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**DEAR CUSTOMER**

Welcome to your biweekly 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](http://www.trimech.com) for additional information.

**NOTICES**

**FeatureCAM 2006 Release News**

Here's the latest from Delcam USA: "Maintenance Upgrades will begin shipping on Tuesday, July 19." So, the new version is finally on its way. Keep in mind, however, that there are lots of FeatureCAM users in the US, so it might take a little while to get your package. Let us know if you experience any unreasonable delay, though, and we will trace your shipment.

Check out other notes about FeatureCAM 2006 in **Tips and Tricks**.

**Are you on maintenance?**

With all this news about the next major release of FeatureCAM, please remember that if you are not on maintenance, you won't receive FeatureCAM 2006. Also remember that in addition to software updates, you receive technical support and post processor support with your maintenance contract. It's a fantastic value, so contact John Kanney at 540-949-7703 to sign up.

**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.

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**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.

<b>Fishersville, VA</b>	
FeatureCAM Basic (2 days)	August 3,4 September 7,8
FeatureCAM Advanced Milling	July 21 August 11
FeatureCAM Turning	TBD

**TIPS AND TRICKS**

**When you receive your upgrade package...**

Take your time when you install your new version, as portions of the installation wizard have changed. When you reach the section requesting the location of your tool and material databases, indicate that yours reside on the local machine unless you have purchased the network tool and database option. (More on that below.)

**Network Tool and Material Databases**

Here's another new item in FeatureCAM 2006: You can place your tool cribs and material databases in a central network location, and those resources can be shared by all of the FeatureCAM seats in your company. With all of your programmers using one central set of databases, your programming will be much more consistent company-wide. (*Note: This is an **add-on** feature. Contact John Kanney if you are interested in purchasing this option.*)



Look familiar? Yes, we've all been visited by this little guy from time-to-time, usually when we've needed non-existent tool. What do *you* when you see this box? Do you just kick it aside and try to solve your problem yourself, or do you let it do some (or all) of the work for you? It's really quite handy if you give it a chance. If you click on the light bulb, a dialog box will pop up that tells you what the problem is and what you can do about it. There are often several solutions to your problem, and if you select one of those options, the *software will even perform the fix for you*. Slick.

### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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