



Library Quick Tips

Compendex and Referex

In order to	How	Example	Result
Search for a term	Enter a term in the search box and click 'Search'	<i>blowouts</i>	List of resources that contain the word <i>blowouts</i>
Search for more than one term in the same resource (to narrow search results)	Enter terms in the first two boxes, and leave the drop-down box at ' and '	<i>blowouts</i> in the first box and <i>well pumps</i> in the second box	List of items that contain both the term <i>blowouts</i> and the term <i>well pumps</i>
Search for an exact phrase (to narrow search results)	Enter a phrase in the first box. Use double quotes.	" <i>horizontal drilling</i> "	List of items that contain the exact phrase <i>horizontal drilling</i>
Search for either of two terms (to broaden search results)	Change the drop-down box to ' or ' between your terms	" <i>horizontal drilling</i> " or " <i>horizontal wells</i> "	List of articles that contain either <i>horizontal drilling</i> or <i>horizontal wells</i>
Limit your search results by date range	Under the search boxes, choose limits appropriate to your search	Select 2000 to 2008	List of articles published between 2000 and 2008
Limit your search results by document type (journal article, monograph chapter, dissertation, etc.), or treatment (applications, biographical, economic, etc.)	Under the search boxes, choose limits appropriate to your search (only available if just Compendex is selected)	Click 'Conference Proceeding'	List of conference proceedings on the topic
Broaden your search results	Enter the "root" of a term in the find box with an asterisk (*)	<i>comput*</i>	List of articles that contain <i>computer</i> , <i>computers</i> , <i>computerize</i> and/or <i>computerization</i> .

HELP

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