

## Vita

Peeroon (Pete) Ramanata was born on April 4, 1974 in Bangkok, Thailand. He and his family relocated to Falls Church, Virginia in 1985, where his parents are still residing. Pete graduated from Falls Church High School in 1992 and went on to study engineering at Virginia Tech. While at Virginia Tech, Pete gained valuable experience through the Cooperative Education Program by working at MPR Associates Inc. In May 1996, he earned his bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduating, he pursued a masters degree specializing in vehicle dynamics through the Mechanical Engineering Department at Virginia Tech. During his graduate studies, Pete assisted Professor Ahmadian in developing a short course on "Fundamentals of Heavy Truck Dynamics," which has proven very popular with the trucking original equipment manufacturers and their suppliers. Further, Pete interned at The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and gained tremendous experience. In April 1998, he earned his Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering. In May of 1998, he married his longtime sweetheart of eight years, Susan Chin, and moved to Dearborn, Michigan where Pete went on to work for the Ford Motor Company.