

CAD OPS VS. DETAILERS

Concerning the article in *Modern Steel Construction* regarding detailers (“Does Anyone Want to Be a Detailer?”, March 2002), I am of the opinion that there plenty of CAD operators but a dwindling supply of experienced miscellaneous steel detailers who are capable of digging out information from contract drawings to provide quality erection and shop drawings. This knowledge is not being passed down to the new detailers coming up. We emphasize computer skills, but at the expense of practical and old fashioned training. Checkers will be worth their weight in gold in the coming years. I am talking about quality checkers...

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SPECIFYING STEEL JOISTS

In my article “Selecting and Specifying Steel Joists” in the April 2002 issue of *Modern Steel Construction*, I inadvertently neglected to include the refer-

ences upon which the article was based: *Designing with Steel Joists, Joist Girders, Steel Deck* by James M. Fisher, Michael A. West, and Julius P. Van De Pas (published by Nucor Corporation, 1991) and “Specifying Steel Joists and Joist Girders” by Ed Ryan, P.E. (*Modern Steel Construction*, March 1996).

I apologize for any confusion this omission may have caused.

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