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Spatial Freedom release latest Astroid drivers for Solid Edge

Spatial Freedom announces their latest release of software drivers for Siemens' Solid Edge 3D CAD system. Version 3.4 of the Solid Edge add-in for the Astroid® Spatial Controller is the latest evolution of this product. The new software is available immediately and can be downloaded at www.spatialfreedom.com

“The 3.4 add-in includes several new features which have been enthusiastically received by Astroid users, they really appreciate the new enhancements we have added”, said John Hilton, president of Spatial Freedom. “In particular, one feature dramatically improves the usability of the Camera Control mode. Customer feedback suggested this enhancement. The result enables Astroid users to easily view the internals of their models. Foreign language support is another new feature along with a German language module included in the 3.4 add-in. Other languages will be forthcoming.”

“LOVE IT!! Far easier for me, I never could get the hang of the camera control before and gave up using it. This is great!” said Douglas Stainbrook, Siemens Solid Edge Field Support, when he was asked about using the new Astroid add-in for Solid Edge. Christian Niehaus, Engineering Manager BEUMER Maschinenfabrik GmbH & Co. KG. finds the Astroid helps produce animations. "It is very easy and fast to create a video like this with the Astroid and explode-animate-render in Solid Edge. Our sales department loves something like this!" said Christian Niehaus. One of his animations can be viewed at www.spatialfreedom.com. “I love the Astroid, it is really difficult to work without it.” said George Coppens, Brinn Inc.

“If you're not using an Astroid you're not getting the most out of Solid Edge” says John Hilton, President of Spatial Freedom. Independent research shows that an Astroid can increase a 3D CAD user's productivity by up to 60%. “The Astroid helps a designer realize the full potential of Solid Edge 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.”

The Astroid adds a set of capabilities to 3D CAD systems that improve user productivity through more effective user spatial interaction. The Astroid allows users to much more easily control how they view and navigate in and around and interact with 3D models, or as we say at Spatial Freedom, “*pan, zoom and spin with ease*”. This results in user spending less time (and frustration) manipulating 3D models into complex orientations in order to achieve the desired outcome.

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

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