



**HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM 1.4**  
**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 for PDM solution includes HaloCAD PROTECT and MONITOR capabilities and interacts with the respective PDM application. Files in SOLIDWORKS PDM folders are closely monitored. When a file is cut or copied to a non-SOLIDWORKS PDM folder, HaloCAD intercepts and protects it before reaching the destination folder. Also, any previously encrypted SOLIDWORKS application files or PDF files copied/moved to the SOLIDWORKS PDM folder will be decrypted and saved.

### 3. 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
SOLIDWORKS PDM	<p>SOLIDWORKS PDM Server:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021 SP05.1, version 29.5.1.1</li> <li>2022</li> <li>2024 SP 3.1, SP 4.0</li> <li>2025</li> <li>SolidNetWork License Manager, version 29.51.0001</li> </ol> <p>Supported SOLIDWORKS PDM Clients:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021, 2022, 2024, 2025</li> <li>Supported Operating System: Windows 10, 11, or above with installed updates.</li> </ol>
Office 365 Subscription	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully configured Microsoft Purview Information Protection.</li> <li>An Azure subscription is required to use Azure RMS and the MPIP functionality.</li> <li>A working Microsoft Entra ID service must be available.</li> <li>Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2 or higher must be enabled to ensure the use of cryptographically secure protocols at all client workstations.</li> <li>To avail revoke access feature, the user should be assigned to Microsoft Purview Information Protection Premium P1/P2 license. (Not required for reader add-on)</li> <li>Audit logging: Your Azure subscription must include Log Analytics on the same tenant as Microsoft Entra ID.</li> <li>Use the option "Public client/native (mobile &amp; desktop)" during application registration in the Azure portal.</li> </ol>
Supported file types	.sldprt, .sldasm, .prt, .asm, .slddrw, .x_t, .tif, .dwg, and .dxf
Other components	HaloENGINE (supported from >6.4) and HaloENGINE Service

#### Requirements

### Recommended URLs, addresses, and ports for MPIP

MIP SDK doesn't support the use of authenticated proxies. So, make sure you set the Microsoft 365 endpoints to bypass the proxy. View a list of endpoints at "[Microsoft Online Documentation](#)". However, Microsoft recommends the following:

Addresses	Ports
*.protection.outlook.com 40.92.0.0/15, 40.107.0.0/16, 52.100.0.0/14, 52.238.78.88/32, 104.47.0.0/17, 2a01:111:f403::/48	TCP 443
*.aadrm.com, *.azurerms.com, *.informationprotection.azure.com, ecn.dev.virtualearth.net, informationprotection.hosting.portal.a zure.net, *.office.com (add substrate.office.com if you don't want to add all sub-domains), cr13.digicert.com, cr14.digicert.com.	TCP 443, 80
<b>For event logging</b> *.events.data.microsoft.com	TCP 443
<b>National Cloud</b>	<b>Microsoft Entra ID authentication endpoint</b>
Microsoft Entra ID for the US Government	https://login.microsoftonline.us
Microsoft Entra ID (global service) For details on Microsoft Entra ID endpoints, please refer to " <a href="#">Microsoft Online Documentation</a> ".	https://login.microsoftonline.com

*Recommended endpoints*

## 4. 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 static 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

## 5. Version 1.4

### 5.1. New Features

This section highlights the new features in the current release.

1. Support for secure HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM installation via encrypted JSON file (admin tool).  
This admin utility tool can write and encrypt data in an encrypted configuration file, including Azure application specifics (Application ID, Tenant ID, and Redirect URI), as well as Cloud type details, allowing only the HaloCAD installer to access the configuration file with the private key during the initialization process, effectively masking the Initialization screen from the user. Thus, the administrator can share this encrypted JSON file with internal/external parties without disclosing the original tenant details. HCADSWP-250
2. Furthermore, silent mode allows for secure installation using an encrypted JSON file. HCADSWP-254
3. Support has been added for the web2 client interface.
4. Support for SOLIDWORKS PDM 2025.

### 5.2. Improvements

This section lists improvements added to the current release.

A new metadata `author_name` has been added under system type HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM, which is used for the SOLIDWORKS PDM Web2 client interface.

### 5.3. Limitation

This section lists the limitations of the current release.

When a non-office-protected file with a `.pfile` extension is copied to the SOLIDWORKS PDM vault folder, the file will be decrypted, but the extension will not be removed. HCADSWP-133

### 5.4. Fixed Issues

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

1. Fixed an issue that caused the label to be removed when moving a file from the SOLIDWORKS PDM folder to a local folder using the **Copy**, **Cut**, or **Send To** options. HCADSWP-202
2. As of this release, HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM application cannot be installed in environments where the SOLIDWORKS PDM application is unavailable. HCADSWP-234

3. Fixed an issue that prevented the .pfile extension from being removed after decryption when copying a non-native protected file with the .pfile extension to the SOLIDWORKS PDM vault folder. HCADSWP-133
4. Fixed an issue that prevented the following files from being protected when copied from the SOLIDWORKS PDM folder using the **copy to** or **move to** options: dot, potm, rtf, mp3, msg, mp4, EMF, WMF, HTML, MHTML, XML, WPS, IDW, XLSB, ACCDB, MHT, ODT, SVG, RAR, and HTM. HCADSWP-191
5. Fixed an issue that prevented some file types from being protected when copying files from the SOLIDWORKS PDM main folder to the documents folder using the **Send to** option. HCADSWP-212
6. Fixed an issue that prevented the extension from changing for .xml and .rtf files while copying the files from the SOLIDWORKS PDM vault folder. HCADSWP-247
7. Fixed an issue that prevented the removal of the .pfile extension after decryption. HCADSWP-245

### 5.5. Known Issues

This section describes the known issues with the current release.

1. A screen capture of a protected HaloCAD file is possible. HCADSWP-15
2. Using the **COPY** and **XCOPY** options, it is possible to copy a file from the SOLIDWORKS PDM Vault to a non-SOLIDWORKS PDM folder. HCADSWP-34
3. If **Folder Name** or **Client Hostname** metadata is defined in the classification engine, files will not be encrypted when copied from a SOLIDWORKS PDM folder to a non-SOLIDWORKS PDM folder. HCADSWP-85, HCADSWP-41
4. A file that was applied with a watermark label by HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM does not display the watermark text when opened from the SOLIDWORKS PDM local folder. HCADSWP-248

## 5.6. 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 %
Maintainability Rating	A
Reliability Rating	A
Security Hotspots Reviewed	A
Security Rating	A

*Quality Gate report*



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