

# Germany's Keidel Software Establishes Chicago Base for Its Environmentally-Friendly Roof Drainage Solution



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Leading developer of individualized solutions for siphonic roof drainage chooses Chicago representative as first US presence in the all important manufacturing belt



**DrainStar®**  
**Siphonic Calculator**  
... the world's most popular software for Siphonic roof drainage!

The image shows a promotional graphic for DrainStar Siphonic Calculator software. It features the product name in blue text on a dark, cloudy background. The text is arranged in three lines: the brand name with a registered trademark symbol, the product name, and a tagline.

Chicago, Ill., April 09, 2009 - After many successful years developing and distributing individual software solutions to plumbing manufacturers around the world, German-based Keidel Software announces a new US agent, Johannes Lenzhofer, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Lenzhofer has a wide network of contacts, as well as years of experience representing German companies in the US.

"As a center of the manufacturing belt, Chicago is a strategic city for us" explains Rolf H. Keidel, founder of the company. "The DrainStar® Siphonic Calculator helps American roof drain and pipe manufacturers precisely calculate a planned drainage network using their own product information and relevant data. However, it also adds value to the manufacturer's products by providing the data and drawings for construction of the drainage network that their customers can use. The manufacturer becomes a system provider that offers solutions- not just a seller of drains and pipes. This adds great value to the manufacturer's products and brand."

The precision of the DrainStar Siphonic Calculator software also results in cost savings of about 30% on average because the exact drainage performance of the roof runoffs is calculated. The manufacturer easily enters any product information with other key figures about the planned drainage network, and the network plan appears on the computer screen, including all the needed components. The manufacturer decides whether to create bills of material with or without prices, while the data can be converted into estimates or tender offers instantly. The network drawing can easily be transferred to CAD. All country-specific variables can also be used.

"US companies who want to take advantage of government and other incentives for 'green' building projects will recognize the opportunities presented by calculating siphonic drainage networks," adds Mr. Lenzhofer. "By using a siphonic design, LEED™ points are awarded, signifying energy efficient and environmentally friendly construction practices. These points can translate into increased profitability."

The LEED™ green building rating system encourages design and construction practices that increase profitability while reducing negative environmental impact on buildings. The environmental benefits of siphonic roof drainage are clear. Properly calculated siphonic drainage networks can result in reduced site disturbance and preparation, as well as a reduction in the use of construction materials. Pipe diameters are much smaller, the number of roof runoffs and downpipes is greatly reduced, and fewer ground lines need to be laid. These and other desired results are eligible for valuable LEED credits, and offer significant cost cutting for builders.

### **About**

### **Keidel**

### **Software**

Keidel Software was founded in 1993 to develop and provide software solutions for the building industry around the world. Keidel Software is the market leader in Germany and has customers throughout Europe, Asia and the United States.

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