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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 for additional information.

NOTICES

New Modules for FeatureCAM 2006

In addition to the overall improvements and enhancements that the new release of FeatureCAM has to offer, there are a few entirely new modules that might interest you:

Machine Simulation - allows you to create or import solid models that represent your machine tool in simulation. This is a very useful tool for simulating the more complicated, multi- turret, multi-spindle machines that are on the market today.

Multi-axis Turn - provides the ability to program lathes with up to 4 turrets and 2 spindles.

Network Tool and Material Databases - enable you to have one shared database for all of your FeatureCAM seats. This an inexpensive and easy way to create more consistent NC programs company-wide.

If you think any of these modules can help you in your shop, contact John Kanney at 540-949-7703 for more details.

Are you on maintenance?

Please remember that if you are not on maintenance, you will *not* receive FeatureCAM 2006. Also remember that in addition to software updates, you receive technical support

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	
FeatureCAM Basic (2 days)	October 12, 13 November 2, 3
FeatureCAM Advanced Milling	September 22 October 20
FeatureTURN, FeatureWIRE, or Tombstone	By appointment

TIPS AND TRICKS

SolidWorks Import Issue with FC2006 - Part II

SolidWorks 2006 has been released, and that has presented a problem with reading SW files. Delcam has reacted quickly, and there is a new version on their website that supports SW2006 files. Go to www.featurecam.com and click on **Support** and then **Downloads**. There is a blurb on the right side of the screen that addresses this issue and provides some instruction. Download the latest released version, which is **12.0.1.39**. Install this right over your original FeatureCAM 2006, and you will be good to go.

More love for SolidWorks users...

Have you noticed that rolling the wheel on your mouse zooms your view in the opposite direction in FeatureCAM that it does in SolidWorks? Of course you have, and it drives you crazy, doesn't it? In FC2006, you can reverse that wheel direction to match SW. Hold down the **CTRL** button, **Right-Click** on the **Status bar** and select **Reverse mouse wheel**.

We're not the only ones with Tech Tips.

Delcam USA has lots of their own at www.featurecam.com. Click on **Support** and then **Tech Tips**. There are tips there that can help you use FeatureCAM to its fullest potential.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?
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