

# 1 Getting Started

## 1.1 Minimum System Configuration

- Any Macintosh® computer (Power Mac included).
- System software version 7.0.1 or later.
- The application itself requires at least 7MB of free random access memory (RAM).
- At least 5 MB of disk space. Files produced by the **Joint** can be large (sometimes a few MB) and there should be enough space left on the disk to save them.

### **Important!**

It is recommended to increase the partition size when working with large files (mechanisms with many elements and large quantity of computed data).

Setting the partition size:

Click on the **Joint** application icon on the desktop (Application shouldn't run) and select *Get Info...* from the *File* Menu. At the bottom of the Info box you can set the minimum and maximum partition size of the application. The minimum partition size should not be smaller than the recommended partition size (7 MB).

### **Performance**

The best performance of the current **Joint** version can be achieved by using a Macintosh® with the 68040 CPU. The native version for the Power Mac will also be available.

## 1.2 Installation

The software is installed simply by dragging the application symbol (icon) from the floppy disk to the desired (arbitrary) folder on your Macintosh.

## 1.3 Starting the Program

- double click the icon of the application.
- double click the icon of any file which has been created by this program.
- drag an icon of any file which has been created by this program to the icon of the program.