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Motivated by constraint-based CAD software, such as SolidWorks, we develop the foundation for the rigidity theory of a new model: the *body-and-cad structure*, composed of rigid bodies in 3D constrained by pairwise coincidence, angle and distance constraints. We identify 21 relevant geometric constraints and develop the corresponding infinitesimal rigidity theory for these structures. As a consequence, we identify a necessary, but not sufficient, combinatorial counting condition called *nested sparsity*. Note that the classical body-and-bar rigidity model can be viewed as a body-and-cad structure that uses only one constraint from this new class. (Received February 26, 2009)