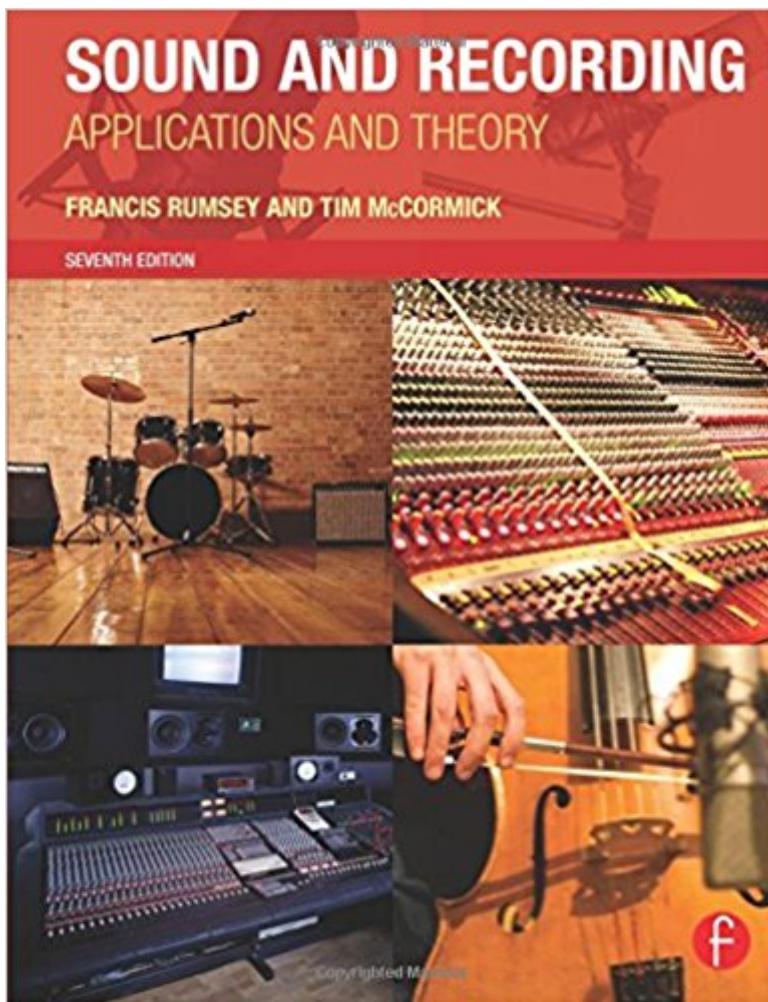


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# Sound And Recording: Applications And Theory



## Synopsis

Providing vital reading for audio students and trainee engineers, this guide is ideal for anyone who wants a solid grounding in both theory and industry practices in audio, sound and recording. There are many books on the market covering "how to work it" when it comes to audio equipment—but Sound and Recording isn't one of them. Instead, you'll gain an understanding of "how it works" with this approachable guide to audio systems. New to this edition: Digital audio section revised substantially to include the latest developments in audio networking (e.g. RAVENNA, AES X-192, AVB), high-resolution surround and parametric audio coding, workstation processing technology, mastering for iTunes, and loudness normalization. Coverage of immersive audio systems such as Dolby Atmos, Auro 3D and WFS along with recent developments in audio object coding. Sections on digital radio microphones, loudspeaker sensitivity issues and development, and highly directional loudspeaker systems. Substantial new sections on recent developments in audio network device discovery and control and the Open Control Architecture.

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Theory, 7th Edition, is a comprehensive authoritative work, and it belongs on the reference shelf of every conscientious audio professional. I highly recommend it." — Alan Hardiman, Professional Sound

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Great book must read

The 2014 edition is an excellent reference for reading up on the art and science of recording as it is practiced today with analog and digital tools. It is well organized, clearly written and illustrated with easy to understand graphics.

Great purchase, thank you will be shopping for other books and in the near future.

Yes

A good primer, but some chapters, i.e. the one on mixers, could be written more clearly. The tone of the tome is British colloquial and requires a bit of adjustment for the American reader.

Sound and Recording: Applications and Theory is exactly what it sounds like it is. It is a textbook for live sound and recording engineers. Given that caveat, this is an excellent text for students and an essential reference for professionals. Authors Francis Rumsey and Tim McCormick have impeccable professional and teaching credentials and bring to bear their combined experience and expertise to give readers an in-depth writing on the subject. As a reference text, the writing is somewhat dry and will often go beyond the depth of the layperson. However, there is enough

explanation that most readers with any background in recording or live sound reinforcement will find the point quickly. The diagrams included are appropriate and clear and provide adequate demonstration of the concepts being discussed. As this is the seventh edition of this reference, there are several new additions from the previous edition. Updates include new information on emerging industry-standard networking, workstations, software and mastering techniques (including an excellent addition regarding mastering for the ubiquitous iTunes formats). Additional information on emerging systems from Dolby and other recognized leaders will prove invaluable for the professional. Basic information is also provided on new audio reinforcement technologies that are quickly being adapted by high-end venues and outlets. As the synopsis on the dust jacket alludes, there are numerous books that describe "how to work" audio equipment. This book takes the educational tactic of "how it works," assuming that the reader has had some experience and background with which to approach this subject. Though not written for amateurs, professionals and students will find an excellent addition to their reference library in this edition of Sound and Recording.

I have always been interested in sound theory and application of sound recording. I'm no professional, but I do consider myself an audiophile and have tested and owned expensive audio equipment, always trying to optimize my equipment, placement, isolation, and other factors based upon a scientific approach. Plus, I am an armchair videographer too in this modern age of making videos so easily, so sound application is quite interesting to me. At first flipping through the book I was put off by what appears to be highly complex math equations, charts, and diagrams. A little too high brow perhaps, reading that the author is a former professor. Fear not, the intro he writes that this book isn't meant to be a technical reference guide for experts but that he wasn't going to skimp on fundamentals either. And that's exactly what it is - no skimping on what needs to be there, one gets a solid introduction to the topics but it's not ridiculously hard to understand either. Did not leave me feeling like I wanted more. This would be a good book for an introductory level college course to put it into perspective, but most certainly not graduate division level. I'm enjoying the fundamentals that apply to listening experiences that I have in my home and car. I hope to also be able to produce some better videos pertaining to sound quality experiences. So if you're like me and want to improve upon your skills, this is a great book. If you're a Ph.D engineering student, this book probably is too low a level for you.

If you are looking for a "how to" set up your audio, sound and

recording studio, this will not be the book for you. If you already have set up a sound studio or recording studio and would like to learn more about what you have or should have to better understand your system, then the book may be what you need. It is a reference book with lots of details on applications and theory about sound and recording. I personally do not have such a studio however my grand daughter does and I will be assisting her in learning more about sound and recording. There are sections on microphones, loudspeakers, mixers, analog recording, noise reduction and dozens of other terms associated with sound and recording. This is an excellent reference book and will be used many times in the future as we both learn more about the subjects discussed in this excellent book. There are many charts and photos locate throughout the book.

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