

"Ingeneer" and Engineer.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

With regard to the controversy about the way to differentiate the professional appellation of learned engineers and of enginemen allow me to offer the following suggestion:

The European languages use the word "engineer" only for the professional man, but—and this is the crucial point—they all spell the word with an initial "i" instead of the English-American "e."

English, engineer; German, ingenieur; French, ingénieur; Italian, ingegner; Spanish, ingenier; Dutch, ingenieur; Russian, inzhenyer; Swedish, ingenjör.

Should the American public and press really feel the need to differentiate between the two classes of engineers, let it adopt the spelling "ingeneer" for the ingenious engineer, and leave the spelling "engineer" to the engine-driving and engine-operating engineers.

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