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GLASS REPAIR TRAINING COURSES BY GLASWELD UNIVERSITY CHANGE FORMAT FOR 2009

New live classes focus on Advanced Techniques for glass repair; complement GlasWeld's New Distance Learning Program

05 March 2009 (Bend, Oregon) – GlasWeld, an international solutions provider for the glass repair industry, has changed the format of its live, hands-on training courses for 2009. With the launch of its new Distance Learning Program, glass repair technicians can now go online to complete initial training, which is a prerequisite for the live training classes. GlasWeld University courses complement the online program with advanced training techniques and hands-on instruction with a GlasWeld professional. The next session is slated for March 20-21, 2009 in Las Vegas.

“Because our basic training is now available through the new Distance Learning Program, we can offer a different live class format for the glass repair professional,” said Chris Boyle, director of training for GlasWeld. “Advanced techniques are best taught in person, so these new two-day classes will help technicians build their skills for every possible repair situation.”

Boyle has operated a glass repair only business for more than eight years. His experience in the field, as GlasWeld’s lead trainer and as an active participant in GlasWeld’s research and development department, combined with ready access to more than 100+ years of industry knowledge from GlasWeld staff, make Boyle one of the most experienced glass restoration professionals in the world.

GlasWeld University sessions will cover repairs that reach the full extent allowed under the ROLAGS national windshield repair standard. Attendees will participate in real-world scenarios covering issues like long crack repair, damage contamination, advanced drilling techniques and how to repair damage that has been improperly filled. This is the first advanced training program of its kind in the world. All of the glass damage will be conditioned in an accelerated weatherometer to simulate real world conditions.

Boyle continued, “Our courses allow us to impart knowledge that our staff has gained from more than 100 years combined experience of both performing glass repairs and providing technical support to our customers in many different situations.”

Interested parties can sign up for the Distance Learning Program at www.glasweld.com/Gconnect. After successfully completing this program, individuals are eligible for GlasWeld University live courses, being held the third Friday and Saturday of each month in Las Vegas. For a complete schedule, see www.glasweld.com/university.

About GlasWeld

Based in Bend, Oregon, GlasWeld provides complete glass repair solutions—from revolutionary equipment to unparalleled training programs and technical support—for both flat glass and auto glass. The company’s flagship *Gforce* Scratch Removal System for glass scratch removal and *G3fusion* Auto Glass Repair System for windshield repair are distributed worldwide through an international distribution network. GlasWeld’s product lines have been developed based on decades of industry research, development and customer feedback. Because glass repair is intrinsically sustainable, GlasWeld has integrated creative, tangible environmental initiatives into its daily operations, including ongoing education for the greater glass industry. For more information, visit <http://www.glasweld.com>

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