

PLT Import for AutoCAD Help

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PLT Import for AutoCAD Help

Welcome to *PLT Import for AutoCAD* Help!

This help file provides all the information you need to understand and use *PLT Import for AutoCAD*. 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 *PLT Import for AutoCAD* help file is divided into the following sections:

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

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

Note:

- Please refer to the section "Loading Instructions" in the [ReadMe](#) file to load *PLT Import for AutoCAD* plug-in file into the AutoCAD environment.
- Please read the [License Agreement](#) before using the software.

Introduction

PLT Import for AutoCAD is a *HPGL Plot (.plt)* file import plug-in for AutoCAD®. This plug-in gives AutoCAD the ability to import pen movements from HPGL Plot Files.

PLT Import for AutoCAD reads pen movement data stored PLT files and imports it into AutoCAD. A HPGL PLT file is comprised of a set of instructions related to pen movements of HPGL plotters. *PLT Import for AutoCAD* reads these pen movement instructions and creates curve objects in the active AutoCAD drawing.

PLT Import for AutoCAD is designed to work with the following versions of AutoCAD:

- AutoCAD 2011 (32 & 64 Bit)
- AutoCAD 2010 (32 & 64 Bit)
- AutoCAD 2009 (32 & 64 Bit)
- AutoCAD 2008 (32 & 64 Bit)
- AutoCAD 2007
- AutoCAD 2006
- AutoCAD 2005
- AutoCAD 2004
- AutoCAD 2002
- AutoCAD 2000i
- AutoCAD 2000

PLT Import for AutoCAD is very easy to use. Once installed, it must be loaded into the AutoCAD environment. There are simple instructions for this in the [ReadMe](#) file. Once loaded it adds new commands to AutoCAD's existing commands and a new submenu called "PLTImport" to the AutoCAD menu containing these newly added commands.

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

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The PLT File Format

HPGL is the Hewlett-Packard Graphics Language designed for specifying 2D graphical information for the HP range of plotters. It was not intended as an interchange format but some software suppliers use it as such. HPGL is a command set embedded in the ROM of pen plotters to help reduce the work required by applications programmers to create plotted output. HPGL uses two-letter mnemonics as instructions for drawing lines, circles, text, and simple symbols. HPGL is the primary printer control language used by Hewlett-Packard plotters. It later became a standard for almost all plotters.

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ReadMe

This is the *PLT Import for AutoCAD* ReadMe file.

Thank you for installing PLT Import for AutoCAD.

Please read this ReadMe document carefully and completely. It contains important information which is vital to the proper working of PLT Import for AutoCAD.

Loading Instructions:

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Since PLT Import for AutoCAD is a plug-in for AutoCAD, it has to be loaded into the AutoCAD environment before it can be used. Loading is a one time process. PLT Import for AutoCAD will automatically load itself into AutoCAD the next time you run AutoCAD.

The PLT Import for AutoCAD plug-in files are installed into the PLT Import for AutoCAD installation folder (typically "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\PLT Import for AutoCAD\"). The plug-in files have an extension of ".arx".

The list of plug-in files along with the version of AutoCAD is shown below. Please be sure to use the plug-in file that corresponds to your version of AutoCAD.

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PLTImport_VC60.arx    -> AutoCAD 2000, 2000i, 2002
PLTImport_VC70.arx    -> AutoCAD 2004, 2005, 2006
PLTImport_VC80.arx    -> AutoCAD 2007, 2008 (32 Bit), 2009 (32 Bit)
PLTImport_VC80x64.arx -> AutoCAD 2008 (64 Bit), 2009 (64 Bit)
PLTImport_VC90.arx    -> AutoCAD 2010 (32 Bit)
PLTImport_VC90x64.arx -> AutoCAD 2010 (64 Bit)
PLTImport_VC90.arx    -> AutoCAD 2011 (32 Bit)
PLTImport_VC90x64.arx -> AutoCAD 2011 (64 Bit)
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To load PLT Import for AutoCAD into AutoCAD please follow the steps listed below:

- (1) Select "Load Application..." from "Tools" menu or enter the "_APpload" command.
- (2) Click the "Contents" button in "Startup Suite"
- (3) Click the "Add" button.
- (4) Browse for the plug-in file for your version of AutoCAD (see list above).
- (5) Click the "Add" button on the Add File to Startup Suite dialog box.
- (6) Click the "Close" button to close the Startup Suite dialog box.
- (7) Click the "Close" button to close the Load/Unload Applications dialog box.

Now PLT Import for AutoCAD is completely installed and ready for use.

Usage:

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PLT Import for AutoCAD adds new commands to AutoCAD. The commands added are:

- 1) PLTImport - Imports a PLT file
- 2) PLTImportHelp - Displays the PLT Import for AutoCAD help file
- 3) PLTImportRegister - Registers your copy of PLT Import for AutoCAD
- 4) PLTImportAbout - Displays the PLT Import for AutoCAD about box

Sample Files:

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Sample PLT files are copied into the Samples folder which is located in the PLT Import for AutoCAD installation folder (typically "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\PLT Import for AutoCAD\"). You can try PLT Import for AutoCAD using these sample files.

Support:

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Command Reference

PLT Import for AutoCAD adds new commands to AutoCAD and a submenu called *PLTImport* which houses them. The new commands are:

PLTImport	Imports a PLT file
PLTImportHelp	Displays the <i>PLT Import for AutoCAD</i> help file
PLTImportRegister	Register your copy of <i>PLT Import for AutoCAD</i>
PLTImportAbout	Displays the <i>PLT Import for AutoCAD</i> about box

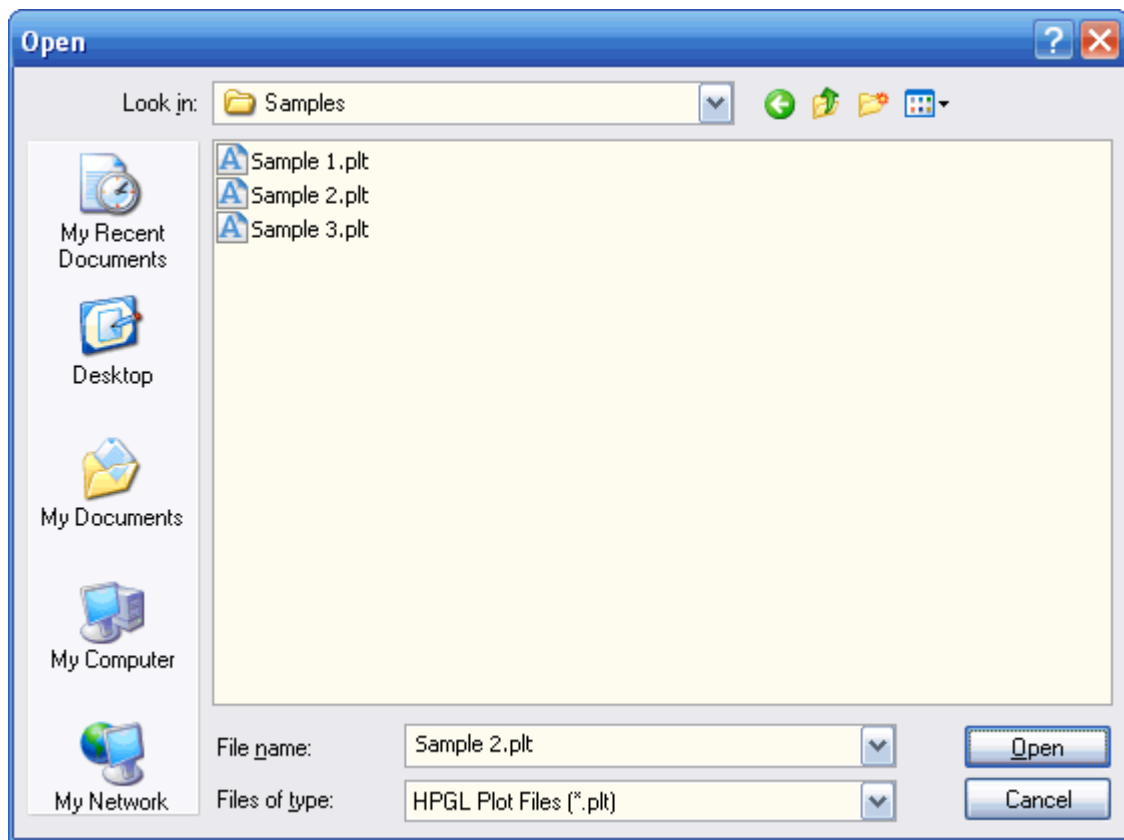
PLTImport

Menu Button	PLTImport > Import
Command	PLTImport

This command imports geometric data from ASCII and Binary PLT files into AutoCAD.

To import a PLT file

1. Select *Import* from the "PLTImport" menu or type *PLTImport* at the AutoCAD command prompt and press *Enter*.
2. The AutoCAD "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the PLT file you wish to import and click *Open*.



PLTImportHelp

Menu Button	PLTImport > Help
Command	PLTImportHelp

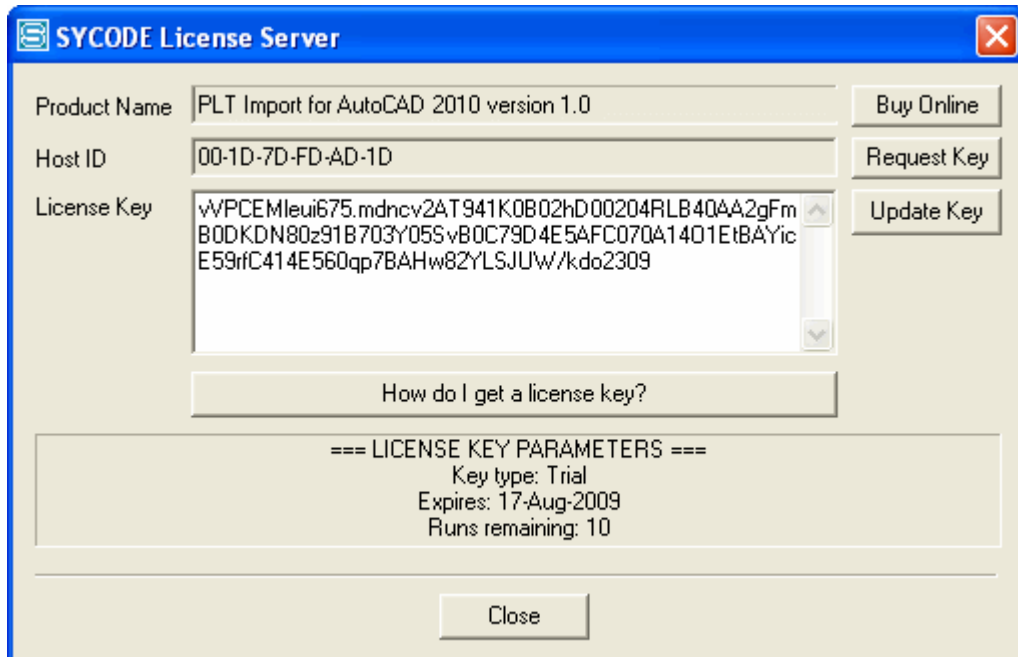
This command displays the help file. The [Welcome](#) page is a good place to start.

PLTImportRegister

Menu Button	PLTImport > Register
Command	PLTImportRegister

This command is used to register your copy of *PLT Import for AutoCAD*.

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?

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PLTImportAbout

Menu Button	PLTImport > About
Command	PLTImportAbout

This command is used to display the *PLT Import for AutoCAD* About box. The About box lists the software and its version.

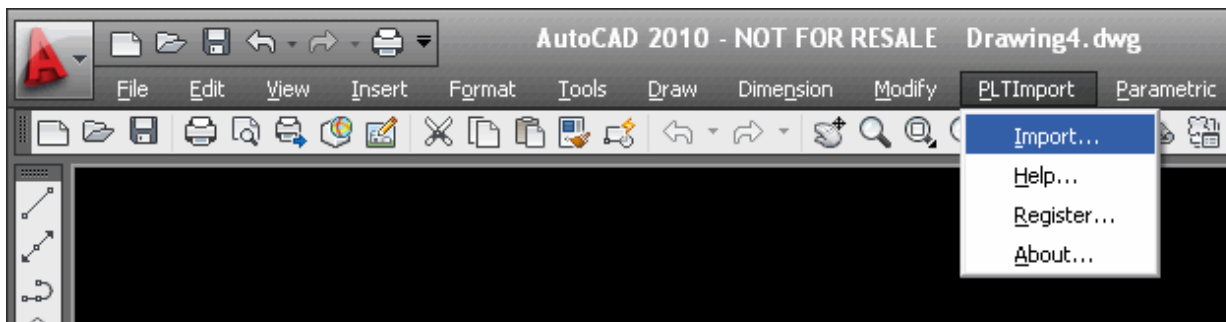


Tutorial

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

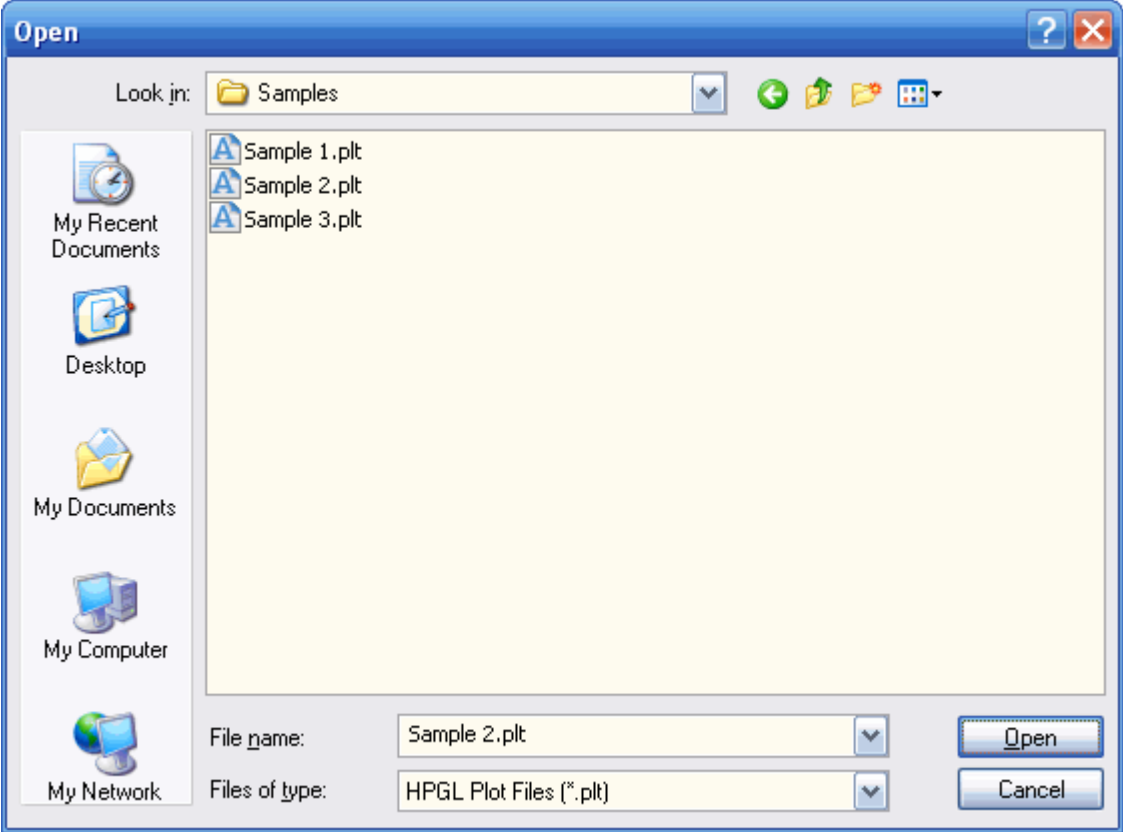
Step 1: Start AutoCAD.

Step 2: Select *Import* from the "PLTImport" menu or type *PLTImport* at the AutoCAD command prompt and press *Enter*.



Step 3: The AutoCAD "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the file typically located at "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\PLT Import for AutoCAD\Samples\Sample 2.plt" and click *Open*.

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The figure below shows the final result.

