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Avoid Knee-Jerk Problem Solving

Pridgeon & Clay, Grand Rapids, Michigan and their use of CheckMate and SoftFit to solve manufacturing problems is the focus of this article featured in the July 2006 issue of Metalforming Magazine.

Pridgeon & Clay is a tier two automotive stamping and assembly supplier with an annual double-digit growth rate of 15 percent.

The article takes you through the systematic problem solving process that Bill Conway and Todd Carpenter used with CheckMate and SoftFit to resolve tool and weld problems P&C faced with this small but challenging sub-assembly.

By their estimates, P&C were able to carve weeks from their troubleshooting effort and save thousands of dollars.

The tooling and fixture changes that were made by adopting a systematic method of root cause and "what if" problem solving using CheckMate and SoftFit helped focus their corrective actions on the most effective solutions.

Their approach also utilized multiple samples, helping them avoid the typical knee-jerk problem solving that comes from over reacting to individual part production issues.

Click on the links below to read more about this success story at one of Origin's leading CheckMate and SoftFit customer sites.

Be sure to read the whole article by going to www.origin.com and selecting 07/14/06-Metal Forming Mag.

Origin Webinar Session Introduction to CheckMate 10

There have been many changes and enhancements in the new release of CheckMate 10. To assist customers in getting up to speed and familiar with the interface changes and new features, a webinar session is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2006.

If you have not yet received or installed CheckMate 10, it is still recommended you attend this Webinar session because it will prepare you with some of the new features and where to find help when needed.

Some of the highlights that will be covered in this Webinar session are:

- What is Dimensional Planner and how does it work?
- CheckMate 10 interface changes
- CheckMate 10 menu changes
- New picking methods:
    - Easy Picking
    - Select Feature
- How to record a support incident and submit it to Origin support.
- Where to find recordings of the new features.

Registration for this Webinar is free to all customers with a current annual support plan with Origin International.

Select on the following link to register for this Webinar. You will receive a confirmation along with information on how to join.

Register for Origin's Webinar Session on Thursday, August 24th at 11:00 am by selecting the following link.

https://origin.webex.com/origin/k2/j.php?ED=91991747&UID=50363422

CheckMate 10 Starting to Ship

CheckMate 10 is now starting to ship. Customers will also receive the Dimensional Planner that will automatically install when CheckMate 10 is installed. Besides the CheckMate Release Notes that can be access from the Help menu when in CheckMate or "What"s New" on the DVD, many WebEx recordings are now available in our knowledgebase. The WebEx recordings will give you detailed information on procedures for using new commands and features in CheckMate 10.

Following are just a few highlights in the new release of CheckMate 10:

- Dimensional Planner
- Reporting Browser
- Feature Selection Mode
- Reorder & Renumber Segments
- Tolerance Labeling
- Automatic Trim Analysis
- CheckMate CAD Load (IGES, STEP & SAT)
- Mitutoyo CheckMate 6000 automatically upgraded to CheckMate Pro
- Mirror All, supports probe rotations
- Webex Support Recorder
- Construct (copy) Circle & Slot
- Report Position in closest major plane

Mitutoyo CheckMate 6000 Users Upgraded

Mitutoyo CheckMate 6000 customers with an annual support plan with Origin International, will automatically be upgraded to CheckMate Pro and receive Dimensional Planner.

CheckMate 6000 customers should take time to go through the CheckMate Pro Tutorial under the Help menu once CheckMate is open to get familiar with the new menu structure and the additional commands that will be available now.

CheckMate 10 System Requirements

- Intel ® Pentium ® 4,,Xeon ™,2GHz or better processor
- 3.5+GB free hard drive space (for installation)
- 1+GB RAM
- 128+MB DirectX or OpenGL Capable graphics card
- DVD-ROM drive
- Windows ® 2000 Professional SP4 or Windows ® XP Professional SP1,,SP2 or Windows ® XP Professional x64 Edition ((1)
- Internet connection
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 SP1 or later
- Adobe Reader 6.0 or higher