



Leading European Manufacturer Selects Autodesk Inventor 3D Software to Design Diesel Locomotives

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Vossloh Chooses Autodesk Inventor Series Software for Ease-of-Use, Exceptional Large-Assembly Performance, and AutoCAD Compatibility

Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK), the world's leading design and digital content creation company, today announced that Vossloh Schienenfahrzeugtechnik GmbH (www.vsft.de) purchased 50 licenses of Autodesk Inventor Series high-performance 3D mechanical software for the design and manufacture of its locomotives and intends to make the transition to designing exclusively in 3D. Vossloh, a leading European manufacturer and supplier of diesel-hydraulic and diesel-electric locomotives used by railway companies in Germany, Belgium, Scandinavia, Austria, and other European countries, chose Autodesk Inventor software for its large-assembly performance, ease-of-use, and compatibility with AutoCAD software.

"We chose the Autodesk Inventor Series because it contains Autodesk Mechanical Desktop as well as Autodesk Inventor software, allowing us to continue to work with our AutoCAD-based drawings, while at the same time migrating to the new Autodesk Inventor 3D technology without any risk," said Mr. Proehl, CAD Manager at Vossloh Schienenfahrzeugtechnik GmbH. "In addition, our mechanical designers liked the ease-of-use, the large assembly performance, and the excellent visualization capabilities of Autodesk Inventor."

Benefits of Data Compatibility

To design its locomotives, which feature a sophisticated modular design and high-quality components, Vossloh needed a software solution with exceptional large-assembly performance, ease-of-use, and visualization capabilities. The company also needed a solution that would allow quick and easy transfer of its many existing AutoCAD-based drawings and files between AutoCAD and Autodesk Inventor software. The Autodesk Inventor Series helps Vossloh avoid costly redesigns while reducing overall cycle time and cost.

"Vossloh locomotives are used on railroads throughout Europe, and they must be designed and manufactured to meet all the appropriate safety regulations," said Robert Kross, vice president of the Manufacturing Division at Autodesk. "The outstanding visualization capabilities of Autodesk Inventor let customers like Vossloh create large assemblies and then view exactly how a machine functions before starting the production process. This not only helps cut production time and costs but also ensures that each locomotive meets the industry's rigorous safety standards."

B&< CAD Helps Vossloh Evaluate Autodesk Inventor Software

The Autodesk Authorized System Center B&< CAD of Hanover, Germany (www.blcad.de), has played a major role in supporting Vossloh with Autodesk's mechanical CAD products. B&< CAD has been specializing in mechanical CAD and data management for six years with a focus on Autodesk technology. The company provides superior quality products and services to customers all over Germany.

About Vossloh Schienenfahrzeugtechnik GmbH

Vossloh Schienenfahrzeugtechnik is a leading European manufacturer of diesel-hydraulic and diesel-electric locomotives that set new standards with respect to design, functionality, and life cycle costs. The Vossloh locomotives feature a sophisticated modular design, a choice of high-quality components, and excellent reliability and availability. Drawing on the strengths of the Autodesk manufacturing solutions, Vossloh will continue to use AutoCAD software products but plans to use Autodesk Inventor software extensively for 3D design.

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