


***FIRST Robotics Team 1719 CAD Lesson Directory for 2013/2014 Season***

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Green Highlighted Text (also indicated with a  so that you can see which ones are green if printing out the table in black and white) – indicates basic lessons that will be useful to all Team 1719 students with interest in CAD Basics

Yellow Highlighted Text – indicates more advanced lessons that will be required by members of the CAD Subteam and any other team members that want to have a higher level involvement in part design, sheet metal design, virtual assembly and creating engineering drawing

Unhighlighted Text – indicates lessons that are not likely going to be useful to Team 1719 Robotics design, at least not until the basics (green and yellow highlighted) are mastered. However, please feel free to peruse these lessons, at least briefly, once the yellow and green topics are mastered). Also, some of these topics may be referred to on an as needed basis for specific design needs.



## I. Solid Modeling

### Solid Modeling

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 Getting Started ★  
 The Open Dialog Box  
 Create a Project  
 Overview of the User Interface  
 The Heads Up Display  
 Create a Sketch  
 Sketch Constraints  
 Extruding a Profile  
 The In-Canvas Display  
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 The Marking Menu  
 Marking Menu Customization  
 Editing Profiles  
 View Cube and Navigation Bar  
 Sketches vs Profiles  
 Solid Bodies  
 Template View Orientation  
 Constraining Profiles  
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 More Mini-Toolbars  
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 Revolve a Feature  
 Trick for Constraining Sketches  
 Constraining the Axis of Revolution  
 Projecting Geometry  
 Creating Work Planes  
 Extruding to a Plane  
 Sharing Sketches

Construction Lines ★  
 Centerlines  
 Mirroring Features  
 Circular Feature Array  
 Rectangular Feature Array  
 Application Options  
 Creating Holes  
 Placing Holes Part I  
 Placing Holes Part II  
 Creating Hole Patterns Part I  
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 Fundamentals of the Shell Command ★  
 Using the Shell Command  
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 Control Vertex Splines  
 Bridge Curve Splines  
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Tweaking Splines  
 Bowties  
 Fit and Tension  
 Sweep  
 Sweep Path and Guide Rail  
 Sweep Path and Guide Surface  
 Introduction to 3D Sketches  
 Using 3D Sketches  
 3D Splines and Coils  
 Mirroring Sketch Geometry  
 Editing Mirrored Sketches  
 Automating Patterns  
 Linear Slots ★  
 Arced Slots  
 Lofts  
 Loft Conditions  
 Loft Transition and Point Mapping  
 Lofts with Rails  
 Rails on Cylindrical Lofts  
 Tricks for Round Spline Sweeps  
 Square Sweeps  
 Centerline Lofts  
 Skin Bodies  
 Adjusting Color  
 Closed Loop Lofts  
 Area Lofts  
 Loft Strategies  
 The Lip Command  
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Parameters and Tolerances  
 Linking Excel Spreadsheets  
 Threads  
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 The Bend Part Command  
 Bending Conical and Loft Parts  
 Moving Faces  
 The Emboss Command  
 The Boss Command Part I  
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 The Rest Command  
 The Grill Command  
 Rule Fillets  
 Replacing and Splitting Faces  
 The Sculpt Command  
 Modifying and Stitching Surfaces  
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 Editing a Solid - Extend Contract  
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## II. Assemblies and Advanced Concepts

### Assemblies and Advanced Concepts

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Using and Creating Templates	
Creating Derived Parts	
Editing Derived Parts	
Intro to the Assy Environment	
Degrees of Freedom	
Driving Constraints	
Explicit Reference Vectors	
Adaptive Parts and Sketches	
Adaptive Constraint Strategies	
Creating Adaptive Parts I	
Creating Adaptive Parts II	
Using Constraint Strategies	
Removing Adaptivity	
Driving Adaptive Assemblies	
The Content Center	★
The Symmetry Constraint	
Ball Joints	
Planar Joints	
Joint Alignment Details	
Cylindrical Joints	
Slider Joints	
Rotational Joints	
Rigid and Automatic Joints	
Mirrored Assemblies	
Mirrored and Copied Constraints	

Flexible Assemblies
Copied Assemblies
Pattern Components
Advanced Viewing
Assembly Viewing
Motion Constraints
Animating Gears
Transitional Constraints
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Checking for Interferences
Creating Compressible Springs
Driving Adaptive Springs
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Creating Presentations
Editing Tweaks
Animating Presentations
iFeature Design
Inserting iFeatures
Reusing Part Features
Advanced iFeature Design
Reducing Dangling Geometry
Creating iPart Factories
iPart Members
Editing the iPart Author
iMates and iParts
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Creating iPart Assemblies
Updating iParts
Threaded iParts
iMates and the Content Center
Identifying and Using iMate Glyphs
Inferred iMates
Scaling Parts
Combining Parts I
Combining Parts II
Subtracting and Splitting Parts
Deleting Faces
Strategy for Splitting Parts
Trick for Measuring Interferences
Prep for Design Accelerator
Bolted Connections
Generating Bearings
Generating Shafts Part I
Generating Shafts Part II
Generating Shafts Part III
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Working with Large Assemblies
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Skeletal Modeling Introduction
Make Part and Components
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Sketch Blocks
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Blocks and Assemblies
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Flexible Block Assemblies
Hybrid Design Methods
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Replacing Assemblies
The Assemble Command
Sinusoidal Conical Sweeps
Alternate Split Part Methods
Appearances on Derived Feature
Selecting a Design Strategy
Practice with Relationships
Inverted Text
Conclusion



### III. 2D Drafting and Customization

#### 2D Drafting and Customization

Introduction  
Introduction to Drawings  
Drawing Views  
Custom Predefined Template Views  
Customizing Backgrounds  
Custom Borders  
Custom Title Blocks  
Property Field Types  
File iProperties  
Drawing Projects  
Bill of Materials  
Content Center Parts in BOMs  
BOM Levels and Part Lists  
BOM Structures  
Replacing Content Center Parts  
Exporting BOMs  
Parts Lists  
Editing a Parts List

Customizing a Parts List  
Balloons  
Break Out Views  
Overlay Views  
Crop Command  
Slice Command  
View Alignment  
Hole Tables

Administration Projects  
Custom Parts List Style  
Custom Drafting Styles  
Custom Dimensioning Style Part I  
Custom Dimensioning Style Part II  
Notes and Leader Callouts  
More Drafting Styles  
Custom Text Styles  
Dimensioning Drawings Part I  
Dimensioning Drawings Part II

Dimensioning Drawings Part III  
Bolt Circles and Section Lines  
Sketched Symbols and Notes  
Templates and Styles Part I  
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#### Migrating Inventor Drawing Styles

Custom Material Libraries  
Customizing Materials  
Material Projects  
Custom Appearance Libraries  
Using Custom Appearances  
Details of Appearance Settings  
Custom Physical Assets  
Appearances From Images  
Materials From Scratch  
Migrating Older Styles  
Custom Ribbon Panels  
Shortcut Keys and Command Aliases

Customizing the Marking Menu  
User Interface Visibility  
Object Visibility  
Constraint Options and Persistence

Applying Your Skills Part I  
Applying Your Skills Part II  
Applying Your Skills Part III

Opening and Modifying AutoCAD DWGs  
Creating Solids from AutoCAD DWGs  
Inventor DWG Files  
Exporting and Importing DWG Files  
Translating AutoCAD to Inventor  
Conclusion

## IV. Sheet Metal Design

### Sheet Metal Design

Introduction  
The Sheet Metal Environment  
Styles and Templates  
K-Factors



#### Creating Bend Tables

The Flange Command  
Bend Reliefs and Remnants  
Bend and Sheet Metal Styles  
Unfold Methods  
Corner Seams  
Corner Seam Reliefs  
Bend Transitions and Flat Patterns  
Custom Sheet Metal Templates



The Contour Flange Command  
Looped Contour Flanges  
Shells and Ripped Seams

Editing Flat Patterns  
Using the Hem Command

Multiple Plates in Assemblies I  
Multiple Plates in Assemblies II  
Extended Surfaces

Using the Punch Tool  
Custom Punches  
Flat Pattern Punch Representations  
Custom Extruded Louver Punch  
Dangling Geometry in Punches  
Custom Extruded Dimple Punch I  
Custom Extruded Dimple Punch II  
Custom Revolved Dimple Punch  
Sheet Metal Commands and Punches  
Surfaces  
G2 Fillets  
Tabs  
Double Bends and Bend Allowances  
Applying Bend Allowances  
Knockouts  
Flat Patterns on Drawings  
Custom Sweep Punches  
Complex Shapes  
Sheet Metal Cone  
Contour Roll Unrolling Unfolding  
Press Break Lofted Flanges

Square to Round Transitions  
Adding Flanges to Lofted Flanges  
Editing with Unfold and Refold  
Lofted and Rolled Part Strategies  
Formed Punches and Features  
Custom Structural Shapes I  
Custom Structural Shapes II  
Publishing Multiple Shapes  
Frame Skeletons  
Generating Custom Shape Frames I  
Generating Custom Shape Frames II  
Generating Custom Shape Frames III  
Generating Custom Shape Frames IV  
Trimming Members  
Model Frame Skeletons  
More Frame Generator Concepts  
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Preparations and Welds  
Fillet and Post Weld Operations  
Multi-Body Sheet Metal Modeling  
Features on Multi-Body Sheets

Multi-Body Sheet Metal Bends  
More Multi-Body Practice  
Multi-Body Sheet Metal Assembly  
Modifying Multi-Body Components  
Finalizing the Design  
Convert to Sheet Metal Parts  
Sheet Metal Drawings  
Export Flat Pattern to DXF  
Custom Exported Layers  
Details of Exported DXF Files  
Converting Down Bends to Up Bends  
Edit Flat Pattern Definition  
Bend Callouts and Tables  
Bend Order  
Flat Pattern Extents  
Compare Drawing to DXF  
Conclusion