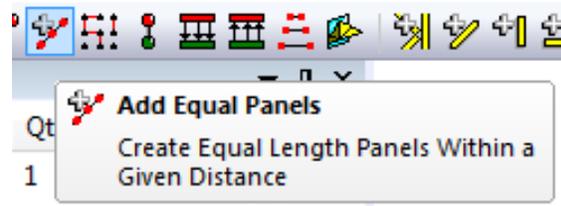


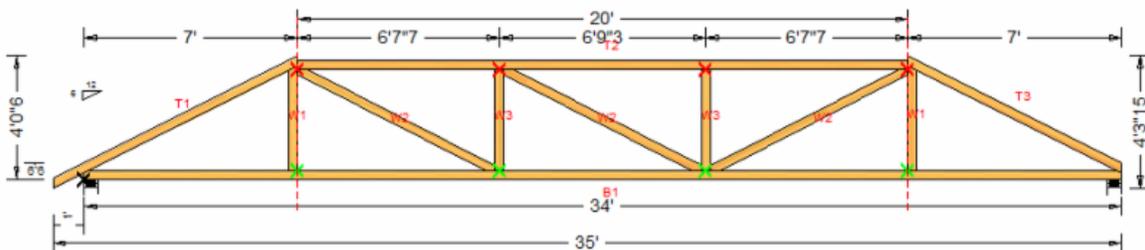
'Add Equal Panels' Tool Boosts Functionality and Productivity in IntelliVIEW Software

The recently improved "Add Equal Panels" tool expands on the functionality of its predecessor, "Add Equals Points." In this article, we will take a look at the improvements and offer some tips on using the new feature to gain productivity advantages.



Holding the Editing Area:

Once you've selected the truss area to edit, two red dashed lines will define the left and right boundaries. The defined area will hold until you choose to exit or move to the next area. This improvement allows you to continue editing the web pattern until it is correct without having to reselect the starting and ending points.

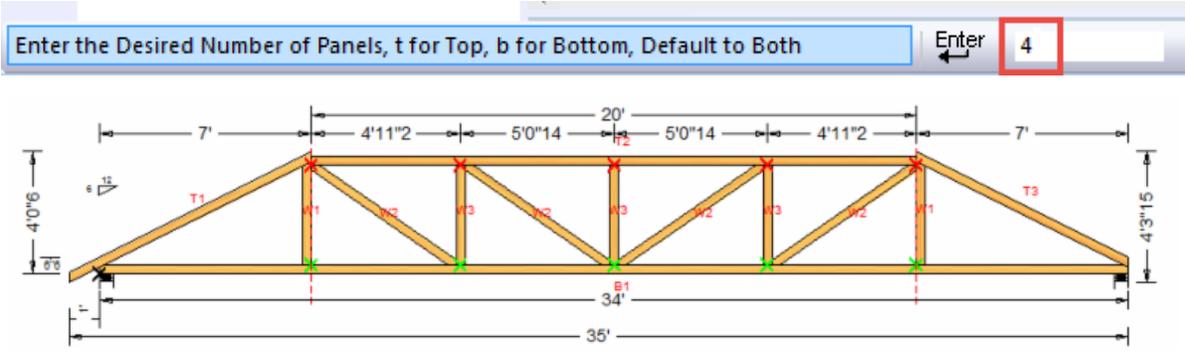


Entering the Desired Number of Panels:

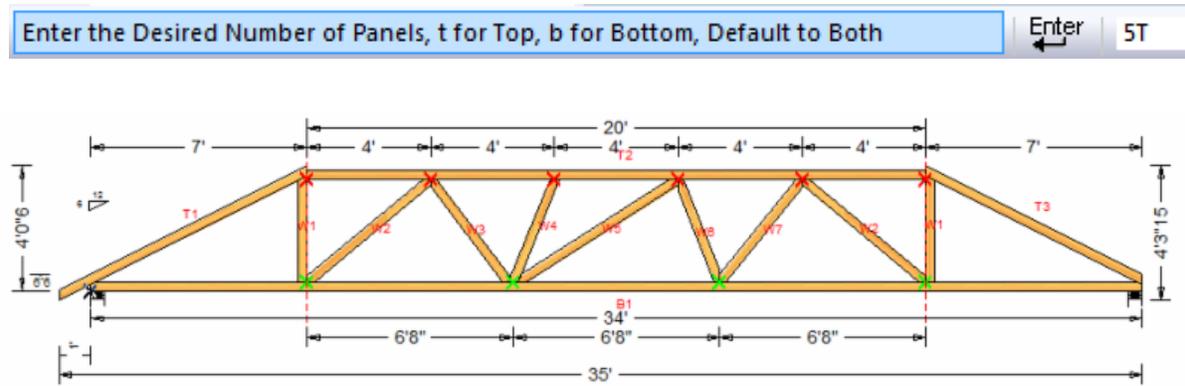
With the improvements, it is no longer necessary to specify which chord member you are editing before entering the command. Now, the chord in which the panels will be applied is defined at the same time the number of panels is specified.

Entering just the number of panels and pressing the Enter key yields the same number of panels created on both the top and bottom chords. In this example, four

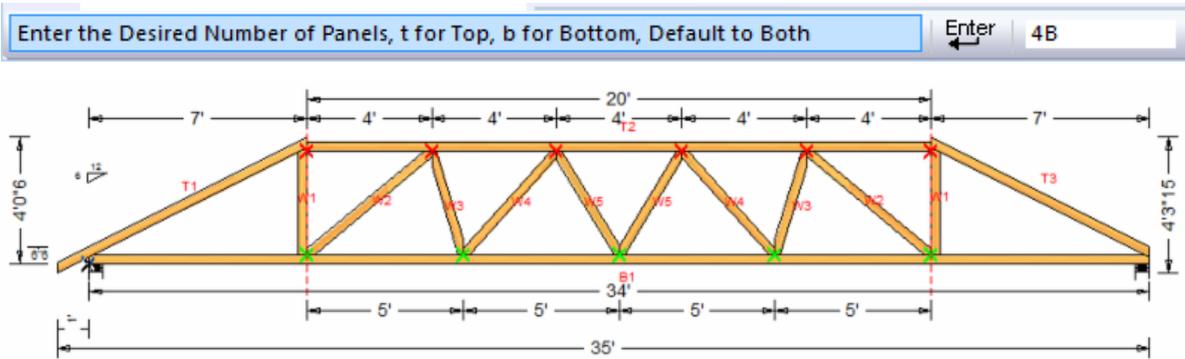
panels were created on the top and bottom chords. Notice that the diagonal webs are of equal length.



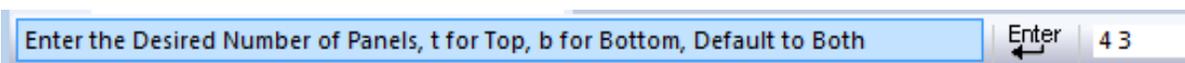
Entering the desired number of panels followed by a "t" creates equal panels along the top chord only.

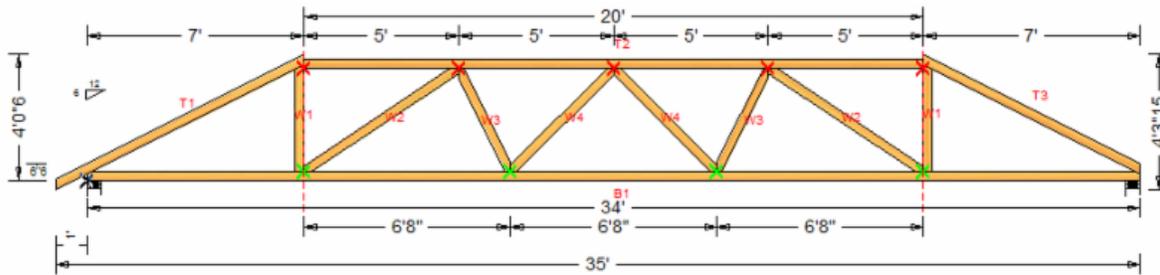


Entering the desired number of panels followed by a "b" creates equal panels along the bottom chord only.



Entering the desired number of top chord panels followed by the number of bottom chord panels with a space in between adds the panels to the top and bottom chords at the same time.

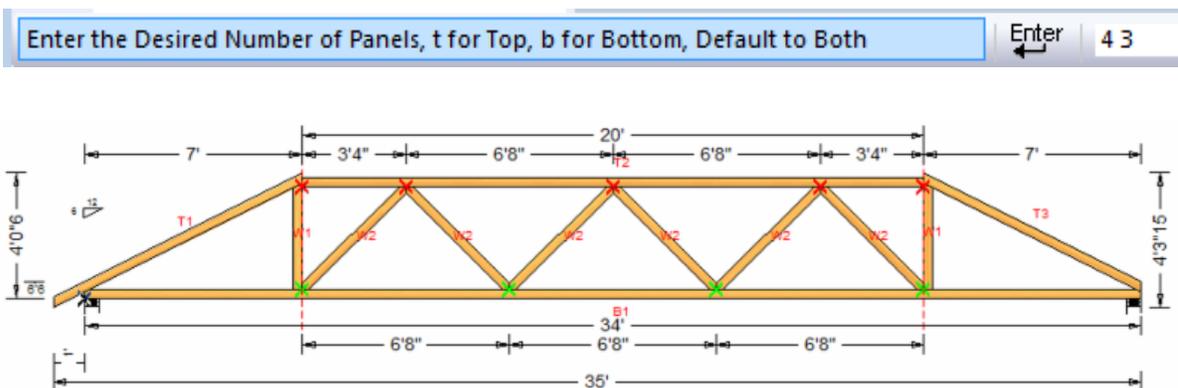




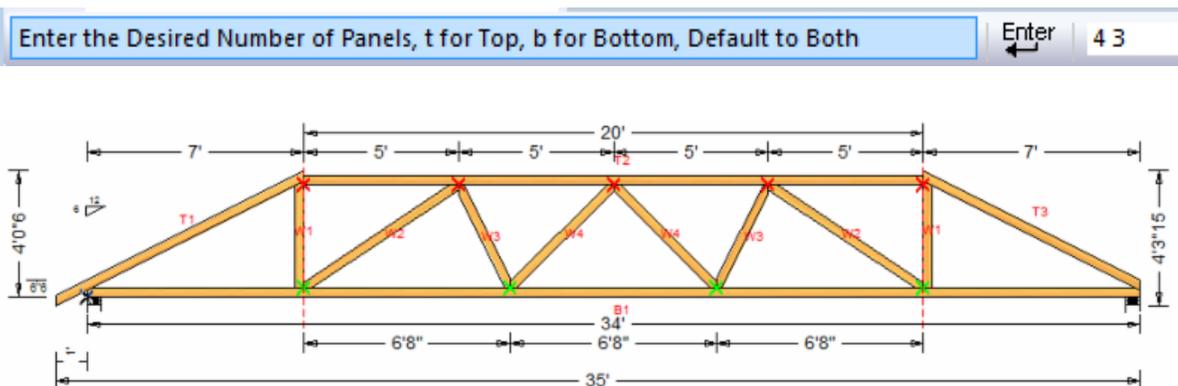
Equal Webs vs Equal Panels:

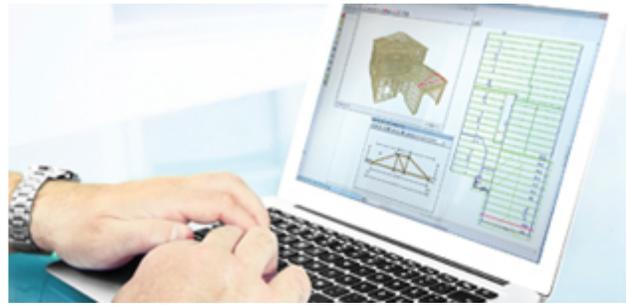
You have the choice of creating either equal-length diagonal webs (the default) or equal-length panels. The input of the desired number of panels is the same for both choices. The number of top chord panels is followed by the number of bottom chord panels.

Pressing just the Enter key alone results in equal diagonal web lengths.



Pressing both the Ctrl and Enter keys simultaneously results in equal-length panels being created.





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