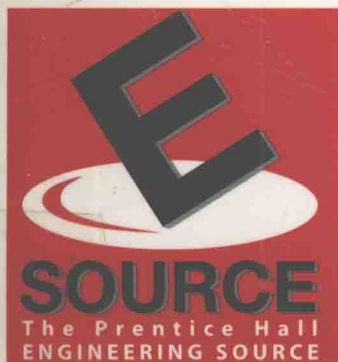


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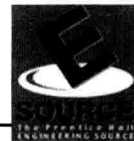
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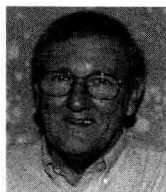
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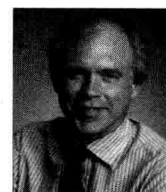
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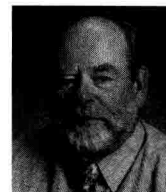
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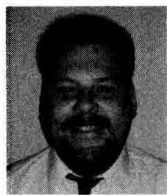
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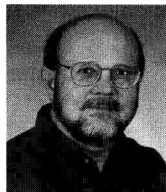
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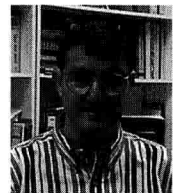
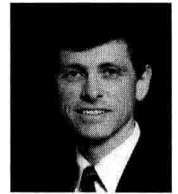


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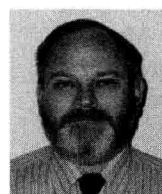
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Engineering Graphics

OVERVIEW

Engineering designs start as images in the mind's eye of an engineer. Engineering graphics has evolved to communicate and record these ideas on paper both two- and three-dimensionally. In the past few decades, the computer has made it possible to automate the creation of engineering graphics. Today engineering design and engineering graphics are inextricably connected. Engineering design is communicated visually using engineering graphics.

1.1 THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGINEERING GRAPHICS

“Visualizing” a picture or image in your mind is a familiar experience. The image can be visualized at many different levels of abstraction. Think about light and you might see the image of a light bulb in your “mind’s eye.” Alternatively, you might think about light versus dark. Or you might visualize a flashlight or table lamp. Such visual thinking is necessary in engineering and science. Albert Einstein said that he rarely thought in words. Instead, he laboriously translated his visual images into verbal and mathematical terms.

Visual thinking is a foundation of engineering. Walter P. Chrysler, founder of the automobile company, recounted his experience as an apprentice machinist where he built a model locomotive that existed “within my mind so real, so complete, that it seemed to have three dimensions there.”

SECTIONS

- 1.1 The Importance of Engineering Graphics
- 1.2 Engineering Graphics
- 1.3 CAD
- 1.4 Design and CAD

OBJECTIVES

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

- Describe visual thinking
- Differentiate perspective, isometric, and orthographic projections
- Understand the basis of CAD
- Understand the relationship between design and CAD

Yet, the complexity of today's technology rarely permits a single person to build a device from his own visual image. The images must be conveyed to other engineers and designers. In addition, those images must be constructed in such a way that they are in a readily recognizable, consistent, and readable format. This assures that the visual ideas are clearly and unambiguously conveyed to others. *Engineering graphics* is a highly stylized way of presenting images of parts or assemblies.

A major portion of engineering information is recorded and transmitted using engineering graphics. In fact, 92 percent of the design process is graphically based. Written and verbal communications along with mathematics account for the remaining eight percent. To demonstrate the effectiveness of engineering graphics compared to a written description try to visualize an ice scraper based on this word description:

An ice scraper is generally in the shape of a $140 \times 80 \times 10$ mm rectangular prism. One end is beveled from zero thickness to the maximum thickness in a length of 40 mm to form a sharp edge. The opposite end is semicircular. A 20 mm diameter hole is positioned so the center of the hole is 40 mm from the semicircular end and 40 mm from either side of the scraper.

It is evident immediately that the shape of the ice scraper is much more easily visualized from the graphical representation shown in Figure 1.1 than from the word description. Humans grasp information much more quickly when that information is presented in a graphical or visual form rather than as a word description.

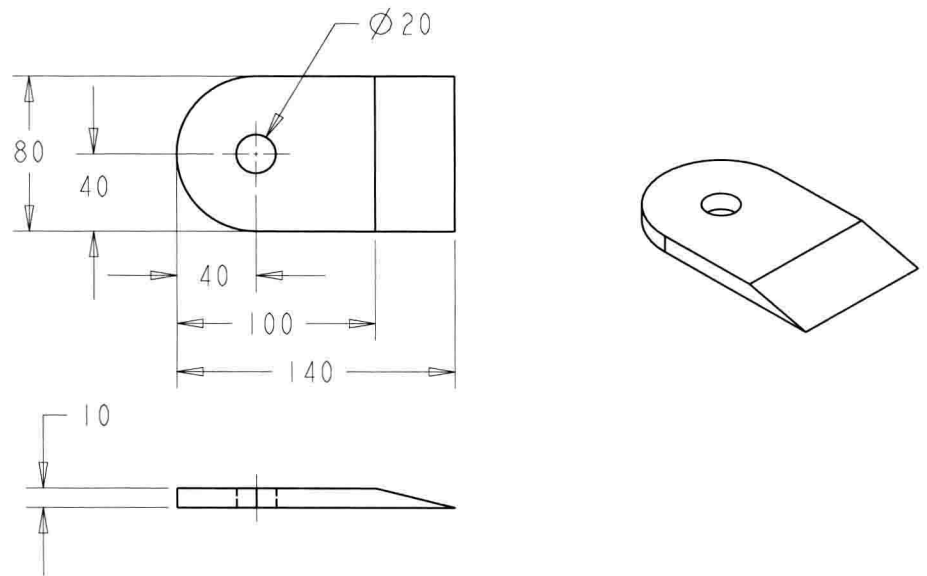


Figure 1.1.

Engineering drawings, whether done using a pencil and paper or a computer, start with a blank page or screen. The engineer's mind's eye image must be transferred to the paper or computer screen. The creative nature of this activity is similar to that of an artist. Perhaps the greatest example of this is Leonardo da Vinci, who had exceptional engineering creativity devising items such as parachutes and ball bearings, shown in Figure 1.2, hundreds of years before they were re-invented. He also had exceptional artistic talent, creating some of the most famous pictures ever painted such as *Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*.