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Updated Price Lists

A new link to updated price lists is included with this email. There are only a few changes.

STU Annual Maintenance

The most major change has been the reduction in price of the STU ASAP 1-year maintenance fees. The new prices on these are:

- Cobalt STU 1 year maintenance e-only $75.00
- Xenon STU 1 year maintenance e-only $65.00
- Argon STU 1 year maintenance e-only $50.00
- Graphite STU 1 year maintenance e-only $50.00

In previous years, students and faculty members who teach design have been allowed to carry on using their STU license in perpetuity. No more. Those who purchased v8 prior to July 1, 2008 will need to purchase a maintenance agreement to renew their codes. Those using v7 will need to upgrade to v8.

New v8 STU licenses will be renewed free of charge for up to three years. Then the yearly maintenance fees will begin and can continue until the software is three years out of date. All STU users must sign the Special-use Licensing Agreement and return it with proof of enrolment or faculty status prior to processing.

We anticipate converting to annual rentals across the board for all STU licenses with the release of v9.

Obsolete Software Upgrades Eliminated from RCR and COM

For Commercial and Research/Charitable/Retired pricing, we have eliminated discounted upgrades from software that is 10 years old or older.

Cobalt, Xenon, Argon and Graphite v6 or later are still all eligible for upgrade pricing on either of these price lists.

Upgrade from Argon v7 Added to RCR

The RCR price list was missing the option to upgrade Argon v7 to either Cobalt or Xenon v8. This has been included in the Argon v5/v6 product code and the description has been updated.
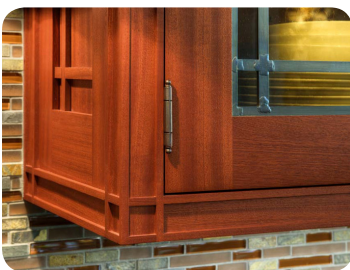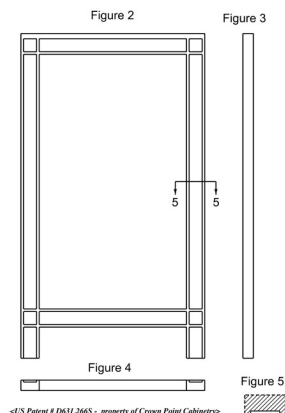
3D Models in Cobalt: Patently Better

Another proven success story is in the works talking about the new Channel Stock face frame that Fred Puksta has developed for Crown Point Cabinetry, and the design patent they filed on it. With just a few clicks, Fred was able to output all of the patent drawings necessary using Cobalt's Sheet-to-View tool.

Click here to hear Fred talk about it in his own words. Look for the story next month on the website or in the Q4 Design Explorer newsletter the end of December.

Above: Prairie-style kitchen using Channel Stock face frames. **Left:** Channel Stock detail. **Below left:** Neoclassical-style kitchen using Channel Stock face frames. **Below:** Patent drawings from Cobalt for the Channel Stock face frame.

Figure 2   Figure 3

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Figure 4   Figure 5

<US Patent # D631,266S - property of Crown Point Cabinetry>

New Image Handling Options in v9 3D Modeling

Several new options for handling 2D raster images, such as jpg, png, bmp, and tiff files, are being added to our 3D modeling software for v9.

Background Image Aspect Ratio

Co Xe Ar An image designated as the background for a file using the user preferences can optionally retain their aspect ratio as the window size is changed.

Transparency

Co Xe Ar An image can be transparent independent of its alpha channel.

Independent Corner Adjustment

Co Xe Ar Images do not have to remain rectilinear but can be changed to any simple quadrilateral (four-sided, non-intersecting) shape.

Used as Infinite Plane

Co Xe Ar Any 2D image can be designated as a plane and used in that way.

Fit to Profile

Co Xe Ar Draw a simple quadrilateral profile then fit an image to it.

Link to Profile

Co Xe Create a profile including a parametric- or equation-driven sketch and fit an image to it. If the profile changes, the image updates.

Website Update Continues

Andrey Simakov and Julie Bou continue to update our huge website for Search Engine Optimization. The process requires text and layout changes to every one of our almost 350 web pages. To date we've completed almost 85%. Look for the new website to be officially unveiled soon.