



## Autodesk Announces Bosch Rexroth Canada as 2006 Inventor of the Year

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### Manufacturing Community Recognizes Bosch Rexroth Canada's Innovative Engineering Achievements

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Jan. 31 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that Bosch Rexroth Canada, a leading provider of drive and control solutions, has been named by its peers as the Autodesk Inventor of the Year for 2006. The Inventor of the Month program began in January 2006 and recognizes the most innovative design and engineering advancements made by the extensive community of customers using Autodesk Inventor software, the world's best-selling 3D mechanical design software. Autodesk community members were invited to log onto the Autodesk community web site (<http://mfgcommunity.autodesk.com>) and vote for their favorite Inventor of the Month to become the 2006 Inventor of the Year.

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"We are truly honored to be named the 2006 Inventor of the Year," said Jim Lambert C.E.T., the design engineering manager of the Hydraulic Business Unit of Bosch Rexroth Canada. "It is especially rewarding to be recognized for our achievements by the Autodesk community -- one of the largest online manufacturing engineering communities in the industry."

Bosch Rexroth Canada relied on Autodesk Inventor software while modernizing the canal locks of the busiest waterway in North America, the St. Lawrence Seaway's Welland Canal. By using Inventor software, the company was able to design all-new hydraulic systems for the canal in 3D, resulting in dramatic reductions in design time and drawing errors.

"Adding the power of 3D to its design processes has allowed Bosch Rexroth Canada to successfully tackle even the most challenging and complex projects," said Robert "Buzz" Kross, vice president of Autodesk Manufacturing Solutions. "It is a pleasure to name them as the Inventor of the Year for 2006."

To read more about each candidate for Inventor of the Year 2006 or to nominate an Inventor of the Month, please visit <http://mfgcommunity.autodesk.com>. For more information on Autodesk Inventor of the Month, contact us at [IOM@autodesk.com](mailto:IOM@autodesk.com).

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