

Reid Supply's Knowledge Base Offers Free CAD Library to Engineering Schools and Students

Reid Supply Company, a leading supplier of industrial products to engineers, technicians and others has enhanced their web site with a free Knowledge Base resource center. Reid Supply's website offers a free CAD library with Resource Guides for engineering schools and students.

August 20, 2009 (FPRC) -- Muskegon, Michigan -- What could an industrial products supplier possibly offer students and teachers? Plenty, if those teachers are teaching Computer Aided Design (CAD). Reid Supply Company, a Michigan-based, global distributor of industrial products, parts, components and supplies introduces a free Knowledge Base for teachers, students, designers, engineers and technicians. The companies' repository of information features a free CAD library, an online catalog featuring 90% of the products with free CAD downloads, a large collection of reference books, a free "Ask An Expert" feature, a free e-newsletter, free resource guides, special requests and more.

"We think that students and educators as well as folks in the industrial products industry, have long needed a place to go for comprehensive technical information and a place to ask questions," says John Carrier, President of Reid Supply Company. "We created the Knowledge Base for any teacher, student, or technician who wants to learn more about CAD and industrial products. The Reid Supply Knowledge Base is also a great teaching tool for engineering teachers who want to point their students to a resource that offers a free CAD library with CAD drawings, interactive technical parts catalog and industry specific information."

According to Carrier, the company's free CAD library is a solid resource for an instructor who wants to incorporate uniform resources in lesson plans.

"We can see how teachers could assign students to find parts in our interactive catalog or web site and then download those product's CAD drawings to build a virtual machine based upon the part downloaded," says Carrier. "Reid Supply's free Knowledge Base tools are virtual resources that should not be underestimated."

In addition to Knowledge Base, Reid Supply recently added a new improved online catalog to their web site, ReidSupply.com. According to Greg Palmer, Director of Marketing at Reid Supply Company, the new catalog is the closest thing to thumbing through a print catalog without actually having the paper in hand.

"Over 90% of every product in our catalog has free CAD images that anyone can download. This is one of the biggest, if not the biggest, free CAD database in the industrial supply industry," says Palmer.

About Reid Supply Company:

Reid Supply Company started selling industrial supplies in 1948 with parts ranging from clamps to power transmissions, to structural systems, and everything in between. Reid serves thousands of manufacturers who have been serving other industries, like the automotive industry, and these

manufacturers are well suited to fill the new needs of alternative energy like the production of fuel cells, solar, biomass, electronics, geothermal and wind energy here in the US and around the world. Reid Supply Company's 12 category product merchandising system, implemented on both the company catalog and web site, is beneficial for anyone wanting to learn more about the tools that manufacturers need. "We realize that the students of today are the builders of our future," says Carrier. "As emerging technologies are developed, we will be right there with our customers, and our future customers who are now students, helping them to create the changes our world needs now, more than ever."

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