

MicroStation

AccuDraw Compass

Did you know that you can quickly rotate the AccuDraw Compass to maintain its conventional drawing plan mode of X-axis horizontal and Y-axis vertical to the view, instead of having the compass rotate with the element being placed. Simply press the letter **V** on the keyboard to rotate the compass to the "view" plane.

The AccuDraw keyboard shortcut **V** will always rotate the compass to the view in which you are placing elements. You can quickly rotate the compass to a particular view by pressing the appropriate keyboard shortcut below:

- **T** - top view
- **F** - front view
- **S** - side view

Most of the time you will be drawing in a top (plan) view, when doing Civil Design. Other handy rotation options are Rotate Quick (keyboard shortcut **R Q**) which temporarily rotates the compass dynamically as you move your cursor or the Rotate ACS (keyboard shortcut **R A**) which permanently rotates the drawing plane by snapping to known points along an element. These rotation options are handy for matching the angle of existing elements when placing cells or text.