

Autodesk Nastran solver now available with Product Design & Manufacturing Collection Customer FAQ

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1. General information

1.1 What is happening to Autodesk Nastran?

Autodesk® Nastran® (solver technology) is available as part of the 2019 release of Product Design & Manufacturing Collection. Current Autodesk Nastran customers will now be able to continue to access the Nastran solver at a lower annual cost by switching to the Product Design & Manufacturing Collection.

1.2 How can you continue to maintain access to Autodesk Nastran?

As a current valued customer, you can continue to use Autodesk Nastran by moving to the Product Design & Manufacturing Collection to gain access to Nastran and more at a lower annual cost. Alternatively, maintenance customers will be able to renew for one additional year until March 21, 2019.

1.3 Why is Autodesk making this change?

Autodesk is keen on delivering access to more FEA technology with its core offerings, given the amount of reception to simulation being on the rise. As a result, Autodesk is making it simpler for you to take advantage of the full power of the Nastran platform through Product Design and Manufacturing Collection. Current Nastran users can now enjoy continued access to Nastran through Product Design & Manufacturing Collection as well as benefit from access to CAD, integrated FEA (Nastran® In-CAD), CAM etc.

1.4 What geographies are affected by this change?

This change impacts all Autodesk Nastran customers across the globe.

1.5 Can you purchase new licenses of the version after March 21, 2018?

No. It is not possible to purchase new licenses of Autodesk Nastran after March 21, 2018.

2. Information for Existing Customers of Standalone Autodesk Nastran

2.1 Why is this change beneficial to you as an existing customer?

Autodesk is not divesting from Nastran, but rather simply converging Nastran into the Product Design & Manufacturing Collections. Migrating to the Product Design & Manufacturing Collection not only gives you more options to technology, all the while retaining access to the Nastran solver, more functionality, and at a much lesser annual cost for both maintenance and subscription customers moving to Product Design & Manufacturing Collections.

2.2 Is there any price impact when you come up for renewal?

For those as a maintenance customer renewing, it is an option to renew for one additional year, however, switching to Product Design & Manufacturing Collections comes with the same access to Nastran as well access to more technology at a lesser cost.

2.3 What changes will you see, and when will you see them?

For maintenance customers choosing to stay on maintenance, you will have access to the Nastran installer on the Autodesk Account Portal for the 2019 version. If moving to Product Design & Manufacturing Collection, you will get access to all the technologies inside Product Design & Manufacturing Collection through your Autodesk Account Portal. For those of you on subscription, you will get access to the 2019 Nastran installer through the end of your current term.

2.4 What happens when the renewal comes up for subscription?

Current Maintenance customers can either renew their Nastran solver for one more year, or choose to migrate to Product Design & Manufacturing Collection (subscription). The migration is the recommended path as you get to take advantage of the subsidized pricing and get access to more technology.

Current subscribers to Nastran will be able to use the technology through the end of the current contract. At renewal, you are advised to subscribe to Product Design & Manufacturing Collection, which comes with access to more technology at a lower cost than your current Nastran subscription.