



Autodesk Honored With Control Design's Readers' Choice Award

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Survey Reveals 79% of Respondents Selected AutoCAD Electrical as Preferred
Electrical Design Software

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Feb. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that AutoCAD Electrical, the leading application for fast and accurate design of industrial control systems, has been recognized by the readers of Control Design magazine for providing the best technology value, services and support in a recent survey. The survey results, as part of the Fifth-Annual Readers' Choice Award, showed AutoCAD Electrical as the preferred application by 79% of the subscribers who responded.

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"We are honored to receive the Readers' Choice Award from Control Design," said Robert "Buzz" Kross, vice president of Autodesk's Manufacturing Division. "This recognition is testament to the quality of our technology, our continued product innovation and loyalty of our customers, who appreciate the unique value Autodesk delivers in linking 2D electrical schematics from AutoCAD Electrical with the 3D cable and harness models in Autodesk Inventor."

AutoCAD Electrical is a 2D design application created for electrical control designers, by electrical control designers. Built on the AutoCAD software platform, it automates the tedious tasks of creating ladder drawings and point-to-point style electrical drawings, tracks all wire numbers and component tags, and cross references coil and contact information for increased drafting productivity. AutoCAD Electrical generates a wide range of automated reports, including bills-of-materials and from-to wire lists, to minimize the errors that can occur with manual reports. It also saves time by linking cable and harness information to Autodesk Inventor software, the world's best selling 3D mechanical design software and best choice for AutoCAD users. AutoCAD Electrical helps customers create better designs, reduce errors, and save time by enabling them to focus on design and engineering tasks rather than on repetitive drafting functions.

Mammoth Inc., a leader in custom HVAC, is using AutoCAD Electrical software to provide an easy to use environment that helps employees increase productivity. "AutoCAD Electrical software helps us get the job done more effectively because of its flexibility. It doesn't place restrictions on you and is a more "free" environment than competitive software," said David Pedersen, Electrical Engineer at Mammoth Inc. "Time-wise, some of our reports that were taking five minutes are taking just seconds with AutoCAD Electrical. With four or five reports per drawing, the time savings can really add up."

"Our model for this award hasn't changed since we first presented Readers' Choice results in 2001," said Control Design Editor in Chief Joe Feeley. "Our ballot is an unaided survey -- we don't include a list of vendors or product brands to choose from. We simply ask participants to name the best company for the products with which they have experience. That's consistent with our belief that it's the technology users who best know what products provide superior value. A win of the magnitude of Autodesk's margin in the E-CAD category speaks for itself."

Control Design magazine and ControlDesign.com [link is: <http://www.ControlDesign.com>] provide multi-media content to automation professionals who design and specify machine control systems for industrial machinery. In 2005, Control Design was named one of the Ten Best U.S. trade magazines by the American Society of Business Publication Editors. The entire Readers Choice Awards results can be found at <http://www.controlDesign.com/articles/2005/325.html> .

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