Christmas comes early… Carlson just announced their year-end specials!

Well, it ***says*** November 1st but I just received an email that they've launched this promotion today to coincide with a magazine advertisement! I know a lot of you have been waiting for this promotion and it's finally here.

For a limited time I'm also offering a special "build-your-own-suite" package that will allow you to choose any 4 of these programs to create the bundle that works best for you: Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, CADNet, Trench or GeoTech.

You can request a custom proposal if you're interested in the "build-your-own-suite" or visit my online store here to purchase the standard Civil Suite and maintenance.

Remember, all purchases through That CAD Girl make you and your co-workers eligible for a year of our live, interactive webinars

(see list of upcoming topics here) so you won't simply be left on your own to learn a new software. Documentation of attendance will be provided so you may also receive PDH credit from your licensing agency.

Special Financing Offer Thru 8/31/2015

That CAD Girl is working with Carlson Software and Advance Acceptance to offer special, low rate financing through 8/31/2015.

Rates of 0%, 1.99% and 2.99% are available for new software purchases and for Carlson BRx5 GNSS Receivers. Minimum purchase is $5000.

A few other details apply – call or email to find out more or click here to download the promotional brochure.

Another Great Company Looking for More Great People!

AUTOCAD DESIGNERS NEEDED – MYRTLE BEACH, SC

www.ddcinc.com

Civil engineering firm has immediate openings for CAD Designers or Engineers with AutoCAD/Carlson exp. Must have 3 yrs. exp. with horizontal & vertical components used in roadway plans and profiles, drainage, water, sewer and grading for residential subdivisions, commercial developments and site planning.

Top salaries paid to qualified candidates along with a benefits package. US citizens send separate resumes detailing civil project experience (example project would be beneficial) to:

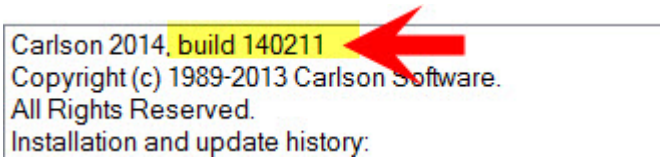
Email to CJT@ddcinc.com
Fax to (843) 692-3210

Or by USPS to
DDC
1298 Professional Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

New Update for Carlson Survey 2014 with Embedded AutoCAD (OEM) is available

Carlson Software posted a new build with updates to Survey 2014 with embedded AutoCAD on 7/14/2014. The latest build can be downloaded here: **Carlson Software Downloads Page**.

To find your current "build", open your Carlson desktop software and go to the Help menu and click About Carlson. The current build is listed on the top line in the text window and corresponds to the date it was posted. For instance, the build shown below – 140211 – was released on Feb 11, 2014.



Does Carlson Still Work With AutoCAD?

File this under "Myths"…

I hope this isn't widespread, but I received the following email yesterday and think it's important to respond publicly. The email is posted in its entirety except for the name and contact

info of the author.

Hello Jen & Jeremy,

> *I became acquainted with your site (and I believe Jen was on a "webcast" or video I had watched) when my former employer made the switch from Civil 3D to Carlson Civil several years back. I am an engineer and have been put into the role of upgrading AutoCAD and Carlson or making sure that my current company can continue to do what is necessary, which involves using CAD much less that in my consulting life.*
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> *A local Autodesk reseller paid us a visit and indicated that Carlson and Autodesk as companies have not reached an agreement to continue further compatibility. Sounds like a licensing ($$) agreement issue, to me, that may or may not be temporary. This salesperson also indicated that the new version of Carlson would not work with anything beyond AutoCAD 2010 which we are currently running with Carlson 2011. As a note, My former company did not update AutoCAD every year depending upon what features were actually new so I am very OK with not upgrading if not entirely necessary.*
>
> *I would greatly appreciate any information or insight you could give on the subject. You can reach me via this e-mail or the phone number in the signature.*
>
> *Kind regards,*

I contacted Carlson and requested a direct reply:

> *Hi Jennifer,*
>
> *Carlson Software is a current member of the Audodesk Developer*

> *Network (ADN) which gives access to the current Autodesk products. We expect to release Carlson's 2014 products, including those running on top of IntelliCAD, AutoCAD 2014 and AutoCAD OEM, in the Summer of 2013.*
>
> *Dave Carlson*

Also, for the record, I currently run Carlson 2013 on top of IntelliCAD and on top of Civil 3d 2012.

Carlson 2013 Has Been Released

Carlson released the 2013 version of their desktop products today. This includes: Civil Suite, Civil, Survey, Hydrology, GIS, Takeoff, Construction, Point Cloud, Geology, Surface/Underground Mining and Natural Regrade.

The 2013 embedded-AutoCAD versions of Takeoff and Survey have not yet been released.

Unlike previous versions of Carlson that support running on top of IntelliCAD or AutoCAD products 2000-2012, **Carlson 2013 can only be run on IntelliCAD or AutoCAD products 2004-2013**. This includes AutoCAD, Map, Land Desktop and Civil 3d. Also, anyone using the FREE IntelliCAD that comes with Carlson is eligible for a FREE GIS Starter Kit from Esri which includes ArcMap.

You can download Carlson 2013 here.

If you are using 2012 and are current on your annual maintenance

contract, you can click here to look up your new 2013 serial number online. You will need to enter your contact information and your 2012 serial number in order to generate the 2013 serial number. You can find your serial number by opening Carlson Software and going to Help > About Carlson Software > Change Registration.

If you have trouble finding your serial number or would like to know the cost to upgrade to 2013, please email me with your request.

Click here for the full list of improvements to Carlson 2013

Click here for improvements to the General commands in 2013

Click here for the additional data file & conversion support in Carlson 2013

Click here for improvements to Survey commands in 2013

Click here for improvements to Civil commands in 2013

Click here for improvements to Hydrology commands in 2013

Click here for improvements to GIS commands in 2013

Click here for improvements to Takeoff commands in 2013

Click here for improvements to Point Cloud commands in 2013

Click here for improvements to Geology commands in 2013

Click here for improvements to Surface/Underground Mining commands in 2013

Click here for improvements to Natural Regrade commands in 2013

Software Review: AutoCAD and IntelliCAD

The May 2012 issue of Professional Surveyor magazine has been published. This month they are featuring a software review I submitted: AutoCAD and IntelliCAD.

You can order your FREE subscription to the print version of Professional Surveyor here.

You can click here to learn more about Carlson Software's offerings that include IntelliCAD.

Thank you to the Richmond AutoCAD Manifest (RAM)

I'd like to thank Art Thomas and the Richmond Virginia AutoCAD User Group for inviting Jeremy and me to demonstrate Carlson Software and data collection last night. Our hour-and-a-half long presentation covered the basic tools and Survey, Civil and GIS specific features of the Carlson products.

The RAM User Group has been active for 20+ years and has a lot to offer CAD users in the central Virginia area. Their meetings are usually on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and start after work at 5:30. If you're based in the Richmond area, I'd highly recommend that you join up with them.

Carlson Boot Camp Training in New Jersey – Approved for PDH Credit

I just received word from the NJ State Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors that our Woodbridge classes will be accepted for continuing education credit. Our full list of upcoming classes in Columbus Ohio, Chicago Illinois and Upstate South Carolina can be found here.

Boot Camp! Carlson Survey & Field to Finish – April 10, 2012 – Woodbridge, NJ

Boot Camp! Surface Modeling – April 11, 2012 – Woodbridge, NJ

Another Happy Carlson Customer

Here is a great story about another customer of mine, John Prevette with Gooden & Associates out of Hope Mills, NC, and his successful transition from Civil 3d to Carlson Civil Suite.

http://info.carlsonsw.com/blog-1/bid/121528/Moving-to-Carlson-from-Civil-3D
And, I know what you're thinking but the answer is "No." Carlson

did not pay him to say this – I asked just to make sure! In all seriousness, it’s great he was willing to be interviewed and confirm just how great a design tool Carlson is and just how quickly you’re able to get up to speed.