

# Solid Edge ST4: **GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR TRIAL**



Thank you for considering Solid Edge® software and downloading a 45-day trial version. Included in this version is award winning synchronous technology that has proven successful in helping companies like yours design better. Included here are some valuable tips in getting Solid Edge installed, how to get support, and what your first steps should be. If you are looking at getting the most out of the trial, consider the “General Trial Test Plan” template provided at the end of this document.

## **INSTALLING SOLID EDGE**

Solid Edge can only be downloaded during the registration process. Once downloaded follow these steps to install the product.

1. Download Solid Edge to any convenient location on your computer and make sure the file is saved with a .EXE extension.
2. After the download the installation process may automatically start depending on our browser settings. If the process does not start, double-click the .EXE file (the default filename will be SolidEdgeV104[LANGUAGE]\_32Bit.exe). After the installation process begins, you will be presented with a setup screen. This step may take several minutes.
3. In the Setup screen, choose the first option (Solid Edge), and follow the prompts in the setup wizard.
4. A license file will be needed to run Solid Edge and can be installed before or after the installation of Solid Edge. Follow the steps in the Installing the license file section for this step.
5. If you install the license file during Solid Edge installation, you may run the product, look for it on the Windows start menu.

## **INSTALLING THE LICENSE FILE**

A license file is required to run Solid Edge and this file was emailed to the address used during registration and would be from this address: [siemens.licgen.plm@siemens.com](mailto:siemens.licgen.plm@siemens.com). Check your inbox or “spam” folder for this email. Instructions on installing the license file are also included in that email.

### TO APPLY THE LICENSE DURING INSTALLATION

1. First save the electronic file that was included in the license email to a convenient location on your computer. The default filename will be SELicense.txt.
2. Then during Solid Edge installation, click "Browse" on the InstallShield Wizard dialog box and navigate to the file. You may need to change the file type to \*.\* to locate the license file. Click OK on the dialog when complete.
3. The setup program will automatically copy the file to the Solid Edge Program folder.

### TO APPLY THE LICENSE AFTER INSTALLING SOLID EDGE

1. Save the electronic file to a convenient location. The default filename will be SELicense.txt.
2. Start the License Utility (located in the Solid Edge program group on the Start Menu in the Licensing section).
3. Next click "Browse" in the dialog box, and navigate to the file. You will need to change the file filter to all files, click OK on the dialog when complete.
4. The License Utility program will automatically copy the file to the Solid Edge Program folder.
5. You should be able to run Solid Edge, look for it on the Windows start menu and launch the application.

### GETTING ACCESS TO THE NEWSGROUP

To help you collaborate with other user and share tips and techniques, we have set up an account for you to access a Solid Edge user forum. This account will be active for the duration of the trial, so visit this frequently to get the most out of what others have to say. To access the account:

1. Click this link or copy/paste this URL into your browser <http://bbsindustrysoftware.automation.siemens.com/vbulletin/forumdisplay.php?f=217>
2. For the username, use the same email address that was used during the registration process. For the password use "SolidEdgeTrial" (without the quotes). Note the password is case sensitive.

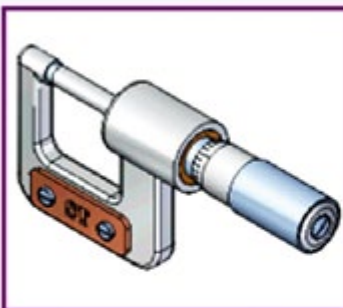
### TAKING YOUR FIRST STEP

If you're ready to start learning, our tools can help you get going. From the Solid Edge Startup page (when all Solid Edge documents are closed), look for the "New To Solid Edge? Start Here" section. Under Getting Started with Solid Edge (item 1 in the image below), use the Part Modeling, Assembly Modeling, Detailed Drawing Production, and Simulation links to quickly learn how to model parts, build assemblies, create drawings, and much more.

Use the Tutorials (item #2) to get additional step-by-step instruction on a variety of topics, based on modeling environment. If you have Internet access, the Self-paced training courses (item #3) will take you even farther. Of course we have help for providing the details on all areas of Solid Edge (item #4).

The Solid Edge Forums is reserved for customers, but don't forget to use the special forum we've created for you, access instructions are listed below.


**New to Solid Edge? Start Here**



**Getting Started with Solid Edge**

- ▶ Part Modeling
- ▶ Assembly Modeling **1**
- ▶ Detailed Drawing Production
- ▶ Simulation

**Solid Edge Learning Tools**

- ▶ Tutorials **2**
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- ▶ For additional resources, select 

**Assembly Modeling test drive**

## GENERAL TRIAL TEST PLAN

After installing the software, learn the basics using the tutorials, getting started guides, and test drive materials supplied with Solid Edge. To help you maximize getting the most out of your trial, be sure to evaluate all areas of Solid Edge; this short list will help guide you along the way. These basic areas cover the most common

engineering tasks and should be used to ensure all areas of the design process are evaluated.

Again, thanks for considering Solid Edge and downloading a 45-day trial. We're confident that our award-winning synchronous technology will prove successful in helping you design better.

Area	Key Points to Understand
Interface navigation	Window look and feel, customizable, tabbed for quick access.
Sketch creation	Simple, intent based (notice how Intellisketch simplifies keypoint selection).
Part creation	Dragging 2D sketch regions in to3D where, 2D intent automatically propagates to 3D. Many operations are nearly command free.
3D dimension application	Added dimensions can immediately drive model sizes.
Part Editing	Expected results can be achieved without having to "program" complex model constraints.
Part drawing	Simple File   New and select new drawing initiates the process or use "QuickSheet" templates for faster creation.
Assembly design	Drag and drop components into an assembly and position with the Steering Wheel.
Assembly change	With synchronous-type parts, fence select and drag into shape.
Importing 2D drawings	100% AutoCad compatability and can be used to continued drawing, or use the Create 3D command to moving data to 3D.
Importing 3D models	Open most popular 3D formats, and associated drawings can be used to apply intent to imported 3D models using the Create 3D command.
Drafting	Full standards support, full view creation. All annotations and dimension types can be easily added.
Drawing updates	Updates are handled automatically, and changes are noted with dimension tracker.