PRODUCTION OF DRAWINGS WITH THE AID OF A CAD PACKAGE

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INTRODUCTION

The objective of the project is to discuss in general the applicability of computers in the production of drawings and to produce drawings with the aid of a CAD package.

For the needs of this project the AUTOCAD package Release 12 was chosen.

AUTOCAD is a great CAD package (Computer Aided Drafting) a product of AUTODESK Inc. It has been written in C language which is independent of the specific calculating system, which the program is consistent from a large series of drafting features and editing.

This program was written in order to run in IBM-PC computers (and in other compatibles) under the supervision of MS-DOS or PC-DOS functionable systems. Parallel there are some other releases for other systems. Still AutoCAD's drawings can be used in larger CAD systems.

AUTOCAD is a great CAD program the way it is given, but however its capabilities can easily be enhanced through the use of thousands of utilities available from many different resources. Some are available immediately and for others a little research will have to be done.

When someone is already familiar with manual drafting and design techniques or with CAD techniques used in programs other than AUTOCAD, than the drawing techniques and design methods used in AUTOCAD are much the same as those used in manual drafting (and with other CAD programs) only the tools

are different. Learning to use those tools is as simple as learning to use AUTOCAD's user interface.

The preparation required for drawing in AUTOCAD is much like preparation for drawing on drafting board. In manual drafting, drawing tools are selected to fit the particular drawing and similarly in AUTOCAD the parameters must be set up to fit the particular drawing. That is custom tools are created to be used with AUTOCAD.

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