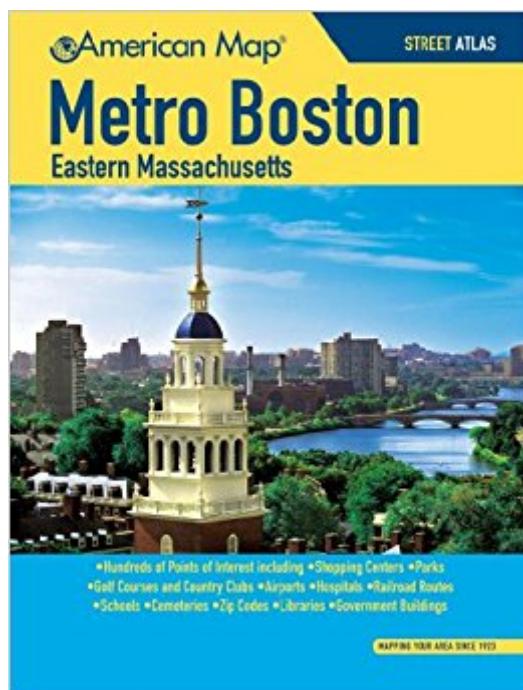


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Synopsis

The Metro Boston/ Eastern Massachusetts Street Atlas boasts individual maps for over 160 communities. This atlas contains:
A large-scale map of Central Boston
An Eastern Massachusetts road map
Several public transportation maps
Each map contains an index, and indicates shopping centers, community statistics and places of interest. This atlas contains a comprehensive localities index, and offers more coverage than any other atlas in this area.

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Customer Reviews

I had this atlas for less than twenty minutes. I found easily recognizable errors-- missing streets in well-established neighborhoods I know well-- which makes me wonder how many such errors exist on the maps of areas I do not know well. The lack of indication of one-way streets is a serious (and potentially dangerous) deficiency. Between the small, cramped font and abbreviated words, the text is very hard to read. For these reasons, I determined that this atlas is useless for me and I am returning it. I'll give it three stars because I'm feeling charitable.

I use a map book at work and have some very tight deadlines to meet; the American Metro Boston map is the best I've seen. I'm reviewing my second copy, because I used the first one until it fell apart (okay, only a year and a half). The printing quality is great, the color choices make sense, and the maps do a good job of showing the actual layout rather than distorting the scale for visibility. In particular, the enlarged Boston pages at the front do a good job of showing a fairly confusing area of

the city. It's a shame they couldn't have covered more at that scale, but the scale used everywhere else will get you to within a turn or two even on the tiniest streets. There are a few problems with this that I haven't alluded to yet: one-way streets aren't marked except in the enlarged section (frustrating and perhaps dangerous), the 2005 edition is becoming outdated in a couple places, you'll need other map books for the Cape and Worcester, and all the most useful pages are located right where they're most likely to get damaged.

In both the Boy Scouts and the military I had to use maps to a great extent. The American Map atlas of Metro Boston/Eastern Mass., and its predecessors have always provided the simplest, cleanest directions in the most usable formats. Recently I had bought the Rand McNally Atlas and found it woefully inadequate. Example: I live in a very small town. The McNally maps covered my town in three separate pages requiring me to switch pages to follow a route that ran beyond the one-page "general" map. The American map reduced the visual field to one page for the whole town without reducing the data to 5 pt. type. McNally provided reams of information in charts and tables that were essentially useless (to me). Eidetic imagery seems natural to me and the American maps were clearer and easier to transition to adjoining town maps while maintaining continuity. Hence providing an eagles view but within specific context. McNally atlas I returned because it was a case of more data crammed into a format to produce a less effective map. I have two maps of the same area: one for my car and one in my library. The American maps, when lost on the road, beat the McNally version all hollow.

I have an old Metro Boston map from the 1990's. I used it so much that it is falling apart. I will take care of this one because they may never make another one.

As a professional bus driver, having a detailed and concise map in my possession is a must. A book such as this allows for a much wider view of the area over a tiny screen of a GPS.

HAPPY

I needed this even tho' I have navigation and OnStar as I like to know where I am in relation to the adjacent area..

Book is much better than any of the others I looked at. I am constantly driving in Boston and the

surrounding areas for my job and this is the best I found.

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