



HaloCAD

HaloCAD Add-on for AutoCAD 2.1

Release Notes

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1. Introduction

The release notes provide brief and high-level descriptions of the new features of HaloCAD. Before installing HaloCAD, it is recommended to read the release notes to understand any current limitations or bugs that may apply to this version of the software.

2. Product Description

HaloCAD acts as the guardian of your CAD files by automatically protecting them with Microsoft Purview Information Protection (MPIP) labels whenever they leave your secure IT perimeter. As a plug-in for CAD applications, HaloCAD offers access to MPIP-protected files, including label handling and privilege enforcement. CAD users will not notice any differences in the handling of CAD files because they take place in the background. By seamlessly attaching MPIP labels to the CAD files while they are being created, it provides end-to-end security for those files.

3. System Requirements

The following system requirements table specifies the minimum and recommended technical specifications, such as software and network resources, necessary to run the product.

Components	Details
Supported Operating Systems	Windows 10, Windows 11, or above with updates installed.
Supported file types	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> File types supported for Save and Open: .dwg, .dxf, .dws, .dwt, .iges, .igs, .wmf, .sat and .dgn(v7) File types supported for Export: .dwf, .dwfx, .dwfx (other format) .stl, .dgn(v8), .eps, .dxx, .pdf, .bmp, .png, .jpg, and .tif Import files types: .step, .stp, and .ste
Supporting application	To view the encrypted PDF files, install the latest version of Acrobat Reader DC / Acrobat DC.

Requirements

Supported Autodesk applications for HaloCAD Add-ons

You are reading the current version of the release notes; however, if you are searching for a previous version, refer to the release notes for that version.

CAD applications	HaloCAD version
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> AutoCAD 2023, 2024, 2025 AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2023, 2024, 2025 	2.1
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> AutoCAD 2022, 2023, 2024 AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2022, 2023, 2024 	2.0
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> AutoCAD 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 	1.8

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CAD applications	HaloCAD version
3D/Plant 3D: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	
1. AutoCAD 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 2. AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023	1.7
1. AutoCAD 2020, 2021, 2022 2. AutoCAD MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2020	1.6
1. AutoCAD 2016, 2019 2. AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2016, 2019	1.5

Autodesk applications and HaloCAD Add-on version

4. Prerequisites

The following preparatory steps or conditions must be met before installing the product.

The add-on requires the registration of an application with Microsoft Entra ID, an Office 365 subscription, and access to recommended URLs. For additional information, please refer to the Technical Reference Manual.

5. Code Quality and Security

Secude focuses on software quality and security. This is accomplished by adhering to and exceeding best practices in development, testing, and quality control. Secude has chosen SonarQube as the first building block for building and implementing a robust continuous code quality assurance (QA).

SonarQube is a platform for statical code analysis for continuous inspection of code quality. It performs automatic reviews of code to detect bugs, code smells, unit test coverage, and security issues in 29 programming languages.

SonarQube is utilized throughout the development process at Secude and only the highest marks are accepted for a product to be released. It helps to regulate code quality from the beginning of development, find and repair issues promptly, and improve overall software stability.

Each build report can be found under its relevant version heading in this release notes.

Reliability Rating

- A = 0 Bugs
- B = at least 1 Minor Bug
- C = at least 1 Major Bug
- D = at least 1 Critical Bug
- E = at least 1 Blocker Bug

Security Rating

- A = 0 Vulnerabilities
- B = at least 1 Minor Vulnerability
- C = at least 1 Major Vulnerability
- D = at least 1 Critical Vulnerability
- E = at least 1 Blocker Vulnerability

Security Review Rating

The Security Review Rating is a letter grade based on the percentage of Reviewed (Fixed or Safe) Security Hotspots.

- A = $\geq 80\%$
- B = $\geq 70\%$ and $<80\%$
- C = $\geq 50\%$ and $<70\%$
- D = $\geq 30\%$ and $<50\%$
- E = $< 30\%$

Maintainability Rating

A=0-0.05, B=0.06-0.1, C=0.11-0.20, D=0.21-0.5, E=0.51-1

The Maintainability Rating scale can be alternately stated by saying that if the outstanding remediation cost is:

- $\leq 5\%$ of the time that has already gone into the application, the rating is A
- between 6 to 10% the rating is a B
- between 11 to 20% the rating is a C
- between 21 to 50% the rating is a D
- anything over 50% is an E

6. Build 2.1

6.1. New Features

This section lists the new features in the current release.

1. Implemented a new feature to include metadata (label only) into CAD files using the CAD SDK.
HCADACD-541
2. Support for AutoCAD 2025. HCADACD-554

6.2. Improvements

This section lists the improvements in the current release.

Watermarking CAD files is now possible with the "label-only" MPIP label in this version. HCADACD-557

6.3. Fixed Issues

This section lists the fixed issues in the current release.

1. Fixed an issue that caused the applied label to be immediately removed when copying and pasting design content into an already opened protected file. HCADACD-535
2. Fixed an issue that allowed to copy the design from the protected file after selecting **No** in the HaloCAD Least permission popup. HCADACD-538
3. The option to deactivate the license (via the **Deactivate** button) has been removed from the HaloCAD About UI. HCADACD-553
4. Fixed an issue that caused the HaloCAD menu to appear in other AutoCAD applications that were not selected during installation. HCADACD-367
5. Fixed an issue that triggered the HaloCAD restriction popup when importing a protected IGS/IGES file into a new document with the default label configured. HCADACD-440

6.4. Known Issues

This section lists the known issues in the current release.

1. Reader: Intermittently, the AutoCAD application will crash when you open a protected file with an unauthorized user account via a recent document list. HCADACD-333
2. An unprotected image file will be saved when a protected file is exported using the **Render** option.
HCADACD-563
When attempting to import the protected DGN file into the drawing file, the error message "You

have selected an unsupported DGN file." will appear. HCADEACD-486

Even if the user cache already exists after installation, the Microsoft sign-in dialog will still appear when you close and restart the AutoCAD application. HCADEACD-473

3. If a protected file is opened from Recent documents or using the **Open** option in the start window, a pop-up message from AutoCAD will be displayed as "Drawing file is not valid" and the file will not open when Startup is set as 2 and Startmode is set as 0 or 1. HCADEACD-534

6.5. Quality Gate Report

Please see the table below for a list of SonarQube's key parameters for this version. Refer to the "[Code Quality and Security](#)" section for more information on rating definitions.

Metric	Value
Coverage	84.9%
Maintainability Rating	A
Reliability Rating	A
Security Hotspots Reviewed	A
Security Rating	A

Quality Gate report



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