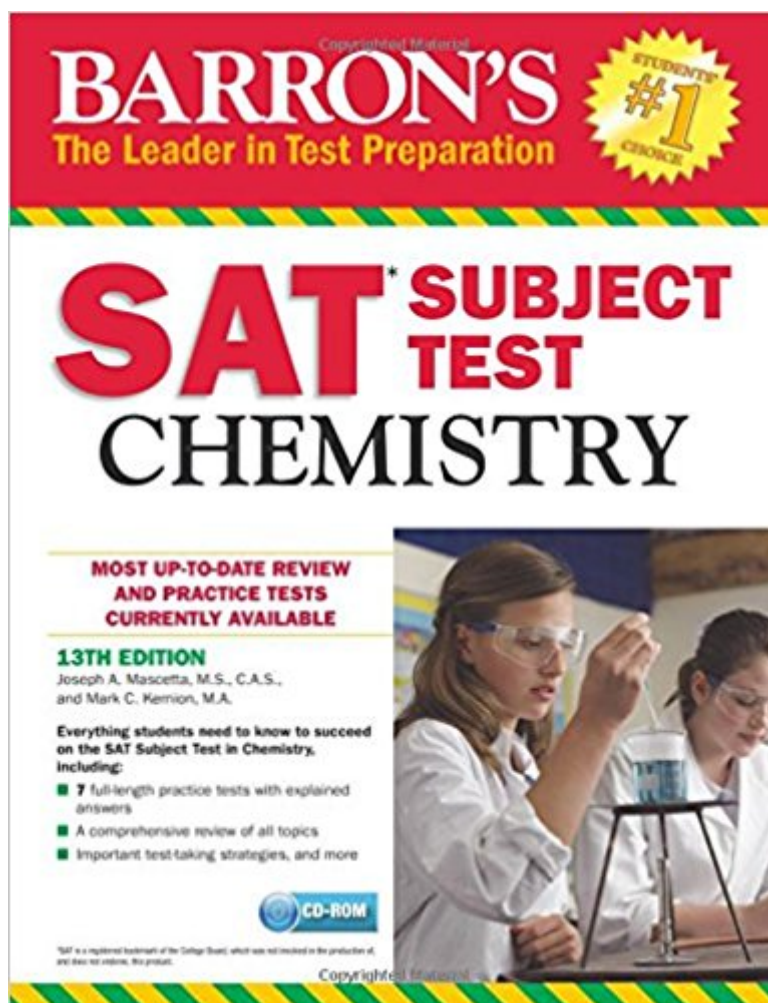


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I took the chem SAT after using this book and got a 740, which isn't bad. This book has a great review of the simple things, however, the end of the book goes waaaaaay too far into detail. The electrochem and nucleonics chapters are in so much detail, that you could spend hours and hours studying every tiny thing, when almost nothing show up on the test in those chapters. After learning Ox-Redox and Organic, you should spend the vast majority of your time in the first 8-9 chapters. Pay particular attention to the areas on solutions, acids and bases, and molarity/molality concentrations. Just be careful where you spend your time with this book.

I have a similar feeling about all Barron's test prep books. They contain all the information you might ever need to know to pass the test, however it is presented in a bland and uninteresting way that makes the book difficult to read in long sittings. The included practice tests are much harder than the real test, which is helpful to know but can be discouraging. There isn't much difference in subject matter between this book and the AP Chemistry book.

Decent book, Not as big as the other chemistry books purchasable so it is a bit misleading. Secondly, I bought it slightly used which should have been more like completely used. The answers were all scribbled in pen so I couldn't erase them and the pages were torn and written on. Could only really use it for the info at the beginning and not the practice test...

I think this is a good book if used along with at least one other book. I purchsed Barrons, Princeton and "Lets Review Chemistry: The Physical Setting" (blue book) for my son (after reading other reviews). I am not sure how good the review topics in Barron's are because son didn't depend on them much since he was also studying for AP Chem at school. But he said that towards the end of the book, some of the topics were too elaborate, they weren't covered in his AP class. He mostly used the book for practice questions and some times for quick review of topics for the questions he got wrong. So if this book is being used for review topics, got to be careful about which topics you spend time on (other peoples reviews helped a lot in this regards). Right after a chapter was completed in Chem class at school, son took the end of the chapter tests as well as other short

tests. Difficulty level was o.k., I think an AP student should be able to do it pretty well. He couldn't finish the tests in an hour and also he scored around 750 in the practice tests. But he scored 800 in first attempt, but again it was at the end of the school year when he just finished AP Chem class. He also practiced the real test from the college board book which I think is a must for any SAT test.

As a student who actually went through the entire book with all its tests and already having taken the SAT Chemistry subject test, I have found no regrets in studying out of this book. For me, nearly everything in this book was helpful towards doing well on the SAT practice and the actual tests. Be aware that there are a few handful of errors throughout the practice tests, but the tests' difficulties really are on par with the difficulty of the actual exam--well at least the one I just took--if not harder. If you are going to buy a SAT prep book, save yourself the time, and just listen to this review because I certainly did my own research on the reviews and everything on which is the best SAT chemistry book, and this one is it. As for my scores: my diagnostic test score from this book was about a 680. By the last test of the book I got a 770. I just took the SAT chemistry test a few days ago and I think I got around a 760+. I wouldn't know the exact results yet of course, not until a few weeks from now.

I am overall fairly pleased with Barron's SAT II Chemistry Prep book. While this book is very detailed and organized, it has some serious misprints and typos that often confused me. (for example, some answer keys were definitely wrong and some explanations were totally irrelevant.. I am not saying this because I am a chemistry-wiz; others have agreed with me on these problems.) With some major revision, this book could be a palatable review for SAT II Chemistry preparation. Pros: Nice, detailed review and explanations / provides a "study plan" which helps you to prepare for the test efficiently (start at least six weeks before your exam date!) A Diagnostic Test AND FOUR practice exams with answers Will go very in-depth as to over-prepare you for the SAT (which is not a bad thing) Cons: Typos, misprints Overall, great for the price. I will update my review to reflect how I did on my October 2011 exam :DP.S. If you have paid attention in your regular (school) chemistry class, you will find this book easy to follow.

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