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Forming Technologies Releases CATSTAMP

*Associative and Generative Forming Feasibility for
CATIA V5 Product Designers and Die Designers*

Oakville, ON, CANADA — October 4, 2004 —Forming Technologies Inc., (FTI) a global innovator of sheet metal formability analysis software and technology, today announced the worldwide release and immediate availability of **CATSTAMP** which delivers complete stamping evaluation for product and process development. CATSTAMP is CAA V5-based and provides CATIA V5 users with detailed formability analysis for evaluation and validation of stamped components and draw die developments.

“The demand for CATSTAMP was generated by the global automotive OEM community and their Tier 1 suppliers,” said Dan Marinac, Director of Business Development at FTI. “They were seeking a fully associative and regenerative draw die feasibility tool to evaluate part configurations and stamping processes conditions. Automotive product designers and draw die development engineers will benefit most from the single-window interface that lets them quickly determine their formability risks prior to committing to hard tooling.”

Formability analysis considers conditions for material properties, friction, blank holder force, pressure pad, drawbeads, curved binder, and pilot holes. CATSTAMP quickly identifies splitting, wrinkling and thinning within the familiar CATIA workbenches utilizing analysis results such as safety zone, forming zone, FLD, splitting, thinning, wrinkling, and thickening. CATSTAMP can also generate NASTRAN and LS-DYNA files containing thickness and strain results for input to downstream CAE applications such a vehicle impact simulation. Results are stored in the CATAnalysis file which is fully integrated into Dassault Systèmes' PLM environment.

“The integration of FTI’s technology within the CATIA V5 environment is part of our mission to help our customers successfully determine formability issues in their product and process design groups,” said Dr. Medhat Karima, President and CEO of FTI. “We are very pleased to work jointly with Dassault Systèmes to incorporate stamping technology and we look forward to providing enhanced value to our mutual customers.”

About Dassault Systèmes

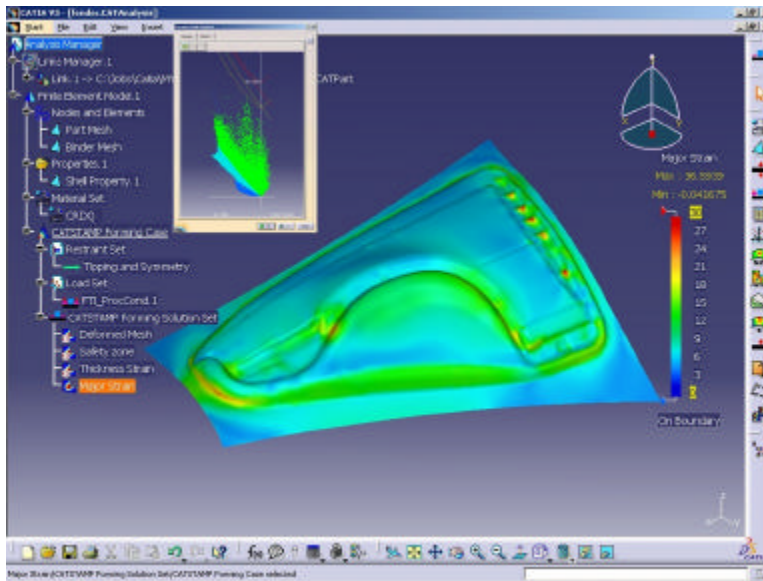
As world leader in PLM (Product Lifecycle Management) solutions, the Dassault Systèmes group brings value to more than 70,000 customers in 80 countries. A pioneer in the 3D software market since 1981, Dassault Systèmes develops and markets PLM application software and services that support industrial processes and provide a 3D vision of the entire life cycle of products from conception to retirement. Its offering includes integrated PLM solutions for product development (CATIA®, DELMIA®, ENOVIA®, SMARTEAM®), mainstream product design tools (SolidWorks), and 3D components (ACIS®) from Spatial Corp. Dassault Systèmes is listed on the Nasdaq (DASTY) and Euronext Paris (#13065, DSY.PA) stock exchanges.. For more information, visit www.3ds.com

About Forming Technologies

Forming Technologies Incorporated is the world’s leading developer of computer aided engineering software for design and simulation of sheet metal components. FTI has developed a suite of software to analyze product cost, formability, die design and process feasibility. For the past 15 years, FTI has provided OEMs and suppliers in the automotive, aerospace and appliance industries with innovative software and training solutions designed to reduce development time and material costs. FTI and its global network of partners provide sales and technical support to customers in more than 35 countries. For information visit the company’s website (www.forming.com).

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“CATSTAMP provides detailed formability analysis for stamped components and draw developments.”