

tion of a 1903 railway station in Danbury, Connecticut. Roger Pitt Whitcomb restores historical buildings like railroad stations, mansion fire houses, and even an occasional ja Each project requires a thorough study

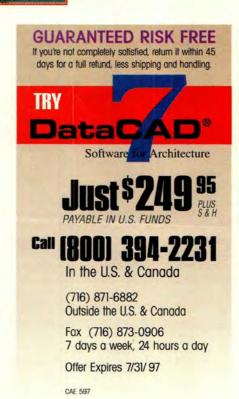
buildings like railroad stations, mansions, fire houses, and even an occasional jail. Each project requires a thorough study of the building's history, a sharp eye for detail, and an implementation of state and fire safety regulations. His software: DataCAD.

"DataCAD's got lots of bells and whistles," he says, "but frankly, I don't use many of them. It's the basics that make it better. I've tried other programs that claim they're for architects, but when it comes down to the most ordinary tasks, they are awkward and time-consuming."

In Roger's line of work, accuracy is especially critical. DataCAD gives him a double-check on his field measurements, so he never has to redraw. when I do change a drawing, either because I don't like the design or because the client wants to change it, it's like word processing," he says. "I change the parameters and DataCAD redraws them. If you want it built right the first time, that's the smart way to do it."

His advice to beginning CAD users, "Get started, stay with it ... and read the manual."

"If you're the kind of architect who needs to do plan details and elevation drawings, I recommend DataCAD. It's an excellent tool. Even the manuals are pretty darn good. After more than ten years, I'd do it all over again."



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