



**HaloCAD**

HaloCAD Add-on for AutoCAD

Release Notes

Version 2.3

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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 11 or above with updates installed.
Supported file types	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File types supported for Save and Open: .dwg, .dxf, .dws, .dwt, .iges, .igs, .wmf, .sat and .dgn(v7)</li> <li>File types supported for Export: .dwf, .dwfx, .dwfx (other format) .stl, .dgn(v8), .eps, .dxx, .pdf, .bmp, .png, .jpg, and .tif</li> <li>Import files types: .step, .stp, and .ste</li> </ol>
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 currently viewing the release notes for the current build. For previous versions, please refer to their respective release notes.

CAD applications	HaloCAD Add-ons
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AutoCAD 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026</li> <li>AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026</li> </ol>	2.3
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AutoCAD 2023, 2024, 2025</li> <li>AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2023, 2024, 2025</li> </ol>	2.1, 2.2
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AutoCAD 2022, 2023, 2024</li> <li>AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2022, 2023, 2024</li> </ol>	2.0

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CAD applications	HaloCAD Add-ons
1. AutoCAD 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 2. AutoCAD Electrical/Mechanical/MEP/Civil 3D/Plant 3D: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	1.8

*Autodesk applications and HaloCAD Add-on*

## 4. Prerequisites

Before installing the add-on, ensure the following preparatory steps or conditions are met:

1. An application must be registered with Microsoft Entra ID.
2. An active Office 365 subscription is required.
3. Access to the recommended URLs must be available.

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 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 alternatively 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 2.3

This chapter provides an overview of the updates and quality insights included in this release. It covers the fixed issues, improvements, limitations, new features, and known issues, along with a summary of SonarQube's key parameters to highlight code quality metrics and analysis results.

## 6.1. New Features

This section lists the new features in the current release.

1. Support for the AutoCAD 2026 application. HCADECD-675
2. Introduced support for the Export Control Information (ECI) feature, enabling file classification through MPIP label-only labels. HCADECD-691, HCADECD-694
3. Support for enabling the FIPS module has been added to both the installer UI and silent installation. When enabled, MPIP uses only FIPS-compliant encryption algorithms, and when disabled, it uses standard encryption algorithms. If this option was not enabled during installation, it can later be enabled through a registry entry. HCADECD-704

## 6.2. Improvements

This section lists the improvements in the current release.

The encrypted configuration file has been validated. HCADECD-665

## 6.3. Fixed Issues

This section lists the fixed issues in the current release.

1. Fixed an issue that caused the HaloCAD warning message "*Programmatic access not allowed*" to appear when clicking the **Write Block/Save Block** option in the protected file. HCADECD-399
2. Fixed an issue that prevented Watermark text from appearing properly. HCADECD-653
3. Fixed an unhandled exception in the AutoCAD 2026 application while trying to create a new file.
4. Support for the AutoCAD 2026 application. HCADECD-697

## 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. HCADECD-333
2. When attempting to import the protected DGN file into the drawing file, the error message "*You have selected an unsupported DGN file.*" will appear. HCADECD-486
3. 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. HCADECD-473

- 4. 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. HCADECD-534
- 5. The enable\_fips registry flag stays set to true even after the **Enable FIPS Mode** option is unchecked in the installer. It does not revert to false. HCADECD-731

### 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	85.5%
Maintainability Rating	A
Reliability Rating	A
Security Hotspots Reviewed	A
Security Rating	A

*Quality Gate report*



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