Autodesk® Plant Design Suite 2015
Questions and answers

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1.1 What is Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015?

Autodesk® Plant Design Suite 2015 provides comprehensive plant design, modeling, and review software in an economical package that helps customers to design more efficiently, innovate ahead of the competition, and communicate with greater clarity. Use it to help keep projects on schedule and within budget. Building on the power of Autodesk® AutoCAD® software and Autodesk® 360 cloud services, the suite adds plant-specific content and functionality to help drive greater productivity and better project coordination. Three editions of Autodesk Plant Design Suite are available to help meet your workflow needs: Standard, Premium, and Ultimate.

- The Standard edition supports foundational drafting and P&ID plant design workflows, enabling users to utilize available AutoCAD expertise and resources to streamline layout, drafting, and P&ID work.
- The Premium edition provides additional software for modern 3D modeling, including piping design, structural design, isometric/orthographic generation, and project-wide model aggregation, as well as advanced tools for visualization and construction simulation.
- The Ultimate edition builds on the capabilities of the Premium edition with the addition of specialized software to support 3D plant equipment and skid design, as well as tools to help identify clashes early in the process.

1.2 What software and services are in Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015?

Plant Design Suite 2015	Standard Edition	Premium Edition	Ultimate Edition
Included Software			
Autodesk® AutoCAD® 2015	✔	✔	✔
Autodesk® ReCap™ 2015	✔	✔	✔
Autodesk® AutoCAD® P&ID 2015	✔	✔	✔
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Raster Design 2015	✔	✔	✔
Autodesk® Showcase® 2015	✔	✔	✔
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Plant 3D 2015		✔	✔
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Structural Detailing 2015		✔	✔
Autodesk® Revit® Structure 2015		✔	✔
Autodesk® 3ds Max® Design 2015		✔	✔
Autodesk® Navisworks® Simulate 2015		✔	
Autodesk® Navisworks® Manage 2015		✔	✔
Autodesk® Inventor® with Routed Systems 2015		✔	✔
Cloud services available with Subscription			
Autodesk 360 (25 GB capacity)	✔	✔	✔
Rendering in Autodesk 360	✔	✔	✔
Autodesk Remote	✔	✔	✔
Structural Analysis for Autodesk Revit		✔	✔
Optimization for Autodesk Inventor			✔

1.3 How do I buy a license of Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015?

Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015 will be available worldwide. All three editions of Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015 are available through Autodesk Resellers, who are qualified to provide the highest level of customer service, including product training, implementation services, and support. Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015 is also available from the Autodesk Store.

2. Technology

2.1 What are the key capabilities of Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015?

A complete list of key capabilities for Autodesk Plant Design Suite is available online. The Suite is available in three different editions, giving you the flexibility to choose the edition that best fits your particular workflow needs. To choose which edition is right for you, please visit the Plant Design Suite website.

2.2 What are the system requirements for Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015?

A complete list of system requirements is available online.

2.3 Is Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015 supported on Windows 8?

Yes. Hardware and software requirements for Autodesk Plant Design Suite are available online.

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3. Installation, configuration, and licensing

3.1 What are the licensing options for Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015?

It has never been easier to get the Autodesk software you want with a variety of purchase options to meet the unique needs of your business. You can license Autodesk Plant Design Suite via pay-as-you-go plans (Desktop Subscription) as well as perpetual licenses. Pay-as-you-go enables you to license software on a short-term basis with monthly, quarterly or annual plans— a great choice for customers who have short-term project and staffing needs and want to ramp up their business quickly. A perpetual license is ideal for customers who need ongoing access to Autodesk software.

3.2 Do all products in Plant Design Suite 2015 need to be used on the same workstation?

Yes, the software applications within an Autodesk Plant Design Suite license can only be installed on a single computer. They cannot be split across multiple workstations.

3.3 What if I have more than one computer? Can I use my software on multiple machines?

Autodesk recognizes that some users may need to operate the software when they are away from their usual work location. To accommodate this need, the product activation technology, and certain license types, enable an employee to install the software on a second computer owned by the employee's company, provided it is for use away from the employee's usual work location, the software is used only by that employee and no other, and only one of the two copies of the software is ever in use at any one time. Consult the Autodesk License and Services Agreement for details about using the software on a second computer.

4. Compatibility and interoperability

4.1 How do the products within Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015 work together?

The products in the Autodesk Plant Design Suite provide comprehensive workflows that can help you achieve better results and collaborate more effectively throughout a plant project. The Suite can help to optimize your work processes by:

- Providing products that are better connected through improved interoperability and integrated workflows
- Extending your capabilities by connecting products in Plant Design Suite to mobile devices and the Autodesk® 360 cloud-based platform
- Using Autodesk 360 to help connect users and external stakeholders with one another more effectively

4.2 What cloud services are available to Subscription customers?

Autodesk 360 is an integrated, cloud-based service that provides a powerful and more secure set of tools to help improve the way users design, visualize, simulate, and share work, on-demand. Customers with Autodesk Plant Design Suite on Subscription have access to Autodesk 360, where progressively more cloud computing capability and capacity is available with each edition. For more information, visit http://www.autodesk.com/suites/infrastructure-design-suite/additional-services.

5. Consulting, training, and support

5.1 How do I obtain technical support?

Technical support is available from both Autodesk and Autodesk Resellers. Purchase of Autodesk Maintenance Subscription includes web support from Autodesk technical experts for all your installation, configuration, and troubleshooting questions. Learn more about Autodesk Subscription online, or contact your Autodesk Account Executive or your Autodesk Reseller.

5.2 How can I get training and learn more about Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015?

There are multiple ways you can get additional information and training on Plant Design Suite:

- Please visit the Autodesk Knowledge Network to access a broad range of knowledge to help you get the most out of your Autodesk products and services.
- Watch product overview and demonstration videos on the Autodesk YouTube channel. Search using "Autodesk Plant" as the keyword
- Visit the Autodesk Community to find answers, share expertise, and connect with your peers.
- Whether on-line or in-person, Autodesk University (AU) provides access to hundreds of classes on almost every Autodesk product, taught by peers and leading experts. Visit AU Online to take advantage of the learning that's just right for you.
- For additional information you can check out the product overview, learn about features and watch demonstration videos on the Autodesk website or by contacting an Autodesk Reseller.

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5.3 Can I try Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015 before I buy a license to it?

Yes, you can try it by downloading a trial version of Autodesk Plant Design Suite software. This fully functioning version is available as a free* 30-day trial. Simply download the trial version.

Free product trials are subject to the terms and conditions of the end-user license and services agreement that accompanies the software.

6. Subscription

6.1 What is Autodesk Subscription?

Autodesk® Subscription offers the most convenient, modern, and flexible way to purchase and access the software and services that you need to help grow your business. With more purchasing options than ever before, you can choose the plan that best fits your current project needs and budget. Autodesk Subscription puts software, services, and support at your command to accelerate your entire workflow, now and into the future.

6.2 What's new in Autodesk Subscription?

Autodesk Subscription is no longer the name of the software maintenance program offered by Autodesk; it is now the umbrella brand for all of the Subscription offerings provided by Autodesk, including the following options:

Maintenance Subscription, previously referred to as the Autodesk Subscription program, allows subscribers to maximize their investment and effectively maintain their Autodesk perpetual software license.

Desktop Subscription is what we previously referred to as rental plans. Why do we call it "desktop"? We call it "Desktop Subscription" to differentiate this option from software accessed from the cloud.

Cloud Service Subscription is the name of the program for customers who want to subscribe to the various cloud services that Autodesk provides.

6.3 Is Subscription available for purchase with Autodesk Plant Design Suite 2015?

Autodesk Maintenance Subscription and Desktop Subscription are available for purchase with all editions of Autodesk Plant Design Suite. Learn more at www.autodesk.com/subscription.

6.4 What are the features and benefits of Maintenance Subscription?

Maintenance Subscription can be purchased with a traditional "perpetual license". It is the most cost-effective way to maintain and maximize the value of your technology investment. Maintenance Subscription is the smart choice for the best value. With Maintenance Subscription, you'll benefit from the following:

- Access to the latest software releases so you're always up-to-date, giving you a competitive edge.
- Flexible licensing rights so you have the tools you need where you need them.
- Autodesk® 360 Cloud benefits to help you increase mobility, improve collaboration, and optimize designs.
- Technical support for quick resolution of issues so you stay productive.

For in-depth information on the features of Maintenance Subscription, please refer to www.autodesk.com/maintenance-subscription.

6.5 What are the features and benefits of Desktop Subscription?

Desktop Subscription offers customers with seasonal or changing business demands a flexible, pay-as-you-go option to license Autodesk software. Monthly, quarterly, and annual subscription options allow you to commit to a contract only for as long as you need it. Desktop Subscription is the flexible choice for ultimate freedom. With Desktop Subscription, you'll benefit from the following:

- Access to the latest software releases, certain Autodesk® 360 Cloud services, and technical support.
- Low cost of entry so you can manage costs without an up-front license investment or long-term commitment.
- It's easy to scale up and down as your short-term project and staffing needs change.
- Increased functionality with less risk.

For in-depth information on the features of Desktop Subscription, please refer to www.autodesk.com/desktop-subscription.

6.6 How can I access my Subscription benefits?

Once you have activated your account, you can use your Autodesk ID/User ID to access and manage all of your Subscription benefits, including Autodesk 360 cloud services, software upgrades, flexible license rights, and technical support. Simply log in to the Subscription Center to begin accessing your Subscription benefits.

Subscription benefits are subject to Autodesk Subscription terms and conditions. All Autodesk Subscription benefits and offerings may not be available for all products and/or in all languages. Access to cloud services requires an internet connection and is subject to any geographical restrictions set forth in the Terms of Service.

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