



Autodesk Ships VIZ 2006-Latest Visualization Tool for Sharing Design Intent

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New Toolset Delivers Advanced Features Including Intuitive Interoperability

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SAN RAFAEL, Calif., April 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK), today began shipping Autodesk(R) VIZ 2006, the professional design visualization software that helps artists realize their ideas through 3D modeling, rendering and animation. Autodesk VIZ 2006 features new tools that enhance interoperability with other Autodesk(R) design applications and for creating and managing content, such as tool palettes and a new content browser for cameras, lights and materials.

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Today, design visualization is more crucial and demanding than ever. Whether studying lighting for a building, analyzing the layout for a highway interchange or demonstrating a complex mechanical assembly -- Autodesk VIZ 2006 is an excellent visualization solution for those tasks.

New VIZ 2006 features include file link with any Autodesk application that supports DWG such as Autodesk(R) Revit Building, AutoCAD(R), Autodesk(R) Architectural Desktop and Autodesk(R) 3ds Max(R) Software. This integration makes it easy to use VIZ to produce high quality, photo realistic renderings directly from Autodesk design applications. Autodesk VIZ 2006 also boasts improved interoperability with Autodesk Inventor files.

New tool palettes in VIZ 2006 provide instant access to a large inventory of Autodesk VIZ objects such as cameras, lights, and materials in one consistent user interface. The highly visual tool palettes in VIZ 2006 include a preview icon of each tool. Lighting advances utilize mental ray 3.3 rendering technology, with improved interface, indirect illumination and a simplified global illumination user interface.

Additional in-depth information on these and other new features for Autodesk VIZ 2006 is posted at: <http://usa.autodesk.com/adsk/servlet/index?siteID=123112&id=4221521>

"Pre-visualization and design visualization is a crucial step that we rely on to help our customers realize the complex designs and concepts they bring us," said Chad Warner, President, BlueLime Studio, Inc., Savannah, GA. "With Autodesk VIZ 2006, we are very impressed with the new features like the sweep modifier and renderable spline modifier -- that definitely will benefit our workflow and productivity," added Warner.

VIZ 2006 Availability

Autodesk VIZ 2006 is available now in English internationally. For more information about Autodesk VIZ 2006, contact an Authorized Autodesk Reseller, call Autodesk at 800-964-6432, or see www.autodesk.com/viz. Autodesk VIZ 2006 is also available through Autodesk(R) Subscription which provides customers with the most current design technology, Web Support direct from Autodesk, flexible self-paced training options and a broad range of other technology and business benefits. For more information about Autodesk Subscription, visit www.autodesk.com/subscription.

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