

Construction Basics and Estimation Video Library

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Overview

This on-demand video library is designed to help those working within the reconstruction and restoration industry learn the basics of construction and how to estimate property damage using Xactimate. With over 70 videos covering more than 10 hours of training, you'll learn construction components, processes, and common practices that will help you communicate effectively with building contractors and other reconstruction professionals. Additional videos are added quarterly.

Mastering construction and estimation

This educational video library is designed to help Xactimate users estimate faster with less confusion than ever before. It takes common jobs you encounter every day and breaks them into two categories: construction and estimation.

- The construction portion educates Xactimate users on what types of damage they are likely to encounter onsite and how to reference damage to construction professionals.
- The estimation portion teaches you how to estimate different types of damage in Xactimate whether you are in the office, onsite or on the move.

Topics

The library includes topics such as:

- **Cabinets:** In the Cabinetry Construction videos, you will learn how to scope cabinetry and correctly identify cabinetry materials and styles and how to find and apply cabinetry items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Carpeting:** In the Carpeting Construction Basics videos, you will learn how to determine carpet quality, installation methods, and what causes delamination. In the Carpeting Estimation video, you will learn how to manage carpet waste and how to add estimate items for carpet in Xactimate.
- **Countertops:** In the Countertop Construction videos, you will learn the different types of countertop materials and how they are identified, and how to find and apply countertop items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Doors:** In the Doors Construction Basics videos, you will learn the different parts of interior and exterior doors, how to identify the different door materials, and the correct styles and terms for doors. In the Exterior Doors Estimation video, you will learn how to add exterior doors to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Drywall:** In the Drywall Construction Basics videos, you will learn about drywall material, tips on completing a drywall repair, drywall textures, the steps required to complete a drywall patch, and drywall finish. In the Drywall Estimation video, you will learn how to find and apply drywall estimate items in Xactimate.
- **Electrical:** In the Electrical Construction Basics videos, you will learn about electrical systems, how to correctly identify interior and exterior electrical components, and understanding Electrical Code and

how it can impact the estimate. In the Electrical Estimation videos, you will learn how to find and apply electrical items to an estimate and how to create electrical macros in Xactimate.

- **Exterior finishes:** In the Exterior Finish Construction Basics videos, you will learn about the different types and styles of exterior finishes, their components, and the repairability concerns of each. In the Exterior Finishes Estimation video, you will learn how to find and apply different exterior finish items to a claim in Xactimate.
- **Foundations:** In the Foundations Construction Basics videos, you will learn to correctly identify the terminology and components that make up a foundation system and how to find foundation items, edit varying calculation units, and apply foundation items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Framing:** In the Framing Construction Basics videos, you will learn how to correctly identify the terminology, materials, and components that make up different types of framing and how to find diverse framing items, edit varying calculation units, and apply framing items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Hardwood flooring:** In the Hardwood Flooring Construction Basics videos, you will learn how to correctly identify hardwood flooring materials, repairability and quality and how to find and apply hardwood flooring items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **HVAC:** In the HVAC Construction Basics videos, you will learn about different HVAC systems and how to identify HVAC components and ductwork in forced air systems correctly. In the HVAC Estimation video, you will learn how to find and apply HVAC items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Insulation:** In the Insulation Construction Basics videos, you will learn how insulation works and what styles you may find inside attics and wall cavities. In the Insulation Estimation video, you will learn how to find and add different types of insulation estimate items to walls in Xactimate.
- **Interior trim:** In the Interior Trim Construction Basics videos, you will learn the components and how to determine the quality of interior trim. In the Interior Trim Estimation video, you will learn how to find trim in a home, line items associated with trim, and the best way to scope for interior trim materials.
- **Paint and wall finishes:** In the Paint and Wall Finishes Construction Basics videos, you will learn about the industry standards for paint. You will be given an overview of primers, sealers, stains, finishes, and plaster. In the Paint and Wall Finishes Estimation video, you will learn how to add paint and primer estimate items to your project in Xactimate.
- **Plumbing:** In the Plumbing Construction Basics videos, you will learn about plumbing systems, how to correctly identify interior and exterior plumbing components, and how to recognize common system failures. In the Plumbing Estimation video, you will learn how to find and apply plumbing items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Roofing:** In the Roofing Construction Basics videos, you will learn about different types of roofs and their terminology (metal, wood, tile and low slope roofs, shingles, and gutters), the different types of quality, estimating roof repairs, and installation techniques. In the Roofing Estimation videos, you will learn how to find and add the correct type of roofing items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Tile:** In the Tile Flooring Construction Basics videos, you will learn how to correctly identify tile flooring materials, tile floor installations methods and quality of tile materials and how to find and apply tile flooring items to an estimate in Xactimate.
- **Windows:** In the Windows Construction Basics videos, you will learn how to identify window materials, identify window styles, and properly scope windows. In the Windows Estimation video, you will learn how to estimate the window information you gathered using Xactimate.