



**HaloCAD Add-on for SOLIDWORKS 2.2**  
**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 protection takes 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	1. File types supported for Save and Open: .sldprt, .sldasm, .slddrw, .step, .stp, .iges, .igs, .3mf, .dwg, .dxf, .x_t, .stl, .vda, .sat 2. File types supported for Export: .3dxml, .sat, .amf, .ai, .psd, .pdf, .eprt, .sldftp, .hcg, .hsf, .ifc, .pdf, .jpg, .sldlfp, .xaml, .prt, .tif, .asm, .easm, .smj, .wrl, .edrw, .drwpot, .gltf, .glb, .ifc
Supporting application	To view the encrypted PDF files, install the latest version of Acrobat Reader DC / Acrobat DC.

#### Requirements

#### Supported CAD applications for HaloCAD Add-ons

CAD applications	HaloCAD Add-on version
SOLIDWORKS 2022, 2023, 2024	2.1, 2.2
SOLIDWORKS 2021, 2022, 2023	2.0
SOLIDWORKS 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023	1.2, 1.3

#### CAD 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 2.2

### 6.1. New Features

There are no new features to highlight in this release.

### 6.2. Improvements

This section lists improvements added to the current release.

1. As of the previous release, watermark text was displayed horizontally by default, despite the label being configured to display the watermark diagonally. However, from this release, watermark text will be shown diagonally, as configured. HCADSW-541
2. As of this release, support has been added for masking or allowing clear text visibility of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in the MIP SDK logs by adding the registry key `mipallowpii`. HCADSW-539

### 6.3. Fixed Issues

This section provides a list of the fixed issues in the current release.

1. Fixed an issue that caused the SOLIDWORKS application to crash when opening a file from the SOLIDWORKS PDM folder configured with HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM. HCADSW-499
2. Fixed an issue that caused the label applied to the top-level assembly file to be removed when deleting a dependent file created using the **New Part** or **New Assembly** option. HCADSW-518

### 6.4. Known Issues

This section describes the known issues with the current release.

1. SOLIDWORKS application will crash when you click the **Save Part (in External File)** option in the protected assembly file. HCADSW-123
2. ECTR: The **Save As New Document** option in the SAP PLM tab is enabled for users with only edit rights, and also the connected user will be updated as the owner in the status screen. HCADSW-141
3. It is possible to export the protected file using the **Motion Study 1** option without export rights. HCADSW-162
4. It is possible to modify the design using the **Assembly** features > **Hole Series** option in the view-only rights-protected file and save it as an unprotected file. HCADSW-204

5. It is possible to modify the Bill of Materials **Part number and Description** in a protected drawing file with view-only rights. HCADSW-205
6. Without copy permission, it is possible to take a screenshot of a protected file in the **Task Preview** window. HCADSW-216
7. Protected files can be modified with view rights, and the connected user will be updated as the owner of the file in the HaloCAD status window when the file is opened at a network location. HCADSW-264
8. If Halo Core Tomcat is stopped when opening a Keytech file, the SOLIDWORKS application crashes and the file opens as unprotected. HCADSW-328
9. HaloCAD Add-on for SOLIDWORKS cannot be uninstalled via the control panel intermittently as the HaloCAD uninstall dialog does not appear. HCADSW-371
10. The SOLIDWORKS application will crash if a protected part file is opened from the **Welcome-SOLIDWORKS** screen > click **open**. HCADSW-501
11. SOLIDWORKS PDM: When opening a protected file from the SOLIDWORKS PDM VAULT folder the **Save As** window will appear and the protected file will be saved in the folder. HCADSW-511

## 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	82.3%
Maintainability Rating	A
Reliability Rating	A
Security Hotspots Reviewed	A
Security Rating	A

*Quality Gate report*



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