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## Chapter 1 : Mechanical Engineering Reference Manual for the PE Exam, 13

*The NCEES PE Mechanical Exams are Open Book - You Will Want to Bring This Book Into the Exam Michael R. Lindeburg PE's Mechanical Engineering Reference Manual (MERM13) is the definitive review manual for all three disciplines of the PE Mechanical Exam including HVAC and Refrigeration, Machine Design and Materials, and Thermal and Fluid Systems.*

You can take in nearly anything you want. The problem is, that can also give someone a false sense of hope. Photo Credit " creoleindc. The second best way, come prepared. My best friend when I was taking my PE exam was a book of quick reference sheets and previously worked problems that I could flip through whenever I was unsure about a question. In fact, over a year after the exam, I still refer back to that manual frequently. Now let me show you how to build your own. The first little part of my manual began with a couple of great cheat sheets. For me being an EE , that was a couple of pages dealing with single and three phase power systems and per-unit calculations. These had no examples on them; rather they focused on the fundamentals of all of electrical engineering. Given enough time and focus, most problems related to your specific discipline should be able to be solved with the use of these pages. For mechanical engineers maybe this is a HVAC and refrigeration sheet with all of the formulas and key terms. For structural engineers maybe a sheet on the fundamentals of structural mechanics going over bending, shear, and axial moments and stresses. Quick reference sheets Are you planning on bringing other reference manuals with you to the exam? For this next section, I took the indexes from these references and put them directly into the manual. I was able to easily grab whichever book was needed and turn right to the page I need. Practice problems This is the layout that worked well for me, one problem per page. This is the crux of your manual and it should take up the vast majority of space. For each one of those topics, you want to find a clear and concise description of the topic, typical terms, abbreviations, formulas, and maybe even a practice problem or two worked out. Organize this using your alphabetic dividers, so you can have this information readily available. Action Steps Alright, that was some boring shit right. Find some cheat sheets. I told you what I used as a double E for mechanical engineers maybe this is a HVAC and refrigeration sheet with all of the formulas and key terms. Grab all of those reference manuals you got, and make a copy of the indexes in them. Take and put them at the beginning of your reference manual ahead of the alphabetic dividers. For example, if I was taking the Mechanical Thermal and Fluids exam, and I was trying to find information relative to this portion. The first one would return me a Google page like this: This pdf was a 7-page excerpt which was well written. It has diagrams to explain some of the basics, an explanation of the principles and various well-known cycles, and even a lot of the equations that might be needed to work a problem. Now move on to the next topic, rinse and repeat. Not that shitty remake with the Asian guy from Rush Hour who teaches the kid fucking kung fu, not karate dumb enough for you? Before you go and fight in a marathon tournament against your mortal enemy read: That all starts with a baseline though. When Daniel was getting ready to fight, he stood up in a fighting stance, his hands ready to punch. Gather all of your reference manuals, your cheat sheet, your calculator and head to the local library early one Saturday or Sunday morning. Put in some ear plugs, turn your phone to airplane mode, set a timer for 4 hours, and go. Go out and grab a few drinks, spend some time with your lady, go to the gun range and squeeze off a few rounds whatever it takes for you to relax and decompress. Now for the scary part. Take another practice exam and if you get the same score or better. Congrats and I hate you! You can stop reading this guide right here. Going from is difficult for anyone, so do yourself a favor and take this in parts. Put in your ear plugs. Set the timer for 4 hours. Come back the next day and do it all again. Photo Credit " giphy. I actually got a lot out of it too. My favorite professor from college taught the course. This guy loves the power industry, after retiring as the head of one of my companies largest competitors Energy group he started teaching. Both in school and while taking the course on passing the PE exam. When I was taking his course, the information presented was great. Photo Credit " bigthink. There was some invaluable

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information that Mike did give me in the few classes that I did show up to. The first was the creation of a reference manual much like I described before. I may not have taken his advice, I might have said, that reference manuals sounds nice, but that also sounds like a lot of work. The second thing that he did which helped me immensely, he gave us a ton of practice exams. The idea of a benchmark test, I stole that from him. He also wrote up a ton of other exams for us to take throughout the summer to ensure that we were learning the materials and making progress. You can buy these practice tests as I mentioned before. Or you can pay someone to create them for you. Just pick whatever method you want, and move forward. Much like the NCEES guide that I had you get a copy of early in this guide, Mike came to class and went over with us exactly the quantity of questions that would come from different topics. And as a lazy person, I hate wasting time. It all depends on how lazy you are. Either go to a class, or do a little studying on your own. Whatever you choose, follow through. Action Steps Time to make a decision, and stick to it. If electing to purchase a course:

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You have an average of 6 minutes to complete each question, so speed is critical. The way to achieve the required speed is through consistent practice. Work the problems in the same way that you will be working them on the exam: Most sources recommend studying for about hours in preparation for the exam. This is a good starting point for planning your study schedule. How many hours will you have each week to study? Use that to determine when you should start studying. Most of this time should be spent solving practice problems. Study the exam specification and be at least somewhat comfortable with every topic listed for both the breadth exam and the depth exam. Your best chance at succeeding is to be comfortable with all of the topics covered on the exam. Consider purchasing the books from our recommended list. These two in particular should be purchased at the very beginning of your study effort: This is an incredibly comprehensive source of reference material. This book contains practice problems, and is designed to be used with the Mechanical Engineering Reference Manual. A good strategy is to select a chapter from Mechanical Engineering Reference Manual listed above , skim it so that you are generally familiar with the layout and contents, and then work through the practice problems for that chapter from the Practice Problems book listed above. Just be conscious of your time, and make sure that you consistently improve. Create a reference binder full of useful equations, tables, and charts. As you work through practice problems, write down the equations that you use and keep them organized by topic so you can access them quickly. Continue adding to your reference binder as you work through practice problems, and eventually you will get to the point where you begin to rely on your binder as your primary reference. If you are diligent in the creation of this binder, it will serve you well on the exam and will continue to be a great reference for you throughout your career. NCEES the organization that creates, scores, and administers the PE exam publishes a practice exam for each of the mechanical engineering sections. These practice exams are the closest thing you will find to the actual exam. The difficulty and formatting of the problems are very similar to those on the actual exam, so these practice exams are essential to any successful study plan. Purchase the practice exam for your chosen depth area, and then plan on allocating 8 hours one day to take it. Try to mimic the actual test conditions as closely as possible. Allow yourself only a calculator , some scratch paper, and a pencil. Take it in a library or some quiet area away from your home. Give yourself exactly 4 hours for the morning breadth section, followed by a 1 hour lunch break, followed by exactly 4 hours for the afternoon depth section. By mimicing the actual test conditions while taking this practice exam, you will learn a tremendous amount about your ability to perform on the actual exam. It would be a good idea to wait until somewhere around the halfway mark of your study plan before taking the practice exam. This way you will have had some good preparation before taking it, you will be able to use the exam results to guide the remainder of your studying. NCEES determines a "cut score" for the actual exam, and this cut score is different for every exam based on the difficulty of the problems. When doing the practice problems, make sure to use the same calculator that you plan to use on the exam. Test-Taking Strategies You will have about 6 minutes to complete each question. Bring a stopwatch to the exam to ensure that you maintain your pace. Just be careful that the sound on your watch is turned off. Skim each question before starting on any of them. Mark each question as a 1, 2, or 3. The 1s are the easy questions that you can do without having to look up the equations, or you know exactly where to find the equations you need. The 2s are moderate questions that you think you could do within about 6 minutes. Now start answering questions -- answer all the 1s first, followed by the 2s, and finally the 3s. All of the questions on the exam are worth 1 point, so you may as well get your points for the easy questions first as well as build up your confidence , and then tackle the harder questions later. Do all of your work in the provided booklet, and just circle your answers

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