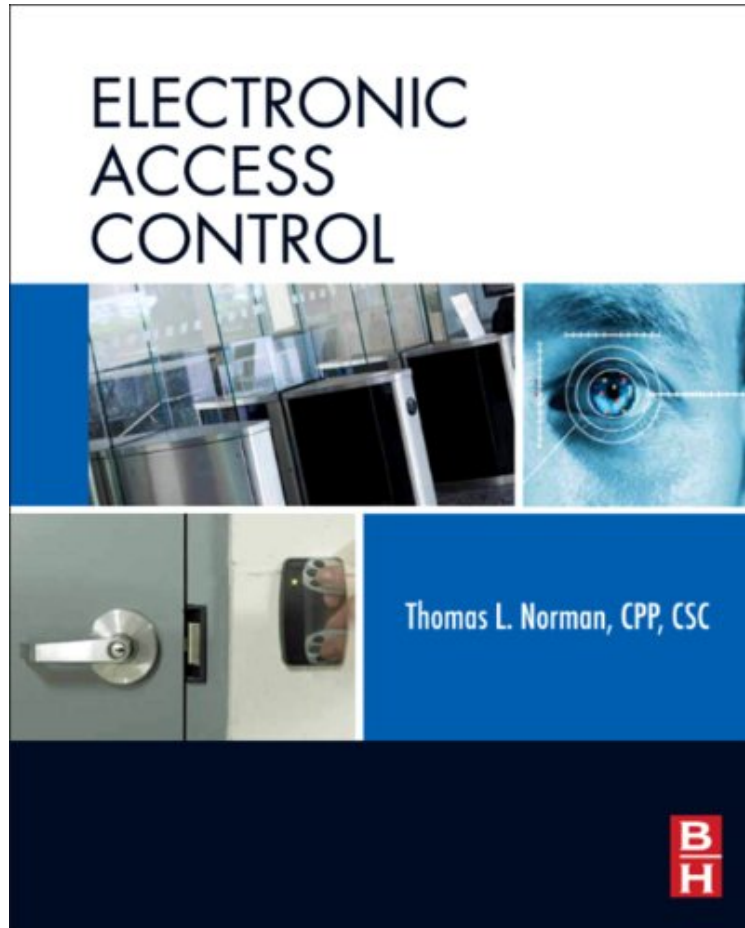


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"This book is likely one of the most current and comprehensive works available in this subject area...This book is recommended for the general reader of security literature and those with specific access control responsibilities needing a ready reference source."--Security Management, December 2012, page 82 "In this book, Thomas L. Norman, a master at electronic security and risk management consulting and author of the industry reference manual for the design of integrated security systems, describes the full range of EAC devices--credentials, readers, locks, sensors, wiring, and computers, showing how they work, and how they are installed. The book presents an arcane and complex subject with a conversational and layered learning approach which results in a thorough understanding of each point, thus offering quick career advancement potential to students and prospective security professionals."--ASIS International.comAbout the AuthorThomas L. Norman, CPP, PSP, CSC, is an internationally acclaimed security risk management and enterprise-class security system design consultant with experience in the United States, the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Mr. Norman has experience in security designs for critical infrastructure including oil and gas terminals, lines, and distribution centers; mass transit and vehicle transportation systems including air security, rail, and marine facilities and systems; long-span suspension and truss bridges; and central banking, utility and financial facilities. Mr. Norman's extended experience includes a large number of chemical, petrochemical, banking, government, corporate facilities, hospitality, healthcare, venues, and museums. Mr. Norman's unique processes focus on identifying and securing the underlying causes of building system vulnerabilities, that is, business processes, technologies, and cultures that encourage the development of vulnerabilities to the detriment of the organization. As the author of the industry reference manual on integrated security system design, and with more than 35 years of experience in design, construction management and commissioning, Mr. Norman is considered one of the industry's leading design consultants, worldwide, having contributed many industry design firsts including Video Pursuit and REAPs design concepts, among others. Mr. Norman has developed formulas and detailed processes that are used by the entire security industry to calculate the effectiveness of security programs and security program elements and also overall security program cost-effectiveness. Mr. Norman has authored four books: for the American Institute of Architects, "Security Planning and Design - A Guide for Architects and Building Owners"; "Integrated Security Systems Design" (Elsevier); "Risk Analysis and Security Countermeasures Selection" (CRC Press); and "Electronic Access Control" (Elsevier). His works have been quoted and referenced by organizations such as the Cato Institute, NBC, and Security Management.