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DataCAD 7 sizzles with spectacular new features

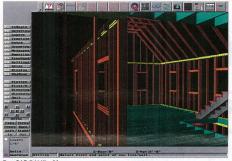
By Claudia Martin

DataCAD 7 is on the street and it's loaded with spectacular new features and functionality. Best of all, unlike many of the software "upgrades" that come out these days, it has more than just "whistles and bells."

"It is, in fact," says Mark Madura, vice president of the Cadkey AEC Product Group, "a serious upgrade, uniquely customized for the special demands of architectural design and drafting." The discount S99 upgrade price for registered users is being offered until March 31, 1996. New packages of Data-CAD 7 retail for \$249.

Version 7 incorporates many functions and features DataCAD users have been asking for. Here's an overview of the major ones:

DWG Translator — The new bi-directional DWG translator is far and accurate. It lets you do business with anyone who uses Auto-CAD became it's compatible with virtually any DWG file. You can easily import an Auto-CAD drawing and work with it as a DCS file or export a Data-CAD file directly to Auto-CAD, including version 12. Support for full butch translations saves time and effort. This means you'll finally have the resources to bid on government contract or interface with any tirm that runs Auto-CAD without spending \$35,000 for your own copy.



DataCAD 7 Utility Menu

Automated 3D Roof Framing — Data-CAD 7 lets you create framing diagrams for standard roof styles, using typical stick framing (that's in addition to fully automated wall and floor framing). You can frame roof, fly, hip, jack and valley rafters. You also can model ridge boards, collar beams, purlins, ceiling joists, rake edges, fascia, freeze boards, soffits, and sheathing. If you add the optional Estimator package, you can produce a bill of materials with cost estimate.

Multi-line Walls — With DataCAD 7, you can create cavity walls with multiple lines instead of two parallel lines, and no cleanup is required. The multi-line wall drawing option lets you select 2-, 3 or +1-line walls and draw parallel lines at the same time. You even can add hatching to your 4-line walls. Speaking of lines, DataCAD 7 handles up to 50 line types (up from 20), plus there's support for 50 userdefined lines.

Multi-Scale Plotting — No more plotting different scale diagrams manually. Data-CAD 7 lets you put several pieces of a drawing file on a single sheet, then show them in different scales, all in a single drawing.

File Locking and Layer Freezing — If you run DataCAD on a network, you'll appreciate file locking. This feature keeps others from changing or working on your drawings and layer files until you want them to.

Miscellaneous Goodies — A PrintAPlot Pro utility replaces DC print. This utility launches automatically from within DataCAD and directly supports more than 1,500 printers. If you need DataCAD images for documentation, training manuals, tutorials and spec sheets, you now can capture a screen with a single keystroke and then convert it off line to PCX, TGA or ZRN format. There is also a new tutorial manual, and 30 days of free installation support is included.

To order DataCAD 7, Cases Templates v2, or Estimator, call 800/360-7564 or fax 716/873-

New ASME spec helps designers say what they want

By Robert Bean P.E. & Robert C. Yule

The new ASME Y14.5M-1994 specification is a great improvement over its predecessor, ANSI Y14.5M-1982. The changes are not radical in terms of actual dimensioning and tolerancing techniques. However, the general focus of the new specification is to comply almost entirely with ISO specifications. This is evidenced by the adaptation of the ISO datum reference symbology, the removal of the RFS modifier symbol, and the return of the symmetry symbol.

In addition, new modifiers enhance the designers' ability to communicate what they want in more realistic terms. New satistical tolerancing modifiers reflect the reality of manufacturing more precisely. Some new concepts are introduced with respect to composite positional and profile tolerancing. In general, all diagrams and explanations are vastly improved, as are all definitions of terms.

Background

In March 1994, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) published and revised the frequently used stan-

dard on Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing (GD&T), renaming it Dimensioning and Tolerancing (ASME 14.5M-1994). This standard is currently widely used by designers and draftsman to convey unambiguous data on the mechanical specification of parts.

GD&T was initially developed for use in tight tolerance applications, for example, automotive, aerospace and militarusage. It evolved into a thorough specification for defining dimensions and tolerances for any manufactured part. It is the "dictionary" that allows customers and suppliers to speak the same language when designing and manufacturing product. The words in this dictionary are words like: "The Position, Flatness, Perpendicularity, and so on. Many of these words have modifiers and adjectives such as Maximum Material Condition or Regardless of Feature Size. This language of Mechanical Design is being used (and misused) with increasing frequency by almost all companies on a worldwide basis. ASME and ISO (the International Standards Organization) are working together to enhance each standards of they will become a worldwide "language" for transmission of design information. This article presents an overview of the changes

CHANGES Datum Referencing

in the ASME 14.5 standard.

Basic Symbol

The ASME Y14.5M-1994 method of datum referencing is now identical to that of ISO — a square frame around the datum letter (rectangular for double letters) with a leader and a triangular shape at the end that rests on the surface being

tagged. Figure 1 shows the new ASME Datum Reference symbol with the correct proportions.

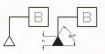


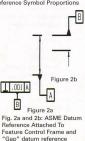
Figure 1: ASME Datum Reference Symbol Proportions

method

Control Frame

To add the Datum Reference symbol to a geometrical tolerance control frame, the basic reference symbol is attached directly to the bottom or top of the feature control frame (Figure 2a). An alternate method of adding a datum reference frame is to use dimension lines with a datum reference symbol (Figure 2b). When a circular datum reference is defined, it may be attached directly to the circle in the

drawing and may use See ASME, page 22 ⇔



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Cadkey at AutoFact Expo

Cadkey Inc. demonstrated CADKEY for Windows in their booth at the AutoFact Show in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 14-16. More than 3,000 demonstration copies of CADKEY for Windows was distributed. According to Ken Erman, Cadkey's MEC product manager, response to the product was extremely positive.

■ CADKEY for Windows Demo CD-ROM Available

A special CD-ROM with a demo version of CADKEY for Windows is available. For evaluation only, file saving and output capabilities have been eliminated. In addition, an assortment of marketing materials, such as slide shows, product information sheets, and a copy of Cadkey's home page is on the disk. Additional materials, such as tutorials and self-running demos will be added in the future.

Contact your local Gadkey dealer (listed in this issue) if you are interested in this CD.

■ New Book Provides 3D Techniques for CADKEY

"Doctor Walt's Keys to CADKEX," by With Silva, is a new book that helps readers learn to build complex, accurate 3D models in less than one hour. Sarting with a comprehensive tour of both the DOS and Windows interfaces, the book covers all the basic tools needed to produce complex three-dimensional wireframe models. Step-by-step details progress through construction of three-dimensional objects, mechanical assemblies, and complex parts. Power tools like the XFORM functions are clearly illustrated.

Walt Silva is a BSME graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology and has spent 25 years developing engineering groups and systems. Doctor Walts Keys to CADKEY is \$59.95. For more information, contact Cadkey at 800/394-2231 or fax 203/298-659.

■ DRAFT-PAK Windows Versions

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Shown here is CalComp's DrawingBoard III, the company's "improved" digitizer. An incorrect photo accompanied a review of the product in the September issue of KeySolutions.

Correction

A cutline accompanying a graphic in the November issue of KeySolutions incorrectly identified the source of the image on page 10. The 3D model of the target mirror structure was created using Mastercam, a mechanical design software.

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Seeking CADKEY Work

I am a CAD contractor who works at temporary assignments as a CAD operator. I have experience with CADKEY 7.04 and AutoCAD 12. I work out of central Massachusetts and most of the work I find is in companies that use AutoCAD. I enjoy using CADKEY a lot more, but really don't know how to go about targeting companies that utilize CADKEY and could use my services. Any suggestions?

Ernest B. Johnston 508/481-8752

Puzzled Readers Please Note

A little correction. The name of our Internet Data-CAD Forum is DBUG, not DEBUG as printed in the October Key Solutions on page 5. Normally, this wouldn't make a whit of difference, but as you know when dealing with Internet addresses, it makes a critical difference, if there are any puzzled readers who can't understand why they can't subscribe to the Data-CAD Forum on the Internet, please let them know that the text of their e-mail message to majordnow@world.atd.eom should be written as follows with no "e" in dbug and no period at the end of a sen-

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Evan Shu Editor/Publisher Cheap Tricks and Cheapware

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As part of the KeySolutions year-end resource guide, presented here are lists of graphics boards, printers and plotters that are compatible with CADKEY.

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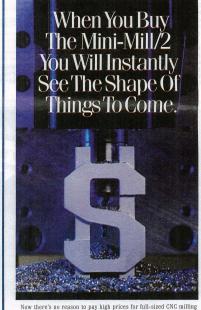
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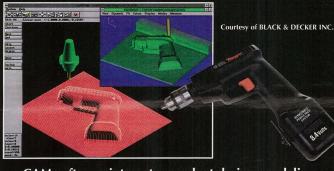
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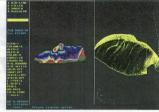
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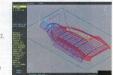
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Figure 3: ASME Circular Datum Reference Methods

Projected Tolerance Zone

The method for indicating a Projected Tolerance Zone has changed significantly in the ASME Y14.5M-1994 specification. The separate control frame for the projected toler-ance is gone. The projected "P" modifier is now placed in the geometric tolerance control frame after the tolerance value modifier.

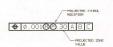


Figure 4: New Projected Tolerance Zone Designation

The projected zone value can be shown by two methods, either in the control frame after "P" modifier (Figure 4) or, as in Figure 5, which was the same in the ANSI Y14.5M-1982 specification.

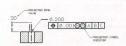


Figure 5: Second Method For Projected Tolerance Zone Designation

Free State Modifier

The Free State Modifier symbol is new. It ensures that when the part is being inspected, it is not restrained. The symbol is used in the same manner as the MMC modifier shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6: Free State Modifier Symbol used in a flatness callout

Tangent Plane Symbol

The new Tangent Plane Modifier symbol is used when it is desired to control a feature surface established by contact points on the surface. The symbol shown in Figure 7 is used in the same manner as the MMC and LMC modifiers as shown in Figure 5.





Figure 7: Tangent Plane Modifier Symbol

Between Symbol

The new Between symbol is used to indicate that a tolerance applies to a limited seg-ment between indicated extremes. Figure 8 shows an example. In ANSI Y14.5M-1982, this situation was handled with a note below the control frame.



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The concept represented by the new Statistical symbol is a significant change to the

previous standard. When used in geometrical control frames, it is applied in the same manner as the other modifiers (Figure 9). The ASME Y14.5M-1994 standard requires that the note shown in Figure 9 be placed on the drawing. Figures 10 and 11 show other examples of statistical tolerancing. Note that there needs to be two different notes available, as shown in the figures.



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Figure 9: Statistical Dimension And Geometric Tolerance Example



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Figure 10 Statistical Tolerance Example



Figure 11 Statistical And Mathematical Tolerance Example

Spherical Diameter The Spherical

Diameter symbol is not new to ASME Y14.5M-1994. However, the concept of applying it in a geometrical control frame is. Figure 12 shows an example.

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Figure 12: Spherical Diameter Symbol Applied To A Control Frame

Datum Target Symbol

The basic Datum Target symbol is the same as ANSI Y14.5M-1982. However, a better method of indicating the diameter of the target zone is introduced. Figure 13 shows the concept, which can be used if the value is too big to fit in the target symbol.



Figure 13: **Datum Target** Diameter Zone Representation

Regardless of Feature Size Symbol

This symbol is removed from use in ASME Y14.5M-1994, but there is an interim relaxation of this allowed (REF 2.8 (b)).

Composite Positional Tolerance

This is another major change in ASME Y14.5M-1994. The new standard greatly clarifies the use of Composite Positional Tolerance and introduces the concept of multiple datum references in the second control frame





Figure 14: 2 Methods of Multiple Datum References In Second Control Frame

Composite Profile Tolerance

This is a new concept in ASME Y14.5M-1994. Figure 15 shows an example of this new call out



Figure 15: Composite Profile Tolerance

Coplanar Surfaces

There is a clarification of Coplanar Surfaces in ASME Y14.5M-1994. The introduction of the concept is illustrated in Figure 16.



Figure 16: Coplanar Surfaces

Boundary Control For Non-Cylindrical Surfaces

This new concept for ASME Y14.5M-1994 allows positional tolerances to be combined with profile tolerances (Figure 17).



Figure 17: Boundary Concept Applied To Non Circular Features

Symmetry Symbol

This symbol (Figure 18) existed in a previous version of the standard and is reintroduced in ASME Y14.5M-1994

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Figure 18: Symmetry Symbol

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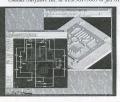
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