

Trends in Model-Based Definition based Assembly Information for High-Value Manufacturing

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MBD Based Assembly Information



Use of 3D models for preparation and delivery of assembly process information at assembly shop floor instead of drawing and text based instructions.

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Context - Assembly and Test

- Manual and Complex Operations
- Large Number of Parts and Tools
- Restricted Approach and Space
- Fitting Instructions and Testing Criteria
 - Huge Volume of Documents
- Not getting the potential of MBD



Courtesy: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rolls-Royce_Trent_900

Context – Assembly and Testing

• Design Drawings, Technical Requirements, Fitting Instructions

Assembly Information at Shop floor:

- Drawing based with Text Information
- A large amount of documents
- Complex and Time consuming to prepare and consult
- Clarifications need long times to resolve effecting overall lead time
- Offline Change in Original Design Needs Reconstruction

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Key Observations

Focus of MBD research

- Part Definition
- Plug-Inns for Software Applications
- Enhanced CAD Models Annotations, Search Techniques and Feature Recognition
- MBD Data Sets
- Re-use of CAD and Knowledge from various domains
 - Addressing Design, Manufacturing and Inspection
- Assembly and Test Needs Lack of Work
- Visualization and Transfer Evolving in combination with Lightweight Formats, Digital Mock- up and Augmented Reality Solutions

Current Trends



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Conclusions

MBD application at Assembly: Currently limited – Plenty of Grey Areas

- Synchronization: with the Original Design
- Complex Assembly Operations at Restricted Space
- Need to define the information: essential to be part of the model to suit Assembly
- Frameworks: to impart the Assembly Information early at design stage
- Layouts of Assembly Information: To suit various situations
- Data Modelling: To Assist Assembly Information
- Alternative Iconic Notations: in Place of Text based information Smart Instructions

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