

What's New in 2012?

SPI SheetMetal Inventor 2012

Attributes for manufacturing

With SPI SheetMetal Inventor 2012 it is possible to give manufacturing information attributes along with the flat pattern development as an option. For holes or stamping it is frequently necessary to spend in place of the outline a text into the unfolding which the tool intends for a later manufacturing. With the new command *manufacturing information attributes* now users can specify text replacements for selected outlines of holes or stamping at the 3D model. Besides the attribute can be used to transfer text engravings to the unfolding. If the text contains for example a machining pattern defined in TruTops Punch, now with the help of the SPI TruTops interface the unfolding can be handed over to TruTops Punch whereby the machining pattern is already placed and aligned.

Precise text objects

Sketches with planar surfaces where the Inventor option „Copy to flat pattern“ is switched on, are now exported as „Markings“. Text objects are dissolved into curve paths with an accuracy of 1/1000 mm.

Configure costs

A value for preparation times can be taken into consideration using the SPI Calculation module. Different cost parameter sets can be stored as configurations and can be re-loaded later on.

Unfolding algorithm more tolerant

When activating automatic reliefs at rounded bending zones the smoothing factor is updated automatically now. The completion parameters for free forming surfaces are adjusted more tolerant according to standard.

Identification of punching tools

The designer can use diverse punching features from the library while modeling. The unfolding algorithm identifies the punching features and transfers the corresponding manufacturing information (tool type, position and orientation) to the GEO file, which will then be transferred to the machines via TRUMPF Tops.

Allocation of Z-bends

The Z-bends can now directly be allocated to Z-bending tools of the TRUMPF-TruTops data base.

Flexible forms of laser cuttings

The definition of reliefs has been expanded by two new forms of laser cuttings. Variant 1 defines a simple linear cut. Variant 2 is a very flexible form that can be used for any cutting constellation and also allows for controlling the width of the resulting spacing.

SPI SheetMetal Inventor is certified for Autodesk Inventor 2012 32 and Autodesk Inventor 2012 64 Bit.

