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# **Preface**

Modern Residential Wiring provides you with a solid background of electrical principles and practices, as well as a thorough understanding of the National Electrical Code®\*. When the information provided here is mastered, you will be well equipped to design and install modern and safe residential wiring systems that meet the electrical power demands of today's world.

Modern Residential Wiring covers not only the "how" but also the "why" of safe electrical wiring practices. Although the content is concerned primarily with residential installations, many of the same concepts and principles may be applied to commercial and industrial electrical construction. The chapters are arranged in a logical sequence. The order of instruction follows the normal order in which an installation is made. However, each chapter is designed to stand alone and may be studied independently to suit specific needs.

Modern Residential Wiring makes the study of electrical wiring easy. Even the most complicated procedures are explained in a clear, simple, easy-to-understand manner. Procedures are presented "step-by-step," while many illustrations are fully integrated into the easy-to-read text. The illustrations should be carefully examined as they will often clarify and explain the more difficult principles of electricity and the requirements of the National Electrical Code.

The principles of electricity remain fixed. However, the methods, materials, and tools of the trade are continuously evolving. *Modern Residential Wiring* presents both the fundamentals of electrical wiring and the latest practices used in the trade. This new edition of *Modern Residential Wiring* is revised to be consistent with changes in trade practices, materials, and the requirements of the 2023 *National Electrical Code*.

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# **New to This Edition**

This 13th edition of *Modern Residential Wiring* continues to provide clear and simple instruction of residential wiring concepts, techniques, and requirements for introductory students. The following changes have been incorporated for this edition:

- Updates to *National Electrical Code* references and content to reflect the 2023 *NEC*.
- A new video library has been added to the digital products. These engaging videos illustrate electrical concepts and wiring techniques.
- Additional content on fall protection, fire safety, and renewable energy sources.



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To see how *Modern Residential Wiring* correlates to credentialing and certification standards, visit the Correlations tab at www.g-w.com/modern-residential-wiring-2024.

# NOCTI

# Features of the Textbook

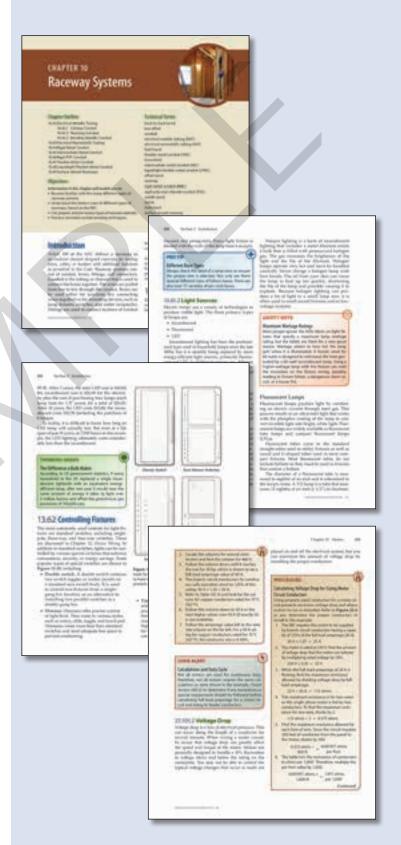
The instructional design of this textbook includes student-focused learning tools to help you succeed. This visual guide highlights these features.

# **Chapter Opening Materials**

Each chapter opener contains a chapter outline, a list of learning objectives, and a list of technical terms. The **Chapter Outline** summarizes the topics that will be covered in the chapter. **Objectives** clearly identify the knowledge and skills to be gained when the chapter is completed. **Technical Terms** list the key words to be learned in the chapter. **Introduction** provides an overview and preview of the chapter content.

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Additional features are used throughout the body of each chapter to further learning and knowledge. Safety Notes alert you to potentially dangerous materials and practices. Code Alerts point out specific items from typical building codes. Procedures are highlighted throughout the textbook to provide clear instructions for hands-on service activities. Pro Tips provide additional useful information. Thinking Green features highlight key items related to sustainability, energy efficiency, and environmental issues.





# **End-of-Chapter Content**

End-of-chapter material provides an opportunity for review and application of concepts. A concise Summary provides an additional review and reinforces key learning objectives. This helps you focus on important concepts presented in the text. Know and Understand questions enable you to demonstrate knowledge, identification, and comprehension of chapter material. Internet Resources list websites that provide content related to the electrical wiring profession. Apply and Analyze questions extend learning and develop your abilities to use learned material in new situations and to break down material into its component parts. Critical Thinking questions develop higher-order thinking and problem solving, personal, and workplace skills. Know the Code questions get you familiar with using the National Electrical Code.

# **TOOLS FOR STUDENT AND INSTRUCTOR SUCCESS**

# **Student Tools**

### **Student Text**

Modern Residential Wiring includes information on safety, electrical theory, tools, and electrical systems, as well as specialized installations, such as swimming pools and emergency standby systems.



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See www.g-w.com/modern-residential-wiring-2024 for a list of all available resources.

### **Professional Development**

- Expert content specialists
- Research-based pedagogy and instructional practices
- Options for virtual and in-person Professional Development

# The National Electrical Code®

The most informative and authoritative body of information concerning electrical wiring installation in the United States, and perhaps the world, is the *National Electrical Code*® (*NEC*). This code establishes a set of rules, regulations, and criteria for the installation of electrical equipment. Compliance with these methods will result in a safe installation.

The *NEC* is drafted by a team of experts assembled for this purpose by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This team is formally called the *National Electrical Code* committee. They revise and update the *NEC* every three years. It is imperative that anyone installing electrical wiring obtains and studies the *NEC*. Articles and sections of the *NEC* are referred to throughout this text. Although certain portions, tables, and examples are directly quoted from its text, there is enough useful information in the *NEC*, that not having it available would be a tremendous hindrance.

The latest edition of the *National Electrical Code* can be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association by visiting their website. Online access to the *National Electrical Code* and over 1,400 NFPA codes and standards is available with an NFPA LiNK® subscription. NFPA LiNK includes all current editions as well as a library of legacy codes and standards going back five editions. Subscribers also have early access to newly released editions before the printed book is available for purchase. To learn more about NFPA LiNK, visit the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org.

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