

# **PLT Import for Alibre Design Help**

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# PLT Import for Alibre Design Help

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Welcome to *PLT Import for Alibre Design* Help!

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

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

## Introduction

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*PLT Import for Alibre Design* is a HPGL Plot (.plt) file import add-on for Alibre Design®. This add-on gives Alibre Design the ability to import plotter pen movement data from HPGL plot PLT files.

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

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

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

*PLT 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 "PLTImport" to the Alibre Design menu containing these new commands.

*PLT 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 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

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

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

### Installation:

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

Now PLT Import for Alibre Design is ready for use.

### Usage:

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

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# Command Reference

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*PLT Import for Alibre Design* adds a new menu to Alibre Design called 'PLTImport'. The 'PLTImport' menu consists of the following commands:

<a href="#">Import</a>	Imports a PLT file
<a href="#">Help</a>	Displays the <i>PLT Import for Alibre Design</i> help file
<a href="#">Register</a>	Register your copy of <i>PLT Import for Alibre Design</i>
<a href="#">About</a>	Displays the <i>PLT Import for Alibre Design</i> about box

## Import

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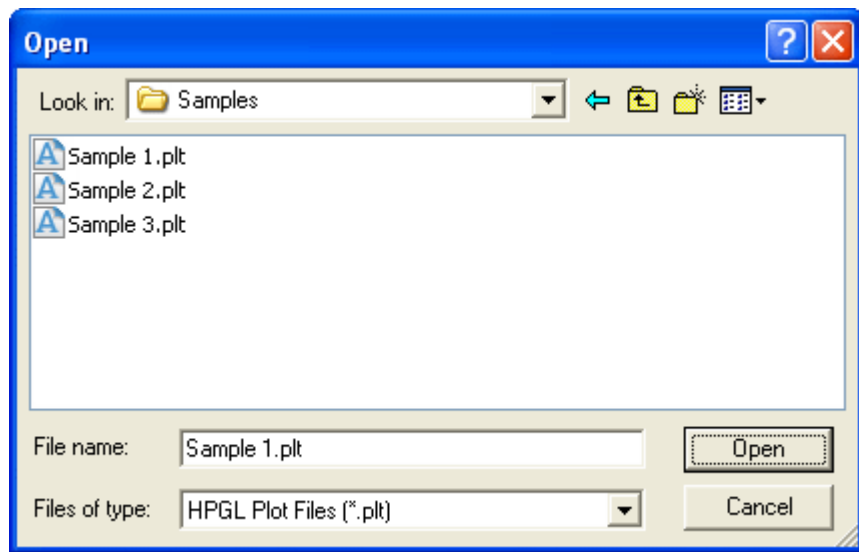
**Menu Button** PLTImport > Import

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This command imports plotter pen movement data from HPGL plot PLT files into Alibre Design.

### To import a PLT file

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



3. The "PLT Import's Import Complete" dialog box is displayed. Click *Ok*.
4. Select "Model" from Drawing Explorer on the left of Alibre Design and then zoom to fit to view the model.

## Help

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**Menu Button** PLTImport > Help

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

## Register

**Menu Button** PLTImport > Register

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

### 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** PLTImport > About

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



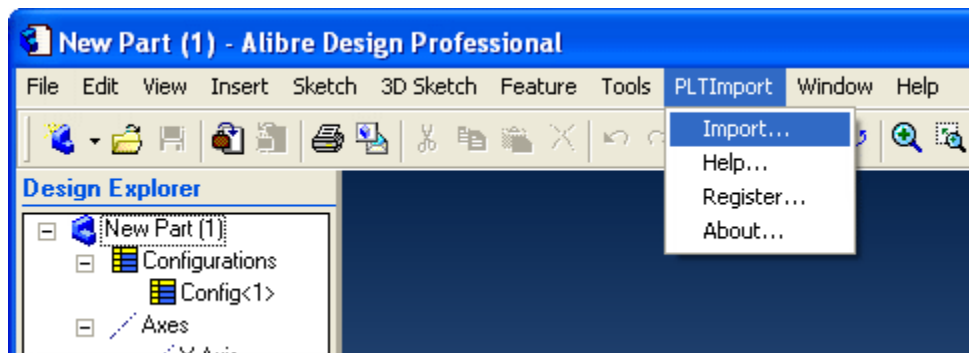
# Tutorial

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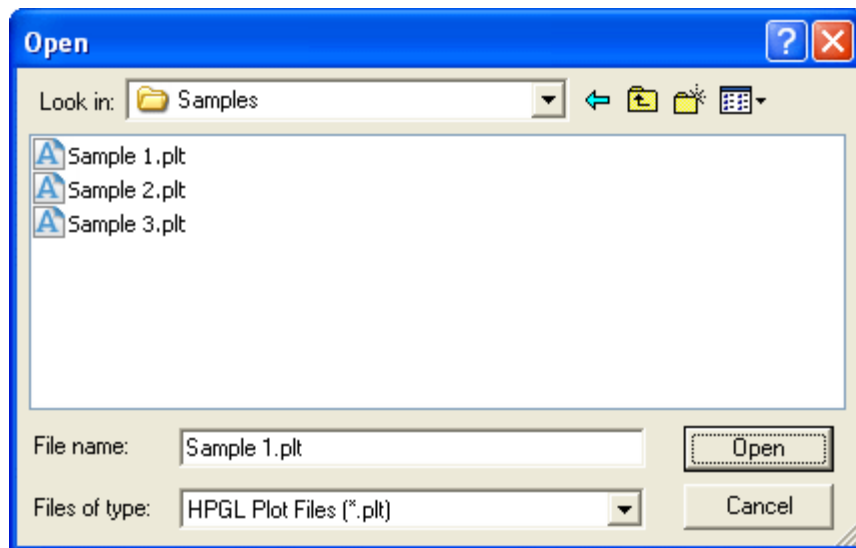
This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *PLT Import for Alibre Design*.

**Step 1:** Start Alibre Design.

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



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



**Step 4:** The "PLT Import's Import Complete" dialog box is displayed. Click *Ok*.

**Step 5:** Select "Model" from Drawing Explorer on the left of Alibre Design and than zoom to fit to view the model.

The figure below shows the final result.

