

Installation

Before you install Portable Design, you should check the following lists to ensure that you Meet the minimum hardware requirements.

System Requirements

For optimal results:

- Pentium-based IBM PC or 100% compatible with 800 MHz processor speed or higher
- 17" SVGA Colour monitor
- Open GL Compatible Graphics Card, 32MB Minimum, capable of 800 x 600 minimum resolution @ 16/32 bit high colour
- PC compatible mouse (2 or 3 button)
- 256 megabytes of RAM or higher
- 400mb free hard drive space
- Windows 98, NT, 2000, or Millennium Edition (ME)
- Colour printer (we recommend the Epson Stylus series, 1440 dpi or higher)

Note: These are optimum configurations; more memory and/or disk capacity would improve performance and capabilities.

In some cases, additional memory may be required, depending on the type of designs being created.

The amount of free hard disk space required varies depending on the number of manufacturers' catalogues to be installed. An average system will require upto 400mb free hard drive space. You need to leave enough free space on the drive for other programs you want to install, as well as the Room Files you create and allowance for Virtual Memory needs.

Installation Procedures

Installing Portable Design is a two-step process. The first step involves attaching the hardware key or 'dongle'. The second installs the software onto your hard drive.

Dongle

The use of Portable Design is protected by a Software Protection Device (S.P.D. or Dongle). The dongle must be attached to the computer in order for Portable Design to run. If the dongle is removed from the computer, Portable Design will immediately quit without saving the design in progress. The dongle represents one license of the software. Each machine the software is installed on must have its' own license, by law.

You can install Portable Design without the dongle attached, but you will not be able run the Portable Design Software.