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Inside look at the CAD, CAM and CAE industry. Roopinder Tara, TenLinks

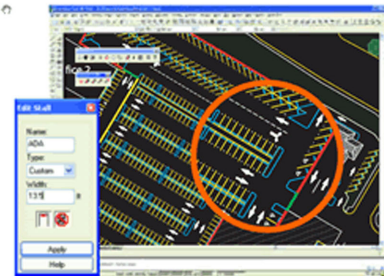
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Bentley Conference: Best of Show



ParkCAD is one of those products that will make you wonder how you ever got along without it. Even if you'll only create one parking lot, this add-on for AutoCAD and MicroStation will be worth it.

ParkCAD automates the design of parking lots. Installing it is like having a magic button on your keyboard that will fill an area with neatly lined parking stall, complete with curbstones, islands and stall number, should you want them. OK, so maybe it's not quite that easy--you do have to enter some parameters for stall length, width, isle width, etc., but it sure beats the heck out of manually drawing and copying lines to create arrays of stalls and then having to count them, then repeat the whole process not once but several times until the space is optimally utilized. ParkCAD takes just about all the drudgery out of the task with its optimization techniques and auto-numbering.



ParkCAD 2.1 has not officially been announced but was on display at the Bentley 2006 user meeting. It sells for approximately \$1300. An AutoCAD 2007 version is due out soon.

ParkCAD is created by Transoft, which makes other equally specialized products for airport design (AeroTURN) and highway design (AutoTURN).

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