

## Press Release

### **AutoForm Integrates its Technology into the CATIA V5 Environment**

**Zurich, Switzerland, December 12, 2007:** AutoForm Engineering GmbH, the leading supplier of software solutions for the sheet metal forming industry, has released AutoForm-OneStep for CATIA V5 – the first fully integrated AutoForm software module into the CATIA V5 environment. This new module is an essential toolkit for sheet metal product designers, which enables manufacturability assessments inside CATIA V5.

AutoForm has released its well-known software module AutoForm-OneStep, for engineering manufacturable sheet metal parts, fully integrated into the CATIA V5 environment. Embedded within CATIA, the OneStep feasibility workbench brings together all functionality necessary for quickly assessing and countermeasuring potential splits and thinning on product prior to its release.

Associativity, manufacturing focus, simplicity and quick turnaround are key features of AutoForm-OneStep for CATIA V5. Staying within the CATIA V5 environment, product designers are able to continuously check their product for stamping concerns. They can perform fully associative manufacturing studies on product features, material grade and gage. They can also consider and evaluate different part designs in order to find the best one. A continuous focus on product feasibility minimizes later expensive product modifications and allows designers to release a manufacturable product. Additional outputs as accurate blank shape, size and part weight add significant value to feasibility assessments.

Detailed strain and thickness evaluations are available through the GPS module. Strain and thickness results can be mapped onto selected FE meshes done by other CAE software and used for performance analysis – crash, NVH, durability, etc.

Dr. Markus Thomma, AutoForm's Marketing Director stated: "Constantly advancing the state-of-the-art for our customers, we have decided to integrate our well-known OneStep technology into the CATIA V5 environment. It provides CATIA users with the maximum level of convenience, allowing them to work in the CATIA V5 environment with all the functionalities of AutoForm-OneStep. Identifying and strengthening the competitive advantages for our customers, we shall continue to integrate our solutions, maintaining full compatibility with CATIA."

#### **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)*

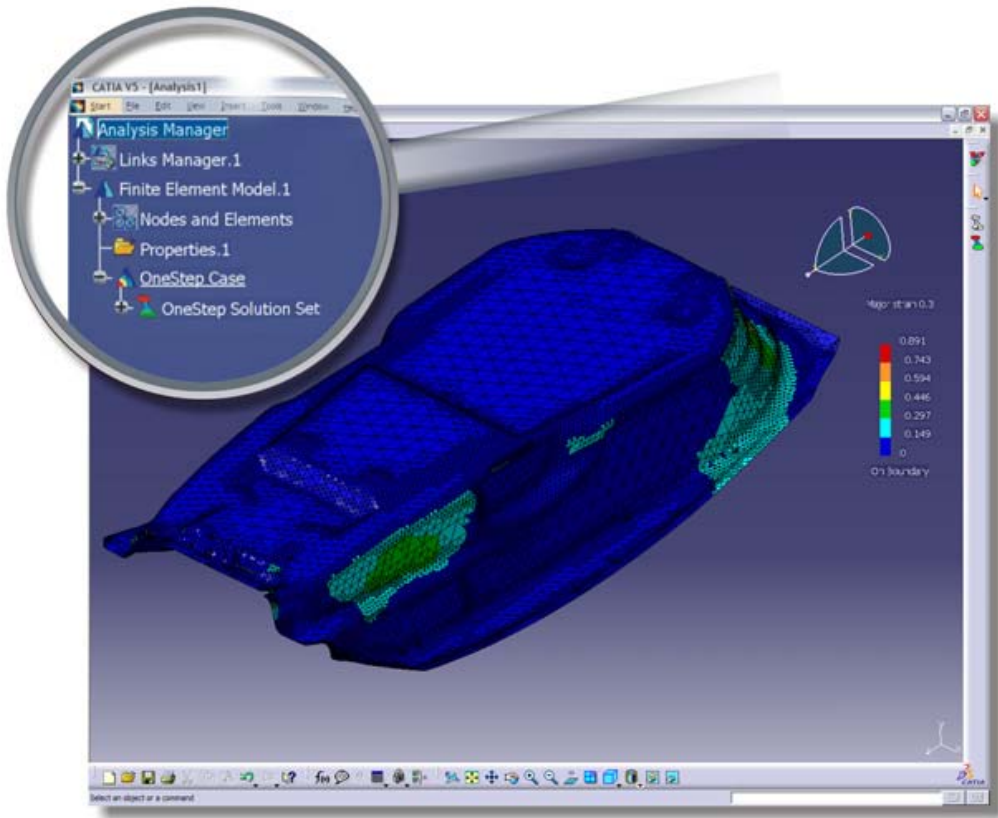
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AutoForm-OneStep for CATIA V5: Manufacturability assessment inside CATIA

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