



Autodesk Launches Autodesk Inventor LT

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New Software in Inventor Product Family Now Available for Download on Autodesk Labs Website

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., May 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced a technology preview release of Autodesk Inventor LT software, a new member of its popular Autodesk Inventor family of software products -- the world's best-selling 3D mechanical design software. Inventor LT will help customers enhance their communications with suppliers and manufacturing partners by making it easy and affordable to create, share and edit 3D part designs.

(Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20050415/SFF034LOGO>)

"Inventor LT eliminates many of the headaches associated with moving files between different CAD systems," said Robert "Buzz" Kross, vice president of Autodesk Manufacturing Solutions. "As a result, customers can realize the benefits of 3D part design and AutoCAD interoperability to get their jobs done faster and easier."

Inventor LT Technology Preview is available only as English language software and is available for download only in the United States and Canada. Additional countries may be added at a future time.

Create, Share and Edit 3D Designs for Improved Supply Chain Communication

Inventor LT helps customers improve their communications with their supply chain by making editable 3D part design data more accessible than ever before. Rich functionality available in Inventor LT enables:

- Multi-CAD translation capabilities for leading native and neutral 3D CAD file formats
- 3D part model creation and editing
- Automated mechanical drawings
- Genuine DWG interoperability with DWG TrueConnect technology
- Photorealistic rendering of 3D part designs

"By supporting multi-CAD interoperability in most leading file formats, Inventor LT provides a tremendous solution for the entire manufacturing supply chain," said Kross. "We are thrilled to make this one-of-a-kind product available to the extended manufacturing community."

To learn more about Inventor LT, or to download a copy of the software, please visit the Autodesk Labs site at http://labs.autodesk.com/technologies/inventor_lt.

About Autodesk Labs

Autodesk Labs is the home for innovative technologies, prototypes and applications ranging from plug-ins to existing software, to brand new software applications and Web services. The Autodesk Labs site was recently updated to feature the Autodesk Inventor LT release and allow for more robust user involvement. For more information about Autodesk Labs, visit: <http://labs.autodesk.com>.

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is the world leader in 2D and 3D design software for the manufacturing, construction, and media and entertainment markets. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk has developed the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art digital prototyping solutions to help customers experience their ideas before they are real. Fortune 1000 companies rely on Autodesk for the tools to visualize, simulate and analyze real-world performance early in the design process to save time and money, enhance quality and foster innovation. For additional information about Autodesk, visit www.autodesk.com/.

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