

HOW TO INSTALL MACHINERY'S HANDBOOK 28 ON THE MAC

Although Machinery's Handbook is not officially supported on the Mac, some customers have been successful in getting the 28th edition Machinery's Handbook to run on the latest Mac OS. Installing the FileOpen plugin is the biggest hurdle. Once that is accomplished, the rest should be easy; follow the instructions below.

These instructions will not work with the 27th or earlier editions, but should help get Machinery's Handbook 28 working.

1) The first requirement for running the Handbook on any OS is to install the FileOpen WebPublisher plugin. A Mac version of the plugin is available on the CD in the Data\FileOpen\Macintosh directory. If necessary, try <http://plugin.fileopen.com/all.html> and scroll down to the Mac section. You may find a more recent version of the plugin than the one that is available on the CD.

If the plugin installer indicates "your Acrobat preferences are set to restrict the loading of non-Adobe plugins..." and requests permission to change this setting, answer "Yes" or "Ok" to allow this change to your preferences.

Once you have run the plugin installer, you can check that the plugin is installed properly by navigating to the Acrobat/Reader Help menu, and selecting "About Third-Party Plug-ins". You should see "FileOpen WebPublisher" listed. This indicates that the plugin is loaded.

2) Copy the MH28 and G28 directories from the CD to some convenient location on your hard drive. Create a directory Data in the same location as the MH28 and G28 directories. Copy the file index28.pdx and the directory Index28 from the Data directory of the CD to the Data directory you created on your hard drive.

3a) Make sure you are connected to the internet and using Adobe Acrobat or Reader (not the built in Apple PDF viewer), open the file Handbook.pdf from the MH28 directory on your hard drive. Click on the name of one of the Handbook sections, such as Mathematics, from the left (bookmark) panel.

3b) If the file opens and you can see the Table of Contents page of the section, then go on to step 4); otherwise continue with step 3c).

3c) If a message pops up that says "You are not authorized to open this file...", click on the "Accept" button. The document server login web page should open (if you don't see the login page, it may be hidden behind another window on your screen). Enter your CD registration number in the field provided on the login page, exactly as it is written on the label, including all the dashes and capital letters. Click "Login".

3d) Go back to the Handbook and click on another different section of the Handbook. This time the section should open. If the document still does not open, or if you received a different message than the one in step 3c) then you should make a copy of the message and contact me.

4) This is the final step. Open the file Handbook.offline.pdf that is located in the MH28 directory that you copied from the CD to your hard drive. When this file opens, you can continue to browse your Handbook. All of the sections should now open. All of the files should also open even if you are not connected to the internet. You do not need to open the Handbook.offline.pdf file again.

Once the steps above have been completed and the Handbook is working properly, create an Alias on the Mac desktop pointing to the location of Handbook.pdf in the MH28 folder that was copied from the CD. Then, to open Machinery's Handbook 28 simply click on the Alias.

Hopefully, these steps will get your Handbook working on the Mac. If you have chance, let me know if these instructions helped, so we can pass them on to other users that ask about using the Handbook on the Mac. If you have problems, record any error messages you get and let me know.

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