

## Newsletter – February 17, 2016

### Documentation Updates

**EXCEL TRIBOMETERS, LLC** is creating more detailed instructions for all aspects of the English XL VIT. We will periodically update these guides to address any additional information that needs to be included. Please download a fresh copy each year or when notified there is a new version.

A large number of instruments received for the annual instrument calibration are packed poorly, exposing the instrument, tiles, or Sander to potential damage during shipping. In the past, we included the packing and shipping instructions in the body of the Newsletter. We are now including the document on our website. This guide is available in PDF format in the [English XL Pack and Ship Guide](#).

The Sander was developed to consistently produce the 0.20 ( $\pm 0.03$ ) wet on the English XL Calibration Tile. This value has been the calibration value used in the many round-robins and research papers that have repeatedly proven the efficacy of the English XL VIT. All certified calibration tiles have an assigned value based on the Sander. We have greatly expanded the Sander User Guide to include steps enhancing its ease of use. This guide is available in PDF format in the [English XL VIT Sander User Guide](#).

The first update to the English XL VIT User Guide in nearly four years is coming soon. The English XL VIT will produce extraordinarily accurate and repeatable results in the meaningful range of slip resistance values for real-world walkway surfaces, and will properly assess and rank the real-world risk for human slip and fall injury events, if the instrument is properly maintained and used according to the English XL VIT User Guide.

### Next CXL Program: March 10, 2016 – Tampa, FL

The next CXL Certification Program will be conducted by **EXCEL TRIBOMETERS, LLC** on Thursday, March 10, 2016 in Tampa, FL. The class will be held at the Tampa Airport Marriott, where a block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$249.00 per night for the night of March 9. We recommend reserving your rooms as soon as possible if you are planning to stay overnight. Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at 800-228-9290.

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Tampa International Airport, 4200 George J. Bean Parkway  
Tampa, Florida 33607 USA  
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The current program is constantly being improved with expanded sciences and extensive hands-on instruction with the instrument to maximize the value of your investment. First time CXL program participants, experienced English XL users wanting a refresher, as well as CXL's choosing to retake the course and test to maintain their current status, have all touted the program.

To read comments received, check out: [CXL Program Testimonials](#)

### **All English XL VIT Owners Should Consider the CXL Program**

We encourage anyone who uses an English XL VIT but has never attended the CXL Program to do so. Participation helps to ensure your competence and understanding of the sciences and principles of walkway safety and slip resistance metering. It also teaches and reinforces the proper and accurate use of the English XL VIT. Please consider the importance of your participation in this program.

Holding the CXL certification assures your recognition and respect as an expert who is knowledgeable, competent, and proficient in walkway safety, meaningful tribometry, and in the use of the English XL VIT. Anyone needing to perform a competent risk assessment of a walkway or evaluate flooring and footwear products, needs to establish a strong foundation in the principles of safety engineering, the sciences of walkway safety, the scientific and mechanical aspects of the available slipmeters, and the effects of reasonably foreseeable variables on the performance of walkways and slipmeters. The certification also shows that the CXL had extensive hands-on instruction in the proper use of the English XL VIT and proved his or her proficiency with the most respected slipmeter.

Please be sure to review the updated and expanded [CXL Certification Program](#) on the **EXCEL TRIBOMETERS, LLC** website. On-site programs are available for organizations with a large staff interested in tribometry and walkway safety.

### **CXL's – Update Contact Information**

We do our best to send email reminders to alert you when the renewal process should be completed. Please make sure you keep us up to date with your contact information.

The CXL certification has become a recognized, respected and significant credential in the world of walkway safety and meaningful tribometry. **EXCEL TRIBOMETERS, LLC** is regularly contacted by attorneys and other parties to verify whether people representing themselves in court as CXL's are current and in good standing.

We value your input and questions and look forward to hearing from you. All of your comments and concerns are welcome and will be thoroughly addressed. Your communications are treated with respect and kept in the strictest of confidence. You may contact Peter directly at (757) 897-2853 or by email at [pwidas@exceltribometers.com](mailto:pwidas@exceltribometers.com).

Thank you for your participation in the continuing efforts for advancements in the field of walkway safety and meaningful tribometry.

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