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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the recent improvements to BricsCAD? (a running thread)

This is a running list of the recent improvements to **BricsCAD**, newest release first. For each release you'll find our quick take on why it matters, the hot features and links to the official BricsCAD release notes. The release notes links jump straight to the build you want. We update this page as BricsCAD releases new versions.

As of October 8, 2026, the current release is BricsCAD V26.2.08 (September 15, 2026).

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BricsCAD V26.2 (March 2026)

V26.2 is a big mid-cycle update with a focus on making everyday work easier. The new BricsCAD Assist panel puts help right inside the program and the new FILTER panel makes it much easier to select exactly what you

need. Civil users also get DEM surface import and export plus more than 20 civil improvements.

Hot features:

- **BricsCAD Assist** – an AI-powered chat panel that brings documentation, how-to tips and guidance right into BricsCAD.
- **FILTER** – build a query on DWG, BIM or mechanical properties to select or deselect exactly the entities you want.
- **Health Advisor** – checks each open drawing's health in the background and lets you know when it can be improved.
- **PDFSHXTEXT** – converts SHX text in PDFs into editable text, so there's no need to retype it.
- **DEM surface import and export** – bring DEM, GeoTIFF and ASCII Grid surface data into and out of BricsCAD.

Release notes for each V26.2 build (Windows):

- **BricsCAD V26.2.08** – September 15, 2026 (fixes)
- **BricsCAD V26.2.07** – June 23, 2026 (adds BIMPURGE to clean up oversized BIM library files)
- **BricsCAD V26.2.05** – May 26, 2026 (fixes)
- **BricsCAD V26.2.04** – April 28, 2026 (IFC import now brings in geocoordinates)
- **BricsCAD V26.2.03** – March 31, 2026 (the V26.2 feature release)

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Overview: [What's New in BricsCAD V26](#)

BricsCAD V26.1 (October 2025)

V26 arrived in October 2025 with a long list of improvements across core CAD, civil, BIM, mechanical and point clouds in its first build. Two things to plan for before you upgrade: add-ons built on .NET must be rebuilt for .NET 8 and BricsCAD Shape has been discontinued. If you rely on add-ons, check with the developer that a V26 version is available.

Hot features:

- **Stretch 3D solids with grips** – select a face or edge and drag its

grip to reshape a solid right in model space.

- **MEASUREGEOM** – measure distances, radii, angles, areas and volumes with one command.
- **Civil section lines and section views** – create sections along an alignment or string from TIN surfaces, gradings, strings, solids and more.
- **TIN Volume Report** – export a volume report to a CSV file or insert it as a table in the drawing.
- **POINTCLOUDTRACE** – draw connected polylines over a point cloud with a single click per segment.

Release notes for each V26.1 build (Windows):

- **BricsCAD V26.1.08** – January 20, 2026 (BCOUNT with an empty selection now counts every block in the drawing)
- **BricsCAD V26.1.07** – December 9, 2025 (files opened together from Windows Explorer can now open in the same BricsCAD session)
- **BricsCAD V26.1.06** – November 12, 2025 (fixes)
- **BricsCAD V26.1.05** – October 21, 2025 (the V26 launch release)

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BricsCAD V25.2 (March 2025)

V25.2 was all about speed and polish. Printing, publishing and live sections can be up to 10 times faster in some cases and several everyday commands got friendlier. BricsCAD BIM also became officially certified for IFC4 Reference View (Architecture).

Hot features:

- **Faster printing and publishing** – print and publish jobs can run up to 10 times faster in certain cases.
- **Faster live sections** – drawings that contain a live section perform up to 10 times faster.
- **ATTACH and CLIP** – one command to attach and one to clip xrefs, images and PDFs.
- **3D Offset** – offset lines, polylines, 3D polylines and civil strings while handling elevation differences.
- **KML and KMZ import and export** – bring KML and KMZ map files into

BricsCAD and send your data back out.

Release notes for each V25.2 build (Windows):

- **BricsCAD V25.2.07** – June 9, 2025 (the final V25 build)
- **BricsCAD V25.2.06** – May 12, 2025
- **BricsCAD V25.2.05** – April 14, 2025
- **BricsCAD V25.2.04** – March 28, 2025
- **BricsCAD V25.2.03** – March 17, 2025 (the V25.2 feature release)

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Overview: [What's New in BricsCAD V25](#)

BricsCAD V25.1 (October 2024)

V25 launched in October 2024 with a new Open dialog, a Set-Up Wizard and the new Civil String object that later releases build on. This version also announced that BricsCAD Shape would be retired in V26.

Hot features:

- **New Open dialog** – faster drawing selection, quick access folders, in-folder search and path pasting.
- **Set-Up Wizard** – choose a Classic, Modern or Tool Bars interface on a clean install.
- **Civil Strings** – a new 3D object made of line and curve segments, organized in String Groups.
- **Line and curve labels** – label line and curve segments in your civil drawings.
- **SOLIDIFY** – converts watertight mesh data into 3D solids.

Release notes for each V25.1 build (Windows):

- **BricsCAD V25.1.07** – December 16, 2024
- **BricsCAD V25.1.06** – November 18, 2024
- **BricsCAD V25.1.05** – October 23, 2024 (the V25 launch release)

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Need the release notes in another language? See [Where can I find the release notes?](#) in the BricsCAD Help Center.

Ready to upgrade? Contact an authorized BricsCAD dealer about your options.

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