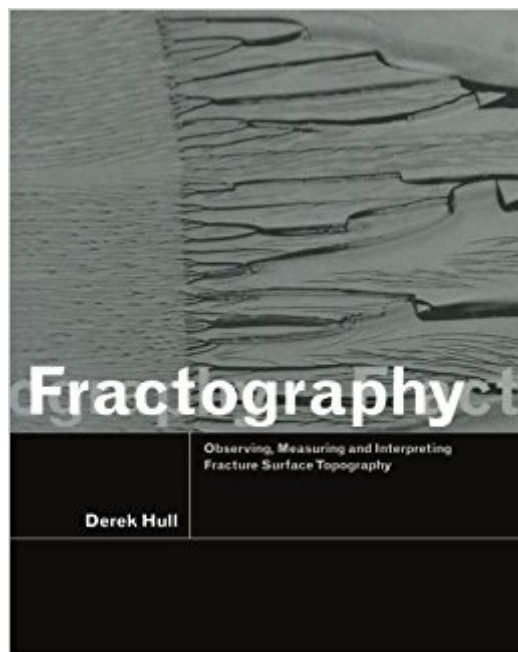




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This book describes the methods of studying fracture surfaces, from simple examination with a hand lens to optical microscopy and scanning electron microscopy. There is a great deal of analysis of pictures of fractures, mainly of test samples, in the work, largely directed at understanding the role

of crazing in polymers. Most of the analysis is directed at rigid thermoplastics like PMMA and polystyrene, on which Hull has spent much time examining their properties. Metals also are included with specific reference to fatigue, an ongoing problem with real engineering structures. However, the book fails in one respect, the examination and analysis of real products, and this is its main failing. Much effort is spent by investigating product failure, and fracture is a key aspect of such work, but Hull fails to tackle this important and growing aspect of fractography in any depth. A few case studies are discussed at the end of the book, such as the spectacular failure of a large storage tank by chemical attack, but it remains an isolated example. It is a good reference work to have available, but readers who are interested in case studies will have to look elsewhere. We have published two books recently which help to readdress the balance in *Forensic Materials Engineering: Case Studies* and *Forensic Polymer Engineering* where failure cases are described in detail with the practical engineering lessons to be drawn. Case studies have also been published from the journal *Engineering Failure Analysis* in *Failure Analysis Case Studies II*. All three books show how fractography aids the investigation of fractured products.

The more comprehensive manual, *Metals Handbook Vol 12 Fractography*, is a virtual atlas. This book, while less extensive, represents an updated look at an old topic. Gotta keep up in this profession.

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