

VDAF Programming Add-on Option

This add-on module to VDAF Simulation creates NC programs for automatic drilling and fastening. This is a universal software application capable of programming many CNC auto-driller/fastener machines. A single license can program multiple different machines using a postprocessor configured for each machine.

The assembly to be programmed within VDAF contains an individual part model for each member of the CAD assembly, located in its proper assembled position. Each part's material is identified, as well as the clamp surface and any fixturing. VDAF's fastener locations are created from the CAD model's fastener locations and attributes, as read by the custom-tailored fastener reader utility. Fastener locations contain the attributes of a fastener and its location in the assembly. The set of fasteners and their attributes define the drill and fastener cycles to be used.

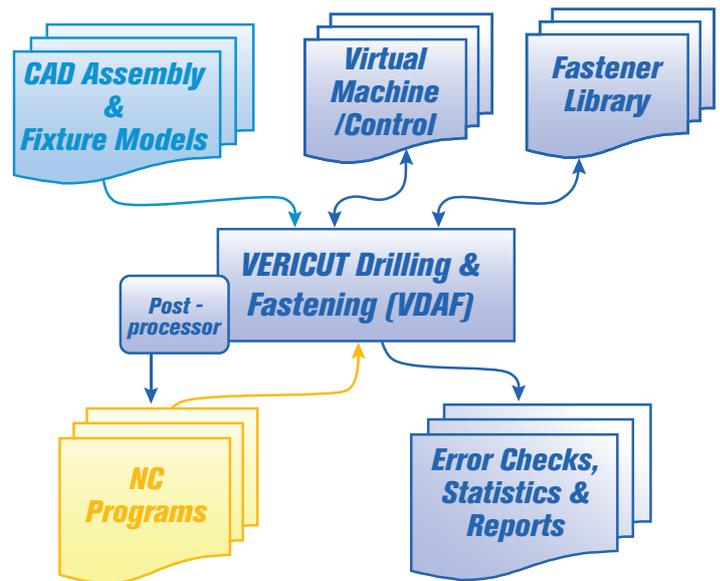
One or more reference locations may be selected, typically at Drilled at Assembly (DA) holes or temporary fastener locations. These selections invoke machine reference operations, but typically do not affect nominal locations in the NC program. Hole or fastener locations are grouped by local and global reference locations. Designating and activating reference holes create commands in the NC program to align the operation to the physical part.

Fasteners and operations are displayed in a tree dialog. The tree layout allows the user to group fasteners under tree branches and order and re-order them as needed. The user interface clearly identifies the fasteners that have been processed and those that have not. Fastener information can also be displayed in different ways to meet other user requirements. For example, fasteners may be displayed by type, diameter, length, etc.

The VDAF Programming Add-on Option requires a VDAF Simulation base license.

VERICUT Machine Configuration (VMC)

A VMC reads the auto-drilling/fastening NC program for a specific machine. It contains the definition of all drilling, fastening, utility cycles, and functions used in the NC program. It then emulates the CNC control logic necessary to accomplish a simulation of the NC program on the specific machine, including simulated fastener insertion. Simulated fastener insertion requires CAD models of the various fasteners that will be used in the assembly process (stored and organised in the Fastener Library).



Post-Processor

The post-processor formats the auto-drilling/fastening paths created in VERICUT for a specific machine. The post-processor contains the definition of all drilling, fastening, utility cycles, and functions used in the NC program.

Other Possible Requirements

CATIA & NX Interfaces

You can verify individual operations, a series of operations, or a set of complete NC programs. All Skins, Fixtures, Structures and Fastener locations are automatically transferred to VDAF in the correct orientation, along with your NC program, machine and control data, and other simulation parameters. Also, the optional 3D model interface modules allow VDAF to directly open native CATIA and NX part files.

Custom Fastener Object Reader

A custom script running inside the CAD system that reads user-defined fastener information and converts it into a VERICUT fastener file, in preparation for programming and simulation. This script is custom-written for each end-user implementation.

Vistagy SyncroFIT Interface

A standard interface for reading the assembly, fastener definition, and process information from SyncroFIT's Airframe Design Environment, and prepares files for programming and simulation in VDAF.