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# CAEPIPE - Pipe Stress Analysis Software

## Rapidly Create & Analyze Piping Systems of Any Complexity with the Least Effort

### Why CAEPIPE

- Easy to (re) Learn, Cuts your time in half
- Acclaimed user-interface, Quick to Learn and Use
- Uniquely Quick Iterative Studies
- Most Cost-effective
- Realistic Graphical Visualization using industry-standard OpenGL®
- Verified results accuracy
- 30+ Years! Mature, Robust and Comprehensive

*Easier • Faster •  
More Productive*

- **Design Better Piping, Faster • Reduce Overall Costs**
- **Make Your Job Easier • Become Twice as Productive**

Get *DONE* faster when you use CAEPIPE's carefully designed features for rapid modeling, powerful analyses with quick solution times, and easy results review. You will benefit from being **able to quickly evaluate alternate design solutions** ("what-if" scenarios).

Avoid frustration when you work with the elegantly simple and intuitive user-interface to model or edit simple or complex piping systems.

Save your money because first, CAEPIPE costs less and second, you will see dramatically increased productivity. CAEPIPE pays for itself faster than others do, if at all.

CAEPIPE - the first pipe stress analysis software on the PC back in 1983 - was an immediate success when it entered the energy, process and aerospace markets. Since that time, most of SST Systems' efforts have been directed towards aggressively providing CAEPIPE's large and loyal installed user base with enhancements and improvements that have made CAEPIPE comprehensive and robust.

Now, in its latest generation, it allows you to perform complete static and dynamic analyses, check your design for compliance with required piping codes (ASME, B31, European, Canadian, Swedish and more) and with guidelines (WRC, NEMA, API), among many other things.

Find out why more and more companies stuck with costly competing software (with costly capital costs, needlessly required training costs, that run in the thousands of dollars every year) are switching to CAEPIPE. Download a free evaluation copy that you can **learn to use in 20 minutes or less**. (go to [www.sstusa.com](http://www.sstusa.com)).

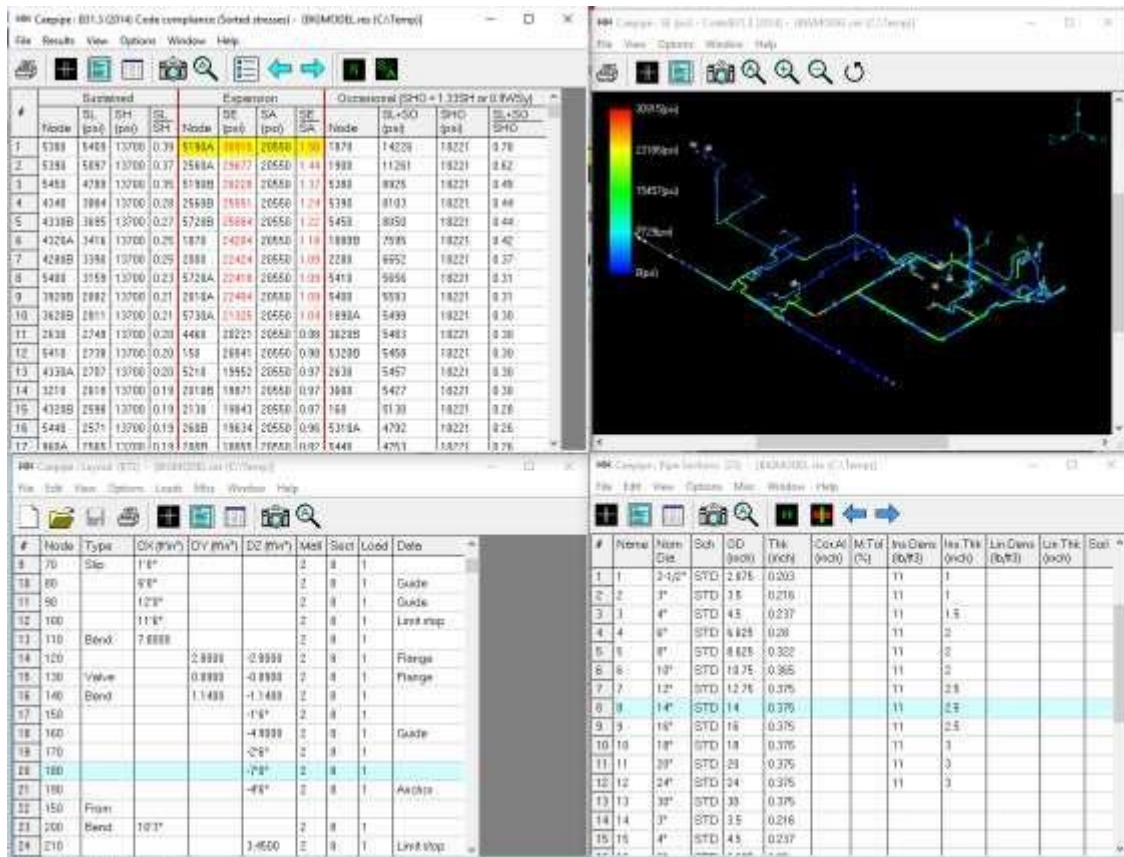
This document contains a non-comprehensive list of CAEPIPE's features. We suggest you print this document before reviewing it.

## Recommended System Requirements

- Processor: 3.0 GHz Intel Pentium IV or higher, AMD Athlon dual-core processor or higher
- Memory: 2 GB RAM or higher
- Operating System: Windows XP/Vista/7/8/8.1/10 or Windows Server all versions
- Display: 1280 x 800 or higher, with True Color
- Video Card: 256 MB or greater video RAM, OpenGL 1.1 or later, DirectX 9.0 or later, drivers updated with the latest manufacturer's drivers (Motherboard-integrated video cards not recommended for desktop systems.)

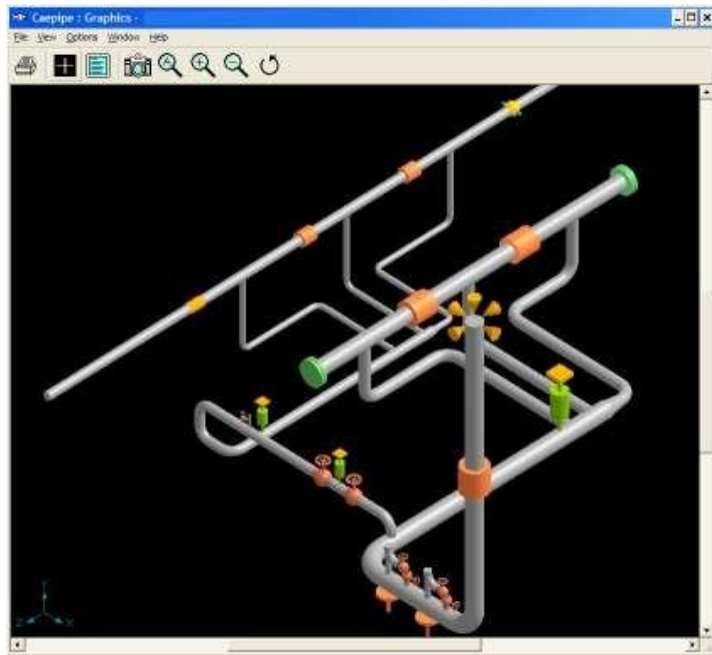
## Modeling Capabilities

- Native 32-bit Windows application with an acclaimed user interface
- Multiple, independently resizable windows o View Results, Graphics, Input and Details – all at the same time



- Industry standard OpenGL® graphics, capabilities include:
  - Zoom, pan and rotate
  - 3D Rendering
  - Selective showing and plotting of various entities
  - View from any direction (automatic iso and plan views)
  - Color coded stress contour mapping

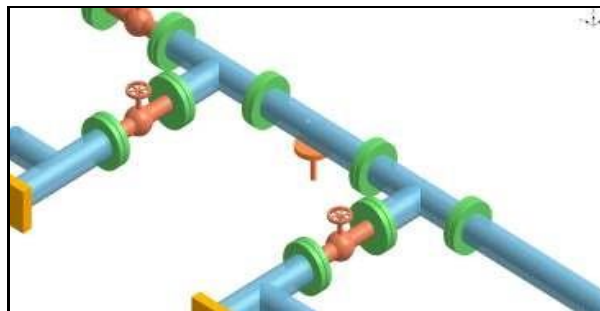
- Copy image from the graphics window to the clipboard
- Several graphics output formats - HPGL, DXF, EPS, EMF
- Plot of single line graphics to AutoCAD format
- Specify title for plot separate from model
- Print in color (Low/Medium/High Resolution, and Black/White background)
- No anisotropic graphical distortions upon window resizing



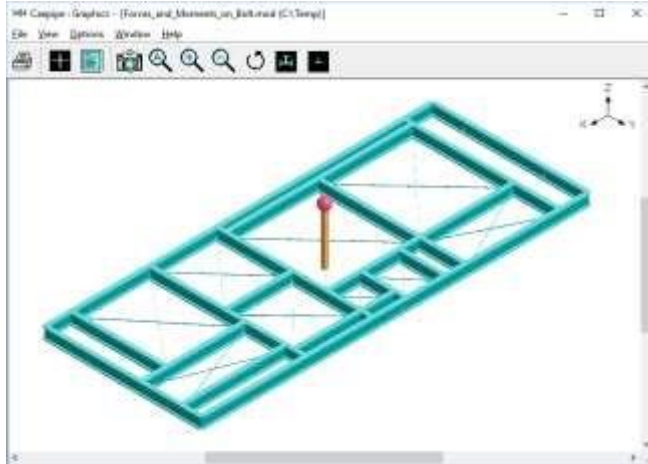
- Easy model generation and powerful editing features including numerous shortcuts
- Instantaneous error checking of input data

### Various element types

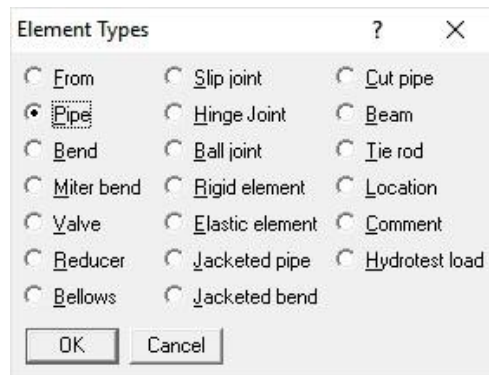
- Pipe
- Elbow/Bend (Flexibility factor, User SIF, Different material, Thickness, etc.)
- Miter bend (Flexibility factor, User SIF, Different material, Thickness, etc.)
- Jacketed pipe (with concentric core pipe being routed automatically along with jacket pipe)
- Jacketed bend (with concentric core bend being routed automatically along with jacket bend)



- Reducer (concentric and eccentric)
- Rigid element
- Valve
- Bellows
- Slip joint (with friction)
- Hinge joint (with friction and rotation limits)
- Ball joint (with friction and rotation limits)
- Beam (end releases, beta angle, shear deformation)



- Elastic element

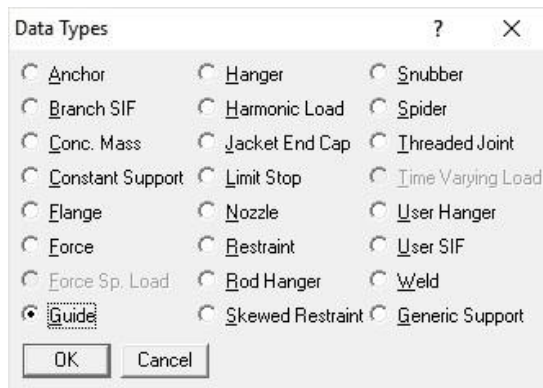


- Tie rod (with different stiffnesses and gaps in tension/compression)
- Cold spring (cut short or long)

### Various support types

- o Tag names for all supports (including Anchors and Nozzles)
- o Rigid and flexible anchor
- o Release anchors during hanger design
- o Two-way rigid restraint
- o Skewed restraint (translational or rotational)
- o Guide (with gap, friction and stiffness)

- Hangers
  - Variable spring support
  - Constant support
  - User defined
  - Rod hanger
- Limit stop (with gap, friction and stiffness)
- Snubber (rigid or flexible)
- Generic Support
- Supports can be connected to other nodes



### Other useful data

- Flange
- Force and moment
- Jacket end cap
- Spider (ties core pipe to jacket pipe)
- Nozzles attached to cylindrical and spherical shells
- Weld
- Threaded joint
- Concentrated mass
- SIFs (tee, branch, and such) as per Piping Codes listed below and ASME B31J

### Built-in databases ○

- Pipe sizes (ISO, ANSI, JIS and DIN, including bend radius data)
- Insulation materials (densities)
- Over 30 spring hanger catalogs
- Flanges (weights, SIFs) for ASME and DIN
- Large Valve library (types, lengths, weights); User-definable too
- Material libraries for commonly used materials and codes (user-definable too)
- B31.1 and B31.3 Material libraries with over 400 materials
- Nozzle flexibilities according to WRC 297, API 650 and PD5500
- SIF values for different components from each piping code
- AISC library of beam sections (user-definable too)
- Spectrum Libraries corresponding to EL Centro, Uniform Building Code and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Guide 1.60

## **Piping codes**

- B31.1
- B31.1 (1967)
- B31.3
- B31.4
- B31.5
- B31.8
- B31.9
- ASME Section III, Class 2 (1980, 1986, 1992, 2015 and 2017)
- ASME Section III, Class 3 (2017)
- European EN 13480
- French RCC-M and CODETI
- Swedish
- Dutch Stoomwezen
- Norwegian
- British BS 806
- Canadian Z183, Z184 and Z662

## **Rotating equipment**

- NEMA SM-23 (Turbines)
- API 610 (Vertical and Horizontal pumps)
- ANSI/HI 9.6.2 (Rotodynamic pumps)
- API 617 (Compressors)

**Internal and External Pressure Design of pipe and pipe fittings as per SS EN 13480-3 (2017)**

**Flange stresses as per ASME Sec. VIII Div. 1**

**Calculation of allowable loads on nozzles to spherical and cylindrical shells as per EN 13445-3 (2009)**

**Calculation of local shell stresses as per WRC Bulletin 537 and evaluation of those stresses as per ASME Section VIII, Division 2 for Nozzles attached to Cylindrical and Spherical Vessels**

**Evaluation of Hollow Circular Attachment (Lug) and Solid Rectangular Attachment (Lug) welded to Pipe as per ASME Section III, Division 1 (NC & ND) and EN 13480.**

## **Non-linearities**

- Friction in Ball, Hinge and Slip joints
- Gaps and friction in Limit stops and Guides
- Rotation limits in Ball and Hinge joints,
- Tension/compression stiffnesses and gaps in Tie rods

## **Nozzle stiffnesses**

- WRC 297
- API 650
- PD 5500

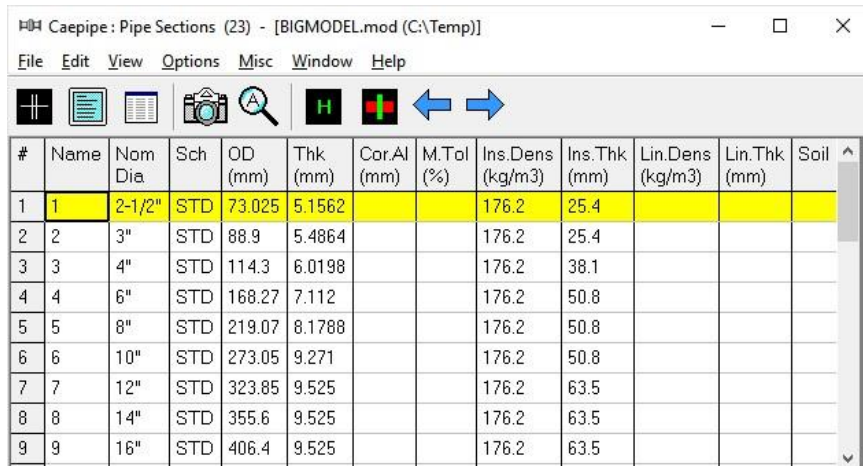


## Units in any combination ○

- SI
- Metric
- English
- Any combination of above

## List window – Fully editable and printable

- Display/edit itemized listings of components/materials/sections/etc. with all details



The screenshot shows a software window titled "Caepipe : Pipe Sections (23) - [BIGMODEL.mod (C:\Temp)]". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Options", "Misc", "Window", and "Help". Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for a grid, a list, a camera, a magnifying glass, a green 'H' icon, a red crosshair, and left/right arrow icons. The main area contains a table with the following columns: #, Name, Nom Dia, Sch, OD (mm), Thk (mm), Cor.Al (mm), M.Tol (%), Ins.Dens (kg/m3), Ins.Thk (mm), Lin.Dens (kg/m3), Lin.Thk (mm), and Soil. The table has 9 rows, with the first row highlighted in yellow.

#	Name	Nom Dia	Sch	OD (mm)	Thk (mm)	Cor.Al (mm)	M.Tol (%)	Ins.Dens (kg/m3)	Ins.Thk (mm)	Lin.Dens (kg/m3)	Lin.Thk (mm)	Soil
1	1	2-1/2"	STD	73.025	5.1562			176.2	25.4			
2	2	3"	STD	88.9	5.4864			176.2	25.4			
3	3	4"	STD	114.3	6.0198			176.2	38.1			
4	4	6"	STD	168.27	7.112			176.2	50.8			
5	5	8"	STD	219.07	8.1788			176.2	50.8			
6	6	10"	STD	273.05	9.271			176.2	50.8			
7	7	12"	STD	323.85	9.525			176.2	63.5			
8	8	14"	STD	355.6	9.525			176.2	63.5			
9	9	16"	STD	406.4	9.525			176.2	63.5			

- Many keyboard shortcuts for quick and efficient operation
- Node search feature
- Comments in the model (make as many comments anywhere)

## Block and Edit operations

- Generate new piping from existing piping
- Change material, pipe size, and temperature and pressure in one click
- Changes immediately updated in all open windows
- Edit, split and combine elements
- Merge models interactively
- Copy and Paste single or multiple elements with supports (including user defined allowable loads)
- Extensive Find and Replace command
- Powerful multiple UNDO and REDO command
- Finding and Editing of Comment texts

## Automatic backup and periodic saving of model data

### Default settings for ease of use

- When a bend is input, by default, the radius, radius type, thickness, material and flexibility factor from the previous bend are used.
- When a hanger is input, the defaults are set from the previous hanger.

### Conversion of a time function to a force spectrum

### Local coordinate system shown for most elements including a nozzle

### Automatic node number increment (can be turned off)

**Specify slope for an element**

**Large model sizes (7,000 elements with node numbers up to 99,999)**

**Redefining a model's vertical axis without affecting the layout**

**Rotate sections of piping model**

## **Analysis Features**

### **Static linear/non-linear analysis**

- Empty Weight
- Sustained
- Expansion
- Operating
- Occasional
- Hydrotest
- Cold Spring

### **Automatic spring hanger design**

- 34 hanger catalogs (US, European, Japanese and Indian manufacturers)

### **Loads**

- Weight and up to 10 pressures (i.e., up to 11 sustained cases)
- External pressure(s) can also be input
- External forces and moments for up to 10 thermal cases + 1 max sustained case
- Hydrotest case
- Up to 10 thermal loads with 50+ thermal ranges (expansion)
- Up to 10 thermal displacements for anchors and nozzles (expansion)
- Up to 10 operating cases (combination of weight, pressure and temperature)
- Flange equivalent pressures for 10 operating cases
- Rotating equipment reports for 10 operating cases
- Up to 4 wind loads (occasional cases)
- Seismic anchor movements (occasional)
- Static seismic acceleration (occasional)
- Force Spectrum load (occasional)
- Seismic response spectra (occasional)
- Harmonic loads, e.g., periodic excitation from equipment such as pumps (occasional)
- Time history loads, e.g., a fluid hammer (occasional)
- Non-repeated anchor movement: (settlement)
- Peak pressure for occasional loads
- 95+ load combinations
- Support Load Summary for 150+ load combinations

### **Analysis options**

- Thermal case = Operating – Sustained (recommended)
- Solve Thermal case independently

## **Modal analysis: Fast solver – Includes Dynamic Susceptibility analysis**

### **Seismic response spectrum analysis**

- Combination method: SRSS or Absolute sum or Closely spaced modes as per NRC Guide 1.92 or Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) sum
- Spectrum Types: Frequency (or period) versus displacement, velocity or acceleration. Linear or logarithmic interpolation, multiple units supported
- Spectrum entered interactively or through user created text file
- Export of element forces and moments in Local coordinate system contributed by each mode participating in Response Spectrum analysis in .csv format

### **Missing mass correction for response spectrum analysis**

### **Time history analysis**

### **Force spectrum analysis**

### **Harmonic analysis**

### **Pressure Relief Value loading analysis**

### **FRP piping analysis (user-definable allowables for different directions)**

### **Refinement of Nodal Mesh based on Mass Modeling Frequency**

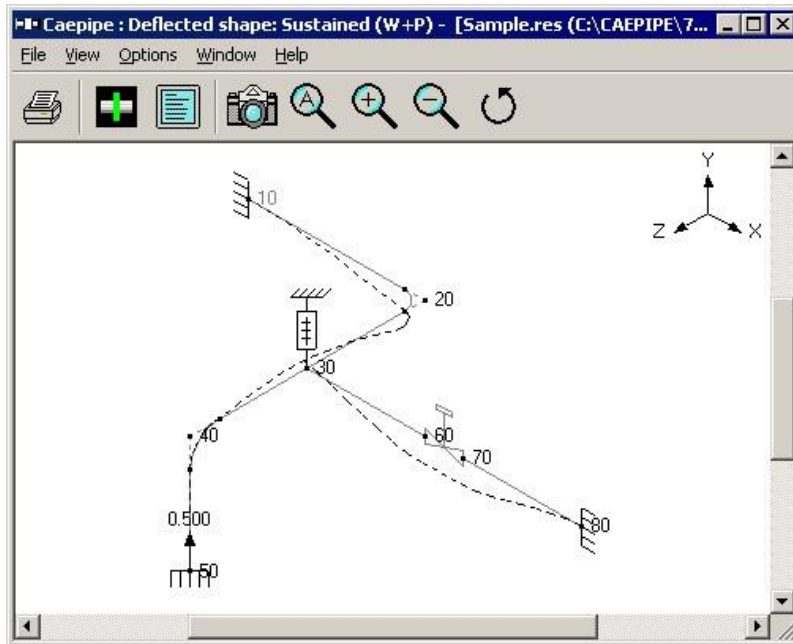
### **Refinement of Branch Elements to compute Flexibility Factors at Branch in accordance with ASME B31J**

### **Buried piping analysis including automatic discretization of elements as per ASME B31.1 (2014)**

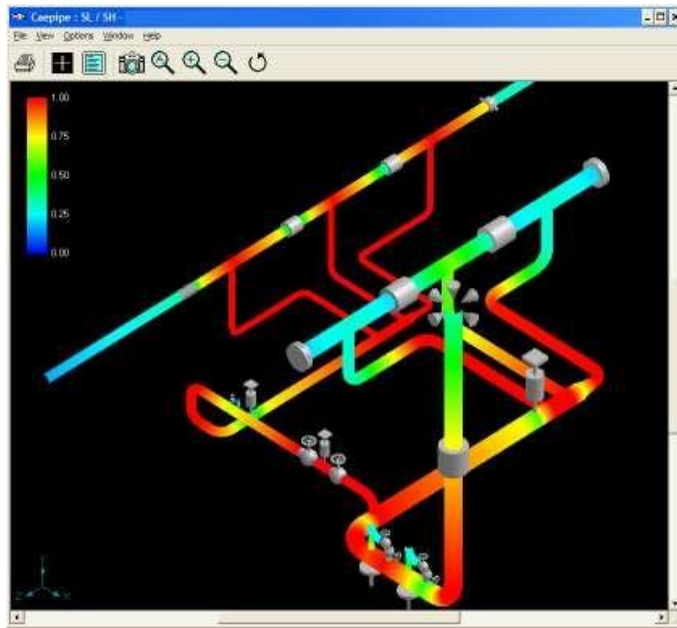
# Results Review

## Output

- Displacements at
  - All nodes
  - Ball joints (with bending displacements)
  - Flexible joints (Bellows, Slip, Hinge and Ball joints)
  - Guides, Hangers, Limit stops
  - Minimum and maximum displacements for each load case
- Deflected shape (animation possible)



- Support loads for all load cases
- Support load summary (150+)
- Element forces and moments (local and global)
- Internal and External Pressure Design results as per EN 13480-3 (2017)
- Status of Nonlinearities such as pipe lifting off at resting/sliding supports, gap closure at supports and tie rods, friction at supports and expansion joints
- Stresses
  - Code compliance stresses
  - Sorted code stresses
  - Von Mises, Maximum and Minimum stresses
  - Operating stresses for nondestructive examination (NDE)
  - Operating stresses for Impact Test as per ASME B31.5
  - Color coded stresses and stress ratios



- Hanger report
- Flange report
- Rotating equipment reports
- Frequencies and mode shapes (animation possible)
- Response spectrum analysis results
- Center of gravity, weight of each element and total weight
- Clean, Concise, Clearly Organized, Formatted and Customizable reports

Analysis Options

Code: Piping code = B31.3 (2014)  
 Include axial force in stress calculations  
 Do not use liberal allowable stresses

Temperature: Reference temperature = 70 (F)  
 Number of thermal cycles = 7000  
 Number of thermal loads = 3  
 Thermal = Operating - Sustained  
 Use modulus at reference temperature

Pressure: Pressure stress = PD / 4t  
 Peak pressure factor = 1.05  
 Include Bourdon effect  
 Use pressure correction for bends

Dynamics: Cutoff frequency = 200 Hz  
 Number of modes = 5  
 Include missing mass correction  
 Use friction in dynamic analysis

Misc: Include hanger stiffness  
 Vertical direction = Y

B31.3 (2014) Code compliance (Sorted stresses)

Node	Sustained			Expansion			Occasional (SHD = 1.33SH or 0.9ANSy)				
	SL (psi)	SH (psi)	SL (psi)	SE (psi)	SA (psi)	SE (psi)	SL+SO (psi)	SHD (psi)	SL+SO (psi)		
5390	5409	13700	0.33	5180A	30615	20550	1.50	1670	14226	18221	0.76
5390	5007	13700	0.37	2560A	29673	20550	1.44	1900	11261	18221	0.62
5450	4789	13700	0.35	5190B	26228	20550	1.37	5390	8925	18221	0.48
4340	3684	13700	0.28	2560B	26551	20550	1.28	5390	8193	18221	0.44
4330B	3695	13700	0.27	5720B	25084	20550	1.22	5400	8050	18221	0.44
4320A	3418	13700	0.25	1870	24204	20550	1.18	1880B	7595	18221	0.42
4380B	3396	13700	0.25	2000	22404	20550	1.09	5290	6652	18221	0.37
5400	3159	13700	0.23	5720A	22418	20550	1.09	5410	5658	18221	0.31
3820B	2682	13700	0.21	2010A	22404	20550	1.09	5400	5693	18221	0.31
3620B	2611	13700	0.21	5730A	21325	20550	1.04	1890A	5498	18221	0.30
2630	2749	13700	0.20	4460	20221	20550	0.98	3620B	5483	18221	0.30

**Overstressed nodes  
shown in reverse text**

**Print preview for reports and graphics**

**Bill of Materials and Table of contents & Revision records in reports**

**Neutral file input and output (.mbf)**

**Export of input and output to ASCII and MS-EXCEL (.csv) file format**

**Export and Import of Material Library through ASCII Material Library Batch file (.mlb) Compact and fast: Program size still approximately 2 MB!**

## **Related Features**

**Widest Support for Importing / Exporting data**

**Import data from plant design systems (optional)**

- AVEVA's PDMS
- Intergraph's PDS and SmartPlant 3D
- Autodesk's AutoCAD Plant 3D
- CADMATIC
- Dassault Systemes' CATIA
- Bentley's AutoPLANT
- AVEVA's Tribon (ship building)
- Other plant design software that produce piping layout in PCF format

**Import data from pipe stress analysis programs (built-in)**

- Intergraph's CAESAR II versions up to and including 10.0
- Algor's PipePak

**Import Time History / Force Spectrum data from Computational Fluid Dynamics and Flow Analysis programs (built-in)**

- PIPENET
- FLOWMASTER
- ROLAST

**Export to**

- 2D DXF (built-in)
- Aveva's PDMS (built-in)
- CADMATIC (built-in)
- Piping Component File (PCF) format (built-in)
- Hanger Report to LICAD software (built-in)
- Intergraph's CAESAR-II (optional)
- DST's PIPESTRESS (optional)

**Advanced 32-bit Windows technology**

- Multithreading: Layout, Graphics, Animation and Analysis run in separate threads
- Robust Exception handling: Better error diagnostics
- Memory mapped files: Really fast data access
- Ability to change display and print fonts for text and graphics

### Advanced software features o

- Super-fast dynamic scrollbar with tracking scroll box in real-time for text and graphics
- Dynamic updating of data in all open windows – Layout, List and Graphics
- Synchronization of the highlight/cursor between all open text and graphics windows
- Simultaneous visual updates of deflected and mode shapes. Simply switch between different load cases (or mode shapes) to show corresponding deflected (or mode shape).
- Flashing cursor in graphics window synchronized at all times with the input window
- A pop-up context menu of frequently used commands in Graphics window
- Graphics scales dynamically in real-time. Simply resize the window for fast and dynamic resizing.

## Industries served by CAEPIPE

- Power (fossil & nuclear)
- Refinery
- Fertilizers
- Sugar & Food Processing
- Steel / Metal Process
- Aircraft and Aerospace
- Defense Industries
- Oil & Gas production (onshore & offshore)
- Chemical & Petrochemical
- Pharmaceutical
- Paper & Pulp
- Water & Waste Treatment
- Building Services
- Ship Building

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