

AutoCAD Term License Program

Frequently Asked Questions for Customers

Based on feedback from customers, Autodesk is introducing a new AutoCAD term license. This new offering is designed to help customers meet project demands, while faced with limited budgets, project-based budgets, or simply to meet peak demand requirements in unpredictable markets.

The AutoCAD term license offers the same powerful, flexible features found in AutoCAD® software, one of the world's leading 2D and 3D design software, at a lower initial cost to customers.

1. What is the AutoCAD Term License Program?

Beginning May 18th, 2009, Autodesk is offering a 12 month stand alone license of AutoCAD 2010 or AutoCAD 2009 for \$1,995 USD to commercial customers in the United States.

2. Why is Autodesk offering a term license for AutoCAD?

Autodesk is always exploring more flexible methods to meet customer needs. The AutoCAD term license is expected to meet the needs of customers who have limited budgets, project-based budgets, or simply need a cost effective way to meet peak demands for design software.

3. What are the customer benefits of the AutoCAD term license?

The AutoCAD term license will provide customers with a cost-effective way to manage short-term projects and peak demand periods. Customers will have access to a proven technology (26 years of AutoCAD innovation) at a reduced price. A term license offers a lower entry point and can be a workable solution for some customers to manage their within their budgets.

4. How does the cost of an AutoCAD term license compare to a perpetual license?

An AutoCAD term license provides customers with a lower cost of entry to use AutoCAD for a 12 month term.

At \$1,995USD, the AutoCAD term license is a great solution for those customers who cannot afford the perpetual license at \$3,995USD + the annual subscription rate of \$450 USD.

5. Is the AutoCAD term license a good solution for long-term AutoCAD needs?

Since the term license must be repurchased each year at full price, over a three year period the standard AutoCAD perpetual license with subscription is more economical, saving \$640 during this period over the AutoCAD term license. See the table below:

	AutoCAD Perpetual License	AutoCAD Term License
Year 1	\$3,995 (product) + \$450 (subscription)	\$1,995
Year 2	\$450 (subscription renewal)	\$1,995
Year 3	\$450 (subscription renewal)	\$1,995
3yr Total	\$5,345	\$5,985

6. What is the duration of the term license?

The AutoCAD term license duration is 12 months, and will be activated at registration. Only 12 month terms are available at this time.

7. If I complete my work sooner than expected, can I get a credit for the balance of the term?

AutoCAD term licenses are available for 12 calendar months from the date of activation. Term licenses cannot be temporarily suspended, nor can credits be provided for unused periods during the term.

8. Are AutoCAD Subscription benefits available as part of the AutoCAD term license offer?

No, subscription benefits are not available for AutoCAD term license customers, and subscription cannot be purchased with AutoCAD term licenses.

Customers with a need for subscription benefits such as prior use, extensions, eLearning, or product updates should consider the purchase of an AutoCAD perpetual license with subscription.

9. Are there any upgrade or cross-grade paths for the AutoCAD term license?

No, there are no upgrade or cross-grade paths for the AutoCAD term license. Term licenses are for the version of product purchased. Upgrades which may be commercially released by Autodesk to any future releases of Autodesk product will not be available from a term license. Also, there are no cross-grade paths from the AutoCAD term license to any other Autodesk product.

Customers that require use of the most current AutoCAD version, or the flexibility to cross-grade to industry-specific products should consider purchasing the AutoCAD perpetual license with an annual subscription.

The AutoCAD term license has no residual value at the conclusion of the 12 month license period.

10. What versions of AutoCAD are available as term licenses?

AutoCAD term licenses are available only for 2009 and 2010 versions.

11. Can the AutoCAD term license be used with 3rd Party software products?

The AutoCAD term license product is equivalent to the perpetual license version in every way, except for the licensing term. Any AutoCAD-compatible 3rd Party software product can also be used with the AutoCAD term license.

12. Are there any product feature limitations associated with AutoCAD term licenses?

AutoCAD term licenses include all of the functionality of AutoCAD packaged in a 12 month term license. See the next question for limitations on deployment.

13. Will this offer be available for Network deployments?

No, the AutoCAD term license is only available as a standalone deployment. Network deployments can increase license utilization in network environments. Customers requiring the flexibility of network deployments should consider the purchase of an AutoCAD perpetual license which includes this valuable benefit.

14. Are other Autodesk products available in a term license?

Only AutoCAD 2010 and AutoCAD 2009 are available as a term licenses at this time. While Autodesk will monitor customer feedback on the AutoCAD term license program, there are currently no plans to offer term licenses on any other Autodesk products.

15. Who can purchase an AutoCAD term license?

The AutoCAD term license is available to commercial accounts in the United States. Government customers are not eligible to purchase AutoCAD term licenses at this time.

16. Where is the AutoCAD term license available?

The AutoCAD term license is only available in the United States, and only in English.

17. What are my options at the conclusion of the 12 month license period?

Customers that have purchased the AutoCAD term license may elect to choose any of the following options at the conclusion of the 12 month license period:

- Allow the license to lapse, and not take any further action
- Purchase a new 12 month term license, pending availability
- Purchase a new perpetual license of AutoCAD (standard new seat) or any other Autodesk product with or without subscription

18. Can the 12 month license term be paused once activated?

No, the AutoCAD term license runs for 12 consecutive months once activated, and cannot be paused or temporarily suspended. Customers that expect delays in the use of their term license should consider an AutoCAD perpetual license with Subscription.

19. Can customers combine the AutoCAD term license with other Autodesk promotions?

The AutoCAD term license is not valid with, and cannot be combined with any other Autodesk promotion, special pricing or other offers unless specified herein.

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