

editor's note



BY NOW, YOU'VE UNDOUBTEDLY HEARD THE 15TH EDITION STEEL CONSTRUCTION MANUAL IS AVAILABLE. The real question, though, is should you buy it?

For some, it's a no-brainer. If you're regularly involved in the design or construction of structural steel buildings, having the most recent edition is simply a continuation of your professional activities. (Or, if you're my daughter, you want to have a brand spanking new *Manual* to put on your shelf to impress the engineering students at your school.)

Others, of course, want to know what's new, what's different and what's better. I could go on and on about the new "super tables" (page after page of new all-in-one references that provide the available compressive, flexural, shear and tension strengths for W-shapes). I could talk about the column tables for 65-ksi and 70-ksi W-shapes. Or I could boast about the inclusion of the newest design specifications and codes, including the expanded information on architecturally exposed structural steel.

But instead, I'll tell you about AISC's first SteelDay Sale!

On September 15 (SteelDay, of course!), AISC's vice president of engineering and research, Larry Kruth, will present a free one-hour webinar (yes, you'll receive 1 PDH for attending if you're registered) on the new *Manual*. Attendees will have a chance to hear what's new in the book and make an informed decision on whether they need it. (We're also offering a one-hour webinar for architects on the *Code of Standard Practice*; find out more at www.steelday.org.)

And in celebration of SteelDay, anyone in the U.S. ordering the new *Manual* between 8:00 a.m. on September 15 and noon on September 18 will receive free



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shipping AND a free copy of the current edition of the *Seismic Design Manual*. The price of the 15th Edition *Manual* is the same as the 14th, so you can purchase it for \$200 (AISC members) or \$400 (for prospective members), receive a FREE copy of the \$200/\$400 *Seismic Manual* and also enjoy free shipping (a \$20 to \$25 value).

To take advantage of this celebration of steel, simply visit www.steelday.org/manual on September 15 and order your copy. And don't forget to visit www.steelday.org to find out about all of the other cool events happening around the country!

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