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## **Astroid spatial controller delivers full support for SolidWorks for showcase at SolidWorks World 2007**

Spatial Freedom announces the release of the Astroid<sup>®</sup> Add-in 1.0 for SolidWorks<sup>®</sup>. The add-in delivers the Astroid SUI<sup>™</sup> (Spatial User interface) which will be demonstrated at SolidWorks World 2007 in New Orleans in February 2007, at stand 826.

First released in its beta form at SolidWorks World Australia in August 2006, the Astroid spatial controller drew a crowd intrigued with how quickly and easily the Astroid pans, zooms and spins a model, dramatically improving user productivity.

The Astroid supports SolidWorks 2006 and SolidWorks 2007 on both a 32 and 64 bit Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Window<sup>®</sup> operating systems.

At less than half the price of traditional spatial controllers the Astroid has the same high quality feel that John Hilton, the Spaceball<sup>®</sup> inventor, has consistently delivered to the market over the last 18 years. The Astroid 6000 is priced at just US\$149.

The Astroid Spatial User Interface (Astroid SUI - patent pending) adds a set of functions to CAD systems that improve user productivity through more effective user spatial interaction. For example, a 3D control point called the “motion handle” is used to deliver consistent pan, zoom and spin responses independent of model size or view type. This eliminates the need for sensitivity adjustment commonly required in today’s CAD programs. Used in the less dominant hand the Astroid complements the mouse by more effectively taking over pan, zoom and spin control. The use of both hands speeds up modeling time and reduces fatigue on the mouse hand.

“If you’re not using an Astroid you’re not getting the most out of SolidWorks” says John Hilton, President of Spatial Freedom. “The Astroid helps a designer realize the full potential of SolidWorks through natural spatial control. At just US\$149 the Astroid pays for itself, through increased productivity, in less than one week. My dream is to see the Astroid lead spatial controllers well beyond the CAD desktop and into any area where people interact in 3D.”

Spatial Freedom is a SolidWorks Solution partner.

“It’s great to see our SolidWorks Partnership Program fostering this type of competitive activity that, in the end, delivers tangible benefits our customers.” commented Chris Salmers, SolidWorks Corporation Partner Technical Marketing Manager

**About Spatial Freedom, Inc.**

Spatial Freedom was founded by John Hilton to commercialize Orion™ hardware and SUI software technologies. His vision for a new generation low cost spatial controllers for the 3D graphics industry led to the development of the Orion and Astroid SUI technologies now delivered as the Astroid 6000, the first truly affordable and highly functional, spatial controller for the CAD industry. For more information see [www.spatialfreedom.com](http://www.spatialfreedom.com)

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