

CADfix PPS 4

"What's new"

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CADfix PPS 4 Summary

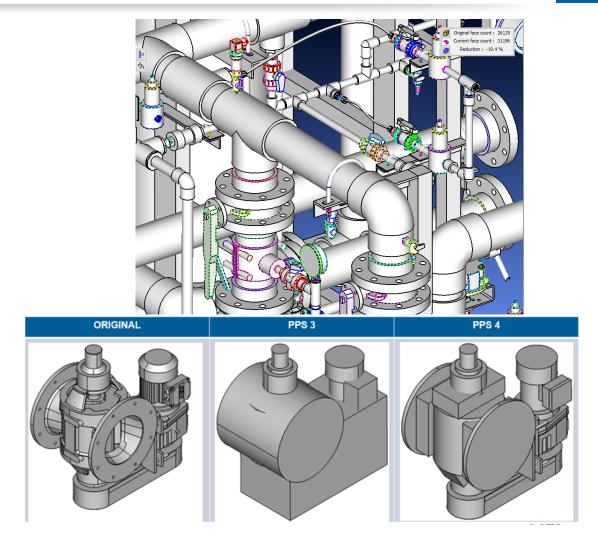
- Auto-simplification
 - New Smart Deconstruction technology
 - New extruded body simplification
 - New complex hole/protrusion removal
 - New lettering/logo removal
 - New duplicated part detection
 - New automatic model size-based controls
 - Improved box/cylinder/cone simplification
 - Improved revolved body simplification
 - Improved internal detail removal
 - Higher model size reduction %
 - Simplification of selected parts only
 - Faster assembly processing
- Import/Export
 - Latest CAD versions
 - Improved IFC import

Manual tools

- New deconstruct tool
- New primitive simplification tool (best/box/cyl)
- New extrusion simplification tool
- New remove lettering/logo tool
- New remove fillet/chamfer tool
- Planar split tool supports assemblies and new "Delete bodies below" option
- Internal detail removal supports "Find" preview
- Model tree
 - New body face count column
 - Creation of assemblies from existing parts
- Batch
 - New cwc options for model size-based settings
- GUI
 - New slide-in model tree
 - New "Pick Similar" capability
 - Easier to use manual tools

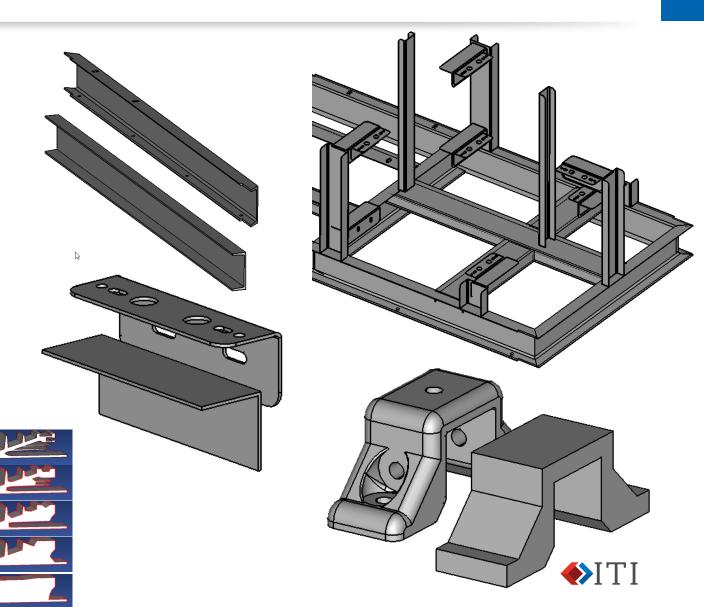


- New Smart Deconstruction technology
- Breaks-up complex bodies
- Enables significantly more primitive simplification

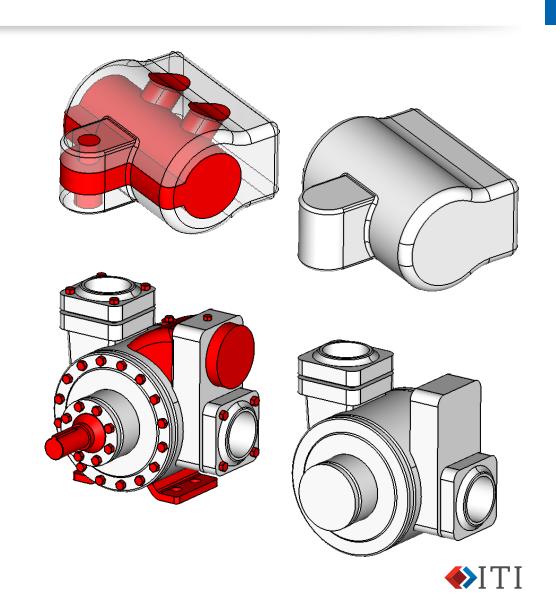




- New extruded body simplification
- Profile simplification
 - Notches, holes, mitres
 - Fillet removal
 - Feature suppression

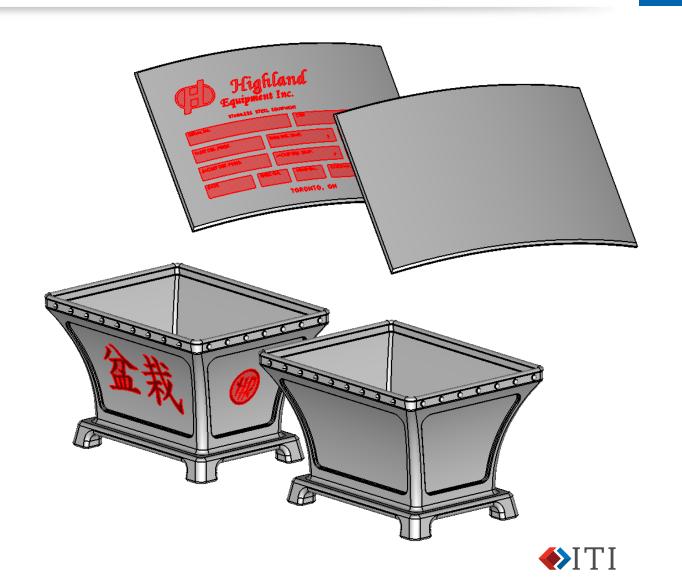


- Complex hole removal
 - Exits spanning multiple faces
 - Partial exits
- Complex protrusion removal
 - Spanning multiple faces
 - Overhanging protrusions
 - Holes in protrusions

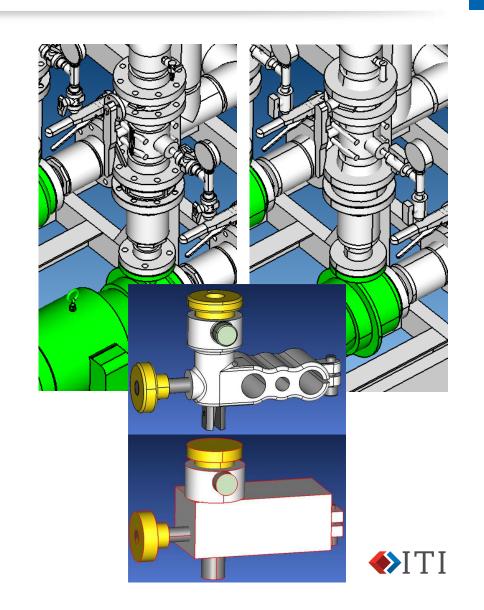


 New lettering and logo removal

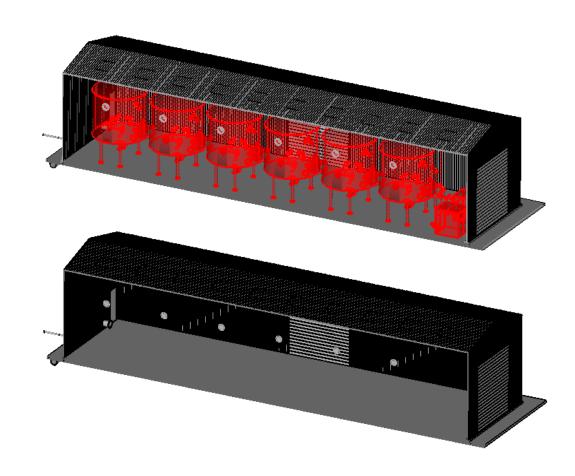
 Removes raised, sunken and flat letters/logos



- Smart best-fit primitive selection
- Box/cylinder/cone simplification
- Faster simplification
- Simplification level sensitive to body size – large bodies, less aggressive

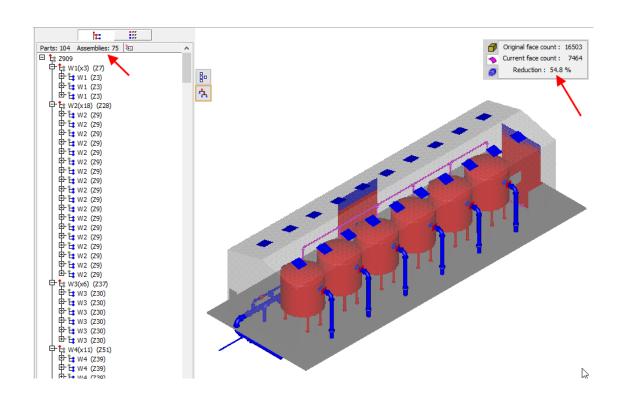


- Internal Detail Removal using new smarter algorithm
- Faster and more robust
- User controlled size to ignore any openings in boundary
- Large model size reduction, when applicable
- Faster processing as less bodies to simplify



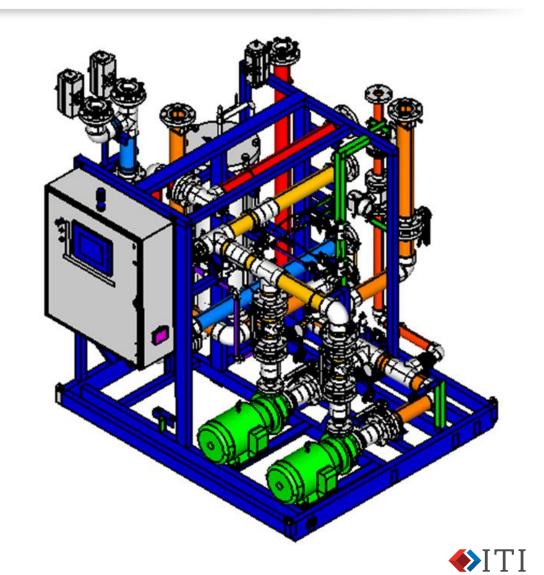


- Duplicated part detection
- Auto-create assembly to remove replicated parts
- Large model size reduction, when applicable
- Faster processing as less bodies to simplify

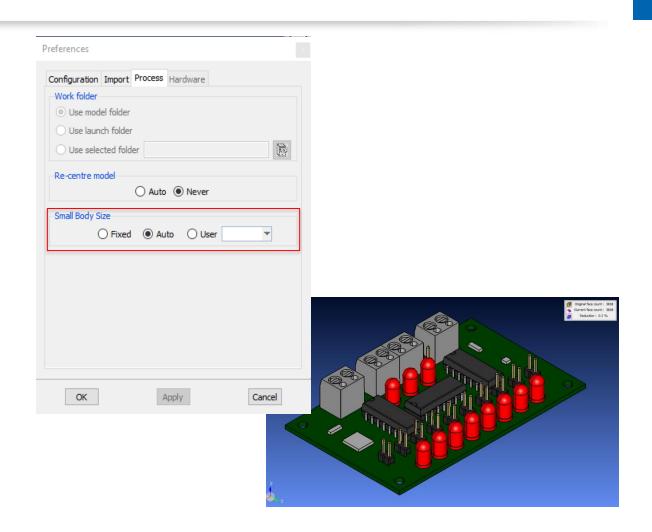




- Faster performance on assembly models
- Bottlenecks removed
- More efficient processing workflow



- New automatic model size-based settings
- Enables simplification of small components
- Copes better with models having wrong units





Import/Export

CAD system specific

- Catia V5-6 R2022 (was V5-6 R2019)
- Creo 9 (was 5)
- Inventor 2023 (was 2019)
- NX 2007 series (was NX12)
- SolidEdge 2022 (was V18 ST11)
- SolidWorks 2022 (was 2019)

Neutral formats

- ACIS 2022 (was 2019)
- DWG/DXF 2023 (was 2018)
- Parasolid 34 (was 31)

New formats added

Microstation

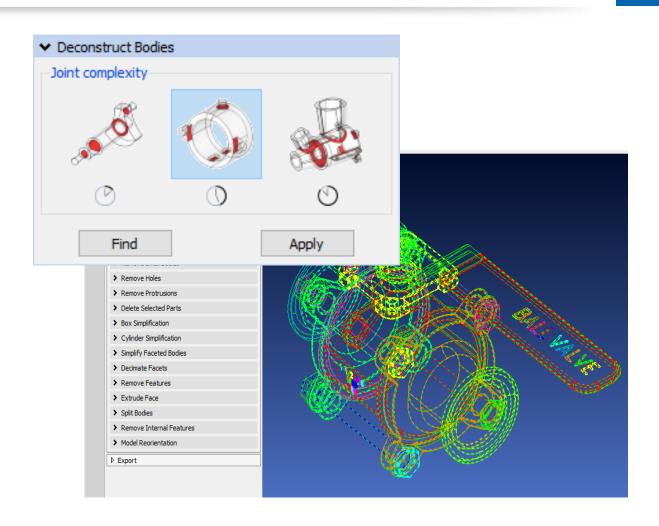
Updates

Improved IFC import



Deconstruct Bodies

- Manually select bodies to deconstruct
- Break complex, or prejoined, bodies into smaller parts
- Allows further processing using other simplification tools



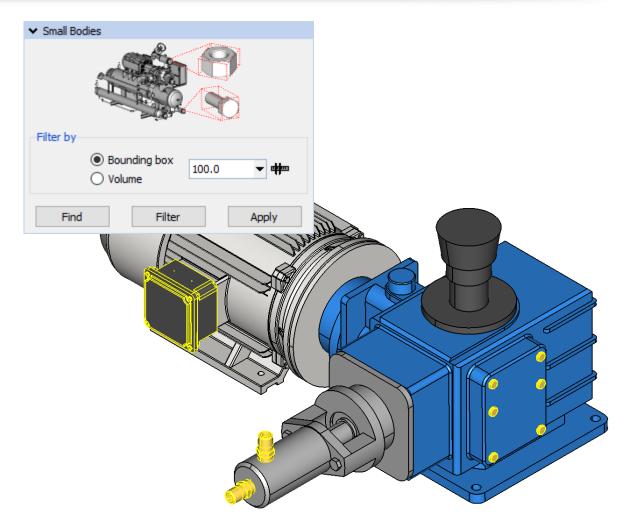


Delete small bodies

New tool icon

 Allows use of body preselection

 More accurate assessment of part size





Primitives tool

Best fit option

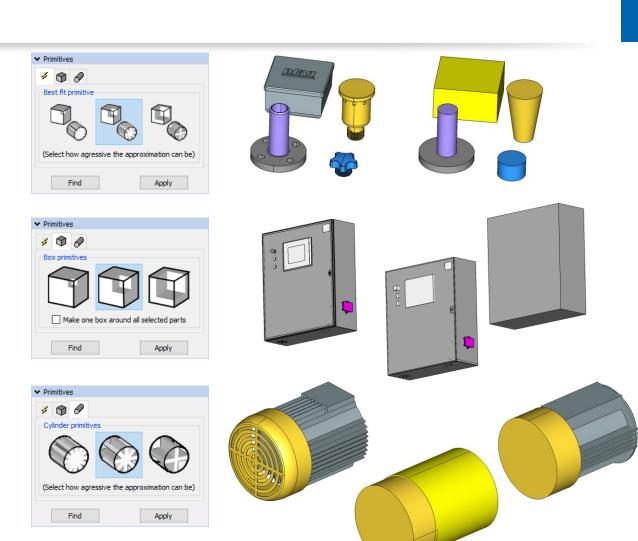
 allow automatic selection of suitable primitive

Box option

 simplify to a bounding-box of each part, or as a group

Cylinder option

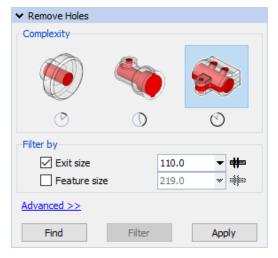
 to simplify to a single cylinder, or cylinder with boxed outliers

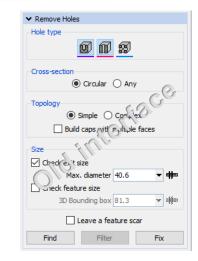


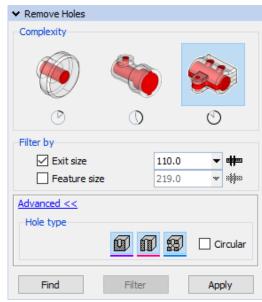


Holes tool

- Simplified interface
- Allows use of body pre-selection
- Complexity variation control
 - Simple holes
 - Complex hole entries
 - Complex holes, pockets, slots
- More accurate detection
- Advanced options available in hidden pane



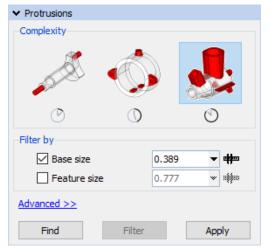


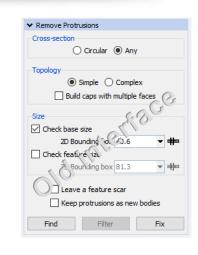


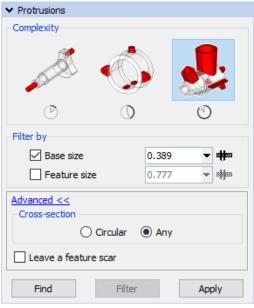


Protrusions tool

- Simplified interface
- Allows use of body pre-selection
- Complexity variation control
 - Simple protrusions
 - Complex protrusion base
 - Multi-point and split protrusion base
- More accurate detection
- Advanced options available in hidden pane



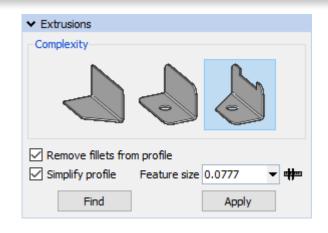


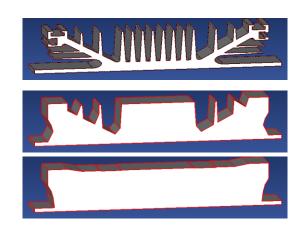


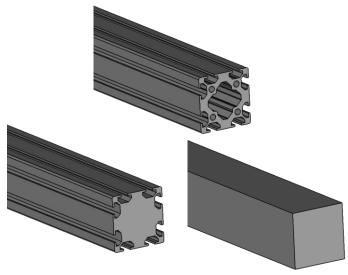


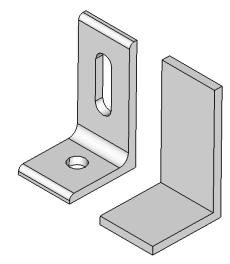
Extrusions tool

- New extrusion simplification tool
- Finds extrudable bodies
- User controlled complexity setting
 - De-filleting of profile
 - De-feature of profile
 - Removal of internal bores









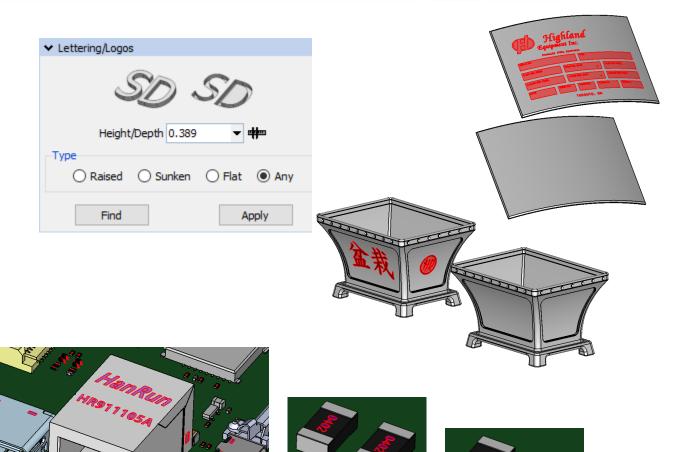


Lettering/Logos tool

 New lettering and logo removal tool

 Removes raised, sunken and flat letters/logos

 User controllable height/depth value

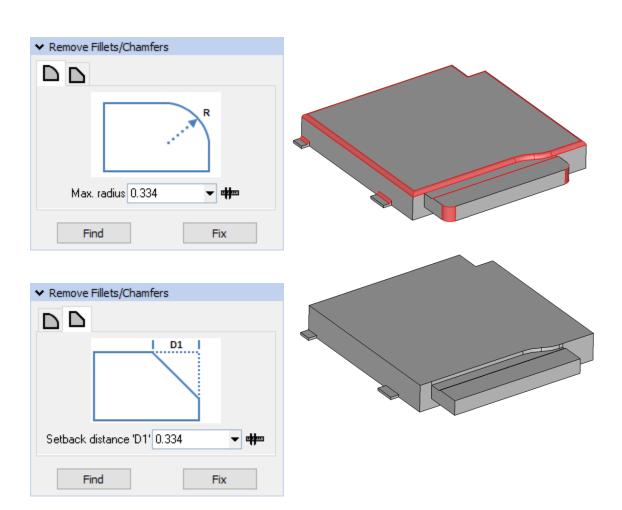


Fillet/Chamfer tool

 New Fillet/Chamfer removal tool

 Simplified version of the DX tool

- PPS specific tool
 - Max. fillet radius
 - Chamfer setback dist.



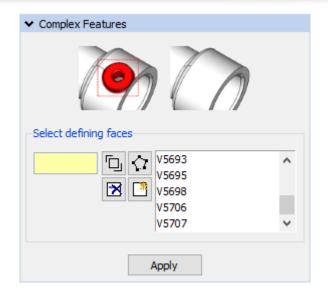


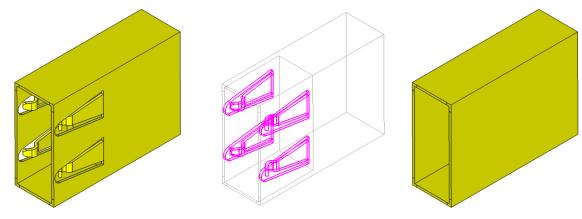
Complex features tool

 New Complex Feature removal tool

 Manually select faces to remove

 Provides full control of detailed feature removal

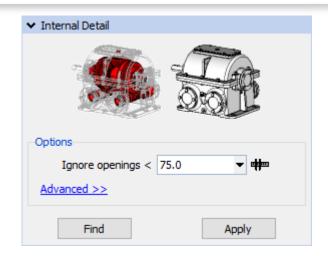


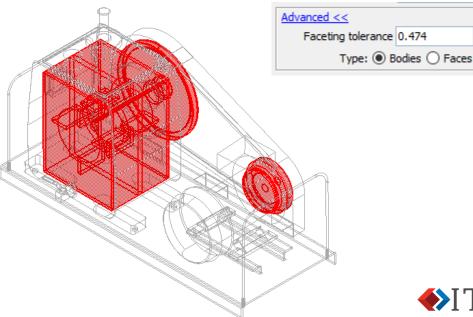




Internal Detail tool

- New core detection algorithm
- Simplified user controls
- Faster detection of internals
- More accurate identification of openings
- Updated results display
- Advanced options available in hidden pane

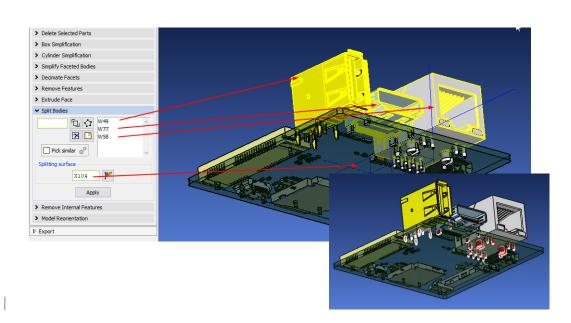


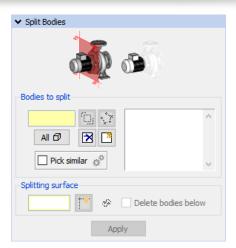


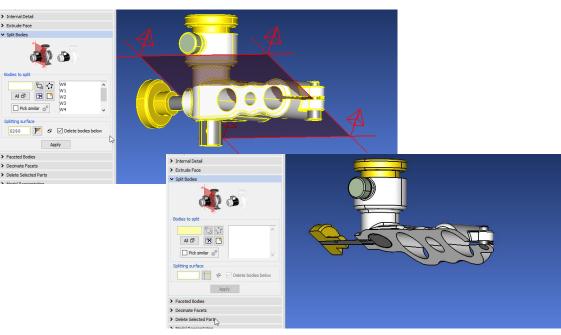


Split Bodies

- Splitting algorithm improved
- Supports use with assemblies
- Splits across multiple components
- Allows "Delete bodies below"





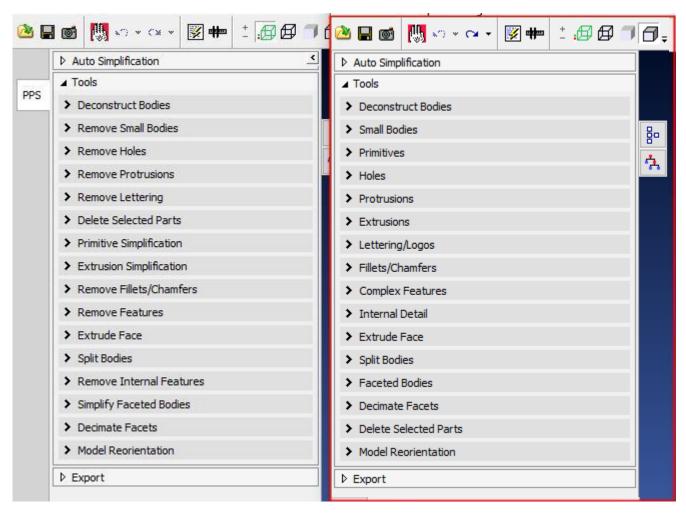


Tools menu

 Manual tool order to reflect updated tools

Shorter names

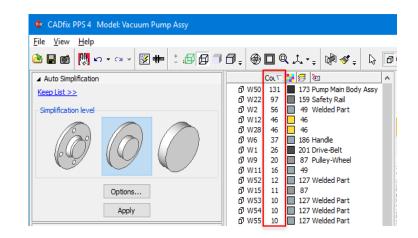
 Tools auto-close when new tool opened

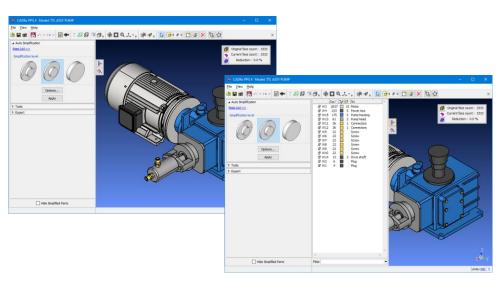




Model tree

- Model Tree ordered by body face count column
 - Identify bodies where simplification is needed
- New Create Assembly from parts
 - Reduce duplication
 - Reduce body count
 - Reduce face count
 - Reduce duplicated processing
- New slide-in, slide-out model tree







Batch

 Configuration files updated to support new Autosimplification controls

Note:

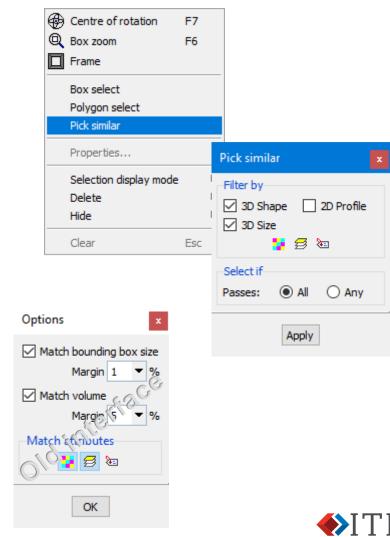
Existing cwc files should be reviewed and updated before use in PPS4

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 preferredUnits
                                    [MM, CM, M, INCH, FOOT] : MM
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 finish.saveSuffix
                                              [NULL, value] :
 finish, purge
                                                     [0, 1]:1
import
                                                        [1]:1
 import.colours
                                                     [0, 1]:1
 import, lavers
                                                     [0, 1]:1
 import, labels
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                                                     [0, 1] : 1
 import, transparency
 import, blanked
                                                     [0, 1] : 0
transform
                                                     [0, 1]:1
 pps.simpLevel
                                                  [1, 2, 3]:2
  pps, smallBodySize
                              [DEFAULT, FIXED, AUTO, value] : 100.0:mm
  pps, keepList
                                              [NULL, value] : NULL
  pps, deconstructBodies
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  pps, cylSimplification
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  pps,boxSimplification
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  pps, removeProtrusions
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  pps, removeInternals
                                                      [0, 1]:1
                                           [PRE, POST, BOTH] : POST
  pps,internalsStage
  pps,internalsMaxGap
                                           [DEFAULT, value] : 200.0:mm
  pps, internalsLevel
                                                     [value] : 5
  pps.decimateFacets
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  pps, retainAttributes
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Selection tool

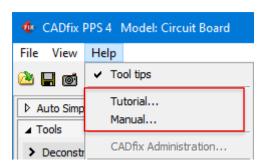
- Selection tool fully implemented on main toolbar
- 'Find' → 'Apply' tools use selection as working set
- Pick similar tool available with complex search functions
 - 3D shape
 - 3D Size
 - 2D Profile
 - Pass 'All' tests of 'ANY' test

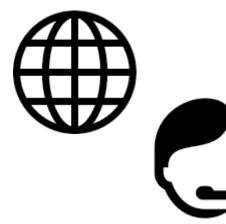




Documentation

- Help on PPS4 tools:
 - Help → Manual
- PPS4 specific self-training:
 - Help → Manual
- Installation and release information:
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