



Autodesk Inventor 6 and Autodesk VIZ 4 Garner

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SAN RAFAEL, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 22, 2002--Recognized for its innovative contribution to the design community, Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK), the world's leading design software and digital content company, today announced it has received the December 2002 CADENCE Editors' Choice Award for Autodesk Inventor(R), Autodesk's flagship 3D mechanical design software and Autodesk(R) VIZ 4, its visualization tool for building industry and other design professionals. CADENCE editors selected the products for the superior innovation of the technologies, the quality of the products and their impact on the day-to-day lives of CAD experts and practitioners, and the development direction signaled by the products' feature palettes.

"As Autodesk's Manufacturing Division exposes more of the features under the hood of Autodesk Inventor with each release, the software emerges more and more as a product to be reckoned with. We look forward to more technology advances from the developers of this product going forward," said Arnie Williams, editor in chief of CADENCE. "Few, if any, products for the architecture space can rival the photo-realistic rendering qualities of Autodesk VIZ, and Release 4 of the product drives this point home more resoundingly than ever."

Autodesk Inventor 6 software delivers significant new features and improvements based on customer feedback, giving manufacturers worldwide the most advanced mechanical CAD system in the mid-priced market. The 3D mechanical design software has more than 200 major productivity and drawing enhancements, adding industry-specific solutions such as routing tools and weldments to meet customers' specific industrial machinery and electro-mechanical design needs. This release also includes innovative shape description tools driven by the Autodesk ShapeManager kernel that lets the user seamlessly mix solids and surfaces to create stylized, complex, and sculpted parts.

Tailoring the latest Discreet 3ds max(TM) professional 3D animation software solution for design professionals, Autodesk VIZ 4 introduces easy-to-implement lighting simulation capabilities directly within the application, allowing designers to generate richer, more compelling images that more accurately convey design intent under different lighting conditions. This increases the value of 3D visualization for exploring, validating, and communicating design options to clients as well as to the extended project design team.

About Autodesk

Founded in 1982, Autodesk, Inc., is the world's leading design software and digital content company. Autodesk offers solutions for professionals in building design, geographic information systems, manufacturing, digital media, and wireless data services. By delivering progressive products and services, Autodesk helps customers create, manage, use and maximize the value of their digital data throughout the lifecycle of their projects. For more information about the company, see www.autodesk.com.

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