Compendex Search Tips and Tricks

Enter one concept per search box. Separate your synonyms with OR. Too few search results? Adding more synonyms for your concepts will increase the number of your search results. You can also try removing one of your concepts.

Too many search results? Add an additional concept. You can also specify that one or more of your concepts appear in the article title.

You can decrease the number of your search results by using the limits on the left-hand side of the page. You can limit by language, year, document type, controlled vocabulary terms, etc. Select your limit and then click on the “Limit to” button at the top of the page. Looking at the list of controlled vocabulary terms will give you a snapshot of all the aspects of your research topic being discussed in the list of search results.

After applying limits, you will be returned to the “Expert Search” page when you click on “New Search” or “Edit.” Click on the “Quick Search” tab to view the standard search page. Uncheck “Inspec,” “GEOBASE,” and “Knovel” if selected.