

# THE TTT LEVEL I EXPERIENCE: NEW & IMPROVED

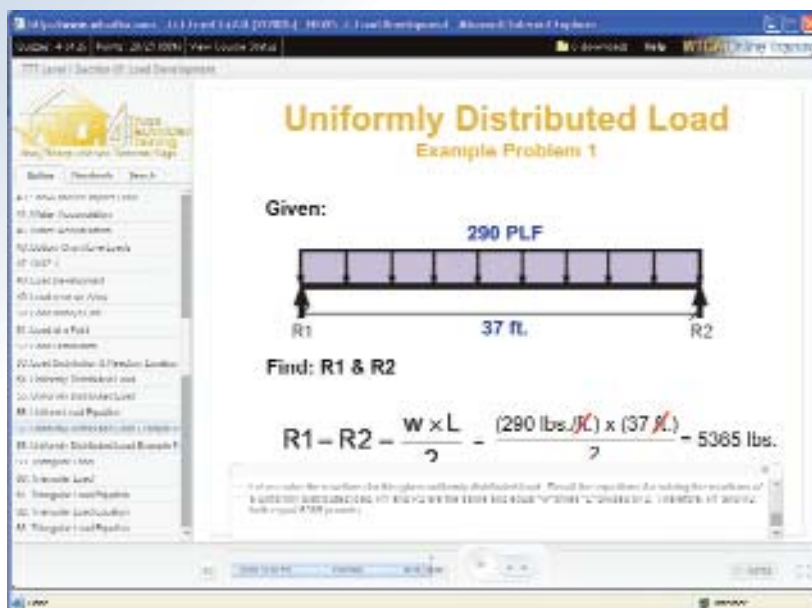
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WTCA's online Truss Technician Training saves time and money while providing employees with top notch training. Now the Level I course is new and improved and enrolling more students than ever!

An online version of WTCA's Truss Technician Training (TTT) Level I course was unveiled in August 2002. The content for this course was derived from four-day live seminars that WTCA staff had conducted across the country since 1996. TTT Level I online, with the additions of Level II and Level III has been a huge success and technicians across the country are becoming more educated on design and engineering fundamentals because of these courses.

## By the Numbers

Before TTT Level I online was created and live classes were the only option, only 715 students attended in over six years. As of the end of 2004, 1487 students had enrolled in the original online course. So far 2005 is on pace to be our best year yet, with 888 students currently enrolled. Online training is definitely the wave of the future.



The new interface allows students to jump around easily and to view all spoken dialogue.

## Change is Here

In February, WTCA introduced a revised version of Level I known as Version 2.0. The content has been updated and the technology that runs the program has been vastly improved. The new version is faster and easier to navigate.

One of the more significant updates to the course content is that the program now references *ANSI/TPI 1-2002 National Design Standard for Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses*, updated from the 1995 version of the standard. There is also a greater variety

## at a glance

- ❑ 2375 students have enrolled in the TTT Level I online course since August 2002.
- ❑ Version 2.0 is faster, easier to navigate, includes all dialogue text, and holds the user's attention better with twelve different narrators.
- ❑ Version 2.0 breaks sections into smaller bite-size pieces followed by quizzes to reiterate and review material.

of narrators in this version, which works to increase the student's engagement in the program. Specifically, Version 2.0 contains twelve different speakers throughout the ten sections compared to just four in the previous course. In this newer version, we also tried to bring the presentation to life with added animation on screen.

In addition to the increased variety in narrator voices, eleven more quizzes have been added to the course to give students an even greater opportunity to prepare for the Level I Certification Exam. Version 2.0 now breaks each of the ten course sections into smaller chunks with the use of these quizzes. In most of the previous version's sections, students were quizzed at the end once all the material was presented. Research has shown that students retain more when smaller amounts of



material are presented and reviewed. Sections are now broken into as many as twelve parts before a student is quizzed on information previously presented.

One of the most useful features of the new version is the ability to view exactly what is being spoken. Students will no longer have to review one slide multiple times to hear exactly what was said; instead they can read the script by clicking on a **NOTES** button. Course materials can now be downloaded from the presentation as well. All the pertinent information is now contained within each course section.

It is our hope that with the introduction of this speedier user-friendly interface, enrollment in TTT Level I online will increase. If you are currently enrolled, please share your experience with Version 2.0 with others. We will compile all responses and print them in an upcoming **SBC** issue. **SBC**

*Plans are in the works to update TTT Level II to this new interface in the second half of 2005. If you are interested in TTT, check out [www.wtcatko.com](http://www.wtcatko.com) or call us at 608/274-4849.*

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