



Autodesk Expands Global Reach of Building Information Modeling for Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Engineers

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New United Kingdom Version Benefits Autodesk Building Systems Users Worldwide

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Apr 22, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK), the world's leading design and digital content creation company, today announced the availability of a localized United Kingdom (UK) version of Autodesk(R) Building Systems 3, the most complete building information modeling application for mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) engineers.

With this release, any engineering firm worldwide that uses British standards for designing MEP building systems, including U.S. firms with global practices, can now take advantage of Autodesk's building information modeling solution. Offering specialized UK content libraries and UK metric dimensional units, this localized release may now be used on building projects not only in the United Kingdom, but also in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, and any other region that adheres to the British Standard Institute's (BSI) guidelines and generally accepted drafting practices and procedures. Additionally, the localized content enhances coordination among worldwide offices and increases the accuracy of construction documents created using Autodesk Building Systems 3.

"The UK content allows any firm using BSI standards to quickly begin producing drawings without spending significant time creating customized content," said Joe Domanski, EMEA product marketing manager, Building Solutions Division, Autodesk. "As a result, engineers decrease drafting time and improve accuracy, resulting in higher quality construction documents for our clients."

The UK version includes locale-specific language in the user interfaces and new content that supports common UK diagramming and drafting requirements, enhancing the functionality for the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing disciplines in one powerful and cost-effective application. Duct dimensions, pipe diameters and materials, parts sizes, conduit diameters and types, cable tray diameters and types, part size name and catalogue entry tables are all in UK terminology, sizes, and units of measurement. Additionally, schematic symbols have been added to provide industry specific symbols and revised style descriptions for use in the UK, across all three MEP disciplines.

Autodesk contracted with its UK-based development partner, Computer Systems for Business (CSB) Ltd, to convert the existing US metric catalogues for Building Systems 3 into UK versions, containing content conforming to standard British sizes, terminology and symbology. CSB's experienced team of software consultants completed the work successfully to the requirements set by Autodesk.

For more information about localized content for Autodesk Building Systems 3, contact your local reseller.

About Autodesk

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