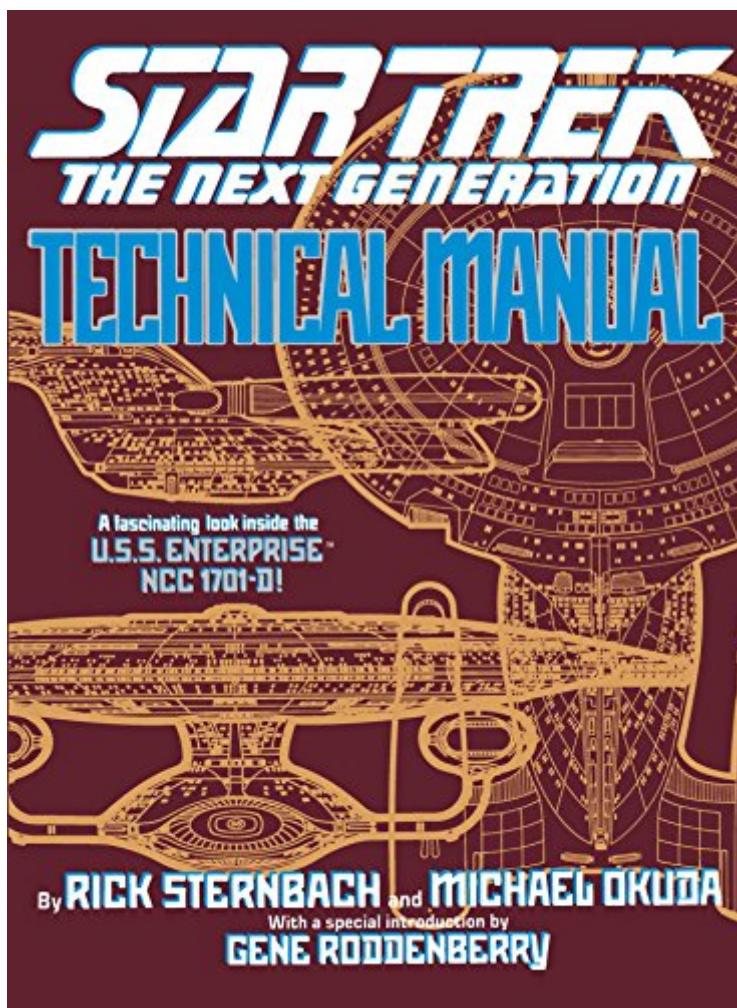


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# Technical Manual (Star Trek: The Next Generation)



## Synopsis

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Adding my voice hoping to bring down the star rating. I have the EXACT same story as the other 1 star raters. Had the original book from the 90s. I actually gave it away to a Trekkie buddy because I had read the thing cover to cover but later regretted it. I was excited to get this book back in my

library BUT NO! The material is all here but they phoned in the printing. I think Xerox actually published this. I would rather have a used dog eared 90s version than this thing. Some of the illustrations are down right unreadable.

Okay, so I needed another copy! :) This one book is the basis of a heck of a lot! Where, oh WHERE is the Voyager technical manual most of us have been waiting about 15 years for?!??!(I read somewhere that Ira had a signed contract in hand, and then reneged on the deal! So? Let one of US write it! At least it'll see print!!!! And, probably be a best-seller to boot!!!)

[This review applies only to the Kindle version] I purchased the original paperback version when it came out and loved it. Full of neat little illustrations and tons of background data, it was, and still is, the definitive resource book for TNG fans (right next to the Encyclopedia). The Kindle version is terrible. I'm sorry, , but you should be ashamed of yourself. The text is all there, but the illustrations, for which the book was known for (as another reviewer said, this is a TECH MANUAL, for crying out loud), are small, blurry, and look like somebody literally photocopied them (and not very well). To make matters worse, some of the illustrations are in the wrong place and don't even match their captions...thankfully, I have the original soft-copy book still. Please re-create this for Kindle...it's such a shame, I was so excited to buy this.

I've been hesitant to buy this for a while because the claims from people about the quality. Once I found out that you can return a Kindle purchase, I bought it. Considering the age of the original publication, I think this converted to Kindle very well. The LCAR style page markings are not present, a few of the graphics look like a copier ran out of ink, but, I have ZERO complaints. My original copy that I bought in '92 is very delicate and I don't want to keep using it for fear of pages coming out... this Kindle version is a perfect substitute. Now, if only would put the DS9 Manual on Kindle.

If you have questions about the USS Enterprise D, this is the authority. Mr. Sternbach and Mr. Okuda are Star Trek legends and the love of their craft they put into this manual bleeds through every page. For geeks like me that love the tech side of sci-fi, it was pure joy to read. I do recommend the print version over the kindle version, there are still too many issues with graphics on kindle.

I'm giving the book 5 stars because it is a superb piece of imaginative techno babble. For Star Trek fans, the book expands upon the intricate fabric of the Star Trek universe. The book is very truthful to the series and was an important piece of reference material for the writers. I bought it when it first came out in 1991 and it was one of the first quality Star Trek reference publications. The enormous success of the book would later spawn countless Star Trek reference books up until 2001. I read it cover to cover endlessly, transfixed by the technical jargon as if it proved Star Trek could be a reality. The book was only \$13.00 in 1991 and has since doubled in price. I just bought my 2nd copy because it's one of the few Star Trek reference titles still in printing, and my old copy was looking a little shabby. Sadly, I was shocked to see that the book lacked the print quality of the original. The original has a black and blue two tone color scheme which has since been replaced by what appears to be a photocopied version of the original. The print quality is HORRIBLE! The fidelity of the text and diagrams have been substantially reduced. What gives?! I bought my issue from .com so I don't believe they sold me a fake. In any case, I'm VERY displeased I spent twice as much 15 years later to get a book with such poor print quality. I would recommend people look for an earlier printing and verify that the content is printed in black and blue.

If you want to know ANYTHING about the Starship this is the book for you. More like a technical manual, but it also has a lot of info about the people who played the characters. This book illustrates the many parts of the ship and how it all works together. It covers many parts of the ship that was never shown in the series. If you're a fan, and want to know more about the ship this is the book for you!

If you are a fan of Star Trek: The Next Generation and a tech head, "Star Trek The Next Generation: Technical Manual" is a must. It has plans, schematics and illustrations of all the systems on the Enterprise 1701-D, with additions of the shuttlecraft, the captain's yacht, weapons and other aspects of Trek life. Want to know how the Structural Integrity Field works? Or maybe the Transporter or artificial gravity? It's all right here. (Want to know where they go to the bathroom on the bridge? Sorry, that's \*not\* here.) It's all black and white (no color), clearly drawn illustrations and absolutely understandable explanations (if you can call lots of invented theoretical science understandable). There are little sidebars with behind-the-scenes insight into some of the thought that went behind it, who at NASA they consulted and what episode something appeared in. I wish there was lots more of these, but then maybe it would spoil the effect. It's a great reference for Trek modelers and just a fun book to look at if you like this kind of stuff. And it makes you think they really thought about the

technology behind daily life fairly seriously (what, no breweries in engineering?!). Published in 1991, this is still a great book to have for a great series.

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