

C++ IO support for various FEM exchange file formats

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1 Supported FEM file formats

Not all functionality defined for the exchange file formats is supported. The supported subset is currently mainly defined by the functionality supported in GLFrame rspt. the BMF file format.

More detailed information on supported functionality can be found in the according directories in the doc subdirectory.

1.1 NASTRAN Bulk Data Format (BDF)

1.1.1 BDF Cards supported

	Name	Description	Read	Write
General	MAT1	Material definition	✓	
	GRID	Grid nodes	✓	
Elements	CTRIA3	3 node shaped shell elements	✓	
	CQUAD4	4 node shaped shell elements	✓	
	CBEAM	Complex beams	✓	
	CBAR	Simple beams	✓	✓
	CROD	Trusses	✓	
	properties			
Element	PSHELL	Properties for CTRIA3, and CQUAD4	✓	
	PBEAM	Integral properties for CBEAM	✓	
	PBEAML	Properties for CBEAM describing cross section	✓	
	PBAR	Integral properties for CBAR	✓	
	PBARL	Properties for CBAR describing cross section	✓	
	PROD	Properties for CROD	✓	
Load	LOAD	Load case combination	✓	
	FORCE	Forces on Nodes	✓	✓
	MOMENT	Moments on Nodes	✓	✓
Misc	ENDDATA	Marker for end of input file	✓	✓

1.2 DNV GL Seasam Input Interface File (FEM)

1.2.1 FEM Cards supported

	Name	Description	Read	Write	Page ¹
General	DATE	Date and Program Information	✓	✓	4-2
	GCOORD	Nodal Coordinates	✓	✓	6-56
	GNODE	Correspondence between External and Internal Node Numbering, and Number of Degrees of Freedom of Each Node	✓	✓	6-80
	IDENT	Identification of Superelements	✓	✓	4-3
	IEND	End of a Superelement			4-4
Elements	GELMNT1	Element Data Definition			6-65
	GELREF1	Reference to Element Data			6-66
Element properties	GBARM	Cross Section Type Massive Bar			6-48
	GBEAMG	General Beam Element Data			6-49
	GECCEN	Eccentricities			6-61
	GELTH	Thickness of Two-dimensional Elements			6-70
	GIORH	Cross Section Type I or H Beam			6-71
	GLSEC	Cross Section Type L-Section			6-76
	GPIPE	Cross Section Type Tube			6-81
Load	BLDEP	Nodes with Linear Dependence			6-27
	BNBCD	Nodes with Boundary Conditions			6-30
	BNDISPL	Nodes with Prescribed Displacements and Accelerations			6-31
	BNLOAD	Nodes with Loads			6-35
	MGSPRNG	Element to Ground			6-103
Misc	GSETMEMB	Set (group) of Nodes or Elements (Members)			6-84
	GUNIVEC	Specification of Local Element Coordinate System			6-92
	MISOSEL	Isotropy, Linear Elastic Structural Analysis			6-115
	TDSETNAM	Name and Description of a Set (group)			4-7
	TEXT	User supplied Text	✓	✓	4-10
	TDLOAD	not documented			

¹References page in "Technical Report: Sesam Input Interface File, File Description", Document id: 89-7012, Revision Number 9 / 01 November 1996