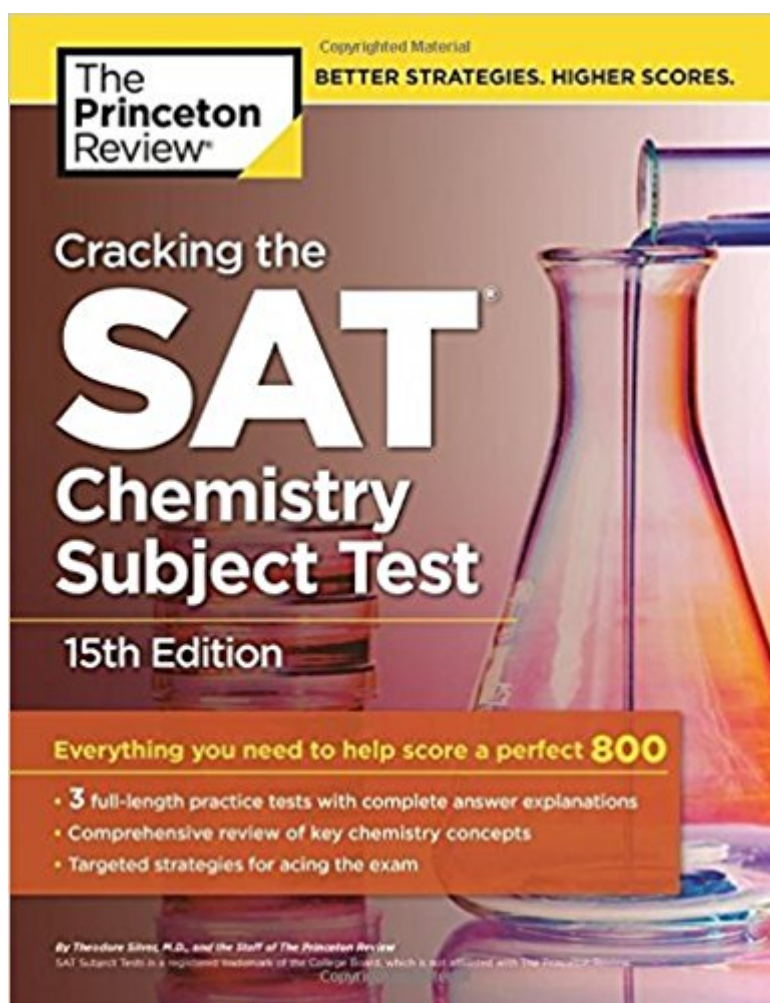


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# Cracking The SAT Chemistry Subject Test, 15th Edition (College Test Preparation)



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- Score conversion tables for accurate self-assessment

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- Complete study sheet of core formulas and terms

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I would give it a 3.5. The reason is that while the book covers many crucial steps, there were lack of detailed explanation throughout the book and seems to encourage sheer memorization, rather than understanding, of an equation. Of course, given that this book is aimed at student who already have taken at least basic chemistry, it is expected that these sort of prep books will be in a somewhat condensed form of chemistry concepts. Still, this book could have done better in leading the student to better preparation for the SATII Chemistry test. If you are reading this to consider which prep book to buy for the test, I would recommend getting Barrons book and this book, but you should also get a chemistry textbook (which is not a prepbook but an actual high school chemistry textbook). While studying you should always put attention foremost to your textbook, then Barrons, then this book. There are many aspects of this book which are laudable. The book contains some concepts, such as the equation for calculating pH of a buffer and more, that are not covered or only glossed over on other chemistry prepbooks and textbooks. You should get this book definitely, but use it as a supplement to your study.

This was such a helpful tool in learning all of the material that I needed to learn. I took a preliminary test before studying anything and scored a 540. After I went through this book and studied all of the material I took the actual test I scored a 740. Not a perfect score I know but I was learning all the content that my high school course left out- which was a lot. Very pleased, would recommend. Practice tests seemed to represent the actual test very well.

Really good textbook. All the topics on the actual test are well explained. The book is very organized and easy to understand. However, there are not many practice tests in this textbook, so I would recommend buying this alongside Barron's books as well, as they provide many practice tests in their textbooks. Nonetheless, Barron's is definitely the textbook I would recommend to you if you are looking to prepare for the SAT Chemistry Test. I have yet to get my test results back, but I can assure you that this textbook helped me to feel more confident and prepared for the actual test.

Way easier than the actual test. I was so mad because I studied with this book and took practice tests which I got a good score on. I thought I was prepared for this test but on the day I took the actual test, I found out how different it was. To put into comparison, I got 740 on the practice test here and got 650 on actual test... disappointed.

As described. Good content.

Good textbook, lots of information and some really good tips. It really helped my get through Chemistry and take the SATs!

I understand that it's a rainy day, but at least get something on the package to protect it, I was disappointed when I found the side of the book got wet

PROS:1. The section by section explanations are clear and well done.2. Besides a small caveat (mentioned below) I think that the practice tests are probably the best/ most on-the-ball in terms of what's actually on the SAT II chemistry test itself.CONS:1. Only has three full-length practice tests (compared to say, the Barron's, which has four, and is of similar quality)2. Sometimes veers heavily into trivia (a whole section of the practice test was on biology stuff like nucleic acids, proteins etc which is very rare for the actual test itself... what is the third most abundant gas in the atmosphere when I can see them \*maybe\* asking the first or second on the actual SAT II)3. This is minor, but if you go through the whole book, the explanations will start to get irritating as the number of times they say "divide and conquer" to explain the true/false/correct explanation thing will get tiresomeIn terms of the SAT II Chemistry options out there:a) Kaplan is WAY too easy in terms of the test bank/practice tests and, in my opinion, good for foundations review and/or confidence boostingb) the Official College Board one is, of course, great, but only gives you ONE practice test for Chemistry and really no subject reviewc) It's a toss up between Princeton and Barron's in terms of which is the best. I feel like the Barron's has questions that are almost a little too hard (or emphasize memorizing things that aren't as commonly tested, like heat of fusion constants that aren't provided), but Barron's gives you four practice tests whereas Princeton gives you three. They both have diagnostic tests and decent topic by topic review... so it comes down to whether you'd rather have one extra practice test (Barron's) or are used to the Princeton method (if you've bought other ones).\*\* You can find additional review questions online for free via sparknotes, but they have some errors, and there are also like 20 free questions provided by College Board online...

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