



## AutoCAD Electrical 2004 Wins the Control Design 2003 Readers' Choice Award

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Magazine Readers Select New Autodesk Product as Industry's Best Electrical  
CAD Software

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Nov. 14 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK), the world's leading design software and digital content company, today announced that its new AutoCAD(R) Electrical 2004 software won the Control Design 2003 Readers' Choice Award in the Electrical CAD Software category. AutoCAD Electrical 2004 was selected by readers of Control Design magazine based on their real-world use of the product. The magazine mailed ballots to all of its subscribers, who wrote in their choice. Because vendors and their products were not listed, a win in this situation is an even greater achievement. According to Control Design magazine, AutoCAD Electrical 2004 software received 62 percent of the votes, with the second place winner receiving only five percent. Other software products in the category each received less than five percent of the vote. AutoCAD Electrical 2004 is being showcased in the November 2003 issue of Control Design magazine ([www.controldesign.com](http://www.controldesign.com)).

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"This recognition from customers is especially meaningful because it tells us that we are delivering the solutions they need to be productive in their jobs," said Robert Kross, vice president of the Manufacturing Solutions Division at Autodesk.

AutoCAD Electrical 2004 helps electrical engineers, designers, and detailers create better electrical designs, reduce costs, and accelerate time to market for their products. It provides extensive electrical controls design functionality as part of the industry's most comprehensive 2D and 3D design solutions for the manufacturing marketplace. It is built on the AutoCAD(R) 2004 foundation to maintain full, native DWG format compatibility. Wire data reports created in AutoCAD Electrical can be leveraged directly by the cable and wire harness functionality in Autodesk Inventor(R) Professional software to further accelerate and simplify the design process. AutoCAD Electrical is currently available only in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., and Latin America. For more information on AutoCAD Electrical, visit [www.autodesk.com/autocadelectrical](http://www.autodesk.com/autocadelectrical).

### Autodesk Manufacturing's Design and Data Management Solutions

As part of its strategy to help customers create, manage, and share their digital design data and solve critical business challenges, Autodesk Manufacturing Solutions Division offers companies the most comprehensive selection of 2D and 3D design and data management solutions, critical tools that help customers innovate, increase productivity, simplify processes, improve product quality, and accelerate time to market for less cost. Unlike other offerings on the market today, Autodesk's design and data management solutions are easy to install and use, and provide significant process improvements and rapid results without the complex, costly installations of large-scale product lifecycle management systems. Autodesk's manufacturing solutions include AutoCAD(R), AutoCAD(R) Mechanical and AutoCAD Electrical software, Autodesk Inventor Professional and Autodesk Inventor(R) Series 3D mechanical design packages that are integrated with new Autodesk(R) Vault functionality, and the Autodesk Streamline(R) collaboration service. In addition, customers can take advantage of widely available third-party applications purpose-built for Autodesk software and they can utilize Autodesk Professional Services to garner greater value from their software.

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