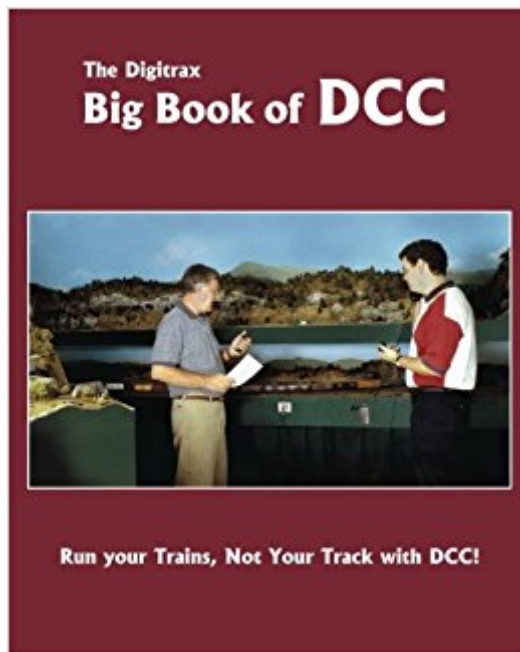


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The Digitrax Big Book Of DCC



Synopsis

Digital command control is one of the hottest topics in model railroading today! The Digitrax Big Book of DCC explains this exciting new technology in terms that everyone can understand. The "Big Book" uses examples to show you how to put DCC to work on your model railroad right now.

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Customer Reviews

When I purchased the revised version of the Digitrax "Big Book of DCC" I had anticipated that it would have been brought up to date to a greater extent. I am a beginner in the modeling hobby at age 70, and was looking for a single go-to source for everything I needed to know about setting up a DCC layout in HO. It seemed that much of the book was speaking to the experienced modeler who was making a transition from Direct Current to Digital Command Control. I would guess that most of those who intended to change over their DC layouts would have done so by the time this revised version went to press. That said, even though I was disappointed that there wasn't more information directed to the raw beginner who was setting up a DCC layout from scratch, and less devoted to the conversion from DC to DCC, I still found a lot of helpful info and I am glad I invested in the book. I read through the book with my yellow highlighter in hand, and made note of a host of explanations and definitions that were new to me. Until a better instruction manual hits the market, I will recommend this (inadequately) "updated" Digitrax handbook.

The Digitrax bible for using their DCC system. Not the best organized, nor best illustrated, and it

reminds me of an older text manual. However, the material is comprehensive, and it's all here to get one up & running - whether converting an older block-wired ' straight DC system, or starting from scratch w/ a new DCC system. It would behove Digitrax to seriously consider a more modern update to this book. . .

I am trying to figure out the best way to run a train layout. I really want some system that can take advantage of wireless iPad or iPhone technology. This book was printed in 1999 and so, from my perspective, is very outdated. While the basics are correct I am sure and digitrax is one of the more reliable companies out there, I really want something more up to date.

This covers a very confusing subject very well. Good intro for newbies.

Very interesting, it is a little out dated for today's train options . Still good information for a beginner like me.

This book can be looked at as a gigantic advertisement for Digitrax digital command and control equipment. That is what it is but it is also much, much more. It is also a thorough introduction to a subject which intimidates many model railroaders. Most of what is presented is independent of manufacturer. Digitrax plugs their own equipment but they also point out that most of the information applies to their competitors as well. Where things are not so universal, this is clearly pointed out. The book explains not only what DCC is but also explains how to most effectively use it. Sections are presented on planning and construction. The use of DCC is examined for the control of locomotives and also for the control of stationary devices. The ways that it can be used for reporting and signaling are thoroughly examined. Indeed, one of the more difficult things about the book is that it is so thorough that the information seems to blend together sometimes since I don't have any real working examples to experiment with. Still, this will be a useful reference for a long time to come. This book is out of print. That makes me wonder if a newer edition is on the way. I hope so.

It is a bit dated and tends to focus on Digitrax products (many that are obsolete) but the theory is solid and well written with good examples. Some of the material is very deep and targeted at an advanced user but the reader can ignore a lot of that and go as deep or shallow as desired while still getting what is needed to learn about DCC.

Good review and insight into DCC in model railroading. Helpful in learning terms and understanding systems. Written by Digitrax and I'm using their products.

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