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Registration Codes

- **Subscription customers.** If you successfully sent user information to SolidWorks Corp. when registering an earlier version of SolidWorks, and you have a commercial license, then the setup utility provides a registration code during the SolidWorks 2003 installation. If you do not meet these two requirements, you must follow the registration procedure listed below to receive a SolidWorks 2003 registration code. **Note:** Having a SolidWorks 2001Plus registration code does not necessarily mean that you meet the previous two requirements.
- **New customers.** You must follow the registration procedure listed below. You have up to 30 days to use the product without the registration code. During this time you cannot open files that are more than 30 days old.
- **Registration procedure.** The SolidWorks software installation process automatically detects if registration is required and launches the registration wizard. This wizard takes you to http://swcustomer.solidworks.com/swlogin_reg.asp to register SolidWorks. A registration code will be provided by email within minutes, which is much faster than registering by email or fax.

As an alternative, you can register by sending an email with the necessary information to register@solidworks.com or a fax to (+1-978-371-4996). A registration code will be provided by email within 3 business days. (If you choose to register by fax, please attach a fax cover sheet with contact information. Registering by fax can take up to 5 business days.) Registration codes are not provided by phone.

- **Additional information.** In the USA or Canada, call 1-800-693-9000 and choose option 3. Outside the USA or Canada, call +1-978-371-5000. Send an email to reginfo@solidworks.com. Visit the SolidWorks web site at <http://www.solidworks.com/regfaq/>.

Serial Numbers

For new licenses or non-subscription customers, the serial number for the SolidWorks software or any separately purchased and licensed application (PhotoWorks™, FeatureWorks™, SolidWorks Piping, and so on) is printed on the serial number card included with your shipment. Subscription customers should continue to use their original serial number.

SolidNetWork License File

If you run the SolidWorks software with a SolidNetWork License (SNL), refer to the "SolidNetWork License Installation and Administration Guide" for instructions on how to obtain an SNL file or how to upgrade an SNL installation for major versions of SolidWorks.

General

- We recommend that you save backup copies of all SolidWorks documents (parts, assemblies, and drawings) before opening them in SolidWorks 2003. These documents are automatically converted to SolidWorks 2003 format when opened. Once converted and saved, the documents are not accessible in previous versions of the SolidWorks software.
- If you have edited document templates, sheet formats, or palette items from a previous release, you should make a backup of the files before installing SolidWorks 2003.
- Installing SolidWorks while anti-virus software is running can prevent some components of the SolidWorks application from installing correctly. It is strongly recommended that you turn off anti-virus software while you install SolidWorks. After you install, restart anti-virus software to protect SolidWorks files and other documents.

System Requirements

- Microsoft® Windows® XP Professional (recommended) with Service Pack 0 or 1, Windows 2000 (recommended) with Service Pack 2 or 3, Windows NT®4.0 with Service Pack 6, Windows Me, or Windows 98 Second Edition
- Intel Pentium® or AMD Athlon™ based computers. For systems running the AMD Athlon processor, you must be running Windows XP Professional, Windows 2000, or Windows NT.
- RAM recommendations:
 - For small parts and assemblies (<1000 components and <300 features), the minimum is 128MB; 256MB or more is recommended.
 - For assemblies greater than 1000 components and parts greater than 300 features, 512MB or more is recommended.
 - For assemblies greater than 2500 components and parts greater than 1000 features, 1GB or more is recommended.
 - The amount of RAM required is dependent on the size of the SolidWorks files being used. For performance reasons, you want enough RAM to accommodate the size of the files you work with on a regular basis.
- A tested graphics adapter and driver combination. Please ensure you are using one of the tested combinations by viewing the current list of tested adapters and drivers at <http://www.solidworks.com/swdocs/support/html/videoissues/videotest.cfm>.
- Mouse or other pointing device.
- CD-ROM drive
- If you are using Design Tables or Bills of Materials, you must have Microsoft Office XP, Microsoft Office 2000, or Microsoft Office 97 Service Release 2 (SR-2).
- Internet Explorer 5.5 or later
- If you are using PDM/Works, you must have Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) installed on your computer. If you are unsure if TCP/IP is installed, contact your system administrator.