The software also comes with other features that will make the search easier. For example, one can choose to view all of the search results (hits) in one document. This document can be printed directly from within the software. Other features include backtrack which allows the user to navigate through previous queries made in one search. Other features like copy and paste, will allow one to attach a certain component to your word processing document. Features like Bookmark, Highlighter, and Note, will allow one to add a note to a special article, or highlight it. To make full use of these features, the user can create a Shadow File which functions like an invisible overlay. One can create a Note over a certain bibliographic record which can later be saved to diskette. The original CD remains untouched. In the user’s next session, he can open up the database along with his Shadow File, and all of his notes will still be there for referral.

The software is of great value to all engineers, researchers, educators, and journal editors. An engineer can use it to find if any research has been done on a problem of interest. For example, one author of this review was recently involved in a project about the vibration of electric motors. Using the software, a query made with the keywords "vibration," "electric," and "motor" revealed 17 papers on the subject.

One must be careful and should enter possible combinations of a certain word. A civil engineer may be interested in finding out if any research has been done on vibration of concrete beams. He can enter the keywords vibration or vibrations and concrete or beams, and press the apply button to obtain a list of the 13 papers which appeared in the past nine years on the subject. Such a task could have taken weeks if the same engineer was to search every issue of AMR for the subject. As shown before, the searcher should be careful and input all the possible combinations of a word to achieve his objective. With the use of the logical expressions “and” and “or,” this is indeed a simple task.

Literature reviews should be easier with this software. The last address of an author can also be found relatively easily using this software. This information is important for researchers, as well as journal editors who may be looking for appropriate people to review or referee articles on a particular subject. The editors could do a search for authors of recent articles on the same subject who may make a good reviewer or referee. Complete author addresses are included in the AMR bibliographic citations, making it easy to contact the prospective reviewer/referee. The advantages of the AMR Infobase are particularly noticed when returning to other literature data bases, such as Engineering Index and InSpec, for topics not covered in AMR.

If issues of AMR prior to 1989 were also included, it would make the search more comprehensive. With current computer technology like Optical Character Recognition (OCR), this may not be a difficult task. Finally, issuing an Apple version would
be of considerable help to the Apple/Macintosh users, since it
would be a pleasure not dealing with additional simulation soft-
ware and the idiosyncrasies of Windows.

These reviewers recommend that libraries and engineering
departments purchase the *AMR Infobase of Journal Literature*
on CD-ROM for use on their LAN. Individual researchers may
also want to purchase the CD. The cost of the CD is minimal
when considering the time saved doing searches. In addition,
having a personal copy of the CD gives much quicker results
when compared to online searches.