



Curriculum Vitae Rev. 2-11-2026

Daniel Michael Hughes

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Acton, California 93510

Licensed General Contractor – State of California

California State Contractor's License #1150267

Professional Summary

Daniel Michael Hughes is a Licensed General Contractor in the State of California with extensive hands-on experience in residential construction, structural systems, HVAC installation, electrical systems, plumbing, concrete foundations, and insurance loss estimating.

He has over a decade of field experience across all major construction trades and regularly performs forensic investigations and cost analyses for construction defects and claims of property damage. His expertise includes evaluating fire, smoke, water, structural, and impact-related damages and preparing detailed repair scopes and cost estimates using Xactimate software. Mr. Hughes' background combines practical field execution, supervisory experience, code compliance knowledge, inspection coordination, and forensic evaluation of construction means and methods.

Licensure

- **Licensed General Contractor – State of California**
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Areas of Expertise

- Forensic construction investigations
- Construction defect evaluation.

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- Insurance loss estimating
 - Fire, smoke, and water damage assessment
 - Concrete construction (foundations, underpinning, flatwork)
 - Structural framing and code upgrades
 - Electrical systems (service panels, rewiring, dedicated circuits)
 - HVAC system installation and duct design
 - Plumbing
 - Roofing systems
 - Window and door installation
 - Drywall, plaster repair, insulation, paint, flooring
 - Code compliance and inspection coordination
 - Xactimate estimating software
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Professional Experience

June 2013 – November 2017

The Croisdale Group, Inc. *General Contractor License #536809*

B-1 General & C-8 Concrete License

Performed comprehensive residential remodeling and reconstruction projects, including:

- Complete home remodels
- Electrical panel upgrades and full rewiring
- Roofing replacement
- Waterproof Decking
- Structural framing and code compliance upgrades
- Drywall and plaster repair
- Installation of windows, doors, cabinetry, and appliances
- HVAC system installations
- Plumbing
- Concrete foundations, underpinning, and flatwork

Projects included repairs related to water damage, fire damage, vandalism, and room additions. Worked independently with minimal supervision while supervising labor crews as needed while gaining first-hand knowledge of



proper construction means and methods, inspection procedures, and California building code requirements.

2017 – 2019

Cornelius D.L. Air Conditioning

Licensed HVAC and Electrical Contractor

Specialized in installation and replacement of residential HVAC systems, including:

- Horizontal Attic Systems
- Roof-mounted systems
- Heat pumps
- Split systems

Assisted in duct system design and implementation. Installed dedicated electrical circuits to supply HVAC equipment. Developed advanced understanding of HVAC system performance, integration, and installation standards.

2019 – 2024

Freelance Construction Consultant

Provided consulting and hands-on services for multiple licensed contractors. Licenses held by contractors were:

- B General Contractor
- C-8 Concrete Contractor
- C-6 Cabinet, Millwork and Finish Carpentry
- C-10 Electrical
- C-20 Warm Air Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Responsibilities included:



- Concrete and Structure demolition
- Foundation Construction and Repairs
- Structural framing
- Window and door installation
- Electrical circuits (new installations and rewiring)
- Insulation
- Plumbing
- Drywall and paint
- Roofing
- Flooring installation

Maintained active field involvement while ensuring compliance with industry standards and applicable codes.

2024 – Present

The Croisdale Group, Inc.

Construction Consultant / Forensic Investigator / Estimator

Currently serves as a construction consultant and cost estimator performing:

- Forensic investigations of construction defect claims
 - Evaluation of improper construction means and methods
 - Assessment of fire, smoke, water, and vehicle impact damage
 - Preparation of detailed repair scopes and cost estimates
 - Regularly prepares estimates for insurance claims using Xactimate software.
 - Applies extensive field experience across all trades to determine causation, scope of damage, standard of care, and reasonable cost of repair. Provides technical consultation regarding industry standards, code compliance, and accepted construction practices.
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Software Proficiency

- Xactimate Estimating Software
 - Word
 - Excel
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Expert Witness Qualifications

Mr. Hughes is a Licensed General Contractor in the State of California with substantial practical experience in all major residential construction disciplines.

His qualifications are based on direct performance of construction work, supervision of labor crews, inspection coordination, and forensic analysis of construction defects and property damage claims.

His expertise includes evaluation of industry standards, accepted means and methods, building code requirements, and preparation of defensible repair cost estimates.