

## **SKP Import for ARES Help**

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# SKP Import for ARES Help

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Welcome to *SKP Import for ARES* Help!

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

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

**Note:**

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

# Introduction

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*SKP Import for ARES* is a SketchUp SKP file import add-in for ARES®. This add-in gives ARES the ability to import geometric data from SketchUp SKP files.

*SKP Import for ARES* reads polygon mesh data stored in SKP files and imports it into ARES. A polygon mesh in a SKP file is comprised of a set of triangular or quad faces. *SKP Import for ARES* recreates the SKP model data inside the active ARES drawing. The model can be recreated as set of points, lines, polylines, 3D faces or a polyface mesh.

*SKP Import for ARES* is designed to work with the following version of ARES:

- ARES 2010 (32)

*SKP Import for ARES* is very easy to use. Once installed, it must be loaded into the ARES environment. There are simple instructions for this in the [ReadMe](#) document which can be found in the installation folder. Once loaded it adds new commands to ARES's existing commands and a new menu called "SKPImport" to the ARES menu containing these newly added commands.

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

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

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SketchUp is a 3D modeling program designed for architects, civil engineers, filmmakers, game developers, and related professions. It also includes features to facilitate the placement of models in Google Earth. It is marketed as an easy-to-use conceptual tool with a simple interface. A well known feature in the SketchUp World is the 3D Warehouse. Users can use their Google Accounts to upload models, and then browse the 3D Warehouse for many components and models. SketchUp's native file format is has a SKP extension.

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## ReadMe

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This is the *SKP Import for ARES* ReadMe file.

SKP Import for ARES is a add-in for ARES Commander Edition

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

Loading:

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Before you use the SKP Import for ARES you need to load the add-in into the ARES environment. Loading is a one time process. The add-in will automatically load itself into ARES on startup henceforth. To load the add-in please carry out the following steps:

- 1) Click Tools->Options. This brings up the Options dialog box.
- 2) Select Add-Ins on the left.
- 3) Check the "New" button towards the top right.
- 4) Browse for the add-in DRX file (SKPImport\_ARES\_3.02src\_8.drx) in the SKP Import for ARES installation folder (typically C:\Program Files\SYCODE\SKP Import for ARES\ ) and click "Open"
- 5) Check "OK" on the Options dialog box to dismiss it.

Usage:

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SKP Import for ARES adds new commands to ARES. It also adds a new menu the ARES menu "SKPImport". Use the items on this menu to invoke the newly added commands.

The new commands are:

- 1) Import - Import a SKP file
- 2) Help - Display the SKP Import for ARES help file
- 3) Register - Register your copy of SKP Import for ARES
- 4) About - Display the SKP Import for ARES about box

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

Support:

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# Command Reference

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*SKP Import for ARES* adds new commands to ARES and a menu called "SKPImport" which houses them. The new commands are:

<a href="#">SKPImport</a>	Import a SKP file
<a href="#">SKPImportHelp</a>	Display the <i>SKP Import for ARES</i> help file
<a href="#">SKPImportRegister</a>	Register your copy of <i>SKP Import for ARES</i>
<a href="#">SKPImportAbout</a>	Display the <i>SKP Import for ARES</i> about box

## SKPImport

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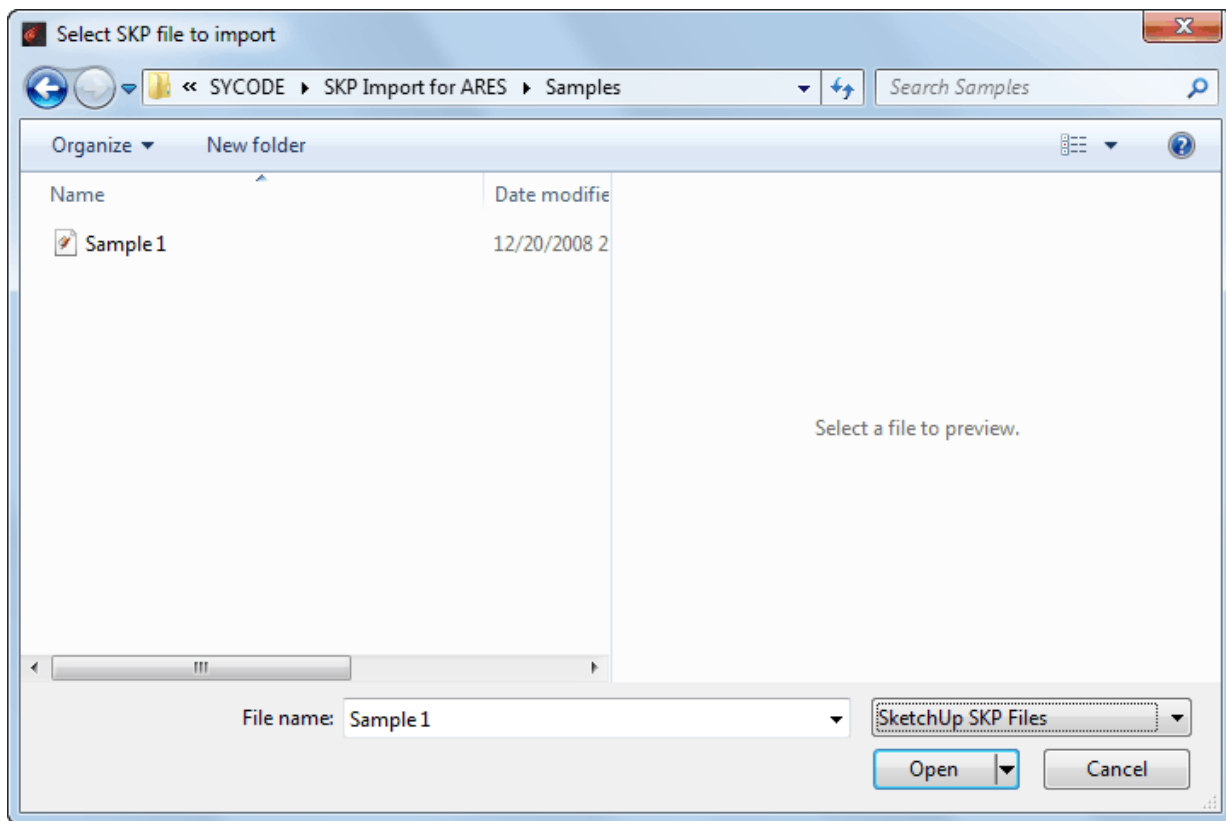
<b>Menu Button</b>	SKPImport > Import
<b>Command</b>	SKPImport

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This command imports SKP files into ARES.

### To import a SKP file

1. Select *Import* from the "SKPImport" submenu or type *SKPImport* at the ARES command prompt and press *Enter*.
2. The ARES "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the SKP file you wish to import and click *Open*.



3. At the ARES command prompt, select the "Options" as required and click OK.

## SKPImportHelp

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<b>Menu Button</b>	SKPImport > Help
<b>Command</b>	SKPImportHelp

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

## SKPImportRegister

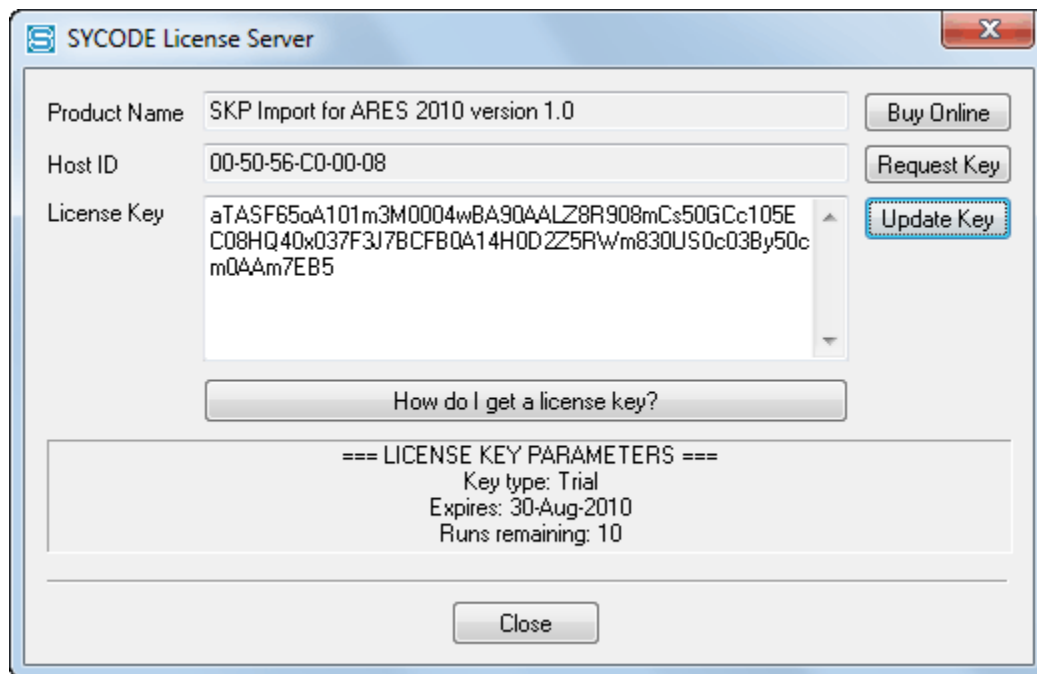
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<b>Menu Button</b>	SKPImport > Register
<b>Command</b>	SKPImportRegister

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This command is used to register your copy of *SKP Import for ARES*.

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:

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- (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.
- (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)

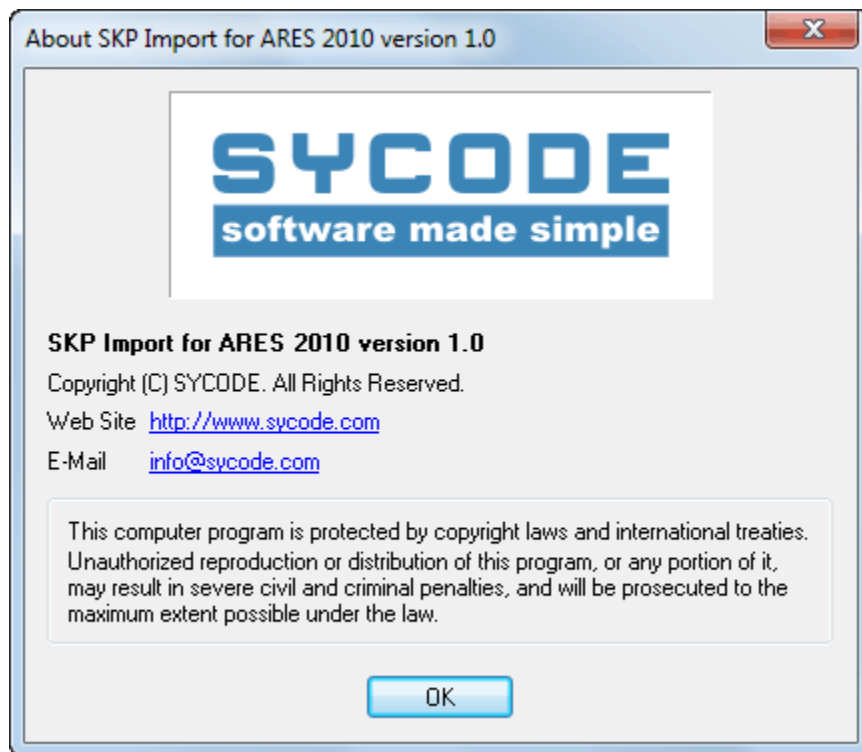
## SKPImportAbout

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<b>Menu Button</b>	SKPImport > About
<b>Command</b>	SKPImportAbout

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



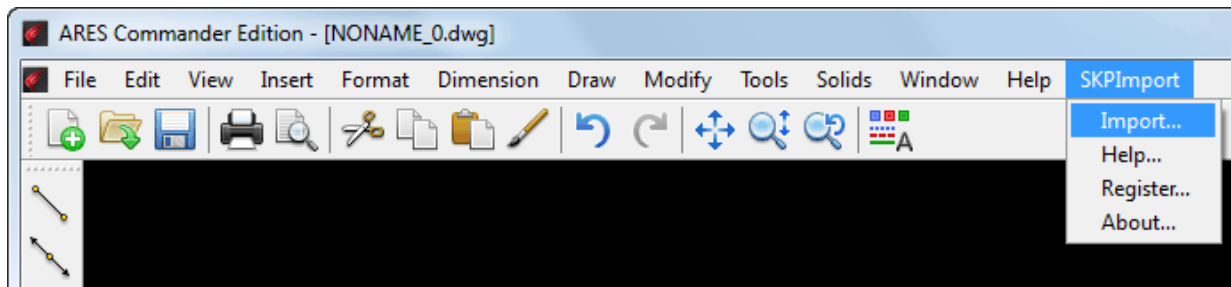
# Tutorial

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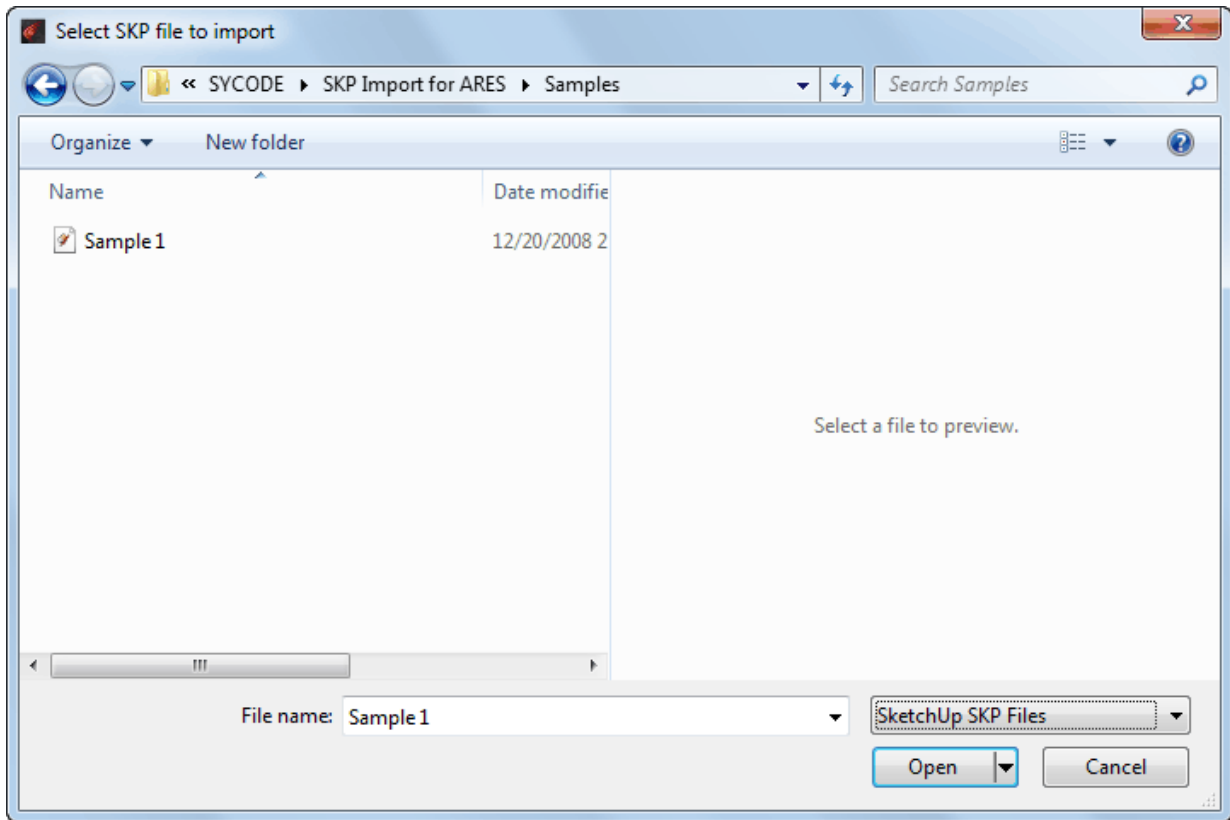
This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *SKP Import* for *ARES*.

**Step 1:** Start *ARES*.

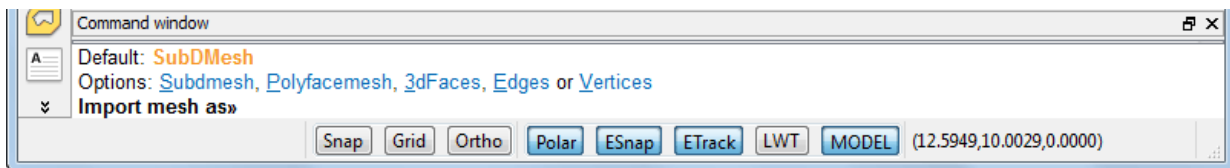
**Step 2:** Select *Import* from the "SKPImport" menu or type *SKPImport* at the *ARES* command prompt and press *Enter*.



**Step 3:** The *ARES* "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the file *C:\Program Files\SYCODE\SKP Import for ARES\Samples\Sample 1.skp* and click *Open*.



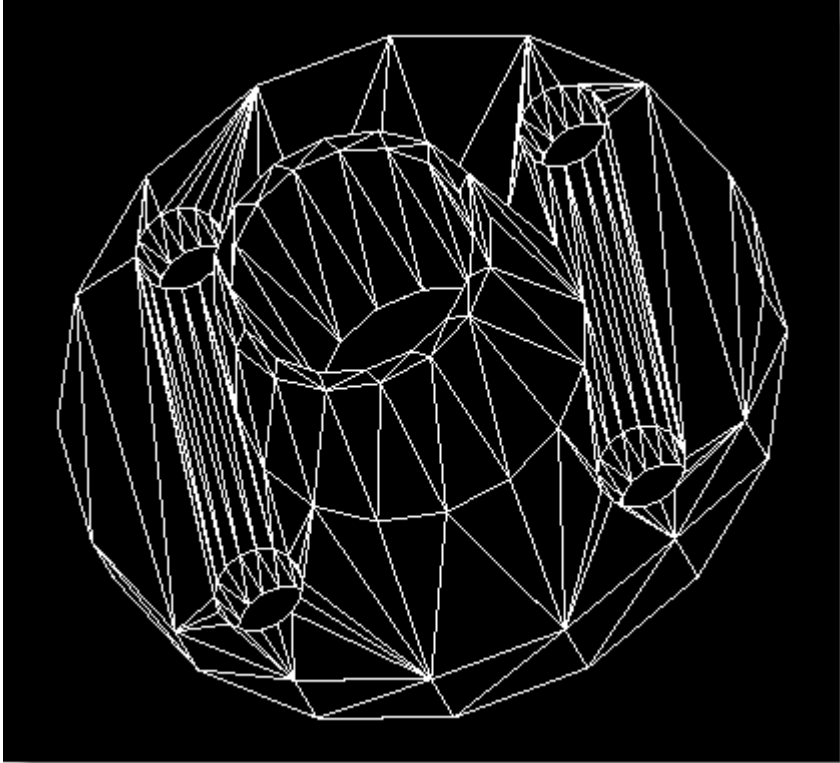
**Step 4:** At the ARES command prompt, select the "Options" as required and click OK.



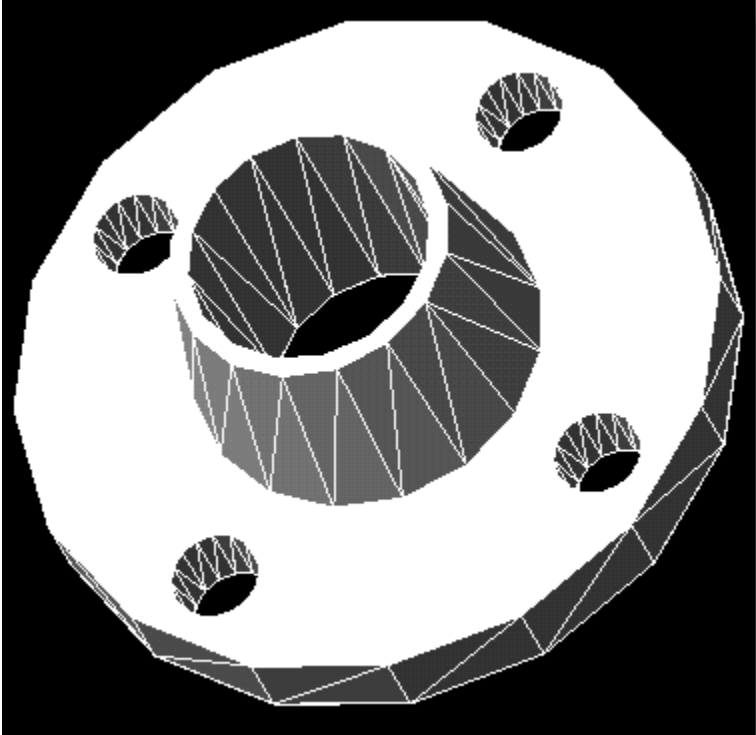
**Note:**

When importing a SKP file object with "Subdmesh" option will import as "Vertices", this is a known limitation and we have reported this behavior to Graebert. Graebert will fix it in the next release.

The figure below shows the final result.



*Wireframe mode*



*Shaded mode*

