

Curriculum Vitae

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President John Sotter graduated from the University of California at San Diego in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning. His studies there included work in floor friction and in chemistry.

He has 17 years of experience in responsible safety work for the City of San Clemente, California.

He has trained in floor slip resistance testing in the U.S. and the U.K. (including pendulum and Tortus manufacturing facilities) and has done most of Sotter Engineering's floor slip resistance testing work for the past twenty-five years, doing testing for well over 1,000 individual clients, both in our laboratory and in the field from Hawaii to New Hampshire, British Columbia to Mexico, New York to Florida, on the high seas, and everywhere in between. He has tested floors and road surfaces for some of the world's largest international corporations including Apple, Amazon, Ford Motorcars, Disney, General Motors, LAX and SEA airports, The Ritz Carlton, Montage Resorts, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, the United States Navy and Space Force, Carnival Cruise Lines, Virgin Voyages, Great Wolf Lodges, Porsche, Universal Studios, and QuikTrip convenience stores, to name a few.

John's twenty-five years of extensive experience with floor slip resistance testing using the BOT-3000E, British Pendulum Tester, Tortus digital tribometer, SlipAlert, and ASTM C1028 static friction test device is unmatched both in the United States and in the Americas. He has worked in floor friction testing and floor friction treatment in the USA, Canada, Mexico, and on the high seas. He helped develop an anti-slip floor coating that has now been sold in dozens of countries.

John has testified in court once, has been deposed three times, and took part in one mediation. He has worked with around a hundred lawyers on slip and fall lawsuits, almost all of which were settled before deposition or trial was required. This is due to the fact that John uses internationally accepted and peer-reviewed science accepted in over 50 nations, and he is very knowledgeable about the withdrawn, expired and unreliable test methods used by most American slip and fall "experts", also known as "liars for hire". John does testing for architects, building owners and flooring manufacturers while almost all other "experts" in this field wait outside courtrooms in fancy suits waiting to fool juries with their debunked and/or mysterious test methods that have either been

ignored by the international slip testing community, don't have a published, peer-reviewed test method in any nation, or has a well-documented lack of precision.

He works behind the scenes with lawyers to get testimony from unscrupulous experts with their unreliable instruments and data thrown out of court. Settling a lawsuit when one expert is presenting internationally accepted testing data from an instrument that has a published, peer-reviewed test method in over 50 nations, and the other "expert liar" is using an old, withdrawn American standard with poor precision (or an instrument that doesn't have a published standard in any nation) can be quick and easy.

John's background includes many miles barefoot on wet surfaces: years of competitive swimming, international sailing, water polo (a high school All-American), and surf lifeguarding. John has traveled extensively in 25 nations. He is also a member of four different committees with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). He recently made substantial revisions and updates to the American slip and skid resistance test method – ASTM E303-22 – which was published by the ASTM in June of 2022. He is also a member of the United Kingdom's Slip Resistance Group (UKSRG), who helps create slip resistance test standards for the entire European Union as well as the United Kingdom.

John calibrates pendulum testers after having been trained to do so in the United Kingdom by a major pendulum manufacturer there. He has now calibrated pendulums for private corporations and governmental agencies in several countries.

PUBLICATION: ["Specifying Anti-Slip Floor Coatings", March 2020](#), pg. 24

["The New Slip Resistance Requirements in IBC," July 2016](#), pg. 72.

Numerous educational blog posts published at
<https://safetydirectamerica.com/author/johnsotter/>

Numerous educational videos published at
<https://www.youtube.com/user/safetydirectamerica/videos>

Instead of spending valuable time publishing boring articles in obscure forensic journals that no-one will ever read, John spends his time actually testing floors for slip resistance across the country and beyond for people that need the truth. Writing articles no-one will ever read doesn't make someone an expert in something but rather spending thousands of hours DOING something makes someone an expert. Here's links to two international interlaboratory studies that showed John was [one of the top three most accurate](#) slip resistance test experts in the world, and here's another that found him to be the [most accurate slip resistance test expert](#) on earth.