

editor's note



I'M AN INTERNET JUNKIE. For me, spending time online is like being let loose in a combination library/museum/shopping mall. I can talk with friends, listen to cool lectures or find out the answer to just about any question I have.

Well, most of the time. My biggest online frustration is when I can't find what I'm looking for, when the search engine lets me down. And to be honest, ever since we first launched www.modernsteel.com I've been frustrated. Way too often I resorted to searching through hard copies when I needed to find something because the search function, quite frankly, left a lot to be desired.

But no more! We've just launched an updated website. And besides looking really cool (thanks to our wonderful web team of Victoria Cserenyak and Rachel DiGrazia), the site now works much better. If you've never visited www.modernsteel.com, you'll find:

- ▶ the current issue
- ▶ a complete archive of every issue of *Modern Steel Construction* ever published (with all articles completely searchable)
- ▶ current steel news
- ▶ every question ever asked in Steel Interchange
- ▶ the complete collection of SteelWise articles
- ▶ a listing of associations and groups
- ▶ an extensive product directory

By the way, did I mention the new search engine works really well?

And as long as we're on the topic of websites, AISC has a new addition to its site (www.aisc.org) that should be of interest—especially since it's free!

This new item is an online version of the Detailer Training Series CDs that AISC and the National Institute of Steel Detailing introduced almost two decades ago. The CDs were very popular, but AISC stopped selling them a few years ago, partially because some of the information (especially the references to then-current publications) was out-of-date—but mostly because it was designed to run on a much older operating system and users were increasingly having trouble with the CDs. However, we still received requests for the CDs, which fabricators, detailers and even structural engineers used as a great introduction to the industry. In response (and thanks to funding by the Ironworker Management Progressive Action Cooperative Trust) we converted the CDs to an online program (www.aisc.org/dts) and made it free for everyone to access. The program includes quizzes, and if you complete the entire course you'll be given a certificate of completion.

Check out our updated online offerings (especially the search function at the updated www.modernsteel.com) and let me know what you think!

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