

IFAI Expo 2007—Las Vegas, October 3-5

The IFAI Expo 2007 will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 3-5. As usual, MPanel will be well represented by our sales and technical staff from the US, the UK, and Australia. We will be in booth **566** on the show floor.

This year the IFAI is offering several interesting symposiums and workshops. We are assisting with the presentation of the Design Software Workshop that will be available on Wednesday, October 3. These 2 hour workshops will include: Banners and Exhibits, Tents and Tension Structures, and Awnings and Canopies. Workshop places will be limited, so contact the IFAI soon to ensure your attendance.

It may seem a long way off, but October will be here before you know it. We hope to see you there!

IFAI Magazines for the Tensile Fabric Industry

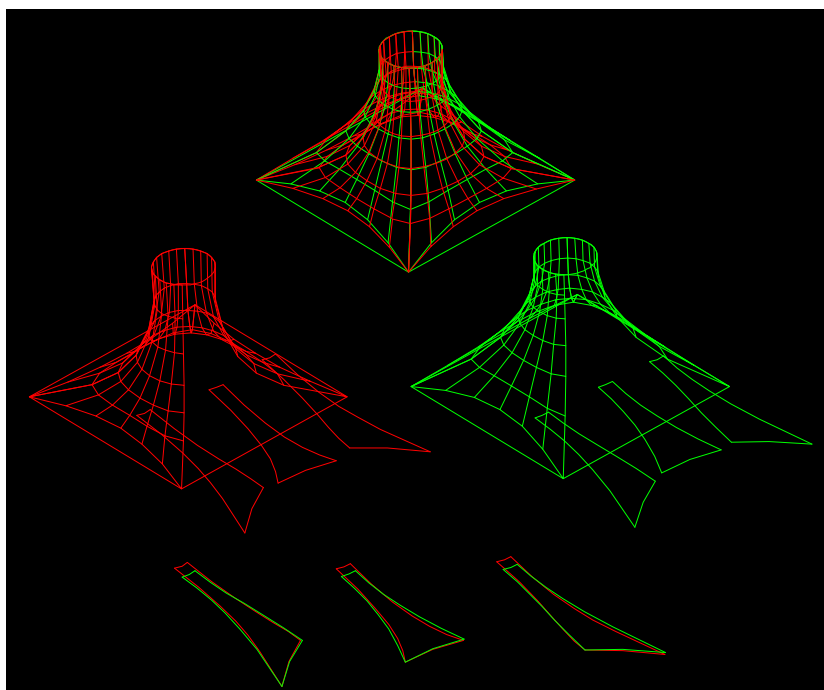


The IFAI publishes seven magazines that cater for a whole spectrum of fabric industries. Fabric Architecture and the Review magazines are especially attuned to the tensile fabric market.

The May issue of the Review magazine included an article, A Mighty Draft, about using CAD in the design, patterning, and production of fabric structures. Timothy Akes, MPanel distributor in America, reported on the use of MPanel software and one of our drawings was featured on the cover.

The IFAI magazines can now be downloaded from their website in PDF format. Click on the pictures above to view the latest issue of Review and Fabric Architecture.

MPanel Users... relax, relax, relax



The most common mistake made by MPanel users is not relaxing the mesh enough. The default setting on MPanel is to relax for 250 iterations, but a complex drawing or geometry will need more.

For example, in the illustration above the red mesh was relaxed for 50 iterations, the green mesh for 500 iterations. Notice the difference in the shape of the cone tent, and also in the panels produced.

A mesh is fully relaxed when it doesn't change its shape on the last relaxation. The mesh movement is reported in the MPanel text window, but comparing the old model with the new model on the screen is your best check for full relaxation.

Have you downloaded the latest MPanel Maintenance Release?

If you are an MPanel customer with a current Support Contract, you will have automatically received the latest maintenance release of MPanel v12.2 in April. If you have not done so, please download and install this latest release of MPanel to keep all of your MPanel features up to date. If you haven't received this latest update or if your Support Contract has expired, please [contact us](#) for assistance.

And remember, our MPanel Support Team is always there to help when you need assistance. Just call or email us for advice on how MPanel can best be used in your own design environment.

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