



Autodesk Delivers Inventor 2008 Update With Full Support for Windows Vista

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Release of Autodesk Inventor Service Pack 1 Utilizes the Windows Vista Graphics System, Boosting Overall Performance

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Oct. 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that with the release of Autodesk Inventor Service Pack 1, Autodesk Inventor software -- the foundation for Digital Prototyping -- is fully supported on the Windows Vista operating system. Customers with Inventor 2008 and Windows Vista will enjoy superior performance relative to competitive CAD systems due to native support of the Microsoft Direct3D application programming interface, the underlying graphics technology for Windows Vista and all 64-bit Windows systems.

"Autodesk is committed to delivering solutions that provide the functionality our customers require for the Windows Vista environment," said Amy Bunszel, product line director, Inventor. "Service Pack 1 for Inventor 2008 delivers a major advantage to our customers to help them maximize their work in Windows Vista."

Prior to the release of Autodesk Inventor Service Pack 1, Autodesk collected extensive feedback from Windows Vista customers so that Inventor 2008 with Service Pack 1 would deliver high-quality Windows Vista implementation and an outstanding user experience. The Service Pack resolves usability issues and enhances the overall performance of Inventor software.

Chief among the improvements is the ability to fully leverage Direct3D graphics technology. As a result, while many other CAD systems have experienced reduced performance when running on Windows Vista, Inventor 2008 has experienced an increase in performance.

"By providing native support for Windows Vista, Autodesk has distinguished itself in the CAD market," said Charles Johnson, GM, WW Manufacturing Industry, Microsoft Corp. "Their customers gain the full benefit of Direct3D graphics technology and countless other Windows Vista innovations that empower businesses of all sizes to work more efficiently."

Additionally, Inventor 2008 supports both Direct3D 9 and the OpenGL graphics cards -- so customers who have purchased high-end graphics cards for OpenGL support can still take advantage of Windows Vista as long as they have the appropriate Direct3D driver.

Inventor 2008 with Service Pack 1 provides support for the following five editions of Windows Vista:

Windows Vista Enterprise

Windows Vista Business

Windows Vista Home Basic

Windows Vista Home Premium

Windows Vista Ultimate About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is the world leader in 2D and 3D design software for the manufacturing, building and construction, and media and entertainment markets. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk has developed the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art digital prototyping solutions to help customers experience their ideas before they are real. Fortune 1000 companies rely on Autodesk for the tools to visualize, simulate and analyze real-world performance early in the design process to save time and money, enhance quality and foster innovation. For additional information about Autodesk, visit <http://www.autodesk.com>.

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