



Autodesk Software Named DWF Composer Editors' Choice, Top Product Pick

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Buildings Magazine Lauds Autodesk for Its Unique Technology, Performance, and Reader Interest

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Jan. 25 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that its Autodesk(R) DWF(TM) Composer has been selected as one of the 2004 Editors' Choice - Top Product Picks by Buildings magazine. With millions of users worldwide, the DWF file format is well on its way to becoming an industry standard for creating, managing and sharing complex computer-aided design, engineering, and mapping information electronically.

The elite group of winning products was chosen out of thousands of entries by Buildings' editorial staff, as well as a host of facilities professionals. Products were judged on a number of factors, including performance, characteristics, solutions applicability, uniqueness, reader interest, and more. The year's Top Picks were highlighted in the December issue of Buildings.

"We are excited that DWF Composer is being recognized as one of Buildings' Editors' Choice - Top Product Picks," said Amar Hanspal, vice president, Collaboration Services for Autodesk. "The ability to facilitate faster, better team communication during the building process by replacing paper-based design review is critical to reducing costs and adhering to timelines. Only DWF provides the speed, simplicity, and precision required for accurate digital presentation and measurement of engineering designs, in a robust format that uniquely meets the needs of building professionals."

About Autodesk DWF Composer

DWF Composer provides users the only all-digital method to review, mark up, and revise drawings, maps, and models without the original design creation software. The product provides the tools that team members need to offer feedback quickly and easily, including viewing and printing of both DWF and DWG files, comprehensive redlining and annotation tools, complete sheet set organization, and powerful status-tracking capabilities. DWF Composer works in conjunction with AutoCAD(R)-based products to reduce errors and cycle times by allowing the integration of markups made in DWF Composer back into the original design applications, DWF files are smaller, faster, and more complete to transmit than any other publish format including PDF, providing the extended design team a way to create, manage, and share design data quickly, easily, and securely.

To learn more about DWF Composer or to download a 30-day trial version of the software, visit www.autodesk.com/dwfccomposer.

About Buildings Magazine

Buildings magazine, which was launched in January 1906 as The Building Manager and Owner, serves more than 57,000 building owners and professional facilities managers -- the decision-makers in commercial, institutional, and governmental real estate in North America. The monthly publication offers readers information on the development, construction, modernization, management, and operation of buildings, as well as the products and services needed to support such facilities.

About Autodesk

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