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I should qualify my review by saying that I am not an electrical engineer, nor skilled in advanced math. I bought the book because it dealt with some topics that I have not found addressed anywhere else, and wanted to get some answers. It did answer my questions, but with some difficulty because the topics are rightfully complex. In one or two instances I found that the treatment of a topic was not as thorough as I would like. For example, when discussing helical antennas, the lion’s share goes to axial mode antennas, and normal mode seems to be a relative afterthought. Of course, helical mode is more common so this does make a certain sense for most people. Even in those cases where my math skills are not as high as assumed, I did get valuable information from the text through the clear writing and excellent diagrams. I would expect this book is, or should be, on the book shelf of anyone serious about antenna design.

The breadth of topics contained in the Antenna Engineering Handbook is impressive. By virtue of the sheer size of the volume, each topic is covered in detail by an expert in the specific discipline. Mr. Volakis does a good job of developing a formalism in the first chapter, complete with the requisite discussion of Maxwell’s Equations and their consequences. The first chapter’s rigor gives way to much more applied and empirical discussions in chapters 2-59, each with enough granularity to get the interested party off in the right direction. Highly recommended.

A very good reference work, covering virtually all types of antennas. This volume is a refreshed version of what earned a "classic" reputation. The author/editor of the original, Dr Henry Jasik (now deceased) was a personal friend of mine, and at Henry’s request, I authored the chapters on circularly polarized radar antennas, published in the first three editions. Naturally, I read the similar chapter in this edition, too, to which I did not contribute. This edition retains the wonderful encyclopedic breadth of the earlier editions, and retains the quality which was the hallmark of the earlier editions. If you are professionally active in antenna design/development, this work clearly merits a place on your bookshelf! Go for it!

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