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The company had grown to publish street maps of cities in several Western states; these maps were sold in fold-out, card stock covers. By the late s, the company had added pocket-sized guidebooks of California and the city of San Francisco which included fold-out maps attached to the inner rear cover. The first street guides, which were initially pocket sized paperback booklets also began to appear at about this time, and were introduced for several counties in California, and one in Washington. Oakland office in Marin County page alignment with various scales for street atlas. Acquisition by Warren B. Wilson, brother of Lionel Wilson, the past mayor of Oakland, California. Maps and was responsible for leading the company into the digital age. Starting in the s Wilson hired many CEOs to run the company to give him more time traveling and studying his love of art. The Thomas Brothers map database had a monopoly in the s, since they had the best street address indexes in them, making them very good for address matching for businesses. The company also intended to conquer the East Coast, but failed to compete against existing mapmakers there. It was purchased by and became a wholly owned subsidiary of Rand McNally in The remaining Irvine employees would send and manage the data to and from India and check the map work India editors did before publishing. After January , many important things in the guides were cut to save money. The valued POI index was no longer updated. Thinner and cheaper paper was used in the map guides. The Irvine source department was closed and no customer corrections were taken or recorded. Many guides were no longer printed yearly. The book name was dropped to just Thomas Guide and colors changed to match Rand McNally colors and product line releases. The map guides still sell, but the famous digital map database is now outdated. Rand McNally now buys their map data and updates from the big map digital data companies like Teleatlas and Navteq. They overlay the new streets on their old database for publication. Maps were drawn in various scales and sizes. Large wall maps were mosaics of smaller units making street alignment interesting. Easter-egg, or deliberate errors, were included on maps to help protect copyrights. These bugs usually were lakes, parks, or other fictitious landmarks; fictitious streets and trap streets , were avoided due to extensive use by emergency services. They were the first map company to start a map education foundation that trained teachers on geography and interesting map lessons and donated map materials to area schools. They were also the first map publishing company to set up a computer map database that could have sections checked out by cartographers, updated, and then checked back in to a live digital map library with date stamps to keep track of what was edited. They also solved many software digital mapping problems that other companies still use today. And they were the first map company to set up a digital map page and grid look-up system for the whole world. Many old-time TBM map book users can still tell you what page and grid they live on, even though they stopped using the map books years ago. However, "Thomas Guides" are so commonly used in Southern California that governments, businesses, individuals and even emergency response agencies will often refer to a "Thomas Guide" page number and map grid to help specify a location. One common use for the wall maps is for delivery businesses, such as a local pizza restaurant. In addition, custom versions of the guides and wall maps are produced for businesses and governments that include such things as census tracts , locations of government facilities, watershed boundaries, and political boundaries. In addition, the Thomas Brothers digital database can be licensed to companies and governments to use as a base map for geographical information systems applications. Updated editions are released annually, although according to interviews with former employees responsible for product updates, actual map content for some titles is updated only every other year. Product covers are updated every year, even if map content has not changed. Folding map products are created as a derivative of the Thomas Guides, which carry the Rand McNally name, but mention that the content is from the Thomas Guides. A wide variety of products were produced for sales planning,

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dispatching, routing, real estate listings and territorial assignments. Besides the regular annual street atlases, they also produced wall maps, Zip Code guides, Rock Products Zones, and Census Tract editions.

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Chapter 2 : Thomas Guide Los Angeles and Orange Counties by Thomas Brothers Maps

The Thomas Guide is the definitive map for anyone who needs to find addresses quickly and easily in the Los Angeles area. It lists every street imaginable, even tiny ones like the one near where I live that doesn't even have a street sign, yet Thomas Guide knows its name.

Landscape layout with lay-flat spiral binding. Maps, points of interest, and their indexes are completely revised. Includes transit information, airports, schools, shopping centers, parks and recreation areas. Administrative and zip code boundaries included. Block numbers on maps and in index. Township tier, range and section numbers. The bottom line is that the version is a step backwards in quality from the previous guides. Freeways are now shown as a single line instead of two lines one for each direction of travel, which eliminates fine details in on- and off-ramps. I know this because I work near the area in question and the construction was along my daily commute. The errors are present on both the map grids and the Freeway Access Map in the front of the guide. Finally, as noted in another review, the street names are not contoured like in the guide, making the overall appearance more slipshod. This year, streets that were there in the last edition have disappeared, zip codes are not listed in the back of the book along with the street names, and the block numbers on the actual pages are almost non-existent. With the new books, there are so many triangles that say-look up this number and go to that page and look for this triangle and that number, etc By David Lederman on Dec 30, I was very disappointed in the new format which I find less easy to read - both the change in font on the map itself, and the coloring system which is less clear than the old one. Overall it is much less impressive than the old Thomas Guide before it was swallowed up by Rand McNally. There are streets missing, streets misnamed and a number of streets that are not listed in the index. The details are not handwritten, it is shoddy workmanship. Sorry, Thomas Guide, you went down in quality. This is just a downgrade to shoddy cartography. There is no art of cartography in this edition. Street listings in the index, get the page and grid location, find the street. My biggest gripe with the guide is how small the print is. In this day and age of smart phones, google maps, etc, the only people I see using Thomas Guides are those who drive for a profession. As a driver myself, I want to find the streets quickly to save time and maximize my efficiency. The print makes it harder to read. The zip codes are difficult to see, the streets appear to be more linear and do not have the curves the older maps. There is not as many street numbers on the map. At least it matches the old book. The paper appears to be of lesser quality, and should at the very least, be reinforced where it is attached to the binder. The reference pages at the beginning of earlier versions showed major streets as well as freeways, which I found very useful. However, the more detailed pages that come later are still good. Great product By R. Hammel on Aug 03, Pros: This is a great product, very helpful in visualizing a general area or neighborhood. Cities are presented in differing colors, and it also has the names of small communities within larger cities. Parks, waterways, major and minor roads, freeways and other map attributes are well presented. They have changed the fonts and I find the smaller streets harder to read. New but not better. Klaszky on Apr 25, I have an older version that I use enough that I thought it would be a good idea to be up to date with all the new construction that has occurred. The first and definitely the worst of the three is that the new version uses smaller type to label all the side streets on the grid pages. This makes the street names harder to read and harder to locate when searching for one. I have never used Thomas Bros. Somebody may find this useful but not me--I think it adds unnecessary clutter. Linked to the second change is the fact that the zipcodes are no longer listed in the street index. This allows for fewer entries per street and along with a change in the type face it allows more entries per column and one more column per page 11 versus. Although not fatally flawed, I prefer to look at the older version. We also mark locations that we visit infrequently and place the phone number and address on the border so we find places faster than using our phones. And, yes, we are over 50 so this lessens eye strain when searching for a location. By Donna Reilly on Jul 28, They have omitted the zip codes from the street listings in the back. The Thomas Guide is good. I wish

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they would make the print bigger. Reliable standby for the non -wifi travelers By Mother Bee on Mar 27, Good product as usual, but tiny fine print is hard on older eyes so Made my trip to LA and its freeways not as bad as I was thinking. This particular edition is in a Spiral-bound format. It was published by Rand McNally and has a total of 1 pages in the book. To buy this book at the lowest price, [Click Here](#).

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