



Autodesk Delivers Best-in-Class Manufacturing Solution to Accelerate and Simplify Design to Manufacturing Process

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Solution Includes Autodesk Inventor 11 - Latest Version of World's Best Selling 3D Mechanical Design Software

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., March 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced its solution for the manufacturing industry, including the next release of Autodesk Inventor, the world's best selling 3D mechanical design software. Available as part of Autodesk Inventor Series or Autodesk Inventor Professional, Autodesk Inventor is the best choice for AutoCAD software users moving from 2D to 3D. With best-in-class offerings for industrial machinery, building and plant equipment, transportation and consumer products companies, Autodesk's solutions enable global manufacturers to design more innovative, higher quality products by creating, managing and sharing data to realize ideas across the design to manufacturing process, ultimately enabling them to get to market faster than ever before.

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"Simply put, this release of Autodesk's Manufacturing Solution is the best choice for any manufacturing company looking to optimize their design to manufacturing process," said Robert "Buzz" Kross, vice president of Autodesk's Manufacturing Solutions division. "Listening to our customers, we've delivered functionality that matters throughout the entire solution portfolio, such as large assembly management in the latest version of Autodesk Inventor. We've delivered a broad set of new capabilities and continue to make 3D more approachable to the AutoCAD user. We're pleased to bring this solution to the market."

Simplifying Design to Manufacturing Process = Faster Time to Market

Simplifying the design to manufacturing process, Autodesk's approach to Product Lifecycle Management (PLM), enables customers to cut design time and reduce errors for more efficient new product development. This approach aligns favorably to today's manufacturing processes -- delivering a purpose-built solution to match customers' business requirements. By simplifying the design to manufacturing process, which consists of conceptual and mechanical design, engineering, product lifecycle management and sourcing and supplier collaboration, Autodesk enables customers to reap faster return on investment across critical business processes:

- Conceptual Design -- Autodesk provides tools to enable industrial designers to capture, communicate and realize their ideas
 - Autodesk AliasStudio
- Engineer to Order Operations -- Autodesk enables Sales teams to customize product orders engineered specifically to customer requirements
 - Autodesk Intent
- Integrated Engineering Workgroups -- Autodesk uniquely enables engineers to work in collaborative design environments with integrated 2D, 3D, mechanical and electrical disciplines
 - AutoCAD 2007
 - AutoCAD Mechanical
 - AutoCAD Electrical
 - Autodesk Inventor
- Accurate Data for Downstream Users -- Autodesk solutions help manage work in process data, automate bill-of-materials (BOM) and release management workflows and provide cross-development visibility to design data
 - Autodesk Vault
 - Autodesk Productstream
- Facilitate Third Party Collaboration -- Autodesk technology enables manufacturers to share current, accurate data with partners, suppliers and customers
 - Autodesk Streamline
 - DWF file format

AUTODESK INVENTOR 11: Industry Leader for Fifth Consecutive Year

With more than 500,000 seats sold, Autodesk Inventor remains the best choice for AutoCAD users. As the leading 3D mechanical software for the fifth consecutive year, Autodesk Inventor software delivers the manufacturing community a comprehensive, integrated set of tools for 3D design and documentation. Driven by customer feedback, the latest versions of Autodesk Inventor Series and Autodesk Inventor Professional deliver many new features and enhancements, including:

- Dynamic Simulation delivers major innovation to the desktop, enabling designers to determine how effectively a machine performs under real

world conditions. This takes virtual prototypes to a new level, helping designers predict dynamic performance and peak stress without physical prototypes

- Large Assembly Management provides greater control in configuring how much model data is loaded into memory. Users can track memory usage with a built-in capacity meter to monitor memory consumption
- Assembly Configurations for designing and documenting families of related products in a single assembly file. Configurations simplify design with tools for defining product variations from a master model
- Advanced Shape Description for creating cast and molded parts that meet aesthetic and ergonomic design requirements. Includes tools to create complex geometry by combining solids and surfaces, and enhanced analysis tools for design validation.

Delivering the only roundtrip solution for creating 2D electrical control schematics from a 3D model, the new version of Autodesk Inventor delivers deep integration with AutoCAD Electrical software, bridging the gap between electrical and mechanical design. Autodesk Inventor delivers enhanced 3D productivity while preserving 2D engineering design investment through true compatibility with DWG technology. Autodesk Inventor software also includes deeper integration with data management applications, Autodesk Vault and Autodesk Productstream, enabling teams to find and reuse design data and increase collaboration throughout product development.

"The new Large Assembly Management functionality in Autodesk Inventor 11 helps us improve productivity daily with our large designs. This new version takes a significant step forward in both functionality and performance," said Liansuo Xie, CAD Systems Manager, Townsend Engineering.

Functional Design: Faster, Intuitive 3D Product Design

Autodesk Inventor software enables customers to create designs based on the functional requirements of a product before committing to complex model geometry with functional design. Uniquely delivered by Autodesk, functional design enables designers to start with a symbolic representation of a product (similar to working in AutoCAD), and enter the requirements in order to test, simulate and validate the design instead of the geometric dimensions of its parts. It makes developing virtual prototypes of designs easier, enables engineering teams to communicate design intent, validate the design and get it into production faster. Functional design ultimately makes 3D design more approachable, particularly for AutoCAD and other 2D users looking to move to 3D.

Announcing Autodesk Showcase 2007

As part of Autodesk's recent acquisition of Alias, Autodesk Showcase software is a new enterprise visualization product to aid visually intelligent businesses in making design decisions. Showcase creates accurate, realistic imagery from 3D design data to communicate form and emotion while providing a robust environment to present and review designs required to make business decisions. The solution dramatically increases the efficiency, global reach and cost effectiveness of the design review and decision making process. With the addition of Showcase to the Autodesk Manufacturing Solutions Division, the company offers a comprehensive transportation design solution that includes content creation, services and now interactive visualization experiences.

Availability

The Autodesk Manufacturing Solution is available through Autodesk's reseller channel. Autodesk Inventor software will be available in late-March, 2006. For more information on Autodesk's manufacturing solutions, visit www.autodesk.com/manufacturing.

Autodesk Offers Options

Customers have options when it comes to purchasing and implementing Autodesk software. Autodesk Subscription provides an alternative to upgrades and delivers added benefits. Subscription customers receive the latest versions of their licensed Autodesk software, web support direct from Autodesk, self-paced training options, and a broad range of other technology and business benefits for an annual fee.

Autodesk Consulting is available for customers who want to maximize the value of their investment in Autodesk technology through integrated consulting and training. Locally-based classroom training is also available through Autodesk's 1,200 Authorized Training Centers, with sites in more than 75 countries around the world.

About Autodesk

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