

R-V's Welder Training Goes Virtual

Honey Brook, PA - R-V Industries, Inc. has acquired the leading welding simulation technology. The GMAW SimWelder™ from VRSim provides a virtual welding experience. R-V has developed a training program for new welders using the simulator as a preliminary tool to improve training effectiveness.

“Along with implementing the SimWelder™ into our training for our new welders, we also want to attract motivated individuals in the local area who possess mechanical aptitude and hand-eye skills but who may not have considered welding as a career option,” said President and CEO Kirk Putt. “Athletes, mechanics and kids who grew up playing Xbox and Wii have an opportunity to transition those hand-eye skills into something that provides a steady income in a challenging economy.”

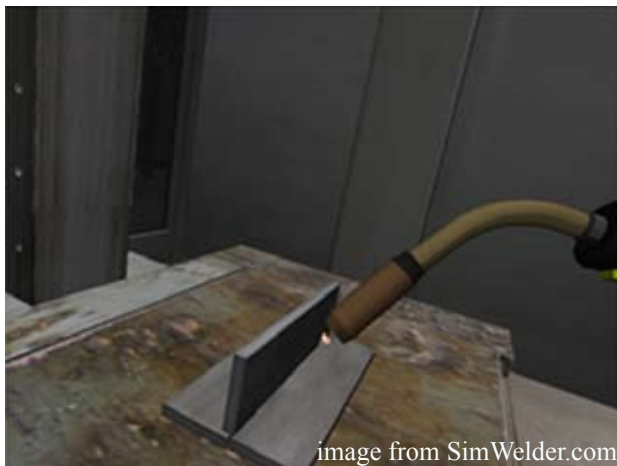
“Many schools have done a disservice to students by discouraging a career in the skilled trades. Welding provides excellent income potential and high demand due to the amount of welders who will retire in the next ten years. We have made a significant investment in welding equipment, safety and health to develop and attract the top talent in the industry.”

The SimWelder™ has many benefits when

compared to traditional shop-floor teaching methods. Before welding begins, the computer is calibrated to the instructors preferred specifications, such as travel speed and angle. After welding begins, a detailed graph depicting travel speed, work and travel angle, tip to work distance, and torch aim vector is created for each weld pass. From this graph, the instructor is able to evaluate each trainee's performance and give tips to improve his/her welding skills. Each simulator comes with authentic welding audio and a live screen showing what the student is seeing in the helmet, so the instructor can guide the student in real time.

Founded in 1974 by Ronald Putt and Victor Dodd, R-V Industries, headquartered in Honey Brook, PA, is a leading metal fabrication company. With three manufacturing facilities and over 250 employees, R-V is a complete manufacturing company specializing in power plant equipment, paper mill machinery, life science equipment, and pressure vessel construction, with custom fabrication capabilities in all areas.

Interested candidates who would like to try out the SimWelder™ or want more information should contact Robert Hamm, R-V Industries, at 610-273-2457 ext. 229, or email RobH@rvii.com to schedule a visit.



View from inside the hood

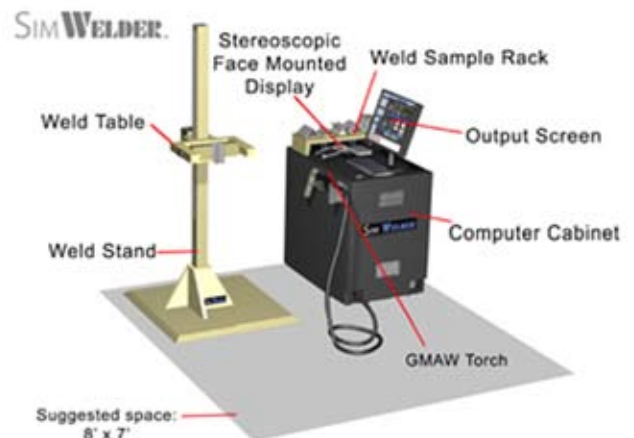


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