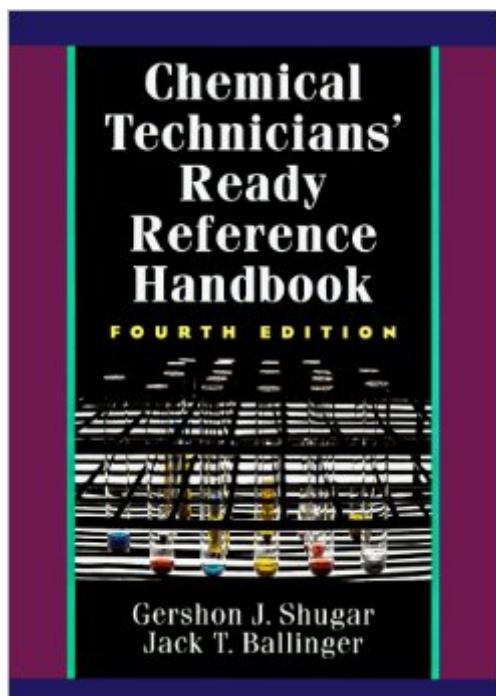


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I recently purchased this textbook to serve as a refresher for undergraduate analytical chemistry and to supplement my job specific training as a chemical technician. The text covers a wide variety of topics and includes some material not normally covered in undergraduate analytical coursework. Overall, this text is a useful resource; however, there are some issues that should have been resolved by now, considering this text is in its fifth edition of print. After reading through two chapters, here are the errors that standout to me: (1) There are many grammatical errors and sentence structure mistakes. (2) Some common cations in the "Inorganic Chemistry Review" are named incorrectly, and (3) There are also some mislabeled cyclic hydrocarbons in the "Organic Chemistry Review" chapter. I have only read through two chapters of this text thus far. Assuming there are no fundamental theory inaccuracies, I would still recommend this book to anyone who plans to work in the pharmaceutical or biotech industries. The topics covered in the first 8 chapters of this book are not generally covered in undergraduate coursework, or are often covered with minimal application. Although this training is typically provided by your employer, exposure to this material would serve as an advantage, especially in today's ever changing and competitive market.

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This book is invaluable for training of inexperienced lab techs and for reference for more experienced ones. Indispensable.

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