



FUSION TRAINING IN ESPAÑOL AT MCELROY UNIVERSITY

A dozen students from six countries throughout Latin America traveled to our Tulsa, Okla., headquarters recently to attend a Fusion Inspector Training & Qualification course offered by McElroy University in Spanish. They placed a great value on our training and doing it here gave them the added benefit of seeing who McElroy is “the people and the manufacturing behind it!

We recognize we can promote a more thorough understanding of pipe fusion when we speak the language of our students. The course was taught in Spanish to help ensure they didn’t miss out on any important details due to communication challenges.



Class time was in Art’s Theater, named for McElroy founder Art McElroy, who created McElroy University 35 years ago. It was his vision to provide training to ensure that fusion operators of McElroy equipment were the best and safest in the world. By coming here, our students also had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in our own shop where they were able to see a larger variety of equipment and capabilities.

While fused piping systems are popular throughout Latin America, there is not a formalized system for training and inspection. McElroy's training helps avoid the pitfalls than can happen when the proper fusion methods are not clearly delineated and followed.

Companies with qualified fusion operators are in a better position to educate their clients on the quality and reliability plastic piping systems and what it brings to public infrastructure. By following the recommended standards for pipe fusion, they demonstrate a higher level of professionalism and integrity, resulting in pipelines that are built the right way and last for decades.

Francisco Paz of Dynamic Constructions obtained a two-year certification after passing a written and hands-on test. Francisco has worked with HDPE pipe frequently for telecommunications and electrical conduit work and said he looks forward to expanding into more infrastructure projects for new water lines in growing Panama City. With horizontal directional drilling (HDD) as one of their many services, he said his company will be able to offer the perfect long-lasting, leak-free solution with less disruption to streets.

Muchas gracias to our students from Costa Rica, Panama, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Argentina!



NEW HYDRAULIC PIPE STANDS VIDEO



See the latest innovations in McElroy's Pipe Stands with hydraulic power!



NEW ASTM STANDARD PROMOTES HEAT FUSION EQUIPMENT TRAINING

ASTM has adopted a new international standard — F3190-16 Standard Practice for Heat Fusion Equipment (HFE) Operator Qualification on Polyethylene (PE) and Polyamide (PA) Pipe and Fittings.

This is great news for everyone connected to the fusible pipe industry as it now provides a criteria for training which will help promote competency and consistency in the operators as well as the quality of the infrastructure.



“The goal is to have strong, leak-free plastic piping systems installed that will last 50 years or more,” said past ASTM F17.20 Subcommittee on Joining Chairman Jim Craig of Jim Craig Consulting. “The main way to accomplish this is by ensuring that the people who are heat fusing the pipes are qualified to do the work properly to the specified joining standard.”

KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED FUSION OPERATORS NOW INCLUDE:

- Completion of a classroom or internet training course from a HFE operator training organization on the specific brand and size range of fusion machine to be used
 - Passing a written exam with questions on a variety of topics including health and safety, pipe information, procedures, equipment information, visual inspection and destructive testing of butt fusion joints
 - Passing a performance evaluation showing that pipe is fused to the proper standard (fusion joints must pass visual inspection as well as destructive or non-destructive tests)
 - Obtaining a HFE operator’s qualification card from the training organization
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MORE ANSWERS...

TO YOUR WEBSITE FAQs



Here's a few tips to make sure you are finding everything you need on our new website. Please contact us at marketing@mcelroy.com for more information.

Q IS THERE A SEARCH FEATURE ON THE SITE?

A Yes. This was one of the top features our users suggested! While in the Fusion Equipment section of our site, you will see the search symbol in the top-right of our menu. You even have the option to filter your search by checking either Underground/Construction (for polyethylene pipe products) or Mechanical/HVAC/Plumbing (for polypropylene pipe products).

Q HOW TO I FIND THE PARTS FINDER?

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We have built redundancy into the system so that you can easily find the Parts Finder from most any page you visit. Here are several routes to the Parts Finder:

THE FOLLOWING METHODS CAN BE FOUND ON EVERY PAGE OF THE FUSION EQUIPMENT SITE:

- As with the previous site, clicking on any part number will take you to the Parts Finder
- You'll find a Parts Finder link in the dark grey header on the top row of tabs
- Under the Service & Support menu, select "Find Parts"
- In the footer that sticks to the bottom of your screen, click "Find Parts"

HERE ARE EVEN MORE WAYS TO GET TO THE PARTS FINDER:

- From the Fusion Equipment Home Page, scroll to bottom of the page to enter a part number and click on "Explore Parts Finder"
- While visiting product pages in either "Underground/Construction" OR "Mechanical/HVAC/Plumbing," you'll find a Parts Finder ad/link just below the product's "Specifications"

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