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New Product Releases

You Ask, We Deliver

In May of this year, we released new versions of our products, **Foundation3D, Version 5.8.2** and **Mat3D, Version 5.8.1**, with enhancements and updates to allow you to complete your foundation design projects even more quickly and accurately.

Foundation3D now allows you to load allowable and ultimate strength load combinations from a Microsoft Excel file with one click, even when program generated default load cases are used for equipment foundations, saving input time significantly.

If there are other features and functions that you would like to see in our products, please use this link to our online [Request Form](#). We would love to hear from you.

To request a customized, web-based demonstration of how our products will benefit your work process from design to construction, please visit our [Free Web Demo](#) link.

To experience the time-saving productivity that our customers have, download your free trial software today - [Free Trial Software](#).

Concrete Facts

Did You Know?

The History of Portland Cement

In 1824, Joseph Aspdin, a British stone mason, obtained a patent for a cement he produced in his kitchen. The inventor heated a mixture of finely ground limestone and





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clay in his kitchen and ground the mixture into a powder creating a hydraulic cement – one that hardens with the addition of water.

Aspdin named the product portland cement because it resembled a stone quarried on the Isle of Portland off the British Coast. With this invention, Aspdin laid the foundation for today's portland cement industry.

The first large use of this modern-day portland cement, and its first engineering use, was in a tunnel under the Thames River in 1828. The first recorded shipment of portland cement to the US was in 1868. The first portland cement manufactured in the US was produced at a plant in Coplay, Pennsylvania in 1871.

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