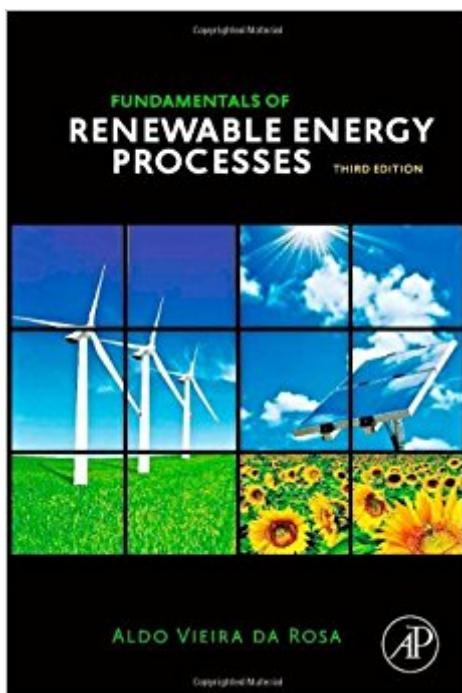


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# Fundamentals Of Renewable Energy Processes, Third Edition



## Synopsis

With energy sustainability and security at the forefront of public discourse worldwide, there is a pressing need to foster an understanding of clean, safe alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power. Aldo da Rosa's highly respected and comprehensive resource fulfills this need; it has provided thousands of engineers, scientists, students and professionals alike with a thorough grounding in the scientific principles underlying the complex world of renewable energy technologies. This new third edition of the classic text highlights advances in this vital area, which are proceeding at an unprecedented pace, allowing everyone interested in this burgeoning field to keep up with the latest developments in diverse topics from solar cooling to renewable energy storage. Illuminates the basic principles behind all key renewable power sources- solar, wind, biomass, hydropower & fuel cells Connects scientific theory with practical implementation through physical examples; end-of-chapter questions help readers apply their knowledge Written by one of the world's foremost experts in renewable energy, drawing from his decades of experience in academia and industry

**NEW TO THIS EDITION:** -All new chapter on pivotal renewable energy storage technologies -Now includes discussion of power grid and transmission issues -Expanded coverage of Hydropower and advances in PV cells -New and improved figures and additional end-of-chapter problems

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"A very helpful to serious students in this rapidly advancing field" includes key introductory material

with the technical detail needed to understand the engineering principles that govern renewable energy applications, making the work suitable for core energy courses. Clear theory, physical examples, and end-of-chapter questions will prompt students to apply the theory to practical cases."  
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Dr. da Rosa taught the perennially popular Renewable Energy course at Stanford University for over 30 years. Former Chairman of the Brazilian National Research Council, Director of the Aeronautical Technical Center, and founder of Brazilian NASA, he also served as the CEO of a tech start-up, Chairman of the Board for a microprocessor manufacturer, and as a member of Siemens Corporation's scientific advisory board.

I love this book! It has just the right level of technical detail for me and my purposes, as I am teaching about Renewable Energy in a University setting for the first time. It is too technical for my current students but gives me the background information I need to feel confident and prepared. I was surprised that there is not information on hydro and not more on storage, but can understand why they might be left to other sources. It's great to have the problems at the end of each chapter, and I really like the author's style, although I was a bit unnerved by the references to wikipedia, I guess it's becoming a standard resource.

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Just like a brand new book - but with a really low price. Though it has some page differences compared to the 3rd edition.

it is a good

The product was as it was described and got the book within couple of days...no problems at all

This textbook should be used for upper level undergraduate renewable energy courses for engineers (Chemical, Mechanical, Electrical, etc.) and scientists (Physicists and Chemists). This book has an excellent scope of technologies, techniques, and approaches to renewable energy processes from hydrogen fuel cells to current nonrenewable energy processes like fossil fuels. There are mathematical models, background, general theory, worked out examples, practice problems at the end of each chapter, but no solutions key to check your work. It is recommended for the student to have taken or to independently have learned Differential Equations in order to use this text since differential equations are found in the text. Knowledge General Physics and Thermodynamics with Calculus and General Chemistry with some Organic Chemistry are also assumed in the text. Some have complained about this text's funky historical analysis on energy consumption and assessment of costs of usage of energy, however, it should be noted that this text's main strength is in the explanatory scope of presenting the theories and models behind each renewable energy processes. This is the core of this text. All else is negligible. It should be noted and remembered that all textbooks contain errors or uncertainties that are sometimes visible. For this Rosa may have some fault, but this is the way textbooks have been written throughout history. Textbooks are meant to be looked at and calibrated with other similar sources and also are always pending upon research. It would be wise to remember this when looking at any textbook and to also look for good merit in the textbook as well. Here are the Chapter titles with some stuff discussed in these chapters:

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