Blast Design Fundamentals Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	General Training	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

- Master Empirical Modeling.
- Implement Mine-to-Mill Optimization.
- Control Environmental Vibrations.
- Optimize Explosive Energy Utilization.
- Execute Advanced Wall Control.
- Deploy Electronic Detonation Systems
- Mitigate Flyrock Hazards
- Leverage Digitalization and AI.
- Analyze Rock Mass Characterization.
- Manage Airblast and Noise Overpressure.
- Conduct Post-Blast Audits.
- Ensure Regulatory Compliance.
- Optimize Total Cost of Ownership (TCO.

Target Audience Profiles

1. Mining and Quarry Engineers.
2. Blasting Supervisors and Foremen.
3. Geotechnical Engineers.
4. Explosives Technical Service Representatives
5. Project Managers in Civil Infrastructure.
6. Health, Safety, and Environmental (HSE) Officers.
7. Regulatory Authorities and Mine Inspectors.
8. Drilling Contractors and Operators

Course Modules

Module 1: Rock Mass Characterization & Explosive Mechanics

- Mechanics of rock breakage.
- Geological structural mapping.
- Thermodynamic properties of commercial explosives.
- Matching explosive energy to rock type
- Water resistance and shelf-life dynamics of modern chemical blasting agents.

- **Case Study:** *Analysis of an open-pit operation that reduced explosive consumption by 14% by switching from standard ANFO to a decoupled bulk emulsion matrix in highly jointed, water-bearing basalt.*

Module 2: Blast Geometry Design & Geometric Parameters

- Calculating critical burden and spacing using modern empirical formulas.
- Sub-drilling and stemming depth optimization to prevent cratering and toe formation.
- The impact of bench height-to-burden ratios on spatial fragmentation distribution.
- Angled drilling vs. vertical drilling
- Volume and tonnage calculations per hole and per blast event.
- **Case Study:** *A limestone quarry elimination of persistent floor "toes" and high secondary blasting costs by redesigning the sub-drilling metrics and introducing laser face profiling.*

Module 3: Initiation Systems & Advanced Timing Sequences

- Comparative analysis of initiation systems
- The science of delay timing
- Designing initiation sequences for optimal spatial displacement and muckpile profiling.
- Utilizing electronic detonator precision to alter signature vibration frequencies.
- Scatter factor minimization and its direct correlation to uniform fragmentation.
- **Case Study:** *An iron ore mine leverages electronic detonators to shift blast vibration frequencies away from a nearby historical village's natural resonant frequency, successfully unlocking a blocked ore reserve.*

Module 4: Wall Control & Controlled Blasting Techniques

- The mechanics of presplitting.
- Smooth blasting and cushion blasting techniques for final civil excavations and underground drifting.
- Line drilling parameters for ultra-sensitive perimeter control without explosive charges.
- Mitigating blast-induced micro-fractures in remaining highwalls to ensure long-term slope stability.
- Assessment of overbreak, half-cast factors, and backbreak using structural mapping tools.
- **Case Study:** *A gold mine deep-pit expansion successfully prevents highwall structural failure and rockfalls along a critical haul road using an engineered presplit and trim blast design.*

Module 5: Environmental Impacts: Vibration & Airblast Mitigation

- Wave propagation theory.
- Establishing site-specific scaled distance equations and PPV regression curves.
- Airblast overpressure generation mechanisms: air focus, venting, and structural response.
- Seismograph deployment strategies: sensor coupling, multi-channel recording, and data analysis.
- Implementing frequency-dependent compliance criteria
- **Case Study:** *An aggregate quarry adjacent to a high-density urban zone avoids legal injunctions by using signature hole analysis to execute destructive interference waveforms, reducing peak vibrations by 40%.*

Module 6: Flyrock Mechanics & Safety Management

- Root causes of flyrock
- Analytical modeling for maximum flyrock throw distance estimation.
- Designing optimal stemming material specifications
- Establishing rigorous blast clearance zones, exclusion perimeters, and sentry protocols.

- Incident investigation frameworks and root-cause analysis for blast-related misfires or safety breaches.
- **Case Study:** *A civil road-cut project safely clears 50,000 cubic meters of rock within 50 meters of an active interstate highway using specialized blasting mats, strict burden verification, and precise 3D trajectory simulations.*

Module 7: Digitalization, Drone Technology & Post-Blast Analytics

- UAV photogrammetry and LiDAR integration for rapid, high-accuracy 3D bench face profiling.
- Digital fragmentation assessment using AI-driven optical imaging software
- Muckpile profiling: measuring cast, looseness, and diggability for shovel efficiency optimization.
- High-speed videography analysis for timing verification, stemming retention, and face velocity tracking.
- Integrating Measurement-While-Drilling real-time data into blast design optimization software.
- **Case Study:** *A copper mine increases excavator digging rates by 22% by utilizing drone-based fragmentation analysis to adjust real-time burden configurations for changing geological domains.*

Module 8: Blast Economics & Mine-to-Mill Integration

- The Mine-to-Mill philosophy: understanding the total cost trade-offs between drilling/blasting and crushing/grinding.
- Calculating specific charge and its direct economic relationship to mill throughput.
- Quantifying the hidden costs of poor blast design: secondary breakage, excessive wear on liners, and shovel idle times.
- Evaluating the Total Cost of Ownership of premium initiation systems vs. conventional systems.
- Developing KPIs and continuous improvement loops for long-term drilling and blasting sustainability.
- **Case Study:** *A large-scale gold operation invests $300,000 annually in advanced electronic blasting, yielding a downstream mill energy savings of $2.4M due to a highly optimized, finer fragmentation feed profile.*

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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