# ATGL-2330: TRANSITS, LEVELING INSTRUMENTS, AND LASERS

# **Cuyahoga Community College**

# Viewing: ATGL-2330 : Transits, Leveling Instruments, and Lasers

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Subject Code ATGL - Appld Indus Tech - Glazing

Course Number:

2330

Title:

Transits, Leveling Instruments, and Lasers

#### **Catalog Description:**

Use of transits, levels and lasers for glazing installation including elements of instruments; types of instruments; care and handling; setting up, leveling, and using instruments; and specific applications of leveling and installation.

Credit Hour(s):

2

Lecture Hour(s):

2

# Requisites

**Prerequisite and Corequisite** 

ATPT-1300 Introduction to Painting, Drywall Finishing and Glazing, and ATGL-1330 Hand Tools for Glaziers; or departmental approval.

# **Outcomes**

#### Course Outcome(s):

I. Identify the different elements of a transit and a level

#### **Objective(s):**

- 1. Understanding what a telescope is
- 2. Determining if the Leveling vial is level
- 3. Establishing the Circle
- 4. Establishing the Vernier
- 5. Reading a Plumb bob

## Course Outcome(s):

II. Types of Instruments

#### Objective(s):

- 1. Differentiating when to use a Level
- 2. Differentiating when to use a Transit

#### Course Outcome(s):

III. Set up an instrument quickly on any type of surface

### Objective(s):

- 1. Determining if the tripod is set-up accurately
- 2. Understanding how to set-up an Instrument

#### Course Outcome(s):

IV. Handling and care

#### Objective(s):

- 1. Realizing how to Handle the Instrument
- 2. Making one aware how to care for the Instrument

#### Course Outcome(s):

V. Use a transit and level to accurately complete a variety of glazing installations

#### Objective(s):

- 1. Learning how to use the Four leveling screw method
- 2. Learning how to use the Three leveling screw method
- 3. Understanding how to read the Leveling rod
- 4. Using a transit
- 5. Understanding how to Read a transit
- 6. Establishing how to Install sliding glass door track

#### Methods of Evaluation:

- 1. Quizzes
- 2. Exams
- 3. Classroom participation
- 4. Demonstration of project assignments

#### **Course Content Outline:**

- 1. Elements of a transit and level
  - a. Telescope
    - i. Optics
    - ii. Magnification
    - iii. Zoom
    - iv. Lens
  - b. Leveling vial
    - i. Bubble
    - ii. More accurate
    - iii. Symmetrical in shape
    - iv. Aligned and centered
  - c. Circle
    - i. Horizontal circle
      - 1. Establishes horizontal angles
    - ii. Vertical circle
      - 1. Establishes vertical circles
  - d. Vernier
    - i. Stationary auxiliary scale
    - ii. Uniformly graduated
    - iii. Graduated to a fractional part
  - e. Plumb bob and optical plummets
    - i. Plumb bob
      - 1. Used to position over a selected point
      - 2. Plumb bob has tapered body
      - 3. Can be difficult to use
      - ii. Optical plummet

- 1. Small prismatic telescope
- 2. Adjusted with vertical axis
- 2. Types of instruments
- a. Levels
  - i. Dumpy levels
    - 1. Simplest of levels
    - 2. Most rugged
    - 3. Swings in horizontal circle
    - 4. Doesn't move vertically
  - ii. Self-leveling
    - 1. Line level
    - 2. Dot level
    - 3. Rotating level
  - b. Transits
    - i. Builders transit
      - 1. Most common
      - 2. Also a dumpy level
      - 3. Leveled with 3 or 4 thumb screws
  - c. Engineers transit
  - i. More complex
    - ii. Highly accurate
    - iii. Rotates horizontally and vertically
    - iv. Magnification is higher
- 3. Setting up
  - a. Tripod
    - i. Sloping surfaces
      - 1. Use extra care
      - 2. use adjustable leg tripod
      - 3. one leg uphill and two legs downhill
    - ii. soft surfaces
      - 1. drive 3 stakes in the ground
      - 2. form equilateral triangle
      - 3. take precautions to prevent slipping
    - iii. smooth or slippery surfaces
      - 1. use caution
      - 2. maintain a stable base
      - 3. use wood frame to set up in
  - b. Instrument
    - i. transit
      - 1. screw baseplate to tripod
      - 2. don't over tighten
      - 3. screw on straight
- 4. Care and handling
  - a. Handling
    - i. Transporting
      - 1. Transport in proper case
      - 2. Set on cushioned seat when in vehicle
      - 3. Never transport on a hard surface
    - ii. Use
      - 1. Leave in case until ready to use
    - Set up tripod first
    - iii. Leveling screws
      - 1. Tighten until firm
      - 2. Don't over tighten
      - 3. Strips easily
  - b. Carrying a tripod mounted instrument
    - i. Carry under arm
    - ii. Keep facing front
    - iii. Never carry on shoulder
  - c. Care

- i. Keep covered
- ii. Never leave in sun
- iii. Don't touch scales with bare hands
- iv. Use lightly oiled cloth to clean
- 5. Leveling the instrument
  - a. 4 leveling screw method
    - i. Turn instrument until bubble is centered
    - ii. Adjust screws in opposing pairs
    - iii. Turn 90 degrees using the second pair of screws
    - iv. Turn instrument to the original position
    - v. Repeat until bubble remains centered
  - b. 3 leveling screw method
    - i. Leveled in similar fashion
    - ii. Turn 90 degrees
    - iii. Repeat until bubble is centered
  - c. Leveling rod
    - i. Measuring device
      - 1. Used to measure vertical distance
      - 2. Focused on when sighting
      - 3. Common graduated upward
  - d. Using a transit or level
    - i. Control points
      - 1. Stakes
      - 2. Monuments
      - 3. Benchmarks
  - e. Reading transits
    - i. Horizontal circle
      - 1. Read in degrees
      - 2. Numbered clockwise and counter-clockwise
      - 3. From 0 degrees to 90 degrees
    - ii. Vertical circle
      - 1. Read in degrees
      - 2. Numbered clockwise and counter-clockwise
      - 3. From 0 degrees to 90 degrees
  - f. Vernier
    - i. Secondary scale
    - ii. Provides further division of units
    - iii. Attains greater accuracy
  - g. Installing sliding glass door track
  - i. Set in finished floor
    - 1. Flush with floor
    - 2. Determine height of floor
    - 3. Position and secure track
    - 4. Check for level
    - 5. Shim if required
    - ii. establish level line
      - 1. Set up instrument
      - 2. Hold tape against wall
      - 3. Sight tape
      - 4. Acknowledge mark
      - 5. Pivot Instrument to mark other areas
    - iii. Transferring the benchmark
      - 1. Find benchmark
        - 2. Hold tape on benchmark
        - 3. Record measurement
        - 4. Transfer mark

# Resources

Finishing Trades Institute. Transits and Leveling Instruments. 1st. 7230 Parkway Drive Hanover, Md 21076: Finishing trades Institute,

Finishing Trades Institute. Using Transits and levels. 7230 Parkway Drive Hanover, Md 21076: Finishing trades Institute ,

Finishing Trades Institute. Aquariums/ Shower Doors Tub Enclosures and Showcases. 1st. 7230 Parkway Drive Hanover, Md 21076: Finishing trades Institute ,

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