

AutoCAD and Windows 7

AutoCAD Is Supported on Windows 7

Autodesk, Inc. works closely with Microsoft Corporation to help ensure that Autodesk® applications provide the functionality you may require, regardless of the operating system. Both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of AutoCAD® 2010 software and AutoCAD® LT® 2010 software are compatible with—and are supported on—all available Microsoft operating systems, including Microsoft Windows® 7, Windows Vista®, and Windows XP. You do not need a service pack.

Autodesk Relationship with Microsoft

For more than a decade, Autodesk has collaborated on product development with Microsoft to bring innovative technologies to market and in an effort to exceed customer expectations. As a Microsoft Platinum Partner, a Global ISV, and a member of Microsoft's Manufacturing ISV program, Autodesk works closely with Microsoft to provide products that raise the bar for innovation and transcend operating systems. Whether you use Microsoft Windows 7, Windows Vista, or Windows XP, Autodesk is committed to providing the level of performance you expect from Autodesk.

Moving to Windows 7

Whether you choose to stay with your current operating system or adopt Windows 7, AutoCAD and AutoCAD LT software should deliver the same experience, as all product features, workflows, and implementation processes are identical.

If you do migrate to Windows 7, Autodesk recommends you reinstall your AutoCAD software. This will help ensure your AutoCAD software runs properly and should not cause any licensing problems. Moving to Windows 7 should not jeopardize your AutoCAD customizations - simply move any customizations over to the new installation when you reinstall your AutoCAD software. Autodesk does not support 2009 and older versions of AutoCAD and AutoCAD LT on Windows 7. If you choose to run such versions of AutoCAD on the Windows 7 operating system, you may opt to use Windows compatibility mode.

There are some known minor limitations of AutoCAD and AutoCAD LT on Windows 7. For a complete description of limitations, please refer to the [AutoCAD Knowledgebase](#).

Third-Party Software and Peripherals

If you use third-party add-ons to AutoCAD software, check with their software manufacturers to discover whether they are compliant with Windows 7. You should also ask manufacturers of your printer/plotter, mouse, or digitizer whether you need to update your drivers for these devices.

Migrating from Windows XP to Windows 7

While AutoCAD 2010 does not yet take advantage of new Windows 7 capabilities, it does incorporate innovations first introduced with Windows Vista. Autodesk customers moving from Windows XP or earlier operating systems to Windows 7 will discover a significantly improved user experience with respect to AutoCAD software. Specifically, you can view thumbnail previews for DWG and DWF files in Windows Explorer, see AutoCAD properties in

the detail tab of Windows Explorer, and use search tools that look for text strings in the drawing properties, text, and MTEXT of DWG files.

In addition, you'll experience exceptional graphic performance because AutoCAD 2010 uses Direct3D[®], Microsoft's graphic application programming interface (API), which delivers increased stability, reliability, and visuals. As a result, you can maximize your work in the Windows 7 environment.

Further Questions

If you have additional questions about Autodesk support for Windows 7, view the discussion boards at <http://discussion.autodesk.com>.



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