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Latest Nastran FEA Modeler Extends the User Base in Product Development Organizations

Noran Engineering's NEiModeler v9.1 appeals to new users and experienced analysts with benefits in model creation

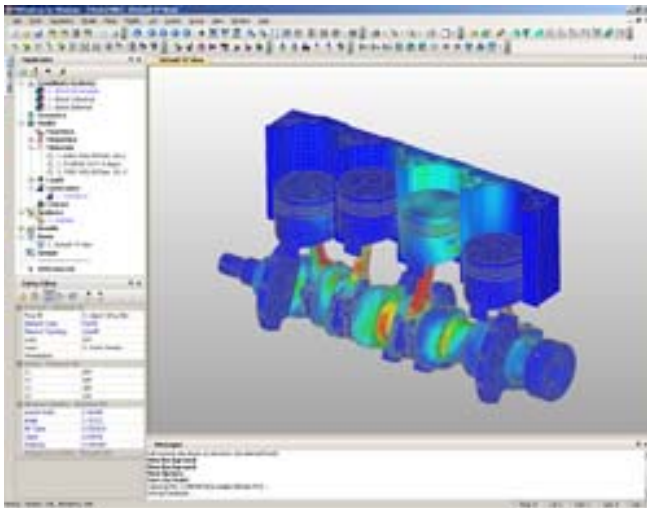
Westminster, CA. January 23, 2006. Noran Engineering, Inc. (NEi) a leading developer of Nastran Finite Element Analysis (FEA) software used extensively for product design and simulation (www.NEiNastran.com), announced that its release of its NEiModeler V9.1 will extend both ends of the user spectrum for the product by providing special features for new and experienced users. This release is part of a product strategy of allowing easier adoption of FEA technology by new users, while supporting the most sophisticated users with advanced tools. The overall objective is a smooth, continuous pathway to increasing skill levels of analysis and simulation in virtual product development.

FEA software is being adopted at increasing rates as companies seek to lower product development costs without compromising quality or forfeiting innovation. NEiNastran Modeler V9.1 addresses these new users by providing both comprehensive CAD geometry transfer and FEA model creation capabilities in a flexible, familiar, native Windows environment incorporating the latest generation Microsoft technology. Not only can the NEiModeler accept all major 3D CAD files (e.g. Solid Edge V18, CATIA V5, SolidWorks, Pro/Engineer, AutoCAD Inventor) but full 3D model creation for analysis is possible, even for those without 3D systems -- by incorporating the two most widely used and regarded geometry engines, Parasolids and ACIS.

For experienced FE analysts, sophisticated features have been added in meshing, spot weld simulation, customization, and automation functions. These include, a new Quadrilateral Element meshing option for critical boundaries and stress raisers, a Nastran Spot Weld Element for sheet metal, a Macro driven program file for automating repetitive tasks, and a fully integrated BASIC development environment for customizing post-processing functions. A 90-second audio video animation illustrating NEiModeler v9.1 is available at the link www.NEiNastran.com/NEiModelerV9.1.

Dave Weinberg, CEO of Noran Engineering, commented on the release, "The Pre-Post Processor is the foundation of an FEA software portfolio. It is the primary user environment, the conduit for all incoming data and results, and a connection to all the analysis tools. So Modeler selection is a critical and long term decision. With the V9.1 release, the NEiModeler will continue to hold the high ground in the FEA market

by continuing to set the standard for professional level capabilities in a format that accommodates user sophistication levels, while maintaining its affordable price tag.”



Screenshot of Noran Engineering Inc.'s (NEi) Finite Element Analysis (FEA) pre and post processor NEiModeler v9.1 which uses NEi Nastran to analyze and simulate structural, thermal, and dynamic problems. New ease-of-use features provide entry for new users and a continuous path to highly sophisticated Nastran virtual product development capabilities. A 90-second audio video animation illustrating NEiModeler v9.1 is at the link www.NEiNastran.com/NEiModelerV9.1.

About Noran Engineering, Inc.

Noran Engineering, Inc. (NEi), develops computer-aided engineering (CAE) software, providing a complete suite of analysis tools for structural, thermal, dynamic, fluid flow, fatigue, composites, and optimization to leading companies worldwide in aerospace, automotive, maritime, military, medical, and consumer product industries. The core product, NEiNastran, runs on Windows, Linux, and UNIX platforms in both stand-alone and networked configurations. NEi's latest product, NEiWorks in SolidWorks, breaks new ground in engineering analysis software by integrating Nastran with CAD to remove long standing barriers between design and analysis. Website: www.NEiNastran.com. Telephone: 714.899.1220. Email: info@noraneng.com.

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