

# **NEWS THIS MONTH**

#### YOUR SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS ROCK-BREAKING



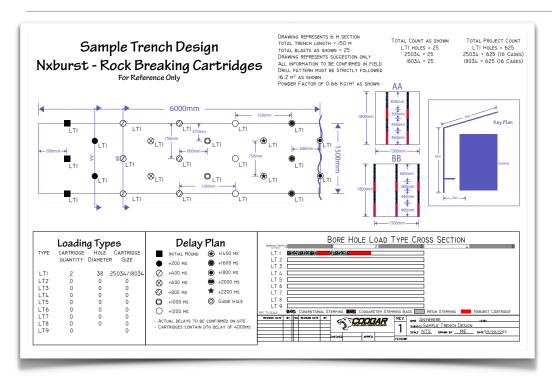








#### DO YOU HAVE A BIG PROJECT ON YOUR DESK?



There is nothing more important when blasting than planning, having a clear picture of exactly what is going to be drilled, and how the blast will develop. A proper design will allow for accurate pricing and planning, ensuring the blasting contractor there will be no surprises once the work has commenced.

Providing a clear and

understandable design helps engineers and blaster's helpers alike to execute a job properly and efficiently. The level of professionalism a blasting contractor can display by providing designs to the job is sometimes unmatched, especially in smaller jobs. There is an added bonus to blast designs, it provides you with a library and volume of work that can serve as a constant resource for future work. Accurate post-blast notes added to the file makes you and your efforts faster, accurate and more profitable. One of the biggest efforts we make at Coogar Sales & Services is to provide value and technical support to our customers, when you need help planning a blast or setting up logistics for one, we are always here to help.

## **NXBURST TRAINING**

Although winter is desperate to hang around, now is a good time to register your interest in Nxburst training. We will be setting up training sessions later this month in preparation of the 2023 season. Our Nxburst training sessions will give you the knowledge and confidence to tackle your next rock removal project.

### **Theoretical Training Module**

The storage of Nxburst in Canada is regulated by Natural Resources Canada's Explosive Regulatory Division and by the ATF in the USA. In both countries it is important that Nxburst is stored correctly. In the most extreme cases significant penalties and consequences can arise from the improper storage of explosives resulting from theft to accidents. Users of Nxburst have a legal responsibility to provide care and control to any Nxburst cartridges in their possession. The theoretical portion covers the storage requirements in great detail to ensure trainees adhere to their legal obligations. Blasting is also a very complex operation and no two projects are the same. We spend a lot of time covering rock-breaking concepts, the methodology behind breaking rock, drill patterns and most importantly the environmental and safety impacts that need to be controlled.

### **Practical Training Module**

In this instance talk is not cheap, it is however not sufficient. Practical hands-on teaching is mandatory for achieving your Nxburst Certification. Actually loading cartridges in boreholes and implementing the procedures that were discussed in the theoretical module bring life to classroom discussions. Blast area control procedures, warning procedures and most importantly igniting a circuit of loaded holes



become real, and provides a better understanding of the different aspects and complexities that need to be understood to be properly implemented.

We will be sending out training dates to all the registered trainees later this month. If you are interested in attending an Nxburst course this spring, by registering your intention now we'll be able to notify you of upcoming training sessions. If you have enough trainees, we can schedule a training on your site, anywhere in North America. Email us at <a href="mailto:Training@Coogarsales.Com">Training@Coogarsales.Com</a>