



The Mill and Drill

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DEAR CUSTOMER

Welcome to your weekly installment of "*The Mill & Drill*", TriMech Mfg.'s Technical Newsletter for FeatureCAM. This newsletter is intended to keep you, the hip TriMech FeatureCAM User, on the cutting edge of your FeatureCAM seat. Don't forget to visit www.trimech.com for additional information.

NOTICES

Are you on FeatureCAM maintenance?

If so, great! If not, you really should consider it. Here's what you get with an annual maintenance contract:

Software updates - You can get the latest and greatest updates from EGS including one major version upgrade.

Post processors - We will either customize what you have, or we will provide new posts for any additional machinery that you might purchase.

Technical support - Phone, fax, or e-mail us M-F from 8-5.

Plus, you won't feel left out in a few months when we start raving about all the awesome new stuff in **FeatureCAM 2006!**

Prices vary depending on what modules you own and their current maintenance status, so give John Kanney a call for detailed pricing info.

Did you miss a newsletter?

Don't worry, the newsletters are posted, every issue, in PDF format on the TriMech Web Site (www.trimech.com). Just hover over TriMech Manufacturing, Technical Support and you will see *The Mill & Drill* letters to the right side.

Is there anybody else at your company who would like to receive the newsletter?

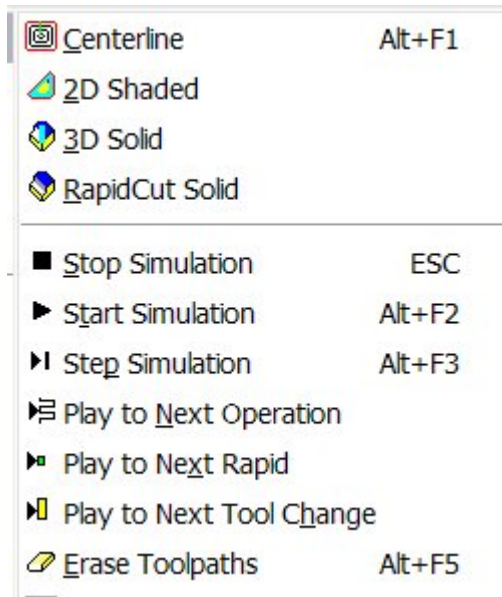
Send us their name and e-mail address, and we'll add them to the list.

FeatureCAM TRAINING SCHEDULE

Note: Our main training facility is in Fishersville, VA, but we can make special arrangements for classes at any of our other TriMech offices (Columbia, MD; Pittsburgh, PA; Richmond, VA; Durham, NC; and Charlotte, NC). We also provide on-site training. Call (540) 949-7703 for rates and details.

Fishersville, VA	
	Mar. 9,10

FeatureCAM Basic (2 days)	Apr. 6,7 May 4,5
FeatureCAM Advanced Milling	Mar. 17 Apr. 14 May 12
FeatureCAM Turning	TBD
TIPS AND TRICKS	
<p>View Animation</p> <p>When you change views - from Front to Isometric, for example - the part's movement is animated. In other words, it sort of pivots from one view to another. Did you know that this is optional? If you want, you can make the part snap instantly from one view to another. Go to Options > Viewing and turn off View Animation.</p> <p>Dragging Circles</p> <p>This is a cool, quick way to draw a circle. Select the Circle from Rad,Center tool. Instead of worrying about entering a radius, just click where you want to locate the center, keep holding your left mouse button down and drag the circle out to size. You can even drag it out to snaps such as tangencies, grid points, and intersections.</p> <p>Shortcuts/Hot Keys</p> <p><i>What are Hot Keys?</i> They are keyboard shortcuts that enable you to execute a command by hitting a key or a combination of keys. For example, if you want to Undo, you can just press Ctrl+Z. (For shortcut newbies, this means to hold down the Ctrl key and hit the Z key. You don't actually hit the "+" key.)</p> <p><i>Does FeatureCAM use them?</i> Yes. An easy way to see what shortcuts are available is to browse through the pull-down menus. If a command has a shortcut, it will be listed out to the right.</p>	



Can you make your own Hot Keys? Unfortunately, no.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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