

3DM Import for Alibre Design Help

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Welcome to *3DM Import for Alibre Design* Help!

This help file provides all the information you need to understand and use *3DM Import for Alibre Design*. Click the links below or use the Contents tab on the left to browse help topics. You can also scroll the topics on the above right hand pane.

The *3DM Import for Alibre Design* help file is divided into the following sections:

- [Introduction](#) - Introduction to *3DM Import for Alibre Design*.
- [Command Reference](#) - Quick reference of all the commands added by *3DM Import for Alibre Design*.
- [Tutorial](#) - Tutorial to get you started in the shortest possible time.

If you need any additional information please [contact](#) SYCODE.

Note:

- If you have trouble loading the *3DM Import for Alibre Design* add-on file into the Alibre Design environment, please refer to the [ReadMe](#) file.
- Please read the [License Agreement](#) before using the software.

Introduction

3DM Import for Alibre Design is a Rhinoceros (.3dm) file import add-on for Alibre Design®. This add-on gives Alibre Design the ability to import mesh data from 3DM files.

3DM Import for Alibre Design reads polygon mesh stored in 3DM files and imports it into Alibre Design. A polygon mesh in a 3DM file is comprised of a set of triangular/quad faces. *3DM Import for Alibre Design* creates trimmed planar surfaces for each triangle/quad and knits them together to create a solid body.

3DM Import for Alibre Design is designed to work with the following versions of Alibre Design:

- Alibre Design 12
- Alibre Design 11
- Alibre Design 10

3DM Import for Alibre Design is very easy to use as it adds new commands to Alibre Design. It also adds a submenu to the Alibre Design menu called "3DMImport" containing these new commands.

3DM Import for Alibre Design comes with detailed documentation as well as a [tutorial](#) to get you started in the shortest possible time.

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The 3DM File Format

The 3DM (3D Model) file format is the native file format of Rhinoceros, the NURBS modeling software from Robert McNeel & Associates. The OpenNURBS Initiative was founded by Robert McNeel & Associates in January 2000, with the sole purpose of providing CAD, CAM, CAE and computer graphics software users reliable methods for transferring 3D geometry between applications via the 3DM file format. TerrainCAD, our terrain generation, editing and modeling software, also uses the 3DM file format as its native file format.

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ReadMe

This is the *3DM Import for Alibre Design* ReadMe file.

3DM Import for Alibre Design is an add-on for Alibre Design

Installation:

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The installer adds 3DM Import for Alibre Design to the list of available add-ons installed for Alibre Design. To verify whether 3DM Import for Alibre Design has been properly loaded into Alibre Design invoke the "Add-on Manager" by clicking on the "Tools" menu, then "Add-on Manager". Verify that "3DM Import for Alibre Design" is present in the list of available add-ons and make sure that its check box is checked.

Now 3DM Import for Alibre Design is ready for use.

Usage:

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3DM Import for Alibre Design adds new commands to Alibre Design. It also adds a submenu to the Alibre Design menu called "3DMImport" containing these new commands. Simply click on the menu items in this sub menu to run these new commands.

The new commands are:

- 1) Import - Imports a 3DM file
- 2) Help - Display the 3DM Import for Alibre Design help file
- 3) Register - Display the 3DM Import for Alibre Design product registration dialog box
- 4) About - Display the 3DM Import for Alibre Design about box

Support:

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Command Reference

3DM Import for Alibre Design adds a new menu to Alibre Design called '3DMImport'. The '3DMImport' menu consists of the following commands:

Import	Imports a 3DM file
Help	Displays the <i>3DM Import for Alibre Design</i> help file
Register	Registers your copy of <i>3DM Import for Alibre Design</i>
About	Displays the <i>3DM Import for Alibre Design</i> about box

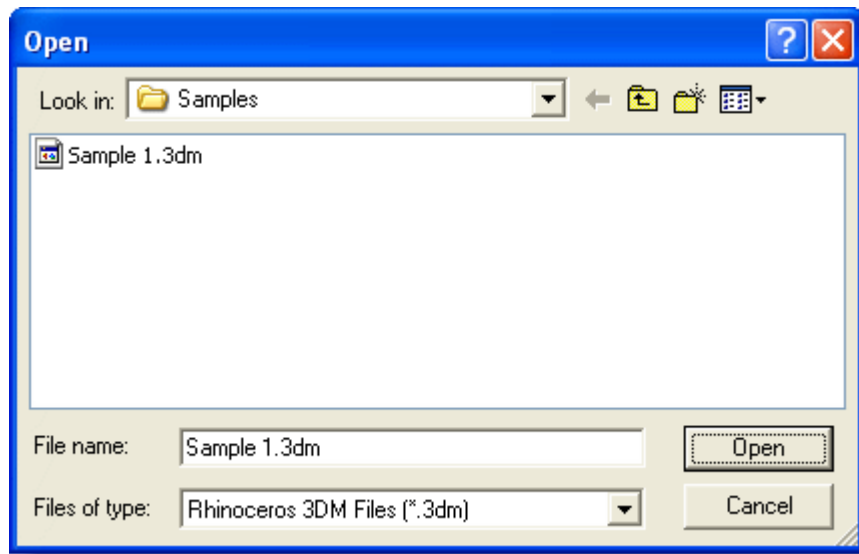
Import

Menu Button 3DImport > Import

This command imports mesh data from Rhinoceros 3DM files into Alibre Design.

To import a 3DM file

1. Select *Import* from the "3DImport" menu.
2. The Alibre Design "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the Rhinoceros 3DM file you wish to import and click *Open*.



Help

Menu Button 3DMImport > Help

This command displays the help file. The [Welcome](#) page is a good place to start.

Register

Menu Button 3DMImport > Register

This command is used to register your copy of *3DM Import for Alibre Design*

You need a license key to start using the software. A license key can be of two types: Trial or Permanent. A trial key is issued to you instantly and completely free of cost so that you may try the software before you purchase a license. A permanent key is issued after you have purchased a license.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "SYCODE License Server". It contains the following fields and buttons:

- Product Name:** 3DM Import for Alibre Design 11 version 1.0 (with a "Buy Online" button)
- Host ID:** 00-1D-7D-FD-AD-1D (with a "Request Key" button)
- License Key:** jSAn0D100C01p6c0F044D040AAq2y308M
Fh707Gc1A57Q0D40A0ID71A0P93C160A1
4T5E75785U0BDtC1d07Bh50jD8AvRcC3 (with an "Update Key" button)
- A button labeled "How do I get a license key?"
- A section titled "=== LICENSE KEY PARAMETERS ===" containing:
 - Key type: Trial
 - Expires: 25-Jul-2009
 - Runs remaining: 10
- A "Close" button at the bottom.

How do I get a Trial Key?

Simply click the 'Request Key' button and select 'TRIAL KEY' as the type of key being requested. Fill the form and submit it. A trial key will be immediately sent to you by email.

How do I get a Permanent Key?

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IMPORTANT:

(1) Please ensure that your computer is connected to the internet before you request for a key.

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- (3) To avoid disruption in your work-flow we urge you to place your order before the trial period ends.

If you need anything else please send an email to register@sycode.com

About

Menu Button 3DMImport > About

This command is used to display the *3DM Import for Alibre Design* About box. The About box lists the product and its version.

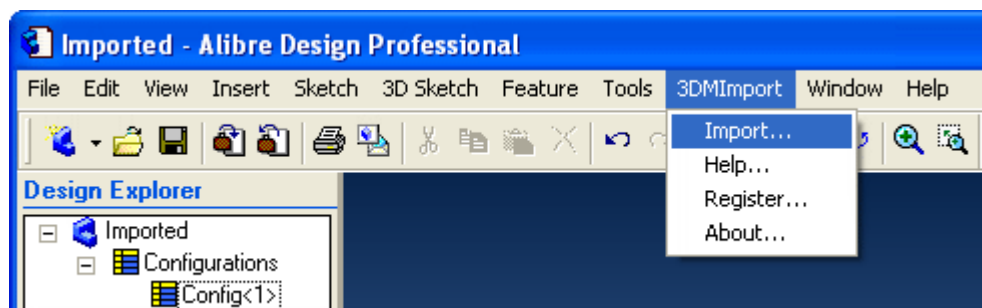


Tutorial

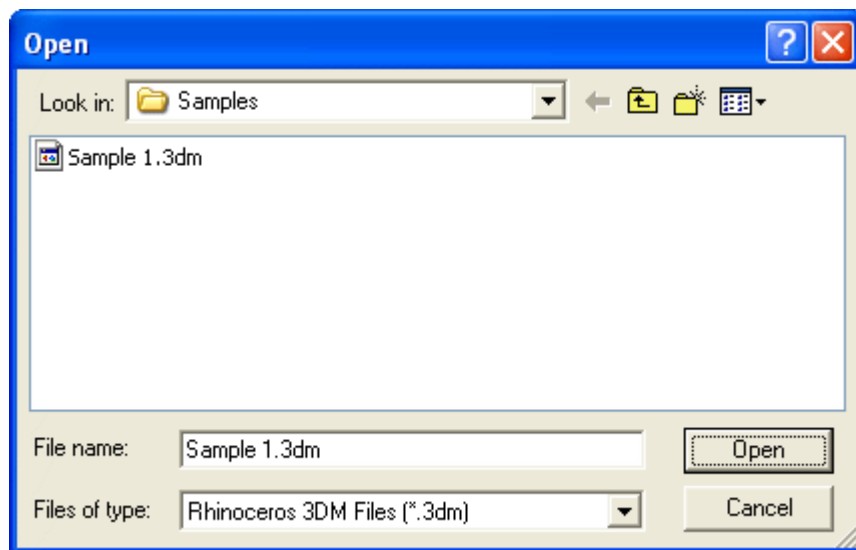
This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *3DM Import for Alibre Design*.

Step 1: Start Alibre Design.

Step 2: Select *Import* from the "3DMImport" menu.



Step 3: The Alibre Design "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the file C:\Program Files\SYCODE\3DM Import for Alibre Design\Samples\Sample 1.3dm and click *Open*.



The figure below shows the final result.

