

## Press Release

### Successful Contribution of AutoForm at Numisheet 2008

**Zurich, Switzerland, September 24, 2008: AutoForm Engineering GmbH, the leading supplier of software solutions for the sheet metal forming industry, successfully participated at the Numisheet 2008 conference in Interlaken, Switzerland from 1-5 September. The excellent benchmark results at the conference confirmed that AutoForm software is not only the acknowledged industry standard, but also widely used for academic and scientific studies. AutoForm was the most used software code for the Numisheet Benchmark Study.**

The Numisheet conference was an excellent opportunity for both engineers and scientists to meet in person and to share their latest achievements in the field of numerical sheet metal forming. Summarizing the expertise of the participants, simulation of sheet metal forming processes has obviously reached a high level of accuracy. Today, this technology can be reliably used for springback calculation and its compensation in industrial applications.

The involvement of AutoForm was meaningful and marked an important contribution to the conference. The company actively participated in two benchmark studies: one on springback and drawbead modeling provided by Daimler and the other on hot forming processes provided by AUDI. The submitted results clearly indicated that AutoForm was the most used software code. AutoForm showed excellent results in both benchmarks and held top positions among the used software codes.

AutoForm's competitiveness and its high level of know-how and expertise were not only visible in the benchmark studies. Also the papers and presentations by AutoForm experts on the topics of process planning, cost calculation, springback and hot forming aroused great interest among the audience. In addition to these commitments, AutoForm was also one of the main sponsors along with Daimler and ThyssenKrupp Steel. The Numisheet 2008 conference once again confirmed that AutoForm is not only the acknowledged industry software, but also a widely used software for academic and scientific studies.

Dr. Markus Thomma, Corporate Marketing Director at AutoForm, explains: "Our excellent results at the Numisheet conference clearly reflect AutoForm's top position in the field of sheet metal forming simulation. We are pleased to see our high level of expertise and leading-edge technology acknowledged at a conference as prestigious as Numisheet."

#### **About Numisheet 2008**

*The 7th International Conference and Workshop on Numerical Simulation of 3D Sheet Forming Processes was organized by ETH Zurich and held on September 1-5, 2008 in Interlaken, Switzerland. The first part of the conference covered research and engineering advances in the field of numerical sheet-metal forming, where participants could present their recent developments and trends, new fields of research and new processes. The second part covered three benchmarks, where participants could present their results for well defined and experimentally controlled simulation tasks. The prestigious European car companies BMW, Daimler and AUDI provided benchmarks 1, 2 and 3, respectively. The conference was a great opportunity to compare state of the art simulations with carefully obtained experimental data. For detailed information please visit: [www.numisheet2008.org](http://www.numisheet2008.org)*

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

*AutoForm offers software solutions for the die-making and sheet metal forming industries along the entire process chain. With over 200 employees, AutoForm is recognized as the leading provider of software for product manufacturability, tool and material cost calculation, die face design and virtual process optimization. All of the Top 20 automotive OEMs and most of their suppliers have selected AutoForm as their software of choice. Besides its headquarters in Zurich, AutoForm has offices in Germany, The Netherlands, France, Spain, Italy, USA, Mexico, India, China, Japan and Korea. AutoForm is also present through its agents in more than 15 other countries. For detailed information please visit: [www.autoform.com](http://www.autoform.com)*

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