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### Product Bulletin – FMSsoft

## FMSsoft and Windows Vista® Compatibility

### Windows Vista® \ AutoCAD® \ FMSsoft compatibility

With the recent release of Windows Vista, we have received a number of questions about the compatibility of FMSsoft with the new operating system. Since the functionality of FMSsoft is a system of menus and macro functions that are installed into an existing AutoCAD version, Vista compatibility is a function of AutoCAD and not FMSsoft. Currently, no version of AutoCAD is compatible with Windows Vista.

### What are the facts?

- FMSsoft 7.2 requires a full version of AutoCAD to operate and is currently compatible with AutoCAD versions 2000 to 2005. These versions are **not** compatible with Windows Vista.
- The next FMSsoft release, version 7.6, will be compatible with AutoCAD 2000–2006, also **not** compatible with Windows Vista.



### What happens next?

Autodesk has announced a March release date for AutoCAD 2008 and AutoCAD LT 2008, which will be compatible with Windows Vista. They are also planning to release updates for AutoCAD 2007 and AutoCAD LT 2007 and will add support for Windows Vista 32-bit versions.

FMSsoft will not be compatible with these new versions of AutoCAD until we have had a chance to evaluate the necessary changes to FMSsoft to bring it into compatibility with these new AutoCAD versions. We will post any future announcements at [www.boschrexroth-us.com/fmssoft](http://www.boschrexroth-us.com/fmssoft).

### What should FMSsoft users do?

FMSsoft users should **not** upgrade to Vista or AutoCAD 2007/2008 until they have confirmed the availability of a compatible FMSsoft upgrade. Bosch Rexroth is committed to providing the best possible support and will continue to explore solutions that will make FMSsoft compatible with AutoCAD 2007-2008. Beyond this, we continue to develop the strength of future-oriented tools that will work in any CAD or Solid Model software, such as our 3D Partstream Solid Model library. For a complete overview of available 3D design tools, please visit our 3D CAD and Solid Models library at [www.boschrexroth-us.com/brlcad](http://www.boschrexroth-us.com/brlcad).