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Learn more about the latest. greatest version of TTT Level II Online!

at a glance

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IBC & IRC 2003 codes and ASCE7-02.

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☐ A new feature provides all content in text

tion and course material downloads.

format for hearing impaired users.

TCA has introduced a new version of TTT Level II Online! Version 2 (v.2) brings improved usability and important content changes to the user.

Content

While v.1 references IBC & IRC 2000 in the sections dealing with codes, v.2 has been updated to reference the IBC & IRC 2003 codes. ASCE7-98 has also been updated to its newest version: ASCE7-02. A new section on truss testing has been added, and the section on the simplified method of truss design is now optional.



Usability

Along with usability improvements introduced last year in the second version of TTT Level I, v.2 of TTT Level II offers a new delivery method that simplifies the downloading of course materials and navigation of the program. V.2 also features a new tab that allows hearing impaired users to see the text as it is being narrated.

Administrative Advice

Users of v.1 are advised not to switch to v.2 if they are past section 3. This is because there are enough format, reference and continuity changes that make it very difficult to do well on the test. It is highly recommended that v.1 users who decide to make the conversion to v.2 start over at the first slide, in order to ensure that you cover all the key material that you will need to understand. There is a different exam for v.2, so users need to be aware that viewing part of v.1 and part of v.2 is not conducive to getting through all the material needed to complete a successful training experience.

Course Materials

Another significant change to note is the required manual has changed from ASCE7-98 to ASCE7-02. All new TTT Level II binder purchases will come with the ASCE7-02. For users who have already purchased the binder with ASCE7-98, you may purchase a copy of ASCE7-02 for a discounted price of \$50. SBC

Exciting Changes to WTCA's Web Site!



The WTCA Board of Directors recently voted to change the association's name to "WTCA – Representing the Structural Building Components Industry." The name more broadly represents the industry's highly varied business interests. It was chosen to

retain brand equity of the current WTCA logo, while adopting a new name that more accurately reflects the membership's work.

As a result of the change, WTCA's web site domain has changed to www.sbc industry.com. In addition to the new web address, component manufacturers should take note of the largest one-stop online shop of technical information and tools available on www.sbcindustry.com. From information on education and training to important technical resources, the site is updated daily. Check out the site's newest changes that make it easier than ever to navigate!

The most recent update includes several new menu items within the Technical Resources category in the main menu. Find information on everything from bracing and building codes to terminology. A long-time favorite of manufacturers, the Technical Q&A search function has an expanded database of results, including articles on topics like connections, lumber, partition separation and truss repairs. And if you can't locate the topic you're looking for just submit the question to the WTCA technical staff. www.sbcindustry.com

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