

DXF Import for Alibre Design Help

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Welcome to *DXF Import for Alibre Design* Help!

This help file provides all the information you need to understand and use *DXF 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 *DXF Import for Alibre Design* help file is divided into the following sections:

- [Introduction](#) - Introduction to *DXF Import for Alibre Design*.
- [Command Reference](#) - Quick reference of all the commands added by *DXF 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 *DXF 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

DXF Import for Alibre Design is an AutoCAD DXF file import add-on for Alibre Design®. It gives Alibre Design the ability to import solid objects from AutoCAD DXF files as solids models in Alibre Design.

Alibre Design already has an AutoCAD DXF import feature. However, this import feature creates a 2D drawing in Alibre Design by reading 2d geometric objects such as curves and ignores 3d solids. *DXF Import for Alibre Design* removes this limitation by giving Alibre Design the ability to read 3d solid geometric data such as ACIS 3d solids, bodies and regions in an AutoCAD DXF file and create corresponding 3d solid models in an Alibre Design part document.

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

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

DXF Import for Alibre Design is very easy to use. It adds new commands to Alibre Design. Once installed, it automatically loads itself into Alibre Design and adds a new submenu called "DXFImport" to the Alibre Design menu containing these newly added commands.

DXF 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 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, DXF (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

This is the *DXF Import for Alibre Design* ReadMe file.

DXF Import for Alibre Design is an add-on for Alibre Design

Installation:

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The installer adds DXF Import for Alibre Design to the list of available add-ons installed for Alibre Design. To verify whether DXF 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 "DXF Import for Alibre Design" is present in the list of available add-ons and make sure that its check box is checked.

Now DXF Import for Alibre Design is ready for use.

Usage:

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DXF Import for Alibre Design adds new commands to Alibre Design. It also adds a submenu to the Alibre Design menu called "DXFImport" 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 DXF file
- 2) Help - Display the DXF Import for Alibre Design help file
- 3) Register - Display the DXF Import for Alibre Design product registration dialog box
- 4) About - Display the DXF Import for Alibre Design about box

Support:

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Command Reference

DXF Import for Alibre Design adds a new menu to Alibre Design called 'DXFImport'. The 'DXFImport' menu consists of the following commands:

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

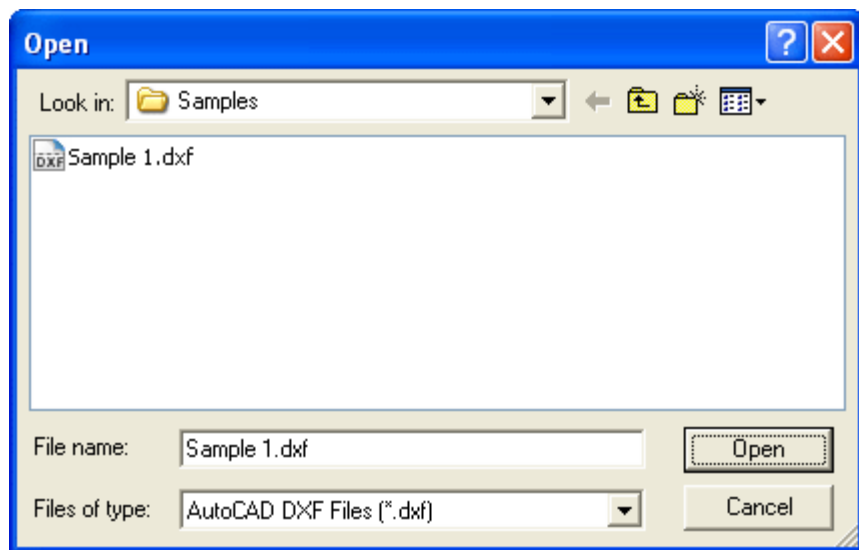
Import

Menu Button DXFImport > Import

This command imports an AutoCAD DXF file

To import a DXF file

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



Help

Menu Button DXFImport > Help

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

Register

Menu Button DXFImport > Register

This command is used to register your copy of *DXF 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:** DXF 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:** j\$An0D100C01p6c0F044D040AAq2y308M Fh707Gc1A57Q0D40A0ID71A0P93C160A1 4T5E75785U0BDtC1d07Bh50ijD8AvRcC3 (with an "Update Key" button)
- A button labeled "How do I get a license key?"
- A text area displaying:


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=== LICENSE KEY PARAMETERS ===
Key type: Trial
Expires: 25-Jul-2009
Runs remaining: 10
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- 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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- (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

About

Menu Button DXFImport > About

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

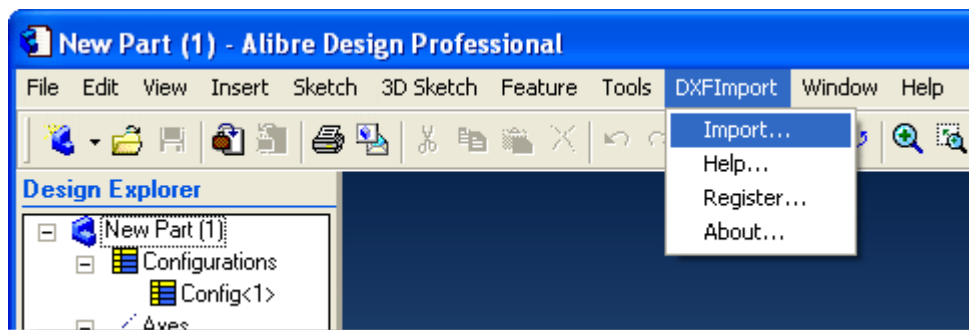


Tutorial

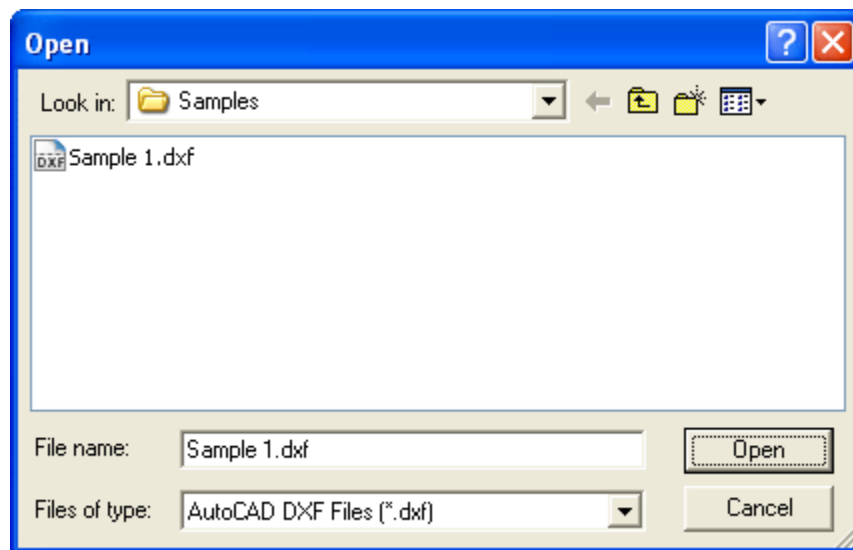
This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *DXF Import for Alibre Design*.

Step 1: Start Alibre Design.

Step 2: Select *Import* from the "DXFImport" menu.



Step 3: The Alibre Design "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the file typically located at "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\DXF Import for Alibre Design\Samples\Sample 1.dxf" and click *Open*.



The figure below shows the final result

