

## Does Open Hardware enhance or deteriorate quality?

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**Abstract text** Open Access, the model to publish material for free, is applied to software, hardware designs, data and scientific results. To make blueprints, construction details and all necessary information available on anything from prototypes to high tech instrumentation opens up brand new territories of technological development, where incremental improvements can be made based on the work of others. Unfortunately, this will also disguise improper designs if any information is withheld and improvements are made to poor originals.

Open Source Hardware have the possibility to change the development environment in device construction, but may also undermine its existence from an abundance of poor information resulting in low quality constructions. Use the information carefully, scrutinize any claim and description, and support the forums with feedback. This will be the route for enhanced quality.