

Trial Download Frequently Asked Questions

General

How do I learn how to use the AutoCAD 2008 software for this trial?

If you are already familiar with AutoCAD® software but would like an introduction to AutoCAD® 2008, check out the New Features Workshop, available when you first start AutoCAD. The New Features Workshop is a series of animated demos, tutorials, and feature overviews that will help you get up and running fast. It is also available from the Help menu, and online www.autodesk.com/autocad-nfw. If you are new to AutoCAD software or would like information about classes and courses in your area, please visit the Autodesk Authorized Training Center website at www.autodesk.com/atc.

How does this trial version differ from a purchased product?

Except for some licensing steps that you are required to take with the purchased AutoCAD 2008 product, there is no difference between the AutoCAD 2008 trial and the purchased product.

Can I get User Manuals for AutoCAD 2008 during the 30-day trial period?

No, manuals are not included with the trial version. To learn more about new features, you can use the New Features Workshop as your primary reference. You may also find the Help system to be a useful resource. The Help system is comprehensive and includes everything that is covered in the printed manuals, and more. The Help system is easy to use, as you can search quickly for the information you need. The Help system is available from the Help menu.

Does the AutoCAD 2008 trial software attempt to communicate with Autodesk?

No. However, you may initiate contact using some features within the product, but no personal information is transmitted through such a contact.

Availability

What media is the AutoCAD 2008 Trial available on?

The AutoCAD 2008 Trial is available on both CD and DVD media. The CD media contains only the 32 bit version of AutoCAD 2008. The DVD media contains both the 32 bit and the 64 bit versions of AutoCAD 2008.

Who can use the AutoCAD 2008 trial?

Any person who completes the form and lives in the United States and Canada can use the AutoCAD 2008 trial. The trial download of AutoCAD 2008 may be available for download in other countries in the near future.

How many people can use the AutoCAD 2008 trial?

Only one AutoCAD 2008 trial is allowed per computer. That said, the trial software can be downloaded and installed on different computers and each will run for 30 days.

When does the AutoCAD 2008 30-day trial begin?

The 30 days begin when you run the AutoCAD software for the first time. To run AutoCAD 2008, double click the icon on your desktop or launch the application from your Microsoft® Windows® Start menu.

What counts as 30 days?

The AutoCAD 2008 trial runs for 30 consecutive calendar days from the moment you first run the application.

Can I extend my AutoCAD 2008 trial beyond the 30 days or sign up again for another 30 days?

No, only one 30-day period of the AutoCAD 2008 trial is possible per computer.

My trial download process was interrupted and I wasn't able to finish the download, what should I do?

You will need to re-register to initiate the download of the trial application again.

Do I have to uninstall the trial upon completion and before I install a purchased version of AutoCAD 2008?

Yes, it is recommended that you uninstall the trial prior to installing the purchased version of AutoCAD 2008.

What other Autodesk product trials are available?

Many Autodesk® products are available as trial versions. Please visit www.autodesk.com and select the product of interest to you to determine whether or not a trial is currently available.

Compatibility

Can I run AutoCAD 2008 side-by-side on my computer with AutoCAD 2005/2004/2002 or other previously purchased Autodesk software?

Yes, AutoCAD 2008 is designed to run side-by-side with the AutoCAD® 2000i/2002/2004/2005 versions, enabling you to make a smooth transition to the new AutoCAD release. The migration features of AutoCAD 2008 help you make a smooth transition to the new release by automatically migrating customized menus, hatch patterns, linetypes, command short cuts, and AutoCAD profiles.

Can I uninstall the AutoCAD 2008 trial without affecting my other software products?

Yes, but you must not uninstall shared files when prompted.

Will I lose access to any data from my current AutoCAD software while I use the trial?

No. Installing and running the AutoCAD Trial will not affect data or your other software. Even if you choose to migrate the settings from a previous version of AutoCAD to your AutoCAD 2008 trial installation, the previous installations and data will be unaffected.

Will any data that I create in the AutoCAD trial be useable in previous versions of AutoCAD?

Yes, data created in AutoCAD 2008 is backwards-compatible with AutoCAD 2004 and 2005.

Platform and System Requirements

The system requirements for AutoCAD 2008 for 2D drawing creation (32-bit AutoCAD) are as follows:

- Intel® Pentium® 4, 2.2 GHz Recommended
- Microsoft® Windows Vista™ Home Basic, Home Premium, Ultimate, Business, and Enterprise, Windows® XP Home and Professional SP2, Windows® 2000 SP4
- 512 MB RAM
- 750 MB free disk space for installation
- 1024x768 VGA with True Color

- Microsoft® Internet Explorer® 6.0 SP1 or higher
- Available on CD (Worldwide) and DVD (select countries and languages)

Additional System Requirements for 64-bit AutoCAD:

- AutoCAD 64-bit cannot be installed on a 32-bit Windows Operating System. Supported operating systems for AutoCAD 64-bit are Windows XP Professional x64 Edition and Windows Vista 64 bit
- AMD Athlon 64, AMD Opteron, Intel Xeon with Intel EM64T support, Intel Pentium 4 with Intel EM64T support are supported processors
- 1 GB RAM
- 750 MB free disk space for installation

The system requirements for AutoCAD 2008 for conceptual design (32 and 64-bit AutoCAD)

- Intel® 3.0 GHz or greater
- Windows XP SP2
- 2 GB RAM or greater
- 2 GB free hard disk available not including installation
- 1280 x 1024 32-bit color video display adapter (True Color)
- 128 MB or greater, OpenGL®, or Direct3D® capable workstation class graphics card. If operating on any version of Windows Vista, a Direct3D capable workstation class graphics card is required. *Refer to the Supported Video Cards list for details on different brands that have been tested and certified.*

*Free disk space for download and installation includes:

- 400MB for the download file (the compressed Zip file)
- 600MB for the temporary files created in your TEMP folder
- 500MB for the actual application installation

Once the application is installed, the downloaded file (~400MB) can be deleted, and your TEMP folder can be cleared (~600MB).

Support

What if I have questions about AutoCAD 2008 during the trial?

There is no technical support available for the trial at this time. Please contact your local Autodesk Authorized Reseller. To locate a reseller near you, visit www.autodesk.com/reseller.

For general product information about AutoCAD 2008, visit www.autodesk.com/autocad.

To visit the AutoCAD discussion group, go to www.autodesk.com/autocad-discussion.

For general questions about AutoCAD 2008 software, please visit www.autodesk.com/autocad.

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