

It's kind of strange when you think about job descriptions and careers and how they have changed over the years. Take engineers for example, there is virtually nothing that we use in everyday life that an engineer has not had a hand in. We have mechanical, civil, software, chemical, biomedical, electrical, aerospace, and industrial engineers to name a few. They all have something in common, a desire to discover. The following pages will give you an insight to how engineers think. This is Part 1 of 2:

## **Understanding Engineers P-1**

- Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want." The first engineer nodded

approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

- To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.
- A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!" The group fell silent for

a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

- What's the difference between mechanical engineer and civil engineer? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.