

## Press Release

### **AutoForm Becomes Dassault Systèmes' Software Partner**

**Zurich, Switzerland, March 12, 2008: AutoForm Engineering GmbH, the leading supplier of software solutions for the sheet metal forming industry, has joined the Dassault Systèmes Component Application Architecture (CAA) Software Partner Program. This partnership enables the integration and enhancement of AutoForm's unique solutions in the CATIA V5 environment. It also opens the possibility for integration with SIMULIA's realistic simulation portfolio.**

The partnership leverages the unique expertise of AutoForm for sheet metal forming process simulation within the powerful design functionalities of CATIA V5. Staying within the CATIA V5 design environment, the product designers, process planners, and tool designers will be able to quickly and efficiently perform early manufacturability and cost assessments, set up the entire stamping process, make process modifications, and consider and evaluate different process layouts in order to find the best ones. CATIA users will benefit from AutoForm's unique solutions that are available for the entire process chain and from the software's well-known result accuracy, stability, and performance.

AutoForm-OneStep for CATIA V5—an essential toolkit for sheet metal product designers, which enables manufacturability assessments inside CATIA V5—is the first fully-integrated AutoForm software module in the CATIA V5 environment. By joining the Dassault Systèmes Software Community Program, AutoForm will continue to integrate its solutions, maintaining full compatibility with CATIA and at the same time providing innovations for the automotive industry.

Dr. Waldemar Kubli, CEO of AutoForm Engineering, stated: "This partnership is an integral part of AutoForm's strategy, and will provide significant benefits to our customers who are leveraging CATIA for product lifecycle management. By integrating and complementing our suite of solutions with the highly-productive CATIA V5 portfolio, we will continue to deliver state-of-the-art solutions to our mutual customers and to support them in bringing high-quality products to the market faster and more cost-efficiently."

"The integration of AutoForm capabilities within CATIA will enable our manufacturing customers to compress time in their design-to-production processes, which is especially valuable to the automotive industry," states Ken Short, VP strategy and marketing, SIMULIA, Dassault Systèmes. "As a DS software community partner, AutoForm will be able to work closely with our R&D teams to enhance the capabilities and scalability of their sheet metal forming solutions directly in CATIA, as well as extend the integration within SIMULIA's realistic simulation product portfolio."

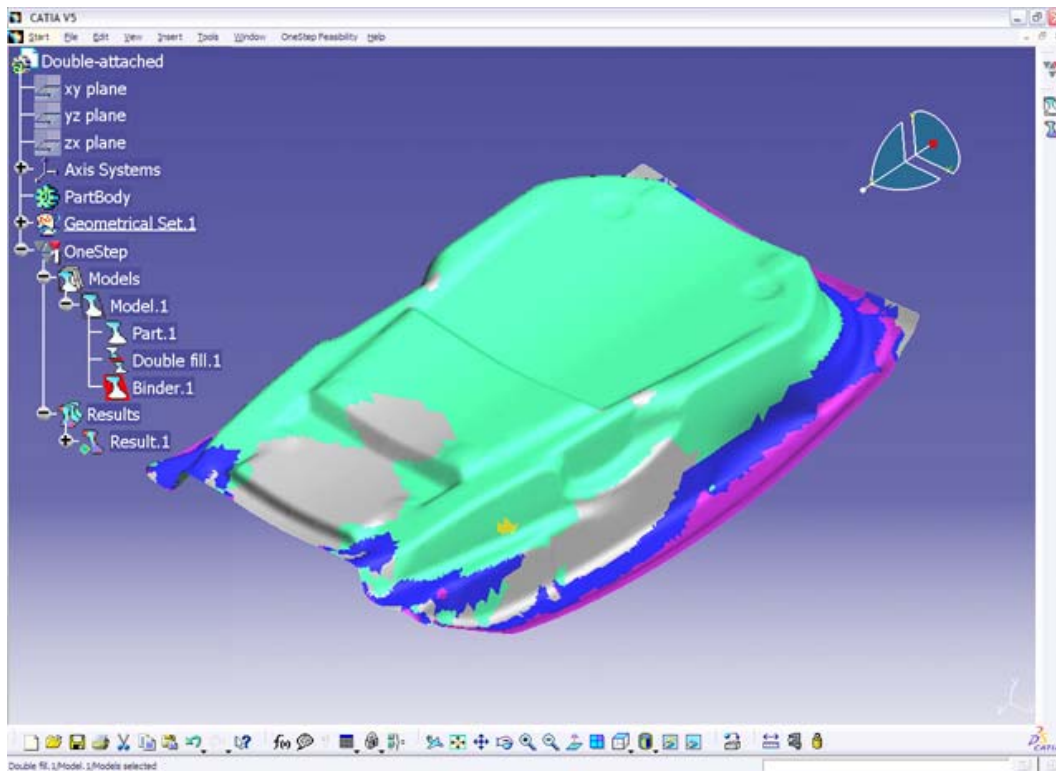
#### **About AutoForm Engineering GmbH**

*AutoForm Engineering develops and markets specialized die face design and simulation software for the automotive and sheet metal forming industries. With all of the Top 20 automobile producers and customers, AutoForm is recognized as the number one provider of software for product formability, die face design and virtual tryouts to the global automotive industry. AutoForm offices are located in Switzerland, Germany, The Netherlands, France, Spain, Italy, USA, Mexico, India, China, Japan and Korea. The company also serves the needs of its customers through agents and distributors in more than 15 other countries (Turkey, Brazil, etc.). For detailed information visit: [www.autoform.com](http://www.autoform.com)*

#### **About Dassault Systèmes**

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