

Virtual Prototyping *Coming of Age*

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Dramatic Change



Virtual Prototypes have become Platforms for Collaboration









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"Rapid Prototyping is the Cornerstone of the Innovative Enterprise."



Tom Peters, author of *In Search of Excellence*









"Virtual Prototypes are a way of thinking out loud. You want the right people to think out loud with you."



Paul MacCready, designer of award-winning, human-powered Gossamer Condor aircraft









"Iterate, Innovate, or Evaporate"





Michael Schrage, Serious Play

"The prototype becomes the vocabulary of the innovation, and each successive prototype enlarges that vocabulary and deepens both designer and customer understanding. . . They're a medium of expression."







The Vision: Virtual Prototyping Drives the Innovative Design Process





Functional Virtual Prototyping







ADAMS

















"Fail Early, Fail Often. --Frontload your failures!"



Stefan Thomke, Harvard Business School







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Product Prototyping Market

Market Trend: Consolidation among Virtual Prototyping Technology Suppliers







Market Share





















Functional Digital Car Dramatic Success!



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Functional Digital Aircraft





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CAD-Embedded Functional Simulation



AutoCAD MDT SolidWorks Solid Edge SolidDesigner Unigraphics I-DEAS Pro/ENGINEER CATIA V4 and V5























"Virtual Prototype Builds" on Development Project Charts?

Target Setting with Virtual Prototypes?

Supplier Models in Virtual Builds?

Functional Virtual Design Reviews?

Six Sigma Simulation Process?











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