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Summary by Version

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| Version (Release) | New Features and Changes | Version Compatibility Considerations | Fixed Bugs and Known Problems | Related Documentation at Web Site |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Latest Version V1.6 (R2010a) | Yes Details | No | Bug Reports Includes fixes | Printable Release Notes: PDF |
| | | | | Current product documentation |
| V1.5 (R2009b) | Yes Details | Yes Summary | Bug Reports Includes fixes | Printable Release Notes: PDF |
| | | | | Current product documentation |
| V1.4 (R2009a) | Yes Details | No | Bug Reports Includes fixes | Printable Release Notes: PDF |
| | | | | Current product documentation |
| V1.3 (R2008b) | Yes Details | Yes Summary | Bug Reports Includes fixes | Printable Release Notes: PDF |
| | | | | Current product documentation |
| V1.2.1 (R2008a+) | No | No | Bug Reports Includes fixes | No |
| V1.2 (R2008a) | Yes Details | No | Bug Reports Includes fixes | No |
| V1.1.1 (R2007b+) | No | No | Bug Reports Includes fixes | No |
| V1.1 (R2007b) | Yes Details | No | Bug Reports Includes fixes | No |
| V1.0 (R2007a+) | Yes Details | No | Bug Reports | No |

Using Release Notes

Use release notes when upgrading to a newer version to learn about:

- New features
- Changes
- Potential impact on your existing files and practices

Review the release notes for other MathWorks[™] products required for this product (for example, MATLAB[®] or Simulink[®]). Determine if enhancements, bugs, or compatibility considerations in other products impact you.

If you are upgrading from a software version other than the most recent one, review the current release notes and all interim versions. For example, when you upgrade from V1.0 to V1.2, review the release notes for V1.1 and V1.2.

What Is in the Release Notes

New Features and Changes

- New functionality
- Changes to existing functionality

Version Compatibility Considerations

When a new feature or change introduces a reported incompatibility between versions, the **Compatibility Considerations** subsection explains the impact.

Compatibility issues reported after the product release appear under Bug Reports at The MathWorks[™] Web site. Bug fixes can sometimes result in incompatibilities, so review the fixed bugs in Bug Reports for any compatibility impact.

Fixed Bugs and Known Problems

The MathWorks offers a user-searchable Bug Reports database so you can view Bug Reports. The development team updates this database at release

time and as more information becomes available. Bug Reports include provisions for any known workarounds or file replacements. Information is available for bugs existing in or fixed in Release 14SP2 or later. Information is not available for all bugs in earlier releases.

Access Bug Reports using your MathWorks Account.

Version 1.6 (R2010a) Simulink Design Verifier Software

| New Features and Changes | Version Compatibility Considerations | Fixed Bugs and Known Problems | Related Documentation at Web Site |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Yes Details below | None | Bug Reports | Printable Release Notes: PDF |
| | | | Current product documentation |

This table summarizes what's new in V1.6 (R2010a):

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "Generate Test Cases for Missing Coverage Data" on page 4
- "sldvlogdata Function for Logging Test Cases During Simulation" on page 5
- "Extend Existing Test Cases" on page 5
- "Demo Library and Models to Support Temporal Properties Specification" on page 5
- "Support for Stateflow Absolute-Time Temporal Logic Operators" on page 6
- "Support for Simulink Blocks" on page 6

Generate Test Cases for Missing Coverage Data

The Simulink[®] Design Verifier[™] software now offers the option to isolate test generation to objectives that are not satisfied in simulation coverage results. If you simulate your model, but do not achieve 100% coverage, you can analyze the model using the Simulink Design Verifier test-generation capability to find test cases that achieve the missing coverage.

If you select the **Ignore objectives satisfied in existing coverage data** parameter in the Configuration Parameters dialog box, you can import the coverage data file; the analysis eliminates all objectives satisfied in the coverage results.

sldvlogdata Function for Logging Test Cases During Simulation

With the new sldvlogdata function, you can:

- Simulate a Simulink model and in that model, log all the inputs to a Model block.
- Simulate all or some of the test cases in a harness model created by the Simulink Design Verifier software and log all the inputs to the test unit.

You can save logged data to a MAT-file and use that file as input to the Simulink Design Verifier software for extending tests. This allows you to generate more realistic test cases and extends the analysis to complete the test suite.

Extend Existing Test Cases

The Simulink Design Verifier software now offers the option to extend existing test cases with additional time steps to generate complete test suites. This allows the software to generate test cases for parts of your model that are hard to analyze.

If you enable the **Extend existing test cases** parameter in the Configuration Parameters dialog box, the software imports the logged test cases from a MAT-file. If you also enable the **Ignore objectives satisfied by existing test cases** parameter, the analysis generates results, ignoring the coverage objectives satisfied by the logged test cases. Otherwise, the analysis efficiently creates a complete test suite.

Demo Library and Models to Support Temporal Properties Specification

The Simulink Design Verifier software includes a new **Temporal Property Specification** demo category that includes:

• A Temporal Operator Blocks demo library that contains the following blocks and examples:

- Detector Detects a user-specified length of true duration on the input signal and constructs an output true duration of length based on the output type.
- Extender Extends the true duration of the input signal by a fixed number of time steps or indefinitely.
- Within Implies Captures the within implication by observing whether the second input is true for at least one time step within each true duration of the first input.
- Temporal Property Specification examples A library model that includes examples that use the Detector, Extender, and Within Implies blocks
- Two demo models that contains these blocks:
 - Debounce Temporal Properties
 - Power Window Controller Temporal Properties

Support for Stateflow Absolute-Time Temporal Logic Operators

The Simulink Design Verifier software now supports the Stateflow[®] absolute-time temporal logic operators. For more information, see "Operators for Absolute-Time Temporal Logic" in the *Stateflow and Stateflow*[®] CoderTM User's Guide.

Support for Simulink Blocks

The Simulink Design Verifier software now fully supports the following blocks:

- Backlash
- Cosine
- Discrete Derivative
- Sine

The Simulink Design Verifier software now provides improved support for the following blocks:

• Interpolation Using Prelookup

• Lookup Table (n-D)

For more information, see "Simulink Block Support".

Version 1.5 (R2009b) Simulink Design Verifier Software

| New Features and Changes | Version Compatibility Considerations | Fixed Bugs and Known Problems | Related Documentation at Web Site |
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| Yes Details below | Yes Summary | Bug Reports | Printable Release Notes: PDF |
| | | | Current product documentation |

This table summarizes what's new in V1.5 (R2009b):

- "New Functions for Verification Objectives and Constraints" on page 8
- "Support for Enumerated Signals and Parameters" on page 9
- "New Option to Stop Simulation on Proof Violation" on page 9
- "New sldvmakeharness Function" on page 10
- "New sldvreport Function" on page 10
- "New Support for Simulink Blocks" on page 10
- "Support for New Blocks" on page 10

New Functions for Verification Objectives and Constraints

Use these four new functions to specify objectives and constraints within an Embedded MATLAB[®] script. You can use these functions instead of the corresponding Simulink Design Verifier blocks.

| Function | Purpose | Corresponding Block |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| sldv.assume | Proof assumption | Proof Assumption |
| sldv.condition | Test condition | Test Condition |
| sldv.prove | Proof objective | Proof Objective |
| sldv.test | Test objective | Test Objective |

These functions:

- Identify mathematical relationships for objectives and constraints in a form that can be more natural than using block parameters
- Support specifying multiple constraints without complicating the model
- Provide access to the power of the MATLAB software
- Support separation of verification and model design

Compatibility Considerations

The following functions will be removed in a future release:

- dv.assume
- dv.condition
- dv.prove
- dv.test

To ensure models with those functions will work in future releases, replace these functions with the corresponding new function added in this release. For example, replace dv.assume with sldv.assume.

Support for Enumerated Signals and Parameters

The Simulink Design Verifier software now supports Simulink models with enumerations. All the Simulink Design Verifier library blocks support enumerated parameters, constants, and inputs.

New Option to Stop Simulation on Proof Violation

The Simulink Design Verifier software allows you to stop a model simulation if it encounters a property violation. You enable this capability by inserting a Proof Objective block into a model and setting the **Stop simulation when the property is violated** parameter. If the simulation detects a violation of the property specified in the Proof Objective block, it terminates with an error.

Therefore, you can now verify a counterexample that was detected during a Simulink Design Verifier analysis.

New sldvmakeharness Function

With the new sldvmakeharness function, you can:

- Create a test harness model from existing Simulink Design Verifier analysis data.
- Create an empty test harness model directly from a Simulink model.

New sldvreport Function

You can now generate and customize a report from existing Simulink Design Verifier analysis data with the new sldvreport function.

New Support for Simulink Blocks

The Simulink Design Verifier software now supports the following blocks and parameters:

- Direct Lookup Table (n-D)
- Discrete Transfer Fcn
- Lookup Table and Lookup Table (2-D) Unless the **Lookup method** block parameter specifies Interpolation-Extrapolation and the block's input and output signals do not have the same floating-point data type.
- Math Function All signal types now support the hermitian and transpose function parameter settings
- Rate Limiter For signals of all data types
- Shift Arithmetic For all parameters and signals of all data types
- Tapped Delay
- Transfer Fcn Direct Form II
- Transfer Fcn Direct Form II Time Varying

Support for New Blocks

The Simulink Design Verifier software supports the following new Simulink blocks:

• Discrete PID Controller

- Discrete PID Controller (2 DOF)
- Enumerated Constant

Version 1.4 (R2009a) Simulink Design Verifier Software

| New Features and Changes | Version Compatibility Considerations | Fixed Bugs and Known Problems | Related Documentation at Web Site |
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This table summarizes what's new in V1.4 (R2009a):

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "Automatic Stubbing for Unsupported Operations" on page 12
- "Long Test Case Optimization" on page 13
- "New Support for Blocks" on page 13
- "Analyzing External Functions for Embedded MATLAB Function Blocks" on page 13
- "Enhanced Block Replacement Capability for Subsystems and Model Blocks" on page 14
- "New Implies Block" on page 14
- "New Property-Proving Examples and Demos" on page 14
- "sldvisactive Function" on page 15

Automatic Stubbing for Unsupported Operations

Automatic stubbing allows you to complete a test-generation or property-proving analysis even if the model contains blocks or functions that the Simulink Design Verifier software does not support, like S-functions and C math operations.

By default, this feature is unavailable. To enable automatic stubbing before running an analysis, on the Configuration Parameters **Design Verifier** main pane, select **Automatic stubbing of unsupported blocks and functions**.

In addition, if the compatibility check finds unsupported blocks that automatic stubbing can handle, you can enable automatic stubbing at that time.

Long Test Case Optimization

Long test cases is a new option for the **Test suite optimization** parameter. The Long test cases option instructs the Simulink Design Verifier software to create fewer but longer test cases that each satisfy multiple test objectives. With this option, you can customize the analysis results, run a more efficient analysis, and create easier-to-review results, in both Signal Builder and in the HTML report that the software generates.

New Support for Blocks

The Simulink Design Verifier software now supports models containing the following blocks:

- Combinatorial Logic
- Decrement Time To Zero
- Discrete Filter
- Fixed-Point State-Space
- Integer Delay
- Model blocks that reference other models
- Prelookup
- Relay

Analyzing External Functions for Embedded MATLAB Function Blocks

If your model contains an Embedded MATLAB Function block that calls any external functions, the Simulink Design Verifier software can now accumulate coverage results for those functions.

Enhanced Block Replacement Capability for Subsystems and Model Blocks

You can write your own replacement rules to replace subsystem or Model blocks that reference another model with the Simulink Design Verifier block replacement capability. The software replaces a subsystem or Model block with a different subsystem or with a built-in block as defined in the block replacement rules.

New Implies Block

The new Implies block simplifies property specification. You can now specify conditions that produce a given response. For example, you can quickly create expressions indicating that pressing the break pedal implies the cruise control must be inactive.

You can use the Implies block in any model, not just when running the Simulink Design Verifier software.

New Property-Proving Examples and Demos

The Simulink Design Verifier block library includes four new example models that demonstrate how to define complex properties for property-proving analysis.

In addition, the following demo models are shipping with R2009a:

- sldvdemo_sbr_design.mdl Finding property violations
- sldvdemo_sbr_verification.mdl Proving that properties are valid
- sldvdemo_thrustrvs_verification.mdl Analyzing model and properties to prove correctness or to identify counterexamples
- sldvdemo_cruise_control_fxp_verification.mdl Proving properties for fixed-point arithmetic with block replacements
- sldvdemo_cruise_control_verification.mdl Supporting model
 reference and verification subsystems

sldvisactive Function

The sldvisactive function checks whether the Simulink Design Verifier software is actively translating the model. This function is called from the masked initialization of masked subsystems and other model or block callbacks to configure the model, as needed, for Simulink Design Verifier analysis.

For example, the mask initialization of the Environment Controller block invokes the sldvisactive function to output the signal at its Sim port when you start analyzing a model that contains the block.

Version 1.3 (R2008b) Simulink Design Verifier Software

| New Features and Changes | Version Compatibility Considerations | Fixed Bugs and Known Problems | Related Documentation at Web Site |
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| Yes Details below | Yes Summary | Bug Reports | Printable Release Notes: PDF |
| | | | Current product documentation |

This table summarizes what's new in V1.3 (R2008b):

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "Simulink Bus Signals and Bus Objects Support" on page 16
- "Fixed-Point Data Support" on page 17
- "Generating Test Harness Model with Model Reference" on page 17
- "Generating SystemTest TEST-File" on page 17
- "Improved Search Algorithms" on page 17
- "New Data File Format" on page 18
- "New HTML Report" on page 18
- "Blocks with No Input Ports Limitation" on page 19

Simulink Bus Signals and Bus Objects Support

Simulink Design Verifier now supports Simulink buses and bus objects:

- The root Inport and Outport blocks accept bus signals.
- Nonvirtual buses are propagated through the model elements.
- The test harness model reconstructs the needed bus signals from the underlying bus elements.

Fixed-Point Data Support

Simulink Design Verifier blocks now support fixed-point parameters and inputs. These blocks include:

- Test Condition
- Test Objective
- Assumption
- Proof Objective

The Slvd.Point and Sldv.Interval constructors now accept fixed-point data.

Generating Test Harness Model with Model Reference

To use this option, select **Reference input model in generated harness** in the **Design Verifier > Results** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box. Simulink Design Verifier software then uses model reference to run the original model from the test harness.

Generating SystemTest TEST-File

To use this option, select **Save test harness as SystemTest TEST-File** in the **Design Verifier > Results** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box. The software creates a TEST-file instead of a test harness model. Using a TEST-file allows you to run the test cases in the SystemTest[™] environment and configure the model coverage settings using the SystemTest software.

Improved Search Algorithms

This release includes search algorithms for the following two modes that improve the performance and the quality of the results:

- Test case generation The combined objectives options minimizes the number of test cases by generating cases that address more than one test objective.
- Property proving Proving that model properties are valid.

New Data File Format

When the Simulink Design Verifier software completes an analysis, it creates a data file. Now the data file supports bus input ports and includes more information about the analyzed model. For more information, see "Examining Simulink Design Verifier Data Files" in the Simulink Design Verifier documentation.

Compatibility Considerations

To convert an sldvData structure from the old format to the new format, use the Sldv.DataUtils.convertToCurrentFormat utility with the following syntax:

```
new_sldvData = Sldv.DataUtils.convertToCurrentFormat(model, old_sldvData)
```

The arguments used for this conversion comprise:

- model The name of the model that was analyzed
- old_sldvData The name of an sldvData structure created using the old (pre-R2008b) format

To convert an sldvData structure in the new format to the old format, use the Sldv.DataUtils.convertToOldFormat utility with the following syntax:

old_sldvData = Sldv.DataUtils.convertToOldFormat(model, new_sldvData)

The arguments used for this conversion comprise:

- model The name of the model that was analyzed
- new_sldvData The name of an sldvData structure created using the format that is new with R2008b

New HTML Report

The HTML report that Simulink Design Verifier software generates has been enhanced. Now, when you select **Generate report of the results** in the **Design Verifier > Report** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box, the report generated has several improvements:

• The report generates faster and is easier to understand.

- The report can display expected outputs.
- The software generates a report that reflect the analysis settings (for example, test case generation vs. property proving).

Blocks with No Input Ports Limitation

If a Simulink model has any blocks with no input ports, Simulink Design Verifier software cannot generate the test harness.

Version 1.2 (R2008a) Simulink Design Verifier Software

| New Features and Changes | Version Compatibility Considerations | Fixed Bugs and Known Problems | Related Documentation at Web Site |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Yes Details below | No | Bug Reports | Printable Release Notes: PDF |
| | | | Current product documentation |

This table summarizes what's new in V1.2 (R2008a):

New features and changes introduced in this version are

- "Embedded MATLAB Subset Support" on page 20
- "Enhanced Support for Stateflow Truth Tables" on page 20
- "New Simulink[®] Design Verifier Data File Options" on page 20
- "New Test Suite Optimization Setting" on page 21

Embedded MATLAB Subset Support

This release provides support for the Embedded MATLAB Function block in the Simulink software and Embedded MATLAB functions in the Stateflow software. For more information, see "Support Limitations for the Embedded MATLAB Subset" in the *Simulink Design Verifier User's Guide*.

Enhanced Support for Stateflow Truth Tables

Previous releases support only the Stateflow Classic truth tables. However, this release introduces support for Embedded MATLAB truth tables in the Stateflow software, which includes support for the Truth Table block. See "Truth Table Functions" in the Stateflow documentation for more information.

New Simulink Design Verifier Data File Options

This release introduces new options on the **Design Verifier > Results** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box:

- **Include expected output values** Simulates the model using the test case signals and includes the output values in the Simulink Design Verifier data file. See "Include expected output values" for more information.
- Randomize data that does not affect outcome Assigns random values instead of zeros to input signals that have no impact on test or proof objectives. See "Randomize data that does not affect outcome" for more information.

New Test Suite Optimization Setting

In this release, the **Test suite optimization** parameter that appears on the **Design Verifier > Test Generation** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box includes a new setting: Large model. This test generation strategy is tailored to large, complex models that contain nonlinearities and many test objectives. See "Test suite optimization" for more information.

Version 1.1 (R2007b) Simulink Design Verifier Software

| New Features and Changes | Version Compatibility Considerations | Fixed Bugs and Known Problems | Related Documentation at Web Site |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Yes Details below | No | Bug Reports | No |

This table summarizes what's new in V1.1 (R2007b):

Fixed-Point Data Type Support

This release provides support for fixed-point data types. For more information, see "Fixed-Point Support Limitations" in the *Simulink Design Verifier User's Guide*.

Version 1.0 (R2007a+) Simulink Design Verifier Software

| New Features and Changes | Version Compatibility Considerations | Fixed Bugs and Known Problems | Related Documentation at Web Site |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Yes Details below | No | Bug Reports | No |

This table summarizes what's new in V1.0 (R2007a+):

Version 1.0 of the Simulink Design Verifier software was released in a Web-downloadable form after R2007a.

Introducing the Simulink Design Verifier Software

The Simulink Design Verifier software extends the Simulink and Stateflow products with formal methods that help you confirm your models and charts behave correctly. The Simulink Design Verifier software performs a mathematically rigorous analysis of your model to identify all of its possible execution pathways. Subsequently, the software can

• Generate Tests

The Simulink Design Verifier software can generate tests that satisfy your model's coverage objectives, including decision coverage, condition coverage, and modified condition/decision coverage (MC/DC). You can even customize the tests that it generates by using Simulink Design Verifier blocks that allow you to specify your own objectives and to constrain signal values. After the software completes its analysis, it produces a test harness model with a Signal Builder block that contains test signals. Simply simulate the test harness model to confirm that the test signals achieve your model's objectives.

• Prove Properties

The Simulink Design Verifier software can prove that signals in your model attain particular values or ranges. Use Simulink Design Verifier blocks to specify values and ranges that you desire signals to attain, or to constrain the values of other signals. If the software disproves any of the values or ranges given the constraints you specify, it produces a test harness model with a Signal Builder block that contains signals comprising counterexamples. Simply simulate the test harness model to confirm that the counterexamples falsify your model's properties.

The Simulink Design Verifier software documents its analysis results in an HTML report. Also, it produces a data file containing the analysis results, which you can postprocess for your own analyses and reports.

In short, the Simulink Design Verifier software gives you confidence in the behavior of your Simulink models and Stateflow charts.

Compatibility Summary for Simulink Design Verifier Software

This table summarizes new features and changes that might cause incompatibilities when you upgrade from an earlier version, or when you use files on multiple versions. Details are provided in the description of the new feature or change.

| Version (Release) | New Features and Changes with Version Compatibility Impact |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Latest Version V1.6 (R2010a) | None |
| V1.5 (R2009b) | See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for: "New Functions for Verification Objectives and Constraints" on page 8 |
| V1.4 (R2009a) | None |
| V1.3 (R2008b) | See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for: "New Data File Format" on page 18 |
| V1.2 (R2008a) | None |
| V1.1 (R2007b) | None |
| V1.0 (R2007a+) | None |