

**Blaine's The Slide Rule as An Aid in Calculating, ed. A. T. J. Kersey, E. & F. N. Spon Ltd, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, 1952**

A review of this text's 6<sup>th</sup> edition can be found on this website and should be read as a precursor to this review, which will focus on the differences between the 6<sup>th</sup> (1947) and 7<sup>th</sup> (1952) editions. It will also be helpful for readers to compare the Tables of Contents for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> editions, which are also available on this site.

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition contains more information on the use of the log-log scale than the 6<sup>th</sup>, specifically, both Perry's 'E'-scale and the 'E<sub>1</sub>' and 'E<sub>2</sub>' scales used on some Thornton/PIC rules. The differential trig scales on the Thornton/PIC rules are also discussed. The 1947 edition contains some information on the Stanley-Boucher and Fuller calculators, but the 1952 edition discusses them more fully and adds information on the Otis King and Fowler devices. While the number of pages of application examples and the number of example problems has remained roughly the same, the 7<sup>th</sup> edition includes more 'modern' examples, although some of the original examples are retained for historical purposes.

The Table of Contents in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition is considerably less detailed than that in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition and hence, mildly less useful. Similarly, the Index in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition is less detailed than that in the 6<sup>th</sup>, but the 7<sup>th</sup> edition does include a table of trigonometric functions.