AutoCAD and Its Applications BASICS

Exercise 22-2

- 1. Start AutoCAD if it is not already started.
- 2. Start a new drawing from scratch or use a decimal-unit template of your choice. Save the drawing as EX22-2.
- 3. Set up the appropriate layers, including a layer for dimensions.
- 4. Set the drawing units length precision to 0.00.
- 5. Turn on the **Infer Constraints** tool.
- 6. Use the **LINE** command, the default horizontal and vertical polar tracking angles, and direct distance entry to construct a 4-unit by 2-unit rectangle. Make the first 4-unit side horizontal. Exit the **LINE** command only after you draw all four segments. Four coincident constraints create the corners, a horizontal constraint makes one side horizontal, and three perpendicular constraints make the sides perpendicular.
- 7. Use grip editing to experiment with stretching the endpoints of the lines.

 Notice that the geometric constraints make the lines perform like an actual rectangle, instead of a group of line segments.
- 8. Turn off the Infer Constraints tool.
- 9. Use the LINE command, the default horizontal and vertical polar tracking angles, and direct distance entry to construct another 4-unit by 2-unit rectangle. Make the first 4-unit side horizontal. Exit the LINE command only after you draw all four segments.
- 10. Use grip editing to experiment with stretching the endpoints of the lines you created in the previous step. You should notice a significant difference between editing this rectangle and the inferred constraints rectangle.
- 11. Turn on the **Infer Constraints** tool and draw a vertically constrained 2.5-unit line.
- 12. Draw a Ø1.5-unit circle away from existing objects. Use the MOVE command and Center and Midpoint object snap modes to move the center of the circle to the midpoint of the 2.5-unit line.

- 13. Use the **MOVE** command to move the line. Notice that the coincident constraint causes the circle to move with the line.
- 14. Resave and close the file.
- 15. Keep AutoCAD open for the next exercise, or exit AutoCAD if necessary.