



## Autodesk Announces Rapid Acceptance of Autodesk Inventor 11

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### Best Selling 3D Mechanical Design Software Remains Best Choice for Global Manufacturing Community and AutoCAD Users

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., May 24, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that the latest version of Autodesk Inventor software, the world's best selling 3D mechanical design solution and the best choice for AutoCAD software users, has been rapidly adopted by industrial machinery, building and plant equipment, transportation and consumer products companies around the world.

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Released last quarter, as part of the comprehensive Autodesk Manufacturing Solution, Autodesk Inventor 11 has been well-received from both existing and prospective customers who are looking to leverage best-in-class 3D design technology to get products to market faster. "Autodesk is pleased with the acceptance of Autodesk Inventor 11, as we have delivered superior functionality to address the demanding requirements our customers face," said Robert "Buzz" Kross, vice president of Autodesk's Manufacturing Solutions Division. "We're also especially pleased with the success and acceptance of our data management solution, Autodesk Productstream software, which enables customers to organize all engineering data in a centralized location, providing them total control over their design data. Autodesk continues to lead in delivering rapidly deployable, easy-to-use solutions for manufacturers worldwide."

#### Customer Adoption of Industry-Leading, Best-Selling Autodesk Inventor 11

Air Gage, a worldwide supplier of inspection gauging systems and accessories for automotive and non-automotive part inspection systems, is currently upgrading to Autodesk Inventor 11, continuing its support of a 3D design environment. For more than forty years, the company has provided a wide range of customized products that enable its customers to manufacture higher-quality products. "Air Gage works with a number of large assemblies, so the Level of Detail Representations features in Autodesk Inventor 11 are a welcome addition. The ability to suppress models and parts makes our job much easier and accelerates our productivity," said Scott Leininger, gage designer, Air Gage, Inc. "The latest version of Inventor is a solid release that keeps getting better. We also found the Autodesk Manufacturing discussion groups to be a great resource in learning tips from other users."

Graphic Equipment Corporation (GEC) is a full-service machine shop and manufacturer of turret rewinders: large paper-loading machines that are typically used in conjunction with printing presses to produce printed materials. GEC's carefully engineered turret rewinders employ micro-processor controlled, fully automatic roll transfer systems to produce multi-roll jobs -- or a continuous series of single-roll jobs -- without stopping or slowing the press for roll changeover. GEC envisions Autodesk Inventor 11 playing a key role in the design of this equipment. "Rich functional design capabilities such as the shaft design accelerator in Autodesk Inventor 11 drastically decreases design time and is very user-friendly, especially for beginners and AutoCAD users making the move to 3D," said Eric Kolodziejki, a Mechanical Engineer at GEC.

#### Autodesk Community Site -- Thousands Converge on New Site

Launched in March 2006 the new Manufacturing Community Web site is designed to help professionals in the manufacturing industry access prebuilt parts and assemblies from organized parts catalogs, learn the latest productivity tips from experts and connect with their manufacturing peers, so engineers around the world can more rapidly realize their ideas. To access the Manufacturing Community site, or for more information, visit: <http://mfgcommunity.autodesk.com> .

#### About Autodesk Inventor

Autodesk Inventor software is the best choice for AutoCAD users moving to 3D. As the leading 3D mechanical design software, Autodesk Inventor delivers the manufacturing community a comprehensive, integrated set of tools for 3D design and documentation. For more information, visit: [www.autodesk.com/bestchoice](http://www.autodesk.com/bestchoice).

#### About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is a Fortune 1000 company, wholly focused on ensuring that great ideas are turned into reality. With seven million users, Autodesk is the world's leading software and services company for the manufacturing, infrastructure, building, media and entertainment, and wireless data services fields. Autodesk's solutions help customers create, manage and share their data and digital assets more effectively. As a result, customers turn ideas into competitive advantage, become more productive, streamline project efficiency and maximize profits.

Founded in 1982, Autodesk is headquartered in San Rafael, California. For additional information about Autodesk, please visit [www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com).

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