



## **News Release**

### ***For Immediate Release***

### **Announcing Release 5.0 of TOPS®Pro Package Design and Palletization Software**

**RICHARDSON**, Texas – May 5, 2003 - TOPS® Engineering Corporation announced today release of TOPS®Pro Version 5.0. This new release of package design and palletization software will be showcased at PACK EXPO 2003 in Las Vegas and offers a host of new features which include:

- ❖ One-click design templates
- ❖ New styles for primary pack and product shipcases
- ❖ Enhanced graphics options and reports
- ❖ XML and direct Microsoft Word outputs
- ❖ stacking strength analysis for non RSC boxes

The **one-click design template** provides users with a quick launch of TOPS®Pro for package design and analysis. Frequently used packages, ship cases, pallets, vehicles and analysis can be saved into different templates and launched with just a single mouse click.

TOPS®Pro includes a seamless custom shape generator called “**Create A Shape Yourself**” (CASY) which allows users to design new primary packages and case packs with holes, cutouts and custom graphics. The new TOPS®Pro Release 5.0 supports more complicated designs like trigger top bottles, rounded corner rectangular totes and pinch tubes.

TOPS®Pro displays all package design solutions in color-coded 3D graphics. Release 5.0 adds new options to make shipcases invisible or to pop open corner box on pallets and show its contents. The enhanced Allview report option, showing primary pack, shipcases, pallet design and truck load plan in same panel, allows faster and easier selection of solutions.

In addition to outputting design solutions and analyses to ASCII files in common separated value (csv) format, TOPS®Pro 5.0 makes data integration even more flexible and compatible by exporting data in **XML** format. It can also export design solutions and analyses directly to Microsoft Word in user defined format using template.

There are other new features that make TOPS®Pro 5.0 a must-have for package design. They include stacking strength analysis for non RSC boxes, group analyses by project folders, selectable shipcase list for database analysis, container type with perimeter cell and space divider, Traditional and Simplified Chinese language support, greater email capability and more.

**Availability** - TOPS®Pro 5.0 will be available June 15, 2003. Subscribers to TOPS®Pro's MVP Annual Upgrade and Support program will receive this new release for free. Other users not current on MVP can join the annual program and receive version 5.0, future TOPS®Pro upgrades and unlimited toll-free technical support.

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**About TOPS®**

TOPS® Engineering Corporation is the world leader in the development of innovative software for the distribution and packaging professionals. Its flagship products, "TOPS®Pro" - Package Design and Palletization software and "MaxLoad®Pro" - Cargo Load Planning and Optimization software, has over 6000 installed base worldwide and serves big and small corporations across wide industries. TOPS® also offers the first web-based package design software, TOPSePAC®, allowing package engineers to perform design and analysis anytime, anywhere, on any platform using any internet browser.

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