

# **DXF Export for Acrobat Help**

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Welcome to *DXF Export for Acrobat* Help!

This help file provides all the information you need to understand and use *DXF Export for Acrobat*. 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 *DXF Export for Acrobat* help file is divided into the following sections:

- [Introduction](#) - Introduction to *DXF Export for Acrobat*.
- [Command Reference](#) - Quick reference of all the commands added by *DXF Export for Acrobat*.
- [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 *DXF Export for Acrobat* plug-in file into the Acrobat environment, please refer to the [ReadMe](#) file.
- Please read the [License Agreement](#) before using the software.

# Introduction

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*DXF Export for Acrobat* is an AutoCAD DXF file export plug-in for Acrobat. This plug-in gives Acrobat the ability to export objects from 3D PDF file in Acrobat to 3D polygon mesh objects in an AutoCAD DXF file.

*DXF Export for Acrobat* tessellates objects in a 3D PDF into a set of triangular meshes. These meshes are then exported to a DXF file as mesh objects. The DXF file can then be imported into a variety of CAD applications.

*DXF Export for Acrobat* is designed to work with Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro Extended only.

*DXF Export for Acrobat* is very easy to use. Once installed, it automatically loads itself into Acrobat and adds a new menu called "DXFExport" to the Acrobat menu.

*DXF Export for Acrobat* comes with detailed documentation as well as a [tutorial](#) to get you started in the shortest possible time.

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## **The DXF File Format**

The AutoCAD DXF (Drawing Interchange Format, or Drawing Exchange Format) is a CAD data file format, developed by Autodesk as their solution for enabling data interoperability between AutoCAD and other programs. DXF was originally introduced in December 1982 as part of AutoCAD 1.0, and was intended to provide an exact representation of the data in the AutoCAD native file format, DWG (Drawing), for which Autodesk didn't (and doesn't) publish specifications.

DXF is probably one of the most widely supported vector formats in the world today. DXF is rich in features, including: support for 3D objects, curves, text, associative dimensioning, etc. Although DXF was developed to represent the data used in a CAD program, it is used by many programs as a "least common denominator" format for the exchange of many different types of data, most commonly vector-oriented information but also text and 3D polygons.

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## ReadMe

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This is a *DXF Export for Acrobat* ReadMe file.

DXF Export for Acrobat is an plug-in for Adobe Acrobat

### Installation:

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The plug-in installation involves copying the plug-in file "DXFExport.api" into Acrobat's plug-ins folder typically called "plug\_ins". The installer automatically does that for you so that the DXF Export for Acrobat is loaded automatically the next time you run Acrobat. For some reason, if the installer was unable to locate the Acrobat installation folder, it will copy DXFExport.api in the DXF Export for Acrobat installation folder (typically "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\DXF Export for Acrobat"). You will then need to manually move DXFExport.api to Acrobat's plug-ins folder.

### Usage:

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DXF Export for Acrobat adds new commands to Acrobat. It also adds a new menu to Acrobat called "DXFExport" containing these new commands. Simply click on the menu items in the DXF Export menu to run these new commands.

The new commands are:

- 1) Export - Exports a DXF file
- 2) Help - Display the DXF Export for Acrobat help file
- 3) Register - Registers your copy of DXF Export for Acrobat
- 4) About - Display the DXF Export for Acrobat about box

Sample DXF files are copied into the Samples folder (typically "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\DXF Export for Acrobat\Samples"). You can use these sample files to try DXF Export for Acrobat.

### Support:

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# Command Reference

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*DXF Export for Acrobat* adds a new menu to Acrobat. The 'DXFExport' menu consists of the following commands:

The new commands are:

<a href="#">Export</a>	Exports to a AutoCAD DXF file
<a href="#">Help</a>	Displays the <i>DXF Export for Acrobat</i> help file
<a href="#">Register</a>	Registers the copy of <i>DXF Export for Acrobat</i>
<a href="#">About</a>	Displays the <i>DXF Export for Acrobat</i> about box

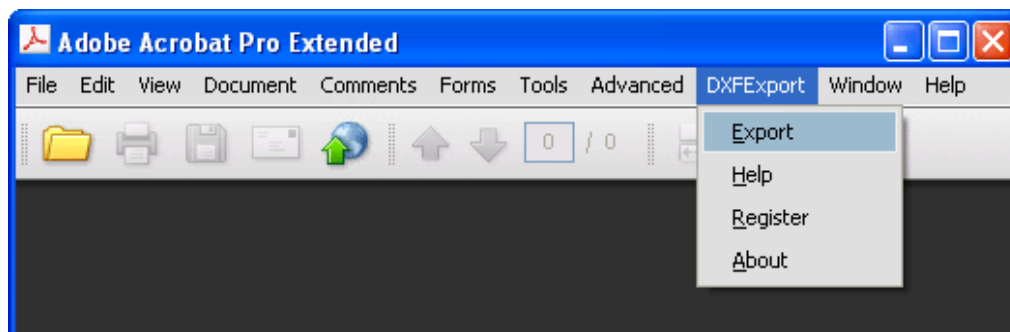
## Export

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This command exports to a DXF file.

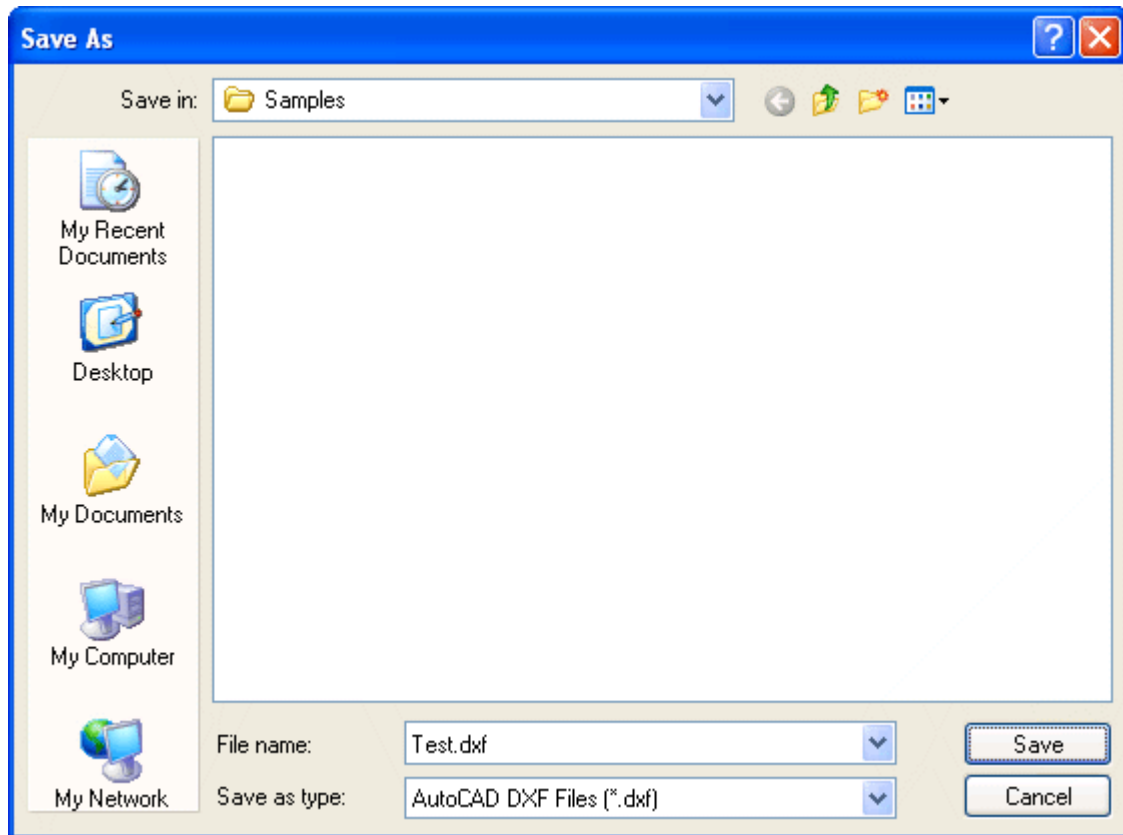
### To export to a DXF file

1. Select *Export* from the "DXFExport" submenu.



2. The Acrobat "Save As" dialog box is displayed. Enter the output file name of a DXF file and click *Save*.

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3. The "DXF Export for Acrobat Options" dialog box is displayed. Select the AutoCAD version options as required and click *Ok*.

## Help

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**Menu Button** DXFExport > Help

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

## Register

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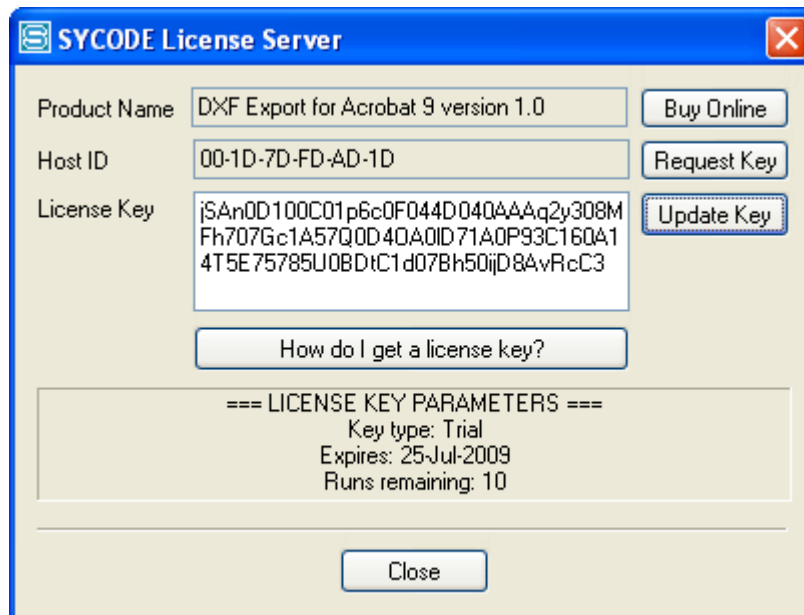
**Menu Button**      DXFExport > Register

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This is used to register your copy of *DXF Export for Acrobat*

The dialog box contains the product name (including version) and lock number. During the trial period this dialog box will be displayed every time you run the command. You can click the "Continue Trial" button to close the dialog box and continue evaluating the software. After the trial period ends, you will have to enter the key to continue working.

The Product Registration dialog box is shown below.



### 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.

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- (2) Please be sure to enter a valid email address as the key will be sent to you by email.
- (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](mailto:register@sycode.com)

## About

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**Menu Button**      DXFExport > About

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This command is used to display the *DXF Export for Acrobat* About box. The About box lists the product and its version.



# Tutorial

## Tutorial

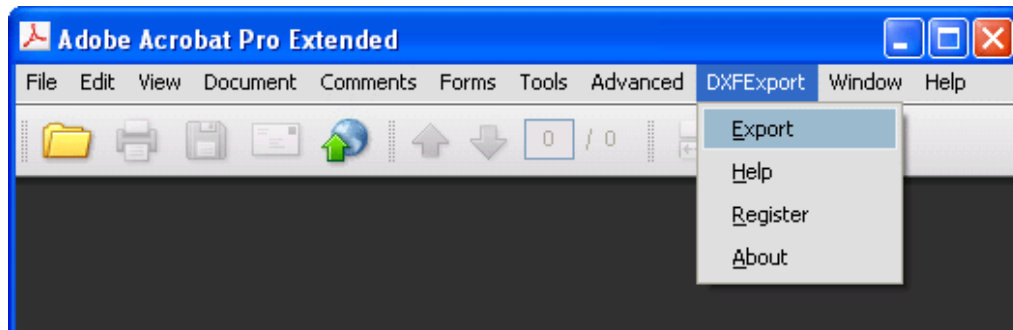
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This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *DXF Export for Acrobat*.

**Step 1:** Start Acrobat.

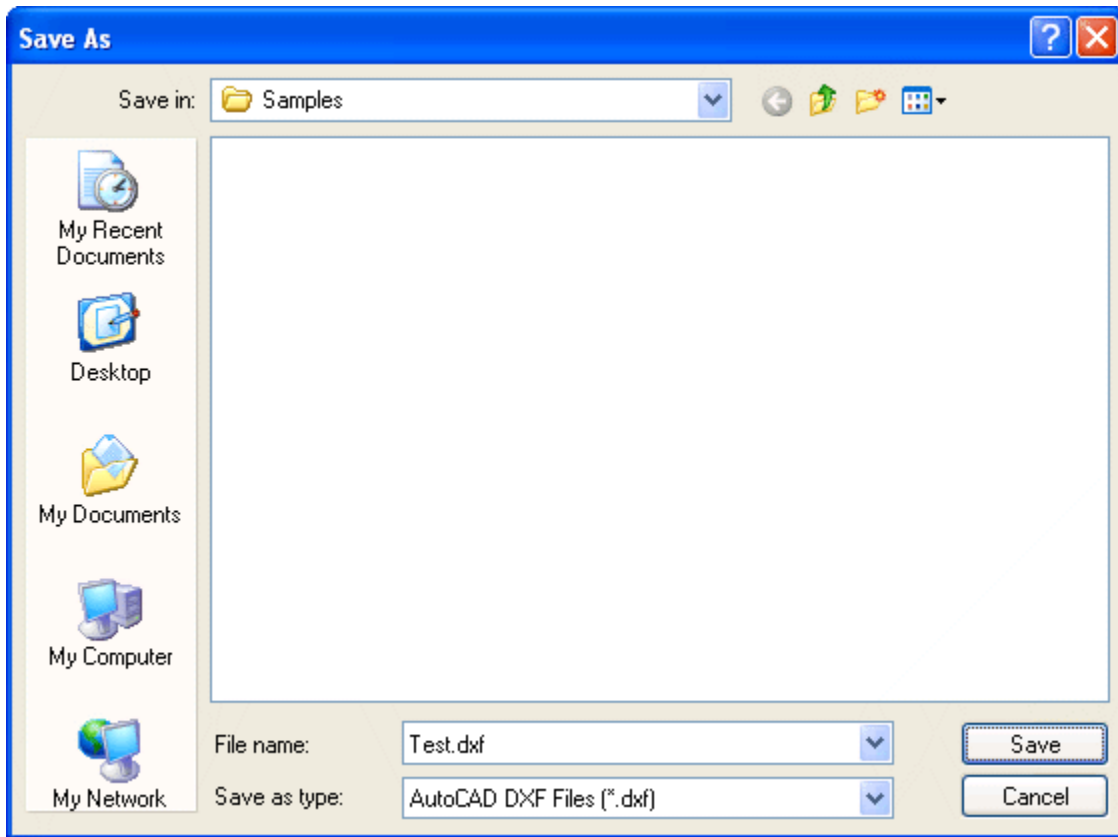
**Step 2:** Select "Open" from the Acrobat file menu. Browse for the file typically located at "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\DXF Export for Acrobat\Samples\Piston.pdf" and click *Open*.

**Step 3:** Select *Export* from the "DXFExport" menu.

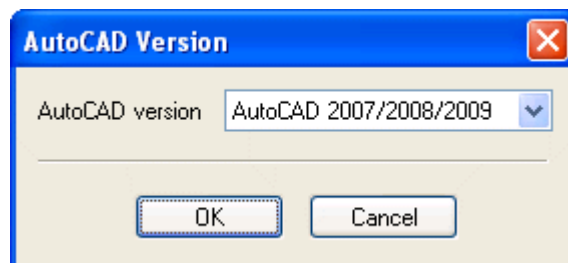


**Step 4:** The Acrobat "Save As" dialog box is displayed. Enter the output file name of a DXF file and click Save.

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**Step 5:** The "DXF Export for Acrobat Options" dialog box is displayed. Select the AutoCAD version options as required and click *OK*.



The model will be exported to the DXF file you specified.