MAXSURF offers comprehensive capabilities for the design of all types of marine vessels. MAXSURF includes capabilities for hull modeling, stability, motions and resistance prediction, structural modeling, structural analysis, and export to vessel detailing. MAXSURF applications operate from a single parametric 3D model that facilitates smooth communication and coordination among different team members and design activities.

**Key Capabilities**

**Modeling**
- Trimmer NURB surfaces
- Dynamic trimming
- Fast, intuitive modeling

**Stability**
- Intact and damaged
- Integrated weight editor
- Integrated compartment editor
- Comprehensive stability criteria
- Probabilistic damage

**Resistance**
- Planing, displacement, and sailing
- Slender body CFD
- Wake prediction

**Motions**
- Monohull and multihulls
- RAOs and accelerations

**Structure**
- Shell plates
- Shell stringers
- Frames, decks, bulkheads
- Beam and plate FEA

**Data Interoperability with**
- MicroStation
- Rhino
- AutoCAD

**MAXSURF Advanced**

Designed for professional naval architecture teams, MAXSURF Advanced offers a full range of functions for designing power, sail, commercial, or naval vessels made from steel, aluminum, or composite material.

MAXSURF Advanced features dynamically trimmed 3D NURB (non-uniform rational B-spline) surfaces for modeling the hull, appendages, and superstructure. It includes interactive and numerical controls that enable systematic manipulation of the vessel’s hull shape to achieve a fair and optimized hullform.

MAXSURF Advanced supports intact and damage stability, hydrostatics, longitudinal strength, limiting KG, floodable length, and tank calibrations. Each analysis can be performed in flat water or in a user-defined waveform. Grounding can also be considered.

MAXSURF Advanced includes a comprehensive library of stability criteria, as well as the ability for users to define their own criteria. To assist with creating stability booklets, a templating system allows you to define the report format using a Microsoft Word template document. Tables, graphs, and images are then automatically sent to the report.

The MAXSURF Advanced Motions module predicts the motion of vessels in a range of sea states and at varying headings and speeds. The calculation of response amplitude operators (RAOs), accelerations, and motion...
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sickness incidence helps optimize vessels for comfort and a wide range of operating conditions.

**MAXSURF Enterprise**
MAXSURF Enterprise is Bentley’s most comprehensive marine product. It includes the capabilities of MAXSURF Advanced with additional features including probabilistic damage stability, advanced motions prediction, and dynamic structural analysis.

For passenger vessels and larger ships, the probabilistic damage stability in the Stability Enterprise module provides easy-to-use graphical tools for defining and managing hundreds of damage conditions. To facilitate compliance with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) stability criteria, MAXSURF Enterprise includes a built-in criteria library and graphical capabilities for defining and viewing damage zones. For motions prediction, the panel-based radiation-diffraction solver can accurately predict vessel motions, including vessels with a broad beam or unusual hull shapes like small waterplane area twin hulls (SWATHs). The dynamic structural analysis capabilities in MAXSURF Enterprise can predict natural modes of vibration of vessel structure as well as supporting time-based dynamic loads from machinery, impact, or other sources.

**MAXSURF**
Bentley’s entry-level MAXSURF application is ideal for designing smaller craft or for naval architects on a limited budget. The Modeler module allows the use of up to 20 NURB surfaces, and has round-trip interoperability with Rhino, MicroStation, and other NURB modeling tools. MAXSURF also includes the Resistance module for predicting power requirements of planing or displacement vessels. MAXSURF also predicts wavemaking, complete with graphical visualization of the generated wave train. For sailing vessels, the velocity performance prediction (VPP) module can predict yacht speed according to wind strength and heading.

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MAXSURF KEY ADVANTAGES

SINGLE 3D HULL MODEL
MAXSURF applications work from a single file, streamlining the design process by removing the need to create geometry files in different formats for downstream analysis programs. Changes in the hull surface flow through parametrically to compartmentation, resistance and motions hull meshes, and structural part definition.

INTUITIVE INTERFACE
MAXSURF's consistent, graphical interface is easy to learn and use. Each module shares a common intuitive interface with high-quality rendering and animation to visualize analysis results.

HIGH-QUALITY SURFACING
MAXSURF is optimized to help naval architects create high-quality hull surfaces that are fair and can be used for all other analysis and CAD/CAM functions.

COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS
MAXSURF includes analysis capabilities such as intact and damage stability, longitudinal strength, structural analysis and design, resistance prediction, wake calculation, motions prediction, and a sailing VPP.

DYNAMIC TRIMMING
Surface trimming in MAXSURF is a simple point-and-click process. MAXSURF's trimming is fully dynamic, allowing you to modify trimmed surfaces and have the trimmed portions automatically update.

INTEROPERABILITY WITH RHINO, MICROSTATION, AND EXCEL
MAXSURF is based on industry standard NURB surface modeling. It reads and writes Rhino, IGES, and DXF files, which facilitate smooth data transfer with Rhino, MicroStation, AutoCAD, ShipConstructor, and SolidWorks. It also features copy and paste to and from Microsoft Excel, and a full automation interface, compatible with Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word, that allows macros to be used to control MAXSURF for optimization studies or customized calculation and reporting.

MAXSURF Modeler
NURB Hull Modeling
MAXSURF Modeler provides fast, flexible, and intuitive modeling of all types of hulls, superstructures, and appendages. An unlimited number of trimmed NURB surfaces can be used to model any vessel from yachts to workboats to the largest ships.

The Modeler design module enables naval architects to create optimized hull forms quickly and accurately. Any number of NURB surfaces can be joined, trimmed, and manipulated to create a complete model ready for hydrostatic and performance analysis or construction detailing.

Modeler provides direct interactive manipulation of the surface shape by mouse or keyboard. Control points can be dragged with the mouse, adjusted numerically, or manipulated with a range of fairing commands. Modeler also provides capabilities to automatically transform hull shapes to match desired dimensions and hydrostatic properties.

Fair and accurate surfaces are critical for optimal vessel performance and ease of construction. Modeler's capabilities allow for evaluating curvature of the entire surface, as well as curvature along a particular surface contour, such as a waterline or diagonal. Curvature displays are automatically and interactively updated as the surface is modified.

The MAXSURF Modeler module facilitates modeling of all types of hulls and appendages.
MAXSURF designs are stored in a common 3D file that all modules use for analysis, construction, and performance prediction. Changes made in Modeler are automatically available when the design is opened in other modules. The design database files are extremely compact, making them ideal for transmission to designers or builders via email.

Modeler’s interactive graphical environment allows you to quickly learn how to use the application. Multiple windows can be used to view and change the model and provide a tabular view of design data. Other windows provide on-the-fly checks of curve of areas, upright hydrostatic calculations, and tables of offsets.

Data exchange is a key requirement in the modern design office and Modeler supports many industry standard formats. You can copy and paste numerical tables to and from Microsoft Excel for custom calculations and formatting. Graphical views can be copied and pasted to other applications to help create presentation materials and reports.

### MAXSURF Importing and Exporting Tables.

Modeler’s unique surface trimming capabilities allow you to model complex surface edges while maintaining fairness throughout the rest of the hull. An interactive display of surface-to-surface intersections lets you create the shapes you require even with complex configurations such as curved transoms, stepped sheerlines, and appendages or bow thrusters. Surface trimming is automatically updated as the surfaces in the design are adjusted. Modeler provides all the required modeling capabilities for hull, appendage, and superstructure. The Modeler Advanced module allows you to model an unlimited number of surfaces, while the Modeler module allows you to model up to 20 surfaces.

### Modeler Advantages
- Model complex hull geometry with trimmed surfaces
- Visualize hull shape changes with dynamic updating of all views
- Match required hull parameters using parametric transformation
- Extract key design data via hull lines, tables of offsets, hydrostatic properties, or curve of areas

### MAXSURF Stability

**Intact and Damaged Hydrostatics and Stability**

The MAXSURF Stability module provides fast, graphical, and interactive calculation of intact and damaged stability and strength for all types of MAXSURF designs.

Once a design is created using Modeler, its stability and strength characteristics can be assessed using the Stability analysis module. The Stability analysis module provides a range of powerful analysis capabilities to handle all types of stability and strength calculations. Precise calculations are performed directly from the trimmed MAXSURF NURB surface model without the need for offsets or batch file preparation.

All functions within Stability are performed using a graphical multi-window environment consistent with all other MAXSURF modules. Data is displayed simultaneously in graphical and tabular form and is automatically updated when changes are made and as the analysis progresses. An integrated load case editor makes setting up any number of loading conditions simple and error free. Copying and pasting data to and from spreadsheets also makes it easy to prepare complex loading schedules in other programs and run them in Stability.

Load cases can also be saved and reused with various design configurations.

Tank and compartment modeling are integrated within Stability, allowing you to quickly and easily define the vessel’s tank and compartment layout. More complex compartments can be defined using surfaces created in MAXSURF Modeler. Tanks are automatically included in the weight schedule and as parametric objects they are automatically updated if the hull shape is changed as the design progresses.
A tank calibration option is provided to give detailed volume and CG characteristics of all tanks.

The Stability module includes intact and damaged options for analysis methods including upright hydrostatics, large angle stability, equilibrium analysis, KN tables, cross curves, limiting KG, and longitudinal strength analysis. For each analysis method, Stability automatically highlights the required data to be entered and provides data entry dialogs to ensure data is entered correctly.

Stability provides commonly used standard criteria to ensure compliance with class requirements. The application also allows you to define your own custom criteria for special requirements.

After an analysis is completed, all results are presented in either tabular or graphical form. You can click on any graph and move the cursor to obtain precise values at any location. You can also choose how tables are displayed, which columns are visible, and sort results by any column.

An automatically formatted on-screen report window accumulates the results of analysis to help prepare a stability book for your vessel. Descriptions, tables, graphics, and graphs are automatically inserted and can be re-formatted or deleted at any time. You can also enter notes into the report and cut and paste graphics from the Stability module, other MAXSURF modules, or any other application. The entire report can be generated using a Microsoft Word template document.

The analysis, data entry, and data display options within Stability make it indispensable for designers of all types of vessels. For designers with a limited budget, the basic Stability module contains only the intact hydrostatics and large angle stability analysis methods. Stability Advanced adds tank definitions and calibration, stability criteria, damage stability, longitudinal strength, limiting KG, floodable length, and MARPOL oil outflow, while Stability Enterprise adds probabilistic damage stability.

Stability Advantages
- Save time and reduce input errors using direct surface integration
- Visualize hydrostatic behavior during analysis
- Ensure accurate load cases with automatically linked tanks
- Check standard or custom stability criteria from the criteria library
- Analyze any hydrostatic condition with comprehensive analysis capabilities

MAXSURF Motions
Vessel Motions Prediction
The MAXSURF Motions module for hydrodynamic and seakeeping analysis provides fast, reliable calculation of vessel response and seakeeping characteristics in a variety of sea states for the many types of designs created with MAXSURF Modeler.

The Motions module allows designers to quickly predict the seakeeping performance of MAXSURF designs. The hull geometry required for the analysis is read directly from the trimmed MAXSURF NURB surface model eliminating the need to prepare input or offsets files.

Data is displayed simultaneously in graphical and tabular form and is automatically updated when changes are made, and as the analysis progresses. Data can be copied to spreadsheets and other applications for presentation purposes or further analysis, for example, to calculate the probability of slamming, propeller emergence, and more.

In the Motions module, you can specify the wave spectrum and heading, vessel speed, and several other analysis parameters. RAOs are computed, as well as the added resistance, significant absolute and relative motions, velocities, and accelerations of the vessel in the specified sea spectrum. Motion, velocity, and acceleration and motion sickness incidence (MSI) may also be computed for any position on the vessel.
Strip theory and 3D radiation-diffraction panel methods are available. The Motions Advanced module is required for the panel method. Strip theory calculates heave, pitch, and roll response for hull shapes with length-beam ratio (L/B) greater than 4. The panel method can be used for any vessel shape and provides full six degrees of freedom response calculations.

The Motions Advanced module has been validated against a variety of data from various independent sources including model tests, full scale trials, and other numerical methods.

**Motions Advantages**
- Save time and reduce errors using direct geometry input from any MAXSURF design
- Quickly calculate response amplitude operators, added resistance, and MSI
- Determine response at vessel center of gravity or at remote locations
- View results in both graphical and numerical displays
- Animate seakeeping response in various sea states
- View display of response to head seas or user-specified heading

**MAXSURF Resistance**

**Resistance and Power Prediction**

The MAXSURF Resistance module estimates the resistance and power requirements for any MAXSURF design using industry standard prediction techniques. MAXSURF Resistance can also compute the resistance and wavemaking of slender vessels using an integrated potential flow solver.

When designing a vessel using MAXSURF, the Resistance module's calculation methods help you estimate the resistance and powering requirements of the hull.

MAXSURF Resistance module includes industry-standard algorithms, allowing you to select the methods most appropriate for your hull shape.

Calculation methods include Savitsky pre-planing and planing, Lahtiharju for planing vessels, Blount & Fox for planing vessels, Holtrop and Compton for fast displacement hulls, Fung and Series 60 for ships, van Oortmerssen for full form hulls such as tugs and trawlers, and Delft systematic yacht series for sailing yachts. It is also possible to directly analyze the resistance of a MAXSURF hull using a slender-body method, which uses a potential flow approach.

The Resistance module can automatically read any MAXSURF file and measure the required input parameters. You can override these automatically calculated values to fine tune the calculations to match requirements.

Output from the Resistance module is provided in both tabular and graphical format and is automatically recalculated as changes are made to input parameters.

**Resistance Advantages**
- Directly measure the 3D model
- Predict vessel performance in minutes
- Override measured parameters to test design variants
- Compare analytical resistance with tank test methods
- Add wind and appendage resistance

**MAXSURF Structure**

**Structural Definition and Plate Development**

The MAXSURF Structure module provides initial definition of structural parts including hull plates, stringers, transverse frames, decks, and longitudinal structure for all types of MAXSURF designs.

The Structure module is used to define the location of structural parts on the vessel, generate part geometry, and define parts that can be passed to other CAD systems for further detailing. The application's interactive graphical capabilities are used to parametrically define parts directly from the MAXSURF NURB surface model.

Structure's parametric parts not only match directly to the hull surface, but automatically adapt to any change in the hull definition. This enables concurrent engineering, allowing design, analysis, and construction detailing to proceed in parallel. This increases scope for weight optimization and results in time savings in the detailing process.

All the parts you define and calculate are stored in an integrated parts list within the Structure module. Quantities, areas, weights, centers of gravity, and cutting lengths are calculated and tabulated. The parts list database can be sorted by any criteria and each part can be renamed to suit your part naming conventions. All parts can be exported to spreadsheets or databases.
The Structure module has comprehensive functions for laying out stringers, or longitudinal stiffeners, on the hull surface. Stringers can be automatically aligned with particular contours, set to specified girth spacing, or duplicated in groups on the hull. Girth positions and stringer manipulation work equally well for monohull or multihull vessels.

The part window provides development methods and displays plate-forming information. Girth differences, a color map of in-plate strain, and locations of frames and stringers can all be displayed on the developed plate.

Part creation, definition, and display options within the Structure module make can be used for preliminary layout of structure and plating. From the initial point-and-click definition of parts, through to the 3D shaded views of the complete structural model, the Structure module provides everything you need to quickly and accurately develop the major structure for vessels. The Structure module contains the plate development capabilities. Structure Advanced adds stringer, frame, and deck generation.

**Structure Advantages**

- Parametric model instantly responds to design changes
- Point-and-click interface lets you define parts quickly and accurately
- Integrated parts list produces accurate weight information
- Automated stringer layout lets you optimize structural weight and effectiveness
- Large numbers of frames and decks can be rapidly generated by sharing and re-using attributes
- Integrates with any downstream CAD system via industry-standard 3DM, IGES, and DXF files

MAXSURF Multiframe

**Structural Analysis and Design**

MAXSURF Multiframe helps structural experts determine the stresses in their vessel to comply with class requirements and optimize it for strength and weight.

When designing a steel or aluminium vessel, there are a variety of structural analysis approaches that can be used to assess the ship’s structural capacity and compliance with class requirements. Multiframe is a general-purpose beam and plate element-based system that allows you to very quickly model and analyze ship structures and carry out static or dynamic analyses of their structural behavior. Multiframe complements the more time-consuming full finite element analysis and less-accurate spreadsheet calculations.

With Multiframe, you can open geometry files from MAXSURF Structure or most other structural modeling systems and apply structural properties such as restraints, materials, and section shapes. You can create a family of load cases and then perform a static or dynamic analysis and review results in terms of displays of actions, stresses, and deflections. Dynamic results include natural frequencies and mode shapes or more detailed time history results for time varying loads.

Multiframe’s automation interface with Excel enables optimization of structural behavior using custom calculations, as well as built-in searching, sorting, and checking functions. Automation is particularly useful for post-processing of analysis data as well as pre-processing including generation of hydrostatic or wave loads.
Multiframe easily manages the complex geometry that results from a detailed structural analysis model. Rendering and animation can be combined with clipping, searching, and sorting functions. This makes it easy to narrow your focus to critical areas.

Multiframe also includes the Shape Editor, a section properties calculator, and a comprehensive library of common structural shapes.

**Multiframe Advantages**
- Graphically model beam and plate structures
- Automatically adjust mesh density and hot spots
- Apply loads using self weight, buoyancy, inertial and current load cases
- Check results numerically and graphically
- Animate structural response with rendering

**MAXSURF Utilities**

**MAXSURF VPP Utility – Sailing Yacht Velocity Performance Prediction**

The MAXSURF VPP utility provides sailing performance analysis for yachts in a variety of sailing conditions and produces performance polar curves to show predicted speeds.

Designers of sailing yachts who use MAXSURF can take advantage of VPP to predict the performance of their designs in a variety of sailing conditions.

Using calculation methods similar to the original IMS Velocity Performance Prediction program, VPP solves the equations for lift and drag for hull and rig and finds an equilibrium velocity and angle of heel. VPP's calculations operate through a variety of true wind angles and speed, and calculate with both spinnaker up and down.

Integrated into VPP is a hull measuring capability that automatically measures the MAXSURF design to extract the required input measurements and parameters. Alternatively, a small number of key values can be entered directly from an IMS certificate.

Output from VPP is provided in both tabular and graphical format for each wind strength and direction. Results include apparent wind strength, hull velocity, Vmg, heel angle and the various lift and drag forces involved. The family of polar performance curves produced can be selected to find key values for any setting.