



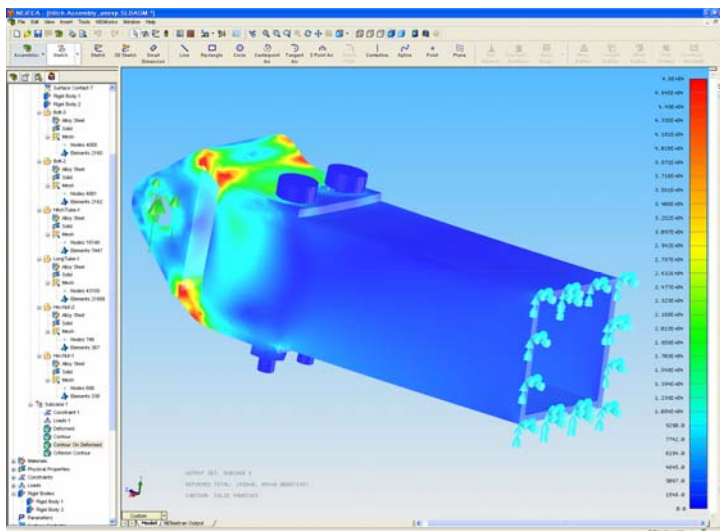
Press Release

Noran Engineering Partners with SolidWorks Corporation on Modeler for New Nastran FEA Software

Simulation Software will be CAD Independent

Westminster, CA. July 17, 2006. Noran Engineering, Inc. (NEi) a leading developer and global supplier of Nastran finite element analysis (FEA) software announced that it has reached a licensing agreement with SolidWorks Corporation for the use of its solid modeling engine. The solid modeling engine will underlie a CAD neutral Nastran engineering analysis and simulation software product called NEi FEA that is created specifically for individual design engineers who require Nastran based FEA. The significance of the NEi FEA software package is the pairing of an easy to use, CAD independent modeler using SolidWorks highly successful modeling engine with Nastran FEA solvers which are valued for their speed, accuracy, and industry tested solutions for structural, thermal, and dynamic engineering problems. The combination of SolidWorks and Nastran is a first in the industry and extends the market for professional level Nastran FEA software to smaller business entities and individuals.

Dave Weinberg, CEO of Noran Engineering, remarked on the agreement, "SolidWorks is well known for developing an extremely easy to use, yet powerful geometry engine. Our extension of this technology in the form of an FEA modeler and coupling it with Nastran solvers will break new ground in the industry." Mark Driscoll, OEM business development manager for SolidWorks, offered, "We are delighted to see the innovative efforts of Noran Engineering extending our geometry technology into other sectors of the design engineering community."



Screenshot of Noran Engineering's new engineering analysis software **NEi FEA**. The modeler contains a geometry engine developed by SolidWorks Corporation and is coupled to Nastran solvers to generate highly accurate simulations of parts undergoing static, dynamic, or thermal loading. The software is for design engineers that need CAD independent, Nastran finite element analysis.

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About Noran Engineering, Inc.

Noran Engineering, Inc. (NEi) is a world leader in Nastran finite element analysis (FEA) software for structural, thermal, dynamic, fluid flow, fatigue, composites, and optimization. Leading companies worldwide use its products for engineering analysis and simulation in aerospace, automotive, maritime, military, medical, and consumer product industries.

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About SolidWorks Corporation

SolidWorks Corporation, a Dassault Systèmes S.A. (Nasdaq: DASTY, Euronext Paris: #13065, DSY.PA) company, develops and markets software for design, analysis, and product data management. It is the leading supplier of 3D CAD technology, providing intuitive, high-performing software that helps product design teams develop great products. For the latest news, information, or an online demonstration, visit the company's Web site (www.solidworks.com) or call 1-800-693-9000 (outside of North America, call +1-978-371-5000).

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