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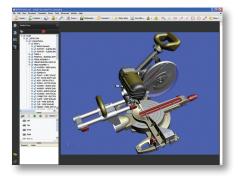
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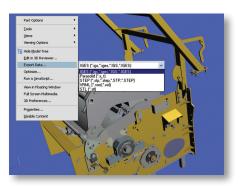
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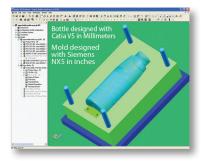
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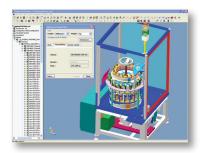
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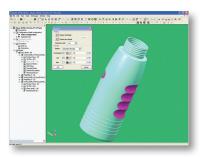
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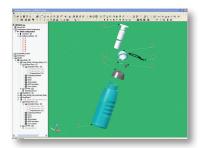
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- Microsoft Windows XP Home, Professional, or Tablet PC Edition with Service Pack 2 or 3 (32-bit and 64-bit); Windows Server[®] 2003 (with Service Pack 2 for 64-bit); or Windows Vista[®] Home Basic, Home Premium, Business, Ultimate, or Enterprise with or without Service Pack 1 (32-bit and 64-bit)
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