

Questions and Answers

Autodesk® Plant Design Suite 2012 software will help you design and communicate more effectively. It represents excellent value and is a cost-effective way to access Autodesk’s design and visualization tools for plant in a single economical and convenient purchase.

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1. General Product Information

1.1 What is the Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2012?

Standard Suite – AutoCAD® 2012, AutoCAD® P&ID 2012, Autodesk® Sketchbook® Designer 2012 and Autodesk® Showcase® 2012 software.

The Standard edition supports 2D drafting, general design, and piping and instrumentation diagrams. Use it to create, modify, and manage P&IDs. More clearly communicate design intent to clients and colleagues with Autodesk® Showcase® and Autodesk® SketchBook® Designer software.

Premium Suite – Autodesk® Plant Design Suite 2012 Standard Edition + AutoCAD® Plant 3D 2012, AutoCAD® Structural Detailing 2012, Autodesk® Revit® Structure 2012, and Autodesk® Navisworks® Simulate software.

The Premium edition builds on products found in the Standard edition to support modern 3D modeling, structural design, and visualization. Using Premium products, firms can design, model, and document process plants; draft, design, and analyze plant structures in 3D; aggregate multiple models; and create steel and concrete reinforcement detailing and fabrication shop drawings.

Ultimate Suite – Autodesk® Plant Design Suite 2012 Premium Edition + Autodesk® Inventor® 2012, Autodesk® Navisworks® Manage software.

For multidisciplinary plant design, choose the Ultimate edition. It includes everything from the Premium edition, plus specialized software to support 3D equipment and skid design. Use it to aggregate models from multiple design packages, visualize and share combined models, and help identify clashes early in the process.

1.2 What are the benefits of Autodesk Plant Design Suites?

Autodesk Plant Design Suite Standard

For piping designers and engineers who want an AutoCAD-based solution for P&ID work with capabilities for general design and drafting:

- Create and modify P&IDs faster and more accurately
- Meet all general drafting and design with widely familiar tool
- Clearly communicate design intent to clients and colleagues

Autodesk Plant Design Suite Premium

For piping designers and engineers who need an integrated, AutoCAD-based 3D plant modeling, structural design and detailing, and whole-project review:

- Design plants on schedule and budget with modern 3D model based design
- Aggregate and review project-wide models from multiple disciplines
- Generate orthographic and isometrics automatically
- Design structure with the piping

Autodesk Plant Design Suite Ultimate

For plant designers and engineers who need an integrated, AutoCAD-based plant design, structural design and detailing, equipment and skid design, and whole-project review with advanced clash detection:

- Coordinate equipment and skid design with piping modeling
- Find clashes and errors earlier in the project cycle
- Improve communication and collaboration among project teams
- Stay on budget and on schedule

1.3 What products are in the Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2012?

Included Software Products	Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2012 Standard Edition	Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2012 Premium Edition	Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2012 Ultimate Edition
AutoCAD 2012	√	√	√
AutoCAD P&ID 2012	√	√	√
Autodesk Showcase 2012	√	√	√
Autodesk Sketchbook Designer 2012	√	√	√
AutoCAD Plant 3D 2012		√	√
AutoCAD Structural Detailing 2012		√	√
Autodesk Revit Structure 2012		√	√
Autodesk Inventor 2012			√
Autodesk Navisworks Simulate 2012		√	
Autodesk Navisworks Manage 2012			√

1.4 When will the Autodesk Plant Design Suite be available?

The English language version of Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2012 is scheduled to ship in September 2011. The Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and German version will be available shortly thereafter.

1.5 Are cross grades from standalone products to the Autodesk Plant Design Suite available?

Cross grades are available for some standalone Autodesk products. Please contact your reseller to see if your current products are eligible.

1.6 Will there be cross grades available for purchase from my existing suite to the Autodesk Plant Design Suite?

There are options to cross grade to the Autodesk Plant Design Suite from some existing Autodesk Suites. Please contact your reseller to see if your current Autodesk suites are eligible.

1.7 How do I know which Autodesk Plant Design Suite is right for me?

The Plant Design Suite is available in three different editions, providing the flexibility to choose the edition that fits your particular workflow needs best. To choose which edition is right for you, please visit www.autodesk.com/plantdesignsuite for more detailed information.

1.8 What is the cost of the Autodesk Plant Design Suites and how do I buy a license?

Savings Calculator*	Autodesk Plant Design Suite Standard	Autodesk Plant Design Suite Premium	Autodesk Plant Design Suite Ultimate
Price of Suite	US\$6,000 MSRP*	US\$9,500 MSRP*	US\$13,000 MSRP*
Price if Products Purchased Individually	\$11,000 MSRP value**	\$22,000 MSRP value**	\$30,500 MSRP value**
<i>\$ Savings</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>\$12,500</i>	<i>\$17,500</i>
<i>% Savings</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>57%</i>

All three editions of Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2012 are available through Autodesk-authorized resellers, who are certified to provide the highest level of customer service, including product training, implementation services, and support. Find one near you at www.autodesk.com/reseller.

1.9 What are the system requirements for Autodesk Plant Design Suite?

For a complete list of system requirements for the Autodesk Plant Design Suite please refer to: www.autodesk.com/plantdesignsuite

1.10 Is the Autodesk Plant Design Suite supported on Windows 7?

Yes, please see the system requirement link above.

2. Installation, Configuration, and Licensing

2.1 Is the Autodesk Plant Design Suite available for both standalone and network licensing?

Yes, Autodesk Plant Design Suite is available for both stand-alone and network licensing. Licensing is handled through standard Autodesk licensing processes using Autodesk Licensing Manager (ADLM). Customers who purchase multiple network licenses for suites that have common products and are only able to access a subset of prior version copies can get their full prior version entitlement by contacting their reseller or visiting <http://registeronce.autodesk.com> to have the licenses reissued.

2.2 Do all products in the Plant Design Suite need to be used on the same workstation?

Yes, the software applications within an Autodesk Plant Design Suite license can only be installed on a single computer. They cannot be split across multiple workstations.

2.3 How do I activate my software?

Through the activation and registration interface, you can activate your product 24 hours a day, seven days a week, over the Internet or via email. Either option takes only a few steps to complete and requires your product serial number and registration information.

2.4 What if I have more than one computer? Can I use my software on multiple machines?

Autodesk recognizes that some users may need to operate the software when they are away from their usual work location. To accommodate this need, the product activation technology allows an employee to install the software on a second computer owned by the employee's company, provided it is for use away from the employee's usual work location, the software is used only by that employee and no other, and only one of the two copies of the software is ever in use at any one time. Consult the Autodesk Software License Agreement for details about using the software on a second computer.

2.5 Where can I find more information about software activation?

More information on product activation can be found at www.autodesk.com/activation.

3. Training and Support

3.1 How do I obtain technical support?

Technical support is available from both Autodesk and Autodesk Authorized Resellers.

Furthermore, Autodesk® Subscription is comprehensive software, support, and training package that simplifies your technology upgrades and boosts your design productivity. Purchase of Autodesk Subscription includes web support from Autodesk technical experts for all your installation, configuration, and troubleshooting questions.

To learn more about Autodesk Subscription, contact your Autodesk Account Executive or your Autodesk Authorized Reseller or visit www.autodesk.com/subscription.

3.2 How do I get training and learn more about Autodesk Plant Design Suite?

There are multiple ways you can get additional information and training on Plant Design Suite:

- Please visit the Autodesk Services and Support page on Autodesk.com for more information regarding training tools and resources as well as finding an Autodesk Authorized Training Center near you.
- Watch videos, engage in discussions, and learn tips and tricks on www.autodesk.com/plantexchange, a collaborative learning community for users.

3.4 Can I try Autodesk Plant Design Suite before I buy a license to it?

Yes, you can try it out by downloading Autodesk Plant Design Suite software trial version. This fully functioning version is available as a free*** 30-day trial. Simply download the trial version at www.autodesk.com/Plantdesignsuite

4. Subscription

4.1 Is Subscription available for purchase with Autodesk Plant Design Suite?

Autodesk Subscription, Autodesk Gold Subscription are available for purchase with all editions of the Autodesk Plant Design Suite.

4.2 What benefits does Subscription offer? What about Gold support?

Autodesk Subscription allows customers to extend the value of their software investment with access to the latest releases and web services that can help improve design workflows. Additional benefits that enhance productivity include expedited technical support and flexible licensing options.

Autodesk Subscription

Software maintenance and support program that includes:

- Access to software upgrades released during the Subscription term.
- Flexible licensing rights to current and previous versions of software
- Exclusive Subscription Advantage Packs, web services, and additional product enhancements
- Online tracking and management of support cases
- Lower total cost of ownership

Autodesk Gold Subscription

All standard Autodesk Subscription benefits plus the following:

- Phone support for up to four authorized callers
- More aggressive initial response target
- API support

4.3 How can I access my Subscription benefits?

Simply log in to the Subscription Center at www.autodesk.com/subscriptionlogin to begin accessing your Subscription benefits.

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**Value represents total MSRP of most closely matched products, as licensed for stand-alone use. Applicable design suites are licensed for installation and use of each component by one user to deliver additional workflow and functionality value as compared to the stand-alone individual products.

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