SolidWorks Simulation Software

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SolidWorks Flow Simulation

EASILY SIMULATE LIQUID AND GAS FLOW WITHIN SOLIDWORKS

SolidWorks Flow Simulation provides unparalleled ease of use for simulating fluid flow and thermal behavior in and around your SolidWorks designs.

SolidWorks Flow Simulation is a powerful computational fluid dynamics (CFD) tool that enables you to quickly and easily simulate fluid flow, heat transfer, and fluid forces when these interactions are critical to the success of your design.

Access a broad range of physical models and capabilities to:

- Examine flow through your components, over your components, or a combination of internal and external flow.
- Couple flow with thermal analysis, simultaneously including natural and forced convection, conduction, and radiation.
- Let SolidWorks Flow Simulation find the best dimensions or inlet and outlet conditions that satisfy goals such as force, pressure drop, or velocity.
- Include sophisticated effects like porosity, cavitation, and humidity.
- Solve flow problems involving non-Newtonian fluids, such as blood and plastic.
- Use a rotating-coordinate frame to simulate the rotation of impellers and to discover how fluid moves through such systems.

Leverage an unlimited combination of real-world operating conditions:

- Apply inlet velocities, pressures, mass- or volume-flow rates, and fans. If multiple fluids are involved, you can apply mass or volume fraction.
- Simulate temperature changes by applying a surface or volume heat source, specifying natural or forced convection, or accounting for solar radiation.
- Use heat sink emulators to study their effects on electronic components.
- Track the behavior of particles suspended in a flow.
- Apply time- and coordinate-dependent boundary conditions and heat sources.

Gain valuable insights with powerful and intuitive results visualization tools:

- Utilize section plots to study the distribution of result quantities, including velocity, pressure, vorticity, temperature, and mass fraction.
- Measure results at any location with the Point Parameter tool.
- Graph result variation along any SolidWorks sketch.
- List results and automatically export data to Microsoft® Excel.
- Examine the flow trajectory inside or around the model with animated bands, 3D arrows, pipes, or spheres.
In addition to the design simulation functionality contained in SolidWorks Simulation, SolidWorks Simulation Professional provides tools to complete your virtual testing environment and optimize your validated designs.

Study and optimize assemblies of all sizes:
- Evaluate forces and stresses between contacting parts, including friction.
- Bond components with clearances or gaps, without modification.
- Apply bearing loads, forces, pressures, and torques.
- Use connectors, or virtual fasteners, to model bolts, pins, springs, and bearings.
- Mesh both parts and assemblies with custom meshing diagnostic tools, including mesh transitioning and local mesh controls.
- Converge to accurate solutions by letting SolidWorks automatically refine and/or coarsen the mesh as required.

Understand the effects of temperature changes on parts and assemblies:
- Study conduction, convection, and radiation heat transfer.
- Utilize isotropic, orthotropic, and temperature-dependent material properties.

Simulate vibration or buckling in your designs:
- Examine how vibrating or unstable modes can shorten equipment life and cause unexpected failures.
- Assess the effects of stiffening under external load on frequency or buckling response.

Optimize critical dimensions and conceptual design features:
- Automatically optimize designs for minimum mass or volume as well as buckling and frequency goals.
- Investigate all SolidWorks dimensions in static, thermal, frequency, or buckling analyses.
- Use Trend Tracker and Design Insight plots to drive optimal changes as you work.

Simulate drop tests using your parts or assemblies:
- Isolate the worst-case orientation to support physical testing.
- Observe the interactions between various parts in an assembly after impact.

Study the effects of cyclic loading on product life:
- Check a system’s expected life or accumulated damage after a specified number of cycles.
- Import load history data from real physical tests to define loading events.

Investigate pressure vessel code compliance with required standards:
- Combine various structural and thermal loads as required by your application.
- Linearize stresses on any cross-section.
Simulating the real-world response of your design has never been easier. With the full-featured suite of tools in SolidWorks Simulation Premium, you can reduce the number of assumptions required in a world that is rarely linear or static.

SolidWorks Simulation Premium bolsters the depth and ease of use of SolidWorks Simulation Professional with additional capabilities, including a powerful set of tools for simulating nonlinear and dynamic response as well as composite materials. With SolidWorks Simulation Premium, you can design better products with confidence—in any environment.

**Capture the effects of large displacements on your designs:**
- Examine the impact of large deformations and changes to loads and restraints.
- Transition easily between linear and nonlinear simulations.
- Study nonlinear buckling and snap-through events.

**Simulate products made with nonlinear materials:**
- Optimize designs with hyperelastic materials, such as rubbers, silicones, and other elastomers.
- Conduct an elasto-plastic analysis to study the onset of yield as well as plastic deformation.
- Examine creep effects and material changes with temperature.

**Perform dynamic analyses of parts and assemblies:**
- Simulate time history loading, steady-state harmonic input, and random vibration excitations.
- Use uniform and multibase motion systems to model structures with nonuniform support excitations.
- Input excitation curves of forces in random vibration analysis.
- Study stress, displacement, velocity, and acceleration with time, as well as RMS and PSD values for stress, displacement, velocity, and acceleration.

**Simulate composite materials:**
- Utilize simulation to leverage these advanced materials used in an increasing number of products, from consumer goods to advanced aerospace structures.
- Study multilayer shell bodies to examine how each layer has its own isotropic or orthotropic material properties, thickness, and orientation.
- Use the revolutionary interface to dynamically control and display ply orientation directly on your SolidWorks model.
- Use sandwich and graphite or carbon-fiber composites, including honeycomb and cellular foam.
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