

# Questions and Answers

## 1. What is Autodesk Inventor LT?

Autodesk® Inventor LT™ software is a member of the Autodesk Inventor® family of software products. Inventor LT helps manufacturers create, share, and edit 3D part designs and DWG™ drawing files to satisfy customer and supplier requirements in today's complex global supply chain.

Inventor LT helps reduce the headaches of working in an environment with many disparate CAD (computer-aided design) systems. To meet the increasing need for communicating in 3D, it enables you to import, export, create, and modify 3D part models in leading native and neutral file formats.

Autodesk Inventor LT Technology Preview 2009 is available for a limited time as a free\* download from Autodesk Labs. More information is available on the [Inventor LT website](http://labs.autodesk.com/technologies/inventor_lt/) on Autodesk Labs:

[http://labs.autodesk.com/technologies/inventor\\_lt/](http://labs.autodesk.com/technologies/inventor_lt/)

## 2. Who uses Inventor LT?

Inventor LT meets design software needs of professionals in virtually any manufacturing-related industry:

- Manufacturers who need to create, share, and edit 2D and 3D part design data in a variety of formats, to satisfy customer and supply-chain requirements.
- Manufacturers who want to use 3D design tools to improve product quality and document their part designs as DWG files to improve interoperability with existing AutoCAD® software users.
- Manufacturers who face new part design challenges that involve 3D visualization, complex shapes and surfaces, creating entire families of parts from one basic design, and much more.
- Manufacturers who need to create stunning client presentations and marketing collateral directly from digital design data—even before a physical prototype is built.

## 3. What are the key similarities and differences between Inventor LT and Inventor?

Inventor LT Technology Preview 2009 provides the same 3D part modeling workflow and interface, import/export, documentation, and rendering capabilities as the rest of the [Autodesk Inventor 2009 product line](#). Since Inventor LT offers a user interface and technology that are similar to those of Inventor, all the files created and 3D design skills learned in Inventor LT are fully transferable to Inventor—the foundation of the Autodesk solution for Digital Prototyping.

Key capabilities available in other products in the Inventor product family that are **not** available in Inventor LT include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 3D assembly modeling
- Specialty tools such as sheet metal and dynamic simulation
- Inclusion of AutoCAD® Mechanical software

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- Inclusion of Autodesk® Vault software for data management
- Customization via application programming interface (API) access or third-party add-in applications

These and other differences are more fully explained on the [Inventor LT website](#) on Autodesk Labs.

**4. In what languages and countries is Inventor LT available?**

Inventor LT Technology Preview 2009 is currently available as English-language software for use in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States.

**5. Why is Inventor LT only available in certain countries?**

To ensure the best possible customer experience, Autodesk is starting with a limited release, as companies often do when introducing new products and technology.

Based on customer response and demand, Autodesk currently intends to expand availability of Inventor LT to select additional countries and localized language versions later in 2008.

**6. How can I get Inventor LT?**

Customers in countries where Inventor LT is available for use can download Inventor LT Technology Preview 2009 from the [Inventor LT website](#) on Autodesk Labs. Alternatively, customers can request a free DVD of the program from the website.

Before receiving access to the software, you will be asked to provide a valid email address, which Autodesk will use to send you an email with your serial number. You will need this serial number to activate your copy within 30 days of first running the software.

**7. How long will my Autodesk Inventor LT Technology Preview 2009 license work?**

Once activated, Inventor LT Technology Preview 2009 will run until May 1, 2009. Your use of Inventor LT is subject to the terms and conditions of Autodesk Labs and the Inventor LT End User License Agreement accompanying the product.

**8. Is Inventor LT interoperable with other Autodesk products?**

Yes. Sharing files with the Autodesk Inventor 2009 family of products is seamless. And through innovative DWG™ TrueConnect technology, Inventor LT delivers industry-leading DWG interoperability with AutoCAD and AutoCAD LT® software.

In addition, Inventor LT includes Autodesk® Design Review software and can publish 2D and 3D DWF™ files. Markups made to 2D DWF files can easily be “round-tripped” back to the original Inventor drawing to streamline the design review process with extended design teams.

**9. What file formats does Inventor LT support?**

Inventor LT supports a wide variety of common 3D and 2D part-level file formats:

Supported Part Formats	Open	Save
Inventor (.ipt)	•	•
NX® (.prt)	•	

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SolidWorks® (.sldprt)	•	
Pro/ENGINEER® (.prt)	•	
Parasolid® (.x_t, .x_b)	•	•
GRANITE® (.g)	•	•
STEP	•	•
IGES	•	•
SAT	•	•
DWF		•
JT		•
STL		•
Inventor drawings (.idw)	•	•
DWG drawings	•	•
DXF™ drawings	•	•

Inventor LT does not support Inventor assembly models (IAM), Inventor assembly drawings (IDW or DWG), Inventor sheet metal parts (IPT), Inventor presentation files (IPN), or assemblies of native and neutral 3D formats.

**10. What happens when I try to open an Inventor assembly file with Inventor LT?**

If you attempt to open an Inventor model or assembly drawing, Inventor LT prompts you to open the assembly in Inventor View—a free\* viewer installed with Inventor LT that provides viewing and plotting capabilities.

**11. What computer system requirements do I need for Inventor LT?**

Detailed system requirements are listed at on the [Autodesk Inventor LT website](#).

**12. Why is Autodesk extending the Technology Preview of Inventor LT?**

Due to the positive customer response to the original version of Inventor LT Technology Preview, Autodesk is releasing an updated 2009 version and again offering it as a free Technology Preview.

**13. What is different between Inventor LT 2009 version and the original version of Inventor LT?**

Inventor LT Technology Preview 2009 offers significant increases in productivity over the original Technology Preview version of Inventor LT. Inventor LT 2009 offers all the new quality improvements and performance enhancements made to Inventor 2009 for capabilities that are included in Inventor LT. More information about Inventor 2009 can be found on the [Autodesk Inventor website](#).

Some highlights of new functionality in Inventor LT 2009 include sketching constraint enhancements, cropped drawing views, and a native 64-bit version. In addition to these and many other enhancements, Inventor LT 2009 users will be able to enjoy another year of free use of Inventor LT.

**14. Can I use data created in the original Inventor LT in Inventor LT 2009?**

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Yes. After using Inventor LT 2009 to open files created with the original Inventor LT Technology Preview, simply save the file in Inventor LT 2009 (or Inventor 2009) and the migration process will be complete.

### **15. Can I run the original Inventor LT and Inventor LT 2009 version on the same computer?**

Yes. However, after the original version's license expires on May 1, 2008, consider removing it from your computer as you will no longer be able to run it. Uninstall information is available on the [Autodesk Inventor LT website](#).

### **16. Can I run Inventor LT and Inventor on the same computer?**

Inventor LT 2009 and Inventor 2009 cannot be installed on the same computer. However, Inventor LT 2009 can be installed on the same computer as Autodesk Inventor 2008 or previous versions.

### **17. How do I obtain technical support for Inventor LT?**

Inventor LT is a Technology Preview release and therefore is not supported like for-purchase products from Autodesk. But Autodesk does want to hear about any issues you may have with the product. Please report technical issues to [labs.inventorlt@autodesk.com](mailto:labs.inventorlt@autodesk.com).

### **18. Where do I find learning and training resources for Inventor LT?**

In addition to a comprehensive help system in the product, several resources are available for free from the [Autodesk Inventor LT website](#), including Inventor LT E-Learnings: a collection of self-paced 15-30 minute online lessons. Check the website often, and sign up to receive information about Inventor LT so you can get new updates about learning and training resources.

In many cases, training resources and information designed for Inventor will also be helpful in learning how to use Inventor LT. Visit the [Autodesk Inventor website](#) or contact an authorized Inventor reseller for more information.

### **19. Can I buy Inventor LT?**

Inventor LT is not currently available for purchase. Should Inventor LT become available for purchase, Autodesk anticipates that the suggested retail price for a new license of Inventor LT will be approximately U.S. \$999, and customers who participate in the Technology Preview will receive special purchase incentives.

### **20. How can I provide feedback to Autodesk about Inventor LT?**

Autodesk wants to hear your feedback, comments, and questions about Inventor LT. Your feedback helps us make better products for you. Please send an email to [labs.inventorlt@autodesk.com](mailto:labs.inventorlt@autodesk.com).

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