

# **DXF Export for Solid Edge Help**

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Welcome to *DXF Export for Solid Edge* Help!

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

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

# Introduction

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*DXF Export for Solid Edge* is an AutoCAD DXF file export add-in for Solid Edge®. This add-in gives Solid Edge the ability to export 3D solid data from a Solid Edge part and assembly document to 3d solids or meshes in an AutoCAD DXF file.

*DXF Export for Solid Edge* reads the solid models from the current Solid Edge part or assembly and writes them as 3d solids in an AutoCAD DXF file. It can also tessellate the solid bodies into individual triangular meshes. These meshes are then exported to a DXF file as 3D Polyface Mesh, 3D Face, Line or Point objects.

*DXF Export for Solid Edge* is very easy to use. It adds new commands to Solid Edge. Once installed, it automatically loads itself into Solid Edge and adds a new submenu called "DXF Export for Solid Edge" to the Solid Edge Applications menu containing the newly added commands.

*DXF Export for Solid Edge* 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 Solid Edge* ReadMe file.

DXF Export for Solid Edge is an add-in for Solid Edge

### Installation:

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The installer adds DXF Export for Solid Edge to the list of available add-ins installed for Solid Edge. To verify whether DXF Export for Solid Edge has been properly loaded into Solid Edge invoke the "Add-In Manager" by clicking on the "Applications" menu, then "Add-Ins" and finally "Add-In Manager". Verify that "DXF Export for Solid Edge" is present in the list of "Available Add-Ins" and make sure that its check box is checked.

Now DXF Export for Solid Edge is ready for use.

### Usage:

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DXF Export for Solid Edge adds new commands to Solid Edge. It also adds a submenu to the Solid Edge menu called "DXF Export for Solid Edge" containing these new commands. This submenu is located in the Applications -> Add-Ins submenu. Simply click on the menu items in this sub menu to run these new commands.

The new commands are:

- 1) Export - Exports a DXF file
- 2) Help - Display the DXF Export for Solid Edge help file
- 3) Register - Display the DXF Export for Solid Edge product registration dialog box
- 4) About - Display the DXF Export for Solid Edge about box

Note: The "DXF Export for Solid Edge" submenu is available only when a document (part, assembly, etc.) is open. This is due to the way Solid Edge is designed.

### Support:

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# Command Reference

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*DXF Export for Solid Edge* adds a new menu to Solid Edge. It also adds a ribbon bar to Solid Edge called "Add-Ins" containing these new commands.

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| <a href="#">Export</a>   | Exports a DXF file  |
| <a href="#">Help</a>     | Displays the <i>DXF Export for Solid Edge</i> help file                       |
| <a href="#">Register</a> | Displays the <i>DXF Export for Solid Edge</i> product registration dialog box |
| <a href="#">About</a>    | Displays the <i>DXF Export for Solid Edge</i> about box                       |

## Export

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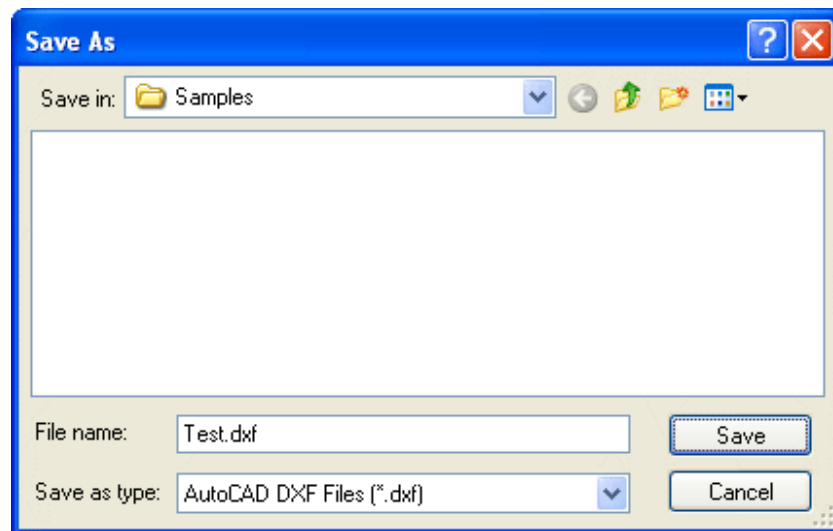
**Menu Button**      Add-Ins > Export

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This command is used to export to a DXF file.

### To export to a DXF file

1. Click the *Export* button on the "Add-Ins" ribbon bar.
2. You will be presented with a *Save As* dialog box. Select the DXF file you wish to export and click *Save*.



3. The *DXF Export for Solid Edge Options* dialog box is displayed. Select the options and click *Ok*.

## Help

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**Menu Button**      Add-Ins > Help

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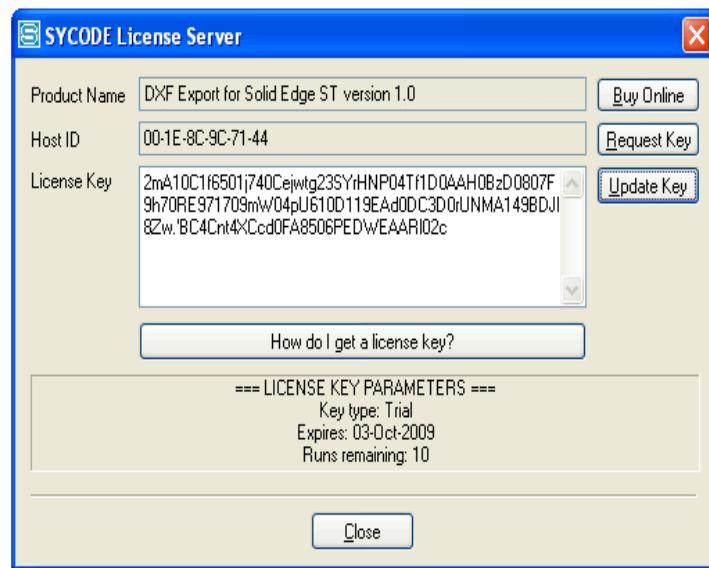
This command displays the help file. The [Welcome](#) page is a good place to start.

## Register

**Menu Button**      Add-Ins > Register

This command is used to register your copy of *DXF Export for Solid Edge*.

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..



### 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?

To get a permanent key you need to have already purchased a license. If you have not yet purchased a license you can do so by clicking the 'Buy Online' button. After you place your order click the 'Request Key' button and select 'PERMANENT KEY' as the type of key being requested. Fill the form and submit it. Your order will be verified and a permanent key will be sent to you by email within one business day.

### IMPORTANT:

- (1) Please ensure that your computer is connected to the internet before you request for a key.
- (2) Please be sure to enter a valid email address as the key will be sent to you by email.

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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](mailto:register@sycode.com)

## About

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**Menu Button**      Add-Ins > About

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



# Tutorial

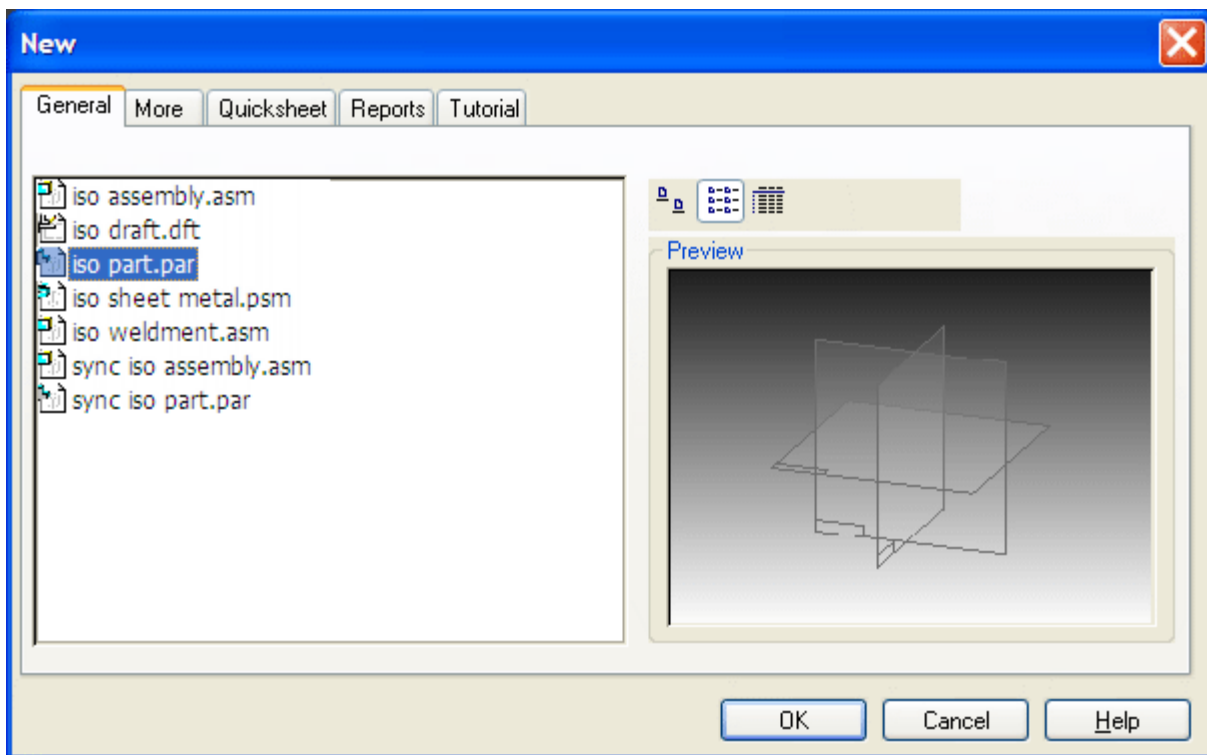
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This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *DXF Export for Solid Edge*.

**Step 1:** Start Solid Edge (if you haven't already).

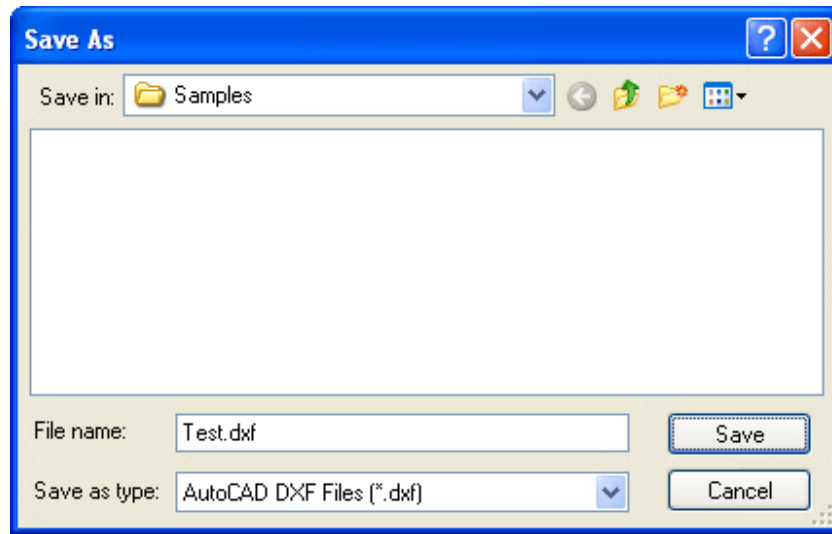
**Step 2:** Select *Open* from the *File* menu. You will be presented with the *Open File* dialog box. Browse for the file typically located at "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\DXF Export for Solid Edge\Samples\Piston.sat") and click *Ok* to open.

**Step 3:** The Solid Edge *New* dialog box will pop up. Select any ".par" file and click *OK*. This will import the SAT file as a new part document.

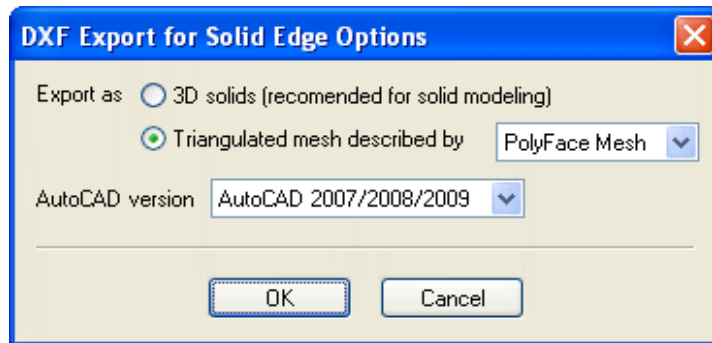


**Step 4:** Click the *Export* button on the "Add-Ins" ribbon bar.

**Step 5:** The *Save As* dialog box is displayed. Select an output DXF file name and click *Save*.



**Step 6:** The *DXF Export for Solid Edge Options* dialog box is displayed. Select the options and click *Ok*.



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