



Autodesk Inventor - Best Selling 3D Design Software for Fifth Consecutive Year

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Global Community of Manufacturers Make Industry-Leading 3D Mechanical Design Application the Best Choice

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., March 6, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that Autodesk Inventor software has extended its leadership status as the best selling 3D mechanical design software for the fifth consecutive year. Exceeding the licensed seat counts of all other competing 3D design software applications, Autodesk Inventor remains the software solution of choice for the manufacturing industry.

Demonstrating its industry leadership and product superiority, Autodesk Inventor software continues rapid adoption by designers and engineering teams looking to leverage their expertise with AutoCAD software while taking advantage of the superior 3D modeling and functional design capabilities found only in Autodesk Inventor.

"Autodesk is pleased with the continued adoption of Autodesk Inventor software, the best-in-class solution that enables global manufacturers to experience a significant return on their investment while getting high-quality products to market faster," said Robert "Buzz" Kross, vice president of Autodesk's Manufacturing Solutions Division. "Autodesk Inventor software stands alone in helping customers enjoy the richness of 3D without losing investments and resources from existing 2D work. While we celebrate this success, we remain focused on continuing to deliver even greater value to our global customers."

There are many reasons why Autodesk Inventor continues to be the best selling 3D mechanical design software, including:

- It is designed to fully utilize both 2D drawings and 3D modeling capabilities in an easy and intuitive design environment, making it the best choice for AutoCAD users
- It offers unparalleled integrity and compatibility between 2D AutoCAD DWG files and 3D Autodesk Inventor models
- It is the only software application to provide leading-edge functional design capabilities so that customers can create design based on the functional requirements of a product before they commit to complex model geometry
- It delivers built-in, easy-to-implement data management tools
- It institutes disciplined methods for sharing design data across the manufacturing process

Precision Systems Engineering, a new Autodesk Inventor customer, is a full service firm that offers professional engineering services in the disciplines of civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, process and controls. With Autodesk Inventor software, the company is able to deliver designs in less time with fewer revisions -- from a single, integrated environment. "At Precision Systems Engineering, we partner with our customers to accelerate their time to market for new products, so the designs need to be right the first time. Autodesk Inventor helps us achieve this goal," said Tom Strottnner, Manager of Mechanical and Civil/Structural Design, Precision Systems Engineering. "Autodesk Inventor software is a welcome edition to our tool set, as it works well with the other Autodesk products we use, and is best suited for our large machine/assembly projects. The application enables us to provide value to our customers, resulting in our decision to expand our use of Autodesk Inventor across our design operations."

Enabling the Global Manufacturing Community to Turn Ideas into Reality

Autodesk Inventor enables faster time to market, enhances ability to communicate and share design data across global teams and is easy to deploy and learn. Autodesk recently hosted its first Autodesk Inventor User Conference in Korea, attracting more than 500 customers and channel partners. The company continues to sponsor similar events around the world, including manufacturing-specific community gatherings recently held in Italy and across the United States. For more information on upcoming Autodesk manufacturing community events, visit: <http://mfgcommunity.autodesk.com>

About Precision Systems Engineering

Established in 1991, Precision Systems Engineering is a full-service consulting engineering and design firm specializing in heavy industrial engineering, based in Salt Lake City, Utah. The principals formed PSE after many years of experience in a variety of different engineering firms. They realized that by creating a more flexible, leaner organization, the Company could stay on top of technological advances and provide the highest quality, most advanced solutions available anywhere. What makes Precision Systems Engineers so uniquely qualified to handle large and complex projects (as well as smaller projects) is the combination of its well-trained, experienced staff and the latest in technological aids it employs since its inception. PSE offers professional engineering services in the disciplines of civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, and controls. For more information, visit: www.pseutah.com

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Founded in 1982, Autodesk is headquartered in San Rafael, California. For additional information about Autodesk, please visit www.autodesk.com.

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