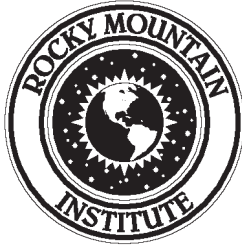


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The most significant change in the new CD-ROM is the addition of more than 100 additional case studies, bringing the total to more than 200. The case studies from the previous version were updated with expanded information. In addition, the photographs are larger and clearer thanks to advances in technology. The general information in such areas as design, financing and further research has been updated as well.

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