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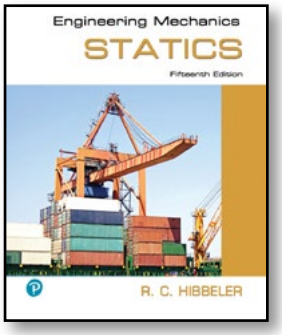

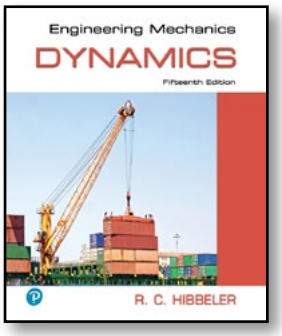

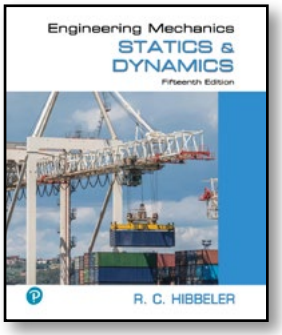

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for considering the 15th Edition of *Engineering Mechanics*. My main purpose in writing these books is to provide students with a clear and thorough presentation of the theory and application of statics and dynamics. With each edition, I have been fortunate to have supporting comments and suggestions from many reviewers in the teaching profession, as well as many additional comments provided by my students.

Within these books, I have tried to incorporate realistic situations the student will face in the profession in order to enhance their conceptual understanding. Photo-realistic imagery and renderings combined with photographs are used in the examples to illustrate crucial concepts and explain how the relevant principles apply to real-world situations.

Procedure for Analysis is a unique feature that provides the student with a logical and orderly method for applying theory and building problem-solving skills. At the beginning of the book, a general procedure for analyzing any sort of problem is presented, and each following procedure is customized for a specific problem type.

During these past years, I have also developed three different types of videos that complement the books. The first set of videos summarizes key concepts and theory presented in the book in question format and provides opportunities for students to check their understanding of the material. The second set gives students the opportunity to test their understanding of the example problems as I review the solutions with them, asking questions along the way. And the third set provides an engaging process for solving the Fundamental Problems throughout the book.

I thank you for your consideration of this latest edition of *Engineering Mechanics*. And, as always, I would greatly appreciate hearing from you if at any time you have any comments, suggestions, or issues related to any matters regarding this edition.

Please feel free to reach me at hibbeler@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,

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