

# **SHIPCONSTRUCTOR ESSENTIALS**

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- 21. Additional Training Information
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# **Structure Modeling**

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Renaming Parts and Autonumber

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Regular Exercises SM-R001

#### 2. Construction Lines

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The Default Layers for Different Lines

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Regular Exercises SM-R002

Advanced Exercise SM-A001

#### 3. Plate Parts

Learning Objectives

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**Editing Plate Parts** 

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Green

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**Corner Treatments** 

Adding and Removing Corner Treatments

Moving Construction Lines Affects Parts

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**Defining Bevel Standards** 

Adding and Removing Bevel Standards

Viewing and Verifying Bevel Solids



Weld Shrinkage

Managing the Weld Shrinkage Icon

Autobevel

Showing Bevel Angles on Plate Parts

Regular Exercises SM-R003

Advanced Exercise SM-A002

#### 5. Profile Parts

Learning Objectives

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Attaching Loose Stiffeners to a Plate

**Editing Stiffeners** 

Creating & Modifying Face Plates

**Trimming Profiles** 

Adding Cutouts in Profiles

**Editing Added Cutouts** 

**Inserting Welding Seam Reliefs** 

Profile Tools & Utilities

Extracting lines from stiffener (mold line, neutral axis)

Regular Exercises SM-R004

Advanced Exercise SM-A003

#### 6. Curved Plates

Learning Objectives

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**Editing Surface Geometric Details** 

**Editing Marklines** 

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Thinning Production Information

Extracting Production Information from a Curved Plate

Regular Exercises SM-R005

Advanced Exercise SM-A004



#### 7. Plank Parts

Learning Objectives

Creating planks

**Editing Planks** 

**Editing Plank Collections** 

Splitting Plank Collections

**Deleting Planks** 

**Deleting Plank Collections** 

Regular Exercises SM-R006

Advanced Exercise SM-A005

# 8. Corrugated Plates

Learning Objectives

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Creating Corrugated Plate from Plate Stock

Modifying Corrugated Plate

**Detailing Corrugated Plate** 

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Corrugated Plate Tools

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Extracting the Cross section of Corrugated Plate

Regular Exercises SM-R007

### 9. Custom Plate Parts

Learning Objectives

Overview

Creating Custom Plate Parts

Converting Plate Part to a Custom Plate Part

# 10. Twisted Stiffeners

**Learning Objectives** 

Overview

Creating Twisted Stiffener

**Editing Twisted Stiffeners** 

Cleaning the Geometry of a Twisted Stiffener



### **Detailing of Twisted Stiffeners**

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Learning Objectives

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Regular Exercises SM-R008

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### 12. General Modeling

Learning Objectives

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Mirroring Parts

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Making Identical Part Names the Same

Showing and Working with the List of Parts

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Weld Shrinkage



Stiffener Editing
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# **Pipe Modeling**

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What Can be Modeled in a Pipe Model Drawing?

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**Optional Configuration Options** 

The Pipe Ribbon

Model Drawing Interface and Options

**Learning Outcomes** 

ShipConstructor Drawing Options

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#### 2. System Manager

Learning Objectives

System Management

The Spec Level

The System Level

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Regular Exercise P-R001

# 3. Placing Straight Pipe Elements

Learning Objectives

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Regular Exercise P-R002

# 4. Creating Bent Pipe Elements

Learning Objectives

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Mitered Bent Pipes

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**Automatic Routing** 

Automatic Routing in Shortest Path Mode

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Regular Exercise P-R003

### 5. Creating Elbow & Reducer Elements

Learning Objectives

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Inserting a Valve using Inline Mode

Regular Exercise P-R005

# 7. Creating Cross and Lateral Elements

Learning Objectives

Overview

**Inserting Cross and Lateral Elements** 

Using the In-line mode

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Regular Exercise P-R006

### 8. Creating Saddles

Learning Objectives

Overview



Creating Saddles

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Regular Exercise P-R007

# 9. Applying Finishes and Insulation to Pipe Elements

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Overview

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Regular Exercise P-R008

# 10. Auto-part Routing

Learning Objectives

Overview

Routing with Auto-part Mode ON

Regular Exercise P-R009

# 11. Using Pipe-UCS Intersection Command

Learning Objectives

Overview

Using Pipe-UCS Intersection Command

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#### 12. Stock Constraints

Learning Objectives

Overview

**Stock Constraints** 

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**Bender Constraints** 

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# 13. Modifying Pipe Routing

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# 14. Finding and Replacing Stocks

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Finding and Replacing Stocks

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Learning Objectives

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# **16. Pipe Utilities**

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# **Pipe Catalog**

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**Material Characteristics** 

Where and How the Material Characteristics are used

# 2. Manufacturers Library

Learning Objectives

Structure of the Library

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**Learning Objectives** 

Accessory Packages

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Creating a new Item

Creating a New Package

Collecting items to package & Setting up quantity of items

Assigning Packages to a Spec (when necessary)

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Defining Type of UDAs

# 5. Naming Conventions - Why You Need Naming Conventions

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Types of Fields in a Naming Convention

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# 6. Pipe Stock Catalog, Size Definitions

Learning Objectives

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Filtering by Units (metric/imperial)

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**Nominal Sizes** 

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Learning Objectives

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Learning Objectives

**End Treatments** 

Learning Objectives

**Creating End Treatments** 

# 8. Pipe Stock Catalog, Create/Edit Pipe Elements

Learning Objectives

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Types/subtypes of Pipe Elements

Common Properties of Stock Types and Sub-Types



#### 9. Specs

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### 10. Catalogs

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Creating a New Catalog

Assigning Stocks to Catalog/Catalogs

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Creating Accessory Packages

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Assigning UDAs to Accessories

Regular Exercise PC-R005

Pipe Benders Catalog

**Learning Objectives** 

**Bending Machines** 

Types of Bending Machines

Parameters of Bending Machines