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## **Cessna Aircraft Company Switches To NE/Nastran as its Primary FEA Package**

### **Noran Engineering Inc. Partners with Cessna Aircraft Company to Provide High Performance, Cost-Effective FEA Solution.**

LOS ALAMITOS, CA, January 1, 2003 — Noran Engineering, Inc. (NEi) a world-wide leader in advanced FEA software today announced that the Cessna Aircraft Company of Wichita, KS will be changing its primary FEA package to NE/Nastran for Windows.

“This partnership represents a significant step forward for Noran Engineering. In these tight economic times return on investment, technological capabilities and superior customer support has become critical factors to industry leaders such as Cessna.” Said David Weinberg, CEO and President of Noran Engineering. “Cessna realized that a cost-effective alternative NASTRAN package is available and can perform any analysis task they ask of it. We are proud to be working with a company of Cessna’s caliber and reputation and look forward to successful rollout in 2003.”

Upon completion an exhaustive 6-month technical evaluation, Cessna chose to replace the bulk of their existing seats of MSC.Nastran for Windows with NE/Nastran Version 8.2. The technical evaluation program conducted by Cessna’s engineering staff involved several key facets. Cessna evaluated NE/Nastran’s diverse technical capabilities as well as Noran Engineering’s reputation for outstanding technical support and rapid development cycle. Initial deployment of NE/Nastran began in mid-December with full delivery due to be completed in January 2003.

#### **ABOUT Noran Engineering, Inc.**

Noran Engineering Inc. is a world-wide leader in CAE. Established in 1991 Noran Engineering Inc. (NEi) was created with the idea of bringing a true Nastran analysis tool from the mainframe to the desktop. Our flagship product NE/Nastran accomplished that goal. Twelve years later Noran Engineering Inc.

continues to lead the competition by improving and enhancing the software's unique blend of power, ease-of-use and cost effectiveness. Noran Engineering, Inc. is aggressively focused on commitment to the customer and continuous software development. For a FREE evaluation copy, additional product information or to order NE/Nastran V8.2, call toll-free at (877) NENastran or visit us online at [www.NENastran.com](http://www.NENastran.com)

**ABOUT Cessna Aircraft Company**

Cessna Aircraft Company is a subsidiary of Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) an \$11 billion multi-industry company with 49,000 employees in 40 countries. The company leverages its global network of businesses to provide customers with innovative solutions and services in industries such as aircraft, fastening systems, industrial products and components and finance. Textron is known around the world for its powerful brands such as Bell Helicopter, Cessna Aircraft, Kautex, Lycoming, E-Z-GO and Greenlee, among others. More information is available at [www.textron.com](http://www.textron.com).

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