WHAT DO
CURRENT USERS OF
MICROSTATION®
HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT?

— See what these verified, independent professionals think.

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DRAFTING AND 3D MODELING

MicroStation users rely on its user-friendly drafting and modeling capabilities to produce amazing projects faster while controlling costs and ensuring high-quality deliverables. Whether you are working exclusively on drawings or if you produce drawings from 3D models, MicroStation is used by leading design professionals around the world to speed design workflows while automating the enforcement of standards and production of final deliverables.

DON'T NEED EXPENSIVE ADD-ONS

MicroStation provides 2D, 3D, surface, and solids modeling, parametric modeling as well as visualization, animation, and material assignments within the core product without buying expensive add-on products.

— Eduardo M.

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GREAT FOR 2D AND 3D

MicroStation has an incredible number of useful capabilities, and this software allows you to work with a team in a collaborative way. It's very powerful and easy to use. The design options in 2D and 3D are both efficient and professional.

— Betzabe S.

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ENJOY DESIGNING COMPLEX OBJECTS

MicroStation is good software for designing and modeling. It has a simple interface and continuously saves the files. The range of features for drafting are good. It is super easy to navigate and very user friendly.

— Laura J.

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SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PRODUCTIVITY

MicroStation has many advanced parametric modeling features that we haven't found with any other software. Our professionals are presented with a lot of data, and MicroStation makes it easy to model them. Our workflow has strengthened, and our quality of work has increased.

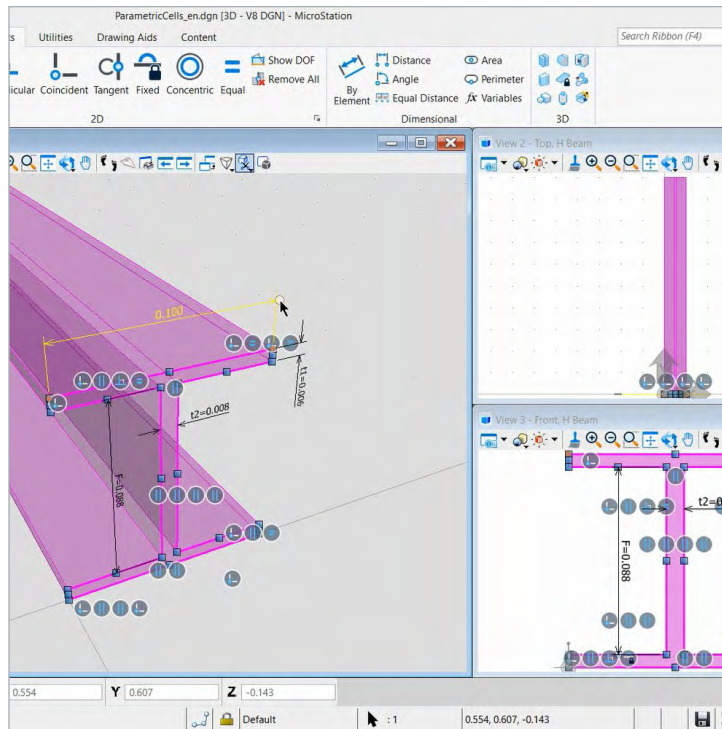**READ MORE**

GREAT ALL-AROUND DRAFTING/DESIGN TOOL

MicroStation's AccuDraw makes drawing so much faster and more precise. You can have up to eight views open on your screen, and it's nice to be able to work in tandem with different views and different displays, overrides, and attributes. MicroStation will always be my first choice for drafting and design.

– Nicholas D.

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STABILITY

While MicroStation users say that they really love how reliable and stable it is, there are features like continuous saving and the option to view a design's entire history of changes that ensure you never lose work. You can even make changes to edits made long ago without undoing all the work you've done since then.

"EXTREMELY STABLE CAD PLATFORM FOR PROFESSIONAL LEVEL PRODUCTION

MicroStation is very stable and never crashes. Getting started is easy, and you can get your drawing to look how you want it to look more quickly.

— Steve V.

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"MAKES MY WORK EASIER DAY BY DAY

MicroStation's most interesting features include text styles, dimension styles, and line styles that can be easily controlled. The best part of this software is that it never crashes.

— Alice C.

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"STABLE CAD PLATFORM

MicroStation is extremely stable. It handles large files, particularly large contour maps and high-resolution aerials, much better than other CAD software. The capabilities are intuitive, and the online help is generally very good.

— Andy P.

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SCALABILITY

Many MicroStation users talk about its power and ability to work with really large and complex designs. However, people who are new to MicroStation often think it's only for large organizations. And, while this scalability is critical for companies that work on huge projects, it's just as critical for small firms to take on bigger jobs and get work done faster with MicroStation's high performance.

ABILITY TO HANDLE LARGE CAD FILES

MicroStation does exactly what AutoCAD does, but better. The best things about this program are the interface and the software's ability to handle large CAD files quickly. The developers at Bentley have put a lot of effort into making MicroStation streamlined and user friendly.

– Greg S.

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SPEED AND INTEROPERABILITY

MicroStation supports many different file types and provides additional software for a wide range of engineering design disciplines. On large-scale infrastructure projects, the speed and advanced functionality becomes clearly evident.

– Jovan D.

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BEST SOFTWARE FOR LARGE ORGANIZATIONS

MicroStation offers scalability for large organizations and small businesses alike. I like the ability to use a "cached" license if the license server is unavailable. I also like the small design file size in relation to competitors files.
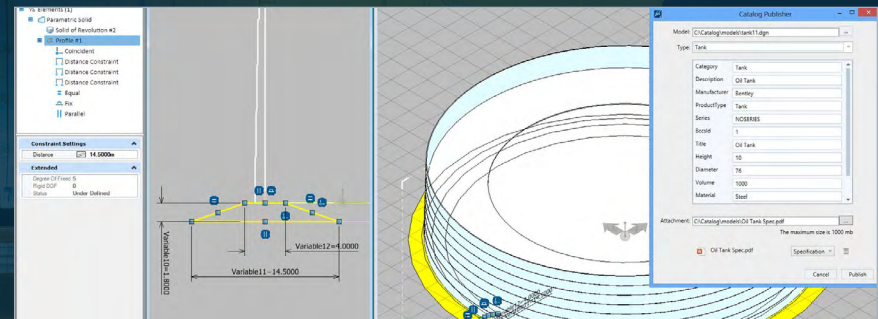
– Michael M.

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EASE OF USE

Learning to use a new CAD application is going to require an adjustment, but MicroStation is built with ease of use in mind. A consistent and intuitive interface makes getting started and becoming proficient easier than you might think. Plus, MicroStation users can access hundreds of learning videos from within the design application. These videos range from comprehensive courses to short feature tutorials that helps users learn at their own pace and improve their mastery over time.

I THOUGHT I WAS AN AUTOCAD DEVOTEE UNTIL I MET MICROSTATION

MicroStation offers an excellent array of civil capabilities, is great for structures, has the best training available, is compatible with all Bentley programs, and is easy to create everything from sketches to plan sets.

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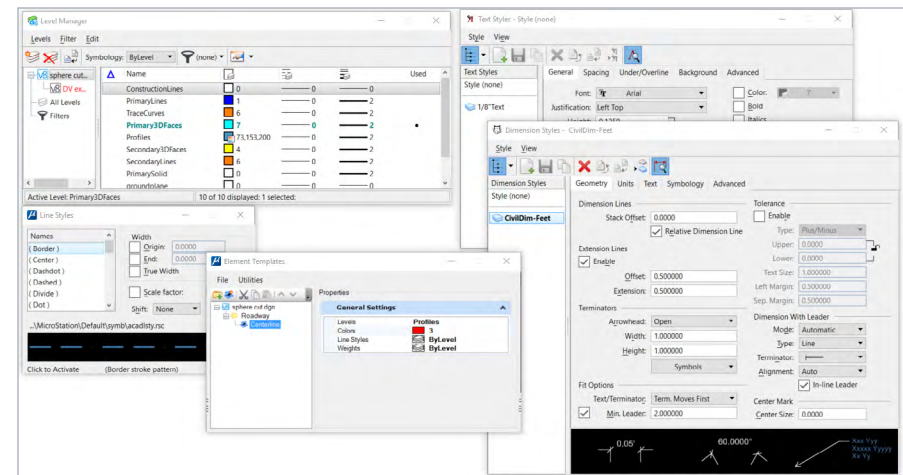**READ MORE**

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CUSTOMIZABLE

Our users tell us that one of the biggest advantages that MicroStation has over other CAD software is its ability to work the way that it makes most sense for each user and each organization. With robust support for everything from simple macros to full application development, MicroStation users tailor the way the application works to suit their own unique workflows and needs. And, it's even easy to change the interface to fit the user, the organization, or a specific project.

IMPROVES WORKFLOWS

Of all the CAD programs I have tried over the years, MicroStation is the most 1) customizable to user needs and multiple workflows, 2) intuitive and easy to learn, and 3) has excellent tools to improve workflows to emulate AutoCAD and work with DWG files.

— **Lorys L.**

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ADAPTABLE AND POWERFUL SOFTWARE

I like that I can customize MicroStation and create macros that speed up the work process.

— **Neal S.**

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MICROSTATION HAS EVOLVED INTO A LEADING CAD PRODUCT

The amount of control for many of the elements is beyond comparison! Text styles, dimension styles, references, and line styles can be controlled and manipulated to the greatest extent.

— **Michael M.**

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COLLABORATION

Many of the largest design firms in the world rely on MicroStation because of its suitability for large projects that span teams, offices, and organizations. With its robust reference file capabilities, its interoperable support for all the common file formats, its integration with ProjectWise® for enterprise-scale collaboration and cloud service integration, MicroStation brings teams together without tedious manual work.

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MICROSTATION FOR COLLABORATION

The software is extremely flexible as a design application in multiple disciplines. Since MicroStation immediately writes to the design file, you can create a collaborative design environment where each user can immediately see design changes that effect aspects of their portion of the project.

– Eduardo M.

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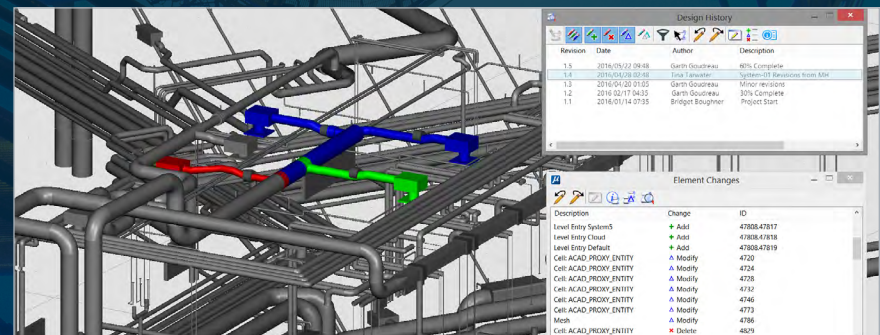
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EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTION-ORIENTED CAD PACKAGE

If there is one feature that sets MicroStation apart from all the other CAD packages out there, it would have to be its seamless use of reference files that allows multiple users to work on the same data concurrently.

– Randall R.

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BIM ENABLED

MicroStation offers all the CAD capabilities that you need for your projects, but it goes even further. For example, it provides automated workflows that leverage property data attached to geometry to speed tasks like annotation, reporting, and object display rules.

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❞ INTEGRATES WITH BIM

Its integration and BIM capabilities are great features. And, as BIM is becoming more widely adopted, these features are vital.

— **Dean B.**

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❞ BIM ALTERNATIVE FOR ARCHITECTS

MicroStation offers parametric components that are flexible and easy to develop and share.

— **Peter C.**

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❞ GREAT BIM PLATFORM

It's a good platform to manage models through your projects. The user interface is simple as soon as you get the hang of it. No bugs or crashes so far.

— **Wellington K.**

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SIMPLY BETTER

If you only know how to use one CAD application, it's hard to appreciate what you might be missing. But, our users tell us that once they learned how to use MicroStation, they'd never use any other CAD software. Discover MicroStation's power, flexibility, stability, scalability, drawing, and modeling workflows and its support for project team collaboration.

MY GO-TO SOFTWARE

I was an AutoCAD user, and I was not impressed with MicroStation, at first. I gave it a shot, and now I use MicroStation even when we are using AutoCAD for certain things, as it's just better at it.

— **Janko B.**

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FANTASTIC SOFTWARE

I personally started on AutoCAD for my drafting experience, and I switched to MicroStation when I started working for National Grid. I have had nothing but great things to say about MicroStation. This software is much more user friendly.

— **James W.**

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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PRODUCT

My modeling skills are improved, and I am definitely a much better modeler than if I use AutoCAD. I find 3D modeling and integration with the civil discipline is easier.

— **Shameeem Mohammed T.**

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MICROSTATION VS AUTOCAD

MicroStation has many capabilities to choose from. I believe it is easier to work with than AutoCAD in the sense that there is less typing of commands. Tool pallets are clearly labeled and easy to navigate.

— **Mark E.**

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CHANGE IS GOOD

If you are looking for software that's highly stable and robust enough to take on the world's most challenging projects, MicroStation can make a difference. The software facilitates team collaboration and can be customized to support your specific workflows.

Take your productivity to the next level. MicroStation's robust and automated drafting and modeling capabilities, as well as its smarter BIM-enabled workflows, take the tedium and wasted time out of going from conceptual design to final deliverables.

To learn more about what MicroStation can do and what's involved in making a smooth transition, visit the MicroStation Discovery Center.

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