

Questions and Answers

1. What is Inventor Fusion Technology Preview?

Autodesk® Inventor® Fusion Technology Preview showcases intuitive direct manipulation capabilities for unrivaled ease of use, provides direct modeling for rapid design changes without limitations, and unites direct and parametric workflows within a single digital model created in Autodesk® Inventor® software.

More information is available on the [Inventor Fusion Technology Preview website](http://labs.autodesk.com/technologies/fusion) on Autodesk® Labs:

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2. Is Inventor Fusion Technology Preview a new product?

No. Inventor Fusion is a free* technology preview available on Autodesk® Labs. In order to reduce risk and make it easy to engage in providing feedback, Autodesk® is delivering Inventor Fusion technology as a unique download and install – separate from your production version of Autodesk® Inventor® software. You can install and use Inventor Fusion Technology Preview with the confidence that it will not affect your product Inventor install and will not overwrite any of your production design data.

3. Will Inventor Fusion technology be in the next version of Autodesk Inventor software?

Inventor Fusion Technology Preview showcases several new technologies that offer exciting potential solutions to customer challenges. Autodesk wants customers to be delighted with any capabilities before those capabilities become part of any existing commercial product line. So, Autodesk may incorporate all, some, or none of the capabilities found in the Inventor Fusion Technology Preview into future versions of Autodesk Inventor software.

4. How does Inventor Fusion technology unite parametric and direct modeling?

With the introduction of Inventor Fusion technology, both direct, history-free and parametric, history-based workflows are united. The unique fusion of capabilities enables you to adopt the modeling approach that is most appropriate for the task at hand.

The March 2010 release of Inventor Fusion Technology Preview continues to deliver groundbreaking new capabilities where changes users make with Inventor Fusion technology update into the Inventor model's parametric feature history, ensuring critical design intent is maintained—delivering a true bi-directional integration of both design methods. Inventor Fusion change manager functionality delivers:

- The freedom of direct modeling with the ability to exercise control over change
- Automatic creation, deletion, or modification of features necessary to accommodate changes
- Automatic update of a parametric model's feature history with each change, ensuring critical design intent is maintained

5. Who can use Inventor Fusion change manager functionality?

To utilize the change manager functionality, you must have Autodesk® Inventor® 2011 software installed on your computer. Inventor Fusion change manager functionality only works on original Autodesk Inventor data.

6. Is Inventor Fusion change manager functionality a separate download from Inventor Fusion Technology Preview?

No, Inventor Fusion change manager functionality is included in the executable that you download when you download the March 2010 (or later) version of Inventor Fusion Technology Preview. The executable needs to be installed and you must have the Autodesk® Inventor® 2011 software installed to utilize the change manager functionality.

7. Who can use the Inventor Fusion Technology Preview direct link to Autodesk® Algor® Simulation functionality?

To utilize the new Inventor Fusion technology direct link to Autodesk® Algor® Simulation functionality, you must have Autodesk® Algor® Simulation 2011 software, installed on your computer.

8. What learning tools support Inventor Fusion Technology Preview?

In addition to using the in-product Help system and graphical tooltips, Autodesk invites users to collaborate on the new MFG Community [Wiki Help Beta](#). Users can collaborate by sharing videos, directly editing Help instructions, adding tips, ratings, tags, links, and Web widgets. Please participate and enhance the community Help.

9. How often will you release updates to the Inventor Fusion Technology Preview?

Autodesk plans on releasing updated versions of Inventor Fusion Technology Preview as they become available. Watch the [Autodesk Labs site](#) and [blog](#) for more information about future versions of Inventor Fusion Technology Preview.

10. How long will Inventor Fusion Technology Preview run?

Once activated, Inventor Fusion Technology Preview will run until April 1, 2012. Your use of Inventor Fusion is subject to the terms and conditions of Autodesk Labs and the Inventor Fusion Technology Preview End User License Agreement accompanying the download of the technology.

11. How do I obtain technical support for Inventor Fusion Technology Preview?

Inventor Fusion is a Technology Preview release and therefore is not supported like for-purchase software from Autodesk. But Autodesk does want to hear about any issues you may have with the technology. Please report technical issues to labs.iv.fusion@autodesk.com

12. How can I provide feedback to Autodesk about Inventor Fusion technology?

Autodesk wants to hear your feedback, comments, and questions about Inventor Fusion Technology Preview. Your feedback helps us make better products for you. Please send an email to labs.iv.fusion@autodesk.com or [visit the forum](#) and participate in the user discussions. Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

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