

SEARCH TIPS FOR TRID - the TRIS and ITRD Database

Search Hints

- TRID searches for all terms in a query. To search for a phrase, enclose the phrase within quotes. Example “traffic signals”
- TRID does not automatically search singular and plural forms of a word. To search for word variations, use an asterisk (*) after a partial word. Example: *sign** retrieves *sign, signs, signals, signalization*
- To combine words in a search, use OR, AND, or NOT between words or phrases
- To search multiple terms, a nested search can be performed by enclosing a search within parentheses. Example: *(plow* or salt*) and “snow removal”*

Keyword Search

- This field searches all of the indexed fields in TRID which include title, abstract, notes, index terms, subject areas, record accession numbers (both TRIS and ITRD), authors/corporate authors, serial or conference names, paper/report/contract/grant numbers.

Advanced Search/Filters

- The advanced search, or Filters, allows searching of specific fields including title, persons, agencies or publishers, serial or conference, index term, or subject areas
- The **Abstract** field searches only the abstracts from publications or projects.
- When searching for a person, enter the last/family name and the first/given name or initial if known
- Entering terms in multiple fields automatically searches for all terms in the query
- Searches can be limited by date, language, or source
- Index terms are terms from the Transportation Research Thesaurus (TRT). Begin typing an index term. Matching terms will appear in a drop-down list from which you can select terms. Best matches will appear first. Results will include non-preferred terms that have been assigned to the preferred TRT term. More than one term may be selected. The default Boolean operator is OR. To search uncontrolled terms or ITRD thesaurus terms, use the Keyword Search as described above in **Keyword Search** and **Search Hints** or use the **Global Free-text Index Term** field
- The **Global Free-text Index Term** field searches all Index Terms including: terms from the Transportation Research Thesaurus (TRT); Geographic Terms; Identifier Terms and ITRD Terms. It also allows a user to employ Boolean (AND, OR, NOT) logic

More detailed information on searching TRID and explanation of fields is available at trid.trb.org/help.aspx.

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