

Questions and Answers

AutoCAD LT® for Mac® 2012 software brings powerhouse drafting tools to the Mac. With native support for DWG™ technology, it's easier than ever to document and share designs on your platform of choice.

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1. General Product Information

1.1 What is AutoCAD LT for Mac software?

AutoCAD LT® for Mac software is a version of AutoCAD LT® software developed specifically to run on the Mac OS® X. Features in AutoCAD LT for Mac software enable users to document ideas, optimize workflow, and collaborate with colleagues and clients.

1.2 How is AutoCAD LT for Mac software similar to AutoCAD LT software?

AutoCAD LT for Mac includes familiar AutoCAD LT 2D drafting & detailing tools such as standard creation and modification tools; annotation tools like text, dimensions, and hatches; and the ability to attach DWG™ files and image files as external references. Many new features in AutoCAD LT 2012 are also included in AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac, such as the new associative array feature and command line enhancements. AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac creates files in the same native DWG file format as AutoCAD LT 2012 and AutoCAD 2012 software.

1.3 How is AutoCAD LT for Mac software different from AutoCAD LT software?

A primary difference is in the user interface. AutoCAD LT for Mac has been designed to follow common native Mac application user interface guidelines. Instead of a ribbon, AutoCAD LT for Mac software has the familiar Apple menu bar, and a number of workflow-based palettes. AutoCAD LT for Mac also supports native Mac OS X behavior, such as Cover Flow navigation and Multi-Touch gestures.

1.4 Who should use AutoCAD LT for Mac?

AutoCAD LT for Mac software is suited for designers, architects, and engineers who prefer to work in a native Mac environment, and who need to create, edit, or review technical drawings and documentation.

1.5 What is the difference between AutoCAD 2012 for Mac and AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac?

AutoCAD 2012 for Mac software differs from AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac software in three primary ways:

- **3D Modeling:** AutoCAD LT for Mac does not contain any tools for 3D modeling or conceptual design.
- **Customization:** AutoCAD LT for Mac cannot be extended or customized to the extent that AutoCAD for Mac can.
- **Network Licensing:** AutoCAD for Mac can be run via a network license. This option is not available for AutoCAD LT for Mac.

2. How to Buy

2.1 What are the purchasing options for AutoCAD LT for Mac software?

Currently, AutoCAD LT for Mac software is available only on Apple's Mac App Store in the US and Canada. The Mac App Store is available as a free software

update for Mac computers running Mac OS X v10.6 or later. If you have an earlier version of Mac OS X, you will need to upgrade to the latest Mac operating system.

2.2 Can I try AutoCAD LT for Mac before I buy it?

The Mac App Store is not set up to allow trial downloads. Therefore it is not currently possible to try AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac before purchasing.

3. System Requirements and Licensing

3.1 What are the system requirements for AutoCAD LT for Mac?

Hardware Model ID: MacPro4,1 or later; MacBookPro5,1 or later (MacBookPro6,1 or later recommended); iMac8,1 or later (iMac11,1 or later recommended); MacMini3,1 or later (MacMini4,1 or later recommended); MacBookAir2,1 or later; MacBook5,1 or later (MacBook7,1 or later recommended)

Operating system: Mac OS X v10.7 or later; Mac OS X v10.6.4

CPU: 64-bit Intel® processor

Memory: 3GB RAM (4GB recommended)

Hard disk: Download and installation 2.5GB free (3GB recommended)

Graphics card: All graphics cards on supported hardware

Display resolution: 1280 x 800 with True Color (1600 x 1200 with True Color recommended)

Keyboard: U.S., U.K., or France keyboard layout

Pointing device: Apple® Mouse, Magic Mouse, Magic Trackpad, MacBook Pro trackpad, or MS-compliant mouse

Printers: All Mac OS X-compliant printers

3.2 Does AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac software require product activation?

No. After downloading and installing AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac from the Mac App Store, you can run it right away.

3.3 Does AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac support network licensing?

No, AutoCAD LT for Mac does not support network licensing.

4. Compatibility and Interoperability

4.1 Do third-party applications work with AutoCAD LT for Mac software?

No. AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac does not support third-party programs such as LISP routines and .NET applications.

4.2 Can I migrate customizations from AutoCAD LT to AutoCAD LT for Mac?

AutoCAD LT customizations cannot be directly migrated to AutoCAD LT for Mac. However, if you are familiar with customizing the CUI in AutoCAD LT, the same principles apply to customizing AutoCAD LT for Mac.

4.3 Can I use AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac to open DWG files created with AutoCAD LT?”

AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac reads DWG files from the following previous versions of AutoCAD LT software: AutoCAD Release 14, 2000, 2004, 2007, and 2010. AutoCAD LT for Mac also has a built-in Save As function, so you can save drawings to those formats. In addition, you can use the Save As AutoCAD Release 12 DXF™ command to support drawings to and from releases prior to AutoCAD Release 14.

4.4 Can I use AutoCAD LT to open DWG files created with AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac?”

You can open an AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac drawing using AutoCAD LT 2010, AutoCAD LT 2011, and AutoCAD LT 2012. For opening drawings with versions prior to AutoCAD LT 2010, you should use DWG TrueView™ software to translate DWG files to AutoCAD Release 14, 2000, 2004, and 2007 file formats. DWG TrueView can be downloaded at www.autodesk.com/dwgtrueview. DWG TrueView does not require the AutoCAD LT application in order to convert DWG files.

5. Support and Training

5.1 How can I get support and training for AutoCAD LT for Mac software?

Support documentation is available through the in-product Help files. Demo and tutorial videos can be found on the Autodesk YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/autodesk.

For in-person training, contact your local Autodesk Authorized Training Center. Visit www.autodesk.com/atc to find a location near you.

6. Subscription

6.1 Is there a subscription option for AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac?

No. Subscription will not be available for AutoCAD LT 2012 for Mac.

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