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AutoCAD Mechanical migration to Autodesk Product Design Suite Standard Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for Customers

The purpose of this document is to outline frequently asked questions related to the migration of AutoCAD® Mechanical Subscription customers in the United States and Canada to Autodesk® Product Design Suite Standard.

1) What are the details of the migration to Product Design Suite Standard for AutoCAD Mechanical subscription customers?

AutoCAD Mechanical customers in the United States and Canada who hold an active Subscription contract with Autodesk will automatically be migrated and upgraded to Autodesk Product Design Suite Standard on March 22nd, 2011. On April 14th, 2011, customers will receive notification that their 2012 product entitlement (Product Design Suite Standard) is available for download via Subscription Center. A USB drive containing Product Design Suite Standard will also be shipped automatically to customers who have specified a delivery preference of “box.” Customers who have their delivery preference set to “download” will not automatically receive a USB, but can request a physical shipment on Subscription Center, if required.

2) What is Product Design Suite?

Autodesk Product Design Suite 2012 is a comprehensive set of design, visualization, and simulation software. It provides a variety of tools so that the designers and engineers who are responsible for creating compelling products have the flexibility to more easily respond to the design challenges that arise due to changing business requirements. Granting greater access to compatible tools for sketching, surfacing, modeling, drawing, simulating, tooling, rendering, animating, and data management, users are empowered to create spectacular products.

3) What does Product Design Suite Standard include?

Product Design Suite Standard provides foundational design and drafting tools for compelling product design and allows our customers to:

- Accelerate the creation and revision of mechanical drawings with all the functionality of AutoCAD plus a complete set of mechanical design productivity features in AutoCAD Mechanical.
- Create compelling imagery, movies, and interactive presentations with Autodesk Showcase to secure internal buy-in and win new customer business.
- Gain more control over your design data with Autodesk Vault software for managing design creation, simulation, and documentation processes.

Product Design Suite Standard includes:

- AutoCAD® Mechanical 2012
- Autodesk® Vault 2012
- Autodesk® Showcase® 2012
- Autodesk® SketchBook® Designer 2012
- Autodesk® Mudbox™ 2012

4) What is the Subscription price of Product Design Suite Standard?

For AutoCAD Mechanical customers who are converting to Product Design Suite Standard, the subscription renewal price in 2011 for Product Design Suite Standard will be US\$495.00 (the same price of AutoCAD Mechanical Subscription). The Product Design Suite Standard Subscription price in subsequent years will be an incremental US\$100 at US\$595.00.

5) Is AutoCAD Mechanical as a single product being discontinued?

No, AutoCAD Mechanical will continue to be sold by itself outside of the Product Design Suite; however, the Product Design Suite gives the AutoCAD Mechanical customer additional functionality for visualization with Showcase, SketchBook Designer, and Mudbox.

6) What if an AutoCAD Mechanical Subscription customer does not want the additional functionality in Product Design Suite?

AutoCAD Mechanical customers who do not wish to migrate their Subscription contract to Product Design Suite may choose to opt-out of this migration and decline this free upgrade. The process and steps for customers to do this will be communicated via email in May.

7) What is the communication plan for AutoCAD Mechanical Subscription customers who are being migrated to Product Design Suite Standard?

AutoCAD Mechanical Subscription customers in the United States and Canada will be sent an email on March 22nd which will make them aware that they are being migrated to Product Design Suite Standard. This email will be sent to each customer's contract manager. In this email communication, they will be told that if they chose to "opt-out" of this migration and decline this free upgrade, they will have the ability to do so in May.

On April 14th 2011, customers will be sent an email informing them that their Subscription fulfillment is available for download. They can go to Subscription Center to download Product Design Suite Standard 2012, which includes AutoCAD Mechanical 2012.

In May, another email notification will be sent to customers informing them of the process they can leverage to decline the free upgrade to Product Design Suite and be converted back to AutoCAD Mechanical.

8) Will customers have the ability to upgrade their Product Design Suite Standard to Product Design Suite Premium or Ultimate?

Yes, Product Design Suite Standard customers will have the ability to upgrade to Product Design Suite Premium or Ultimate (which includes Autodesk® Inventor®) at any time, as part of the standard upgrade programs.

9) Who should customers contact with additional questions?

AutoCAD Mechanical subscription customers who have additional questions regarding this migration and free upgrade should contact their local reseller.

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