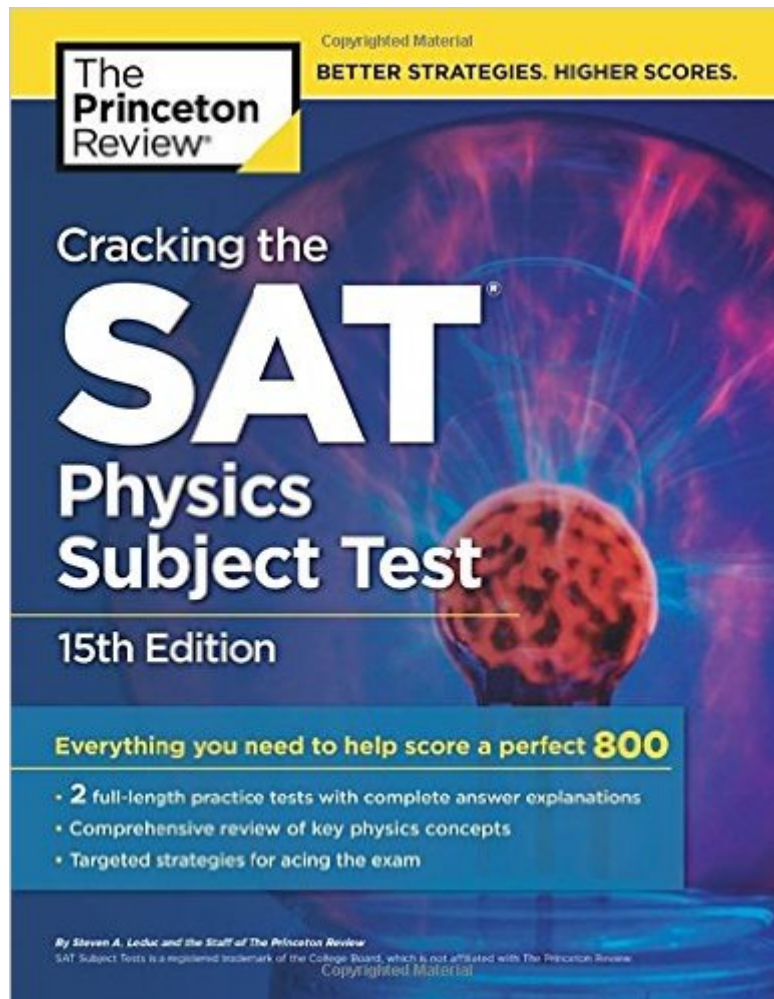


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I'm a professional physicist with a PhD, and I've taught university physics for 15 years or so. I picked up this book to help tutor a high school student. When I got home I looked it over for a half hour. Then I went back to the bookstore and returned it. 1.) Many typographical errors: inconsistent

use of normal font and bold face when dealing with vectors.2.) Confusing (read: incorrect) use of vector notation. E.g., for a book on a table $F_{\text{net}} = F_{\text{normal}} - F_{\text{gravity}}$, where the F 's are in bold face, signifying vectors. If you are expressing those forces as vectors, there must be a *plus* sign between them, not a minus sign. (The fact that the forces point in opposite directions is taken care of by the vector *components*.)3.) I tried to follow along the advice on how to approach a dynamics ($F=ma$) problem. It started ok, but then devolved into ... I don't know what to call it. A mash-up of examples and advice ... just a mess.

I would first like to say that I am a physics PhD student who bought this book for tutoring a student. Overall the book is okay, but a bit disappointing for the Princeton ReviewPros- 2 full length practice exams. This is really the most useful part of the book from a practical point of view. Although perhaps not worth the cost of the book.Cons- As another reviewer mentioned, there are typos and errors in the text.- The content included other than the practice exams is not that helpfulRecommendations- If you are studying for the exam and need some practice exams, this is a good source. If you are trying to learn the material (not just review in a practice exam), and you are also busy so you don't have lots of time for full length exams, I suggest checking out a mobile app like "Physics X" which has a lot more content for a much lower price.

In the first 50 pages, there was a distinct error that was not only reiterated in the quiz at the end of the section, but on the practice test itself. I ended up getting an 800 on the test. But had I relied on this book, I would have gone in thinking that I would get a 500. The practice tests are overly challenging, and the specificity of the equations they require is not representative of the real test itself. Get the book if you must, but do not think that just knowing the equations will get you an 800. Online resources are more reliable than this printed madness.

This book is not the best choice, especially for students who are aiming at a high or perfect score. I studied on it for a couple of weeks, realizing that I was only losing my time. It makes you learn lots of unuseful formulas and concepts, which are not tested. I switched to the Barron's book (Barron's SAT Subject Test Physics) and that was much, much better. I studied all its topic and in less than a month, on June 4, I was ready to pull my 800.

Fast delivery, perfect condition. This book covers mechanics, electromagnetism, and miscellaneous topics in high-school physics very well. If you want more coverage of modern physics topics, you

can combine this book with the Barron's SAT Subject Test Physics 11th Edition so that you can secure 800.

The overall quality of the book is okay. The book does not go into great detail and explains concepts poorly with easy examples. It then makes challenging practice problems that have solutions that do not explain the answer well. I suggest to look for a different book for the physics SAT subject test.

Incorrect equations, missing equations and explanations, missing work and a lack of organization makes this incredible difficult to follow.

This book provides very useful examples that are related to the important Physics concepts one needs to know to do well in the Physics SAT subject test.

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