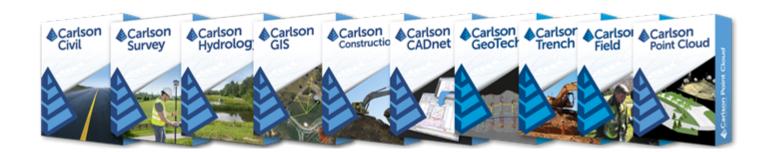
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Frequently Asked Questions

[FAQ200] What you should know about purchasing Carlson Software



JTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjJjYXJsc29udGhlY29tcGFueSUyMiUzRSUzQyUyRmEl M0U=Carlson Software is a software developer based out of Maysville, Kentucky. They have been developing land development-focused software since 1983 and their offerings include modules for the land surveying, civil engineering, construction and mining industries.

FAQ: About Carlson SoftwareJTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjJhYm91dGNhcmxzb25zb2Z0d2FyZSUyMiUz RSUzQyUyRmElM0U=Carlson's desktop programs run on 64-bit MS Windows-based computers.

Carlson programs work natively and produce DWG format files.

There is NO need to convert, import or export — only Open and Save.

The programs are primarily delivered as "vertical" modules that can be installed and run on top of a generic-CAD platform.

Carlson's desktop modules for land surveying, engineering and construction are built to run on top of the ITC's IntelliCAD and Autodesk's AutoCAD platforms. The modules include: Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, Geology, Underground Mining, Surface Mining, Natural Regrade, Field, CADnet, GeoTech, Trench, Construction and Point Clouds.

Additionally, Survey and Takeoff are developed and run on top of an embedded AutoCAD (OEM).JTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjJwbGF0Zm9ybSUyMiUzRSUzQyUyRmElM0U=<u>Op</u> tion 1: With IntelliCAD/for YOUR AutoCAD

Carlson's desktop programs can be installed as a standalone program on top of IntelliCAD or on top of your separately-purchased, full-AutoCAD-based program.

Each purchase includes a license of the latest version of IntelliCAD — it doesn't have to be purchased separately.

Your separately-purchased, full-AutoCAD-based program can be AutoCAD, AutoCAD Map, Land Desktop, Civil 3D or other vertical — but does NOT include AutoCAD LT.

The following modules are available with IntelliCAD/for YOUR AutoCAD: Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, Geology, Underground Mining, Surface Mining, Natural Regrade, Field, CADnet, GeoTech, Trench, Construction and Point Clouds

Option 2: With embedded AutoCAD (OEM)

Carlson Survey and Takeoff can be purchased and installed standalone with embedded AutoCAD (also known as the OEM version).

Each purchase includes a license of the latest version of embedded AutoCAD (0EM) — it doesn't have to be purchased separately.

Note that embedded AutoCAD (OEM) is more similar to AutoCAD LT than AutoCAD - so, experienced AutoCAD users may end up missing much of the functionality they are accustomed to.

The embedded AutoCAD (OEM) programs do not include IntelliCAD and do not require a separate purchase of AutoCAD.

Importantly, although both programs can be installed on the same computer, programs installed with the OEM platform will be completely separate from those installed with IntelliCAD/your AutoCAD. This means that you will not be able to work in a DWG file and simply switch between menus — you'll have to close the drawing in one program in order to open it in the other.

FAQ: About IntelliCAD

FAQ: What is the relationship between Carlson and IntelliCAD?

FAQ: Compared to AutoCAD or IntelliCAD, what would I miss in the embedded AutoCAD (OEM) versions of Survey & Takeoff? (a running thread)

FAQ: If I buy Carlson, should I go with the embedded AutoCAD (OEM)? Or with IntelliCAD? or just buy AutoCAD?

FAQ: What's the difference between Carlson with IntelliCAD and with the embedded AutoCAD (OEM) platform?

FAQ: Is embedded AutoCAD (OEM) more like AutoCAD or AutoCAD

LT?JTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjJ2ZXJzaW9ucyUyMiUzRSUzQyUyRmElM0U=Carls on Software typically releases a new version of their programs approximately 4-6 months after Autodesk releases each new version of AutoCAD.

Carlson Software will run on earlier versions of AutoCAD; however, you cannot run a version of Carlson that is older than the AutoCAD. For instance, Carlson 2024 will run on AutoCAD 2018-2024 but Carlson 2022 will only run on AutoCAD 2018-2022.FAQ: What versions of AutoCAD & IntelliCAD & Windows does Carlson run on top of? Does it run on AutoCAD LT? (a running

thread)JTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjJtb2R1bGVzJTIyJTNFJTNDJTJGYSUzRQ==W e definitely recommend that you request a 30-day trial and test it for yourself — but here are links to help you decide!

FAQ: What should I buy if I need a basic CAD program (like AutoCAD LT)?

FAQ: I'm a land surveyor. What software do I need?

FAQ: I'm a civil engineer. What software do I need?

FAQ: I'm a contractor and need to do takeoffs and create machine control files. What software do I need?

Programs with embedded AutoCAD (OEM)

FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson Survey with embedded AutoCAD (OEM)? (a running thread)

FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson Takeoff with embedded

Desktop Programs with IntelliCAD/for YOUR AutoCAD

FAQ: What features & menus are in ALL Carlson, non-OEM, desktop software programs? (a running thread)

FAQ: What features & menus are in the non-OEM Carlson Survey program? (a running thread)

FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson Civil? (a running thread)

FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson GIS? (a running thread)

FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson Hydrology? (a running thread)

FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson Point Cloud? (a running thread)

FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson Construction? (a running thread)

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FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson GeoTech? (a running thread)

FAQ: What features & menus are in Carlson Trench? (a running thread)

Carlson iCAD

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Program	Retail Price of Standalone (effective 7/10/2024)	Retail Price of Network
Select Suite - Pick 6 (from Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, Point Cloud Basic, CadNet)	\$ 4,950	\$ 5,445
Select Suite - Pick 5 (from Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, Point Cloud Basic, CadNet)	\$ 4,650	\$ 5,115
Civil Suite or Select Suite Pick 4 (from Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, Point Cloud Basic, CadNet)	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,675
Select Suite - Pick 3 (from Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, Point Cloud Basic, CadNet)	\$ 3,850	\$ 4,235
Select Suite - Pick 2 (from Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, Point Cloud Basic, CadNet)	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,685
Survey	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,365
Civil	\$ 1,950	\$ 2,145
Hydrology	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,705
GIS	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,375
Point Cloud Basic	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,200
Point Cloud Advanced	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,600

Program	Retail Price of Standalone (effective 7/10/2024)	Retail Price of Network
Takeoff Suite (Construction, CADNet, Trench, GeoTech)	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,250
Construction	\$ 3,950	\$ 4,345
CADNet	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,925
Trench	\$ 1,595	\$ 1,755.50
GeoTech	\$ 1,595	\$ 1,755.50
Takeoff with embedded AutoCAD (OEM)	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,900
Survey with embedded AutoCAD (OEM)	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,575

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AD/for CAD Products

Upgrades are managed through the Annual Maintenance Plan which, essentially. allows users to pre-pay for future upgrades. As long as your Maintenance is active at the time a new version is released, you are eligible for an automatic upgrade to the new version.

See additional information about Maintenance below...

Survey and Takeoff with embedded AutoCAD (OEM)

Maintenance is NOT available for these products so upgrades are only available after a new version has been released.

The cost to upgrade Carlson's OEM products is subject to change

each year and varies depending on the program and how many versions behind you are.

However, Carlson never charges more than 50% of the current retail price to upgrade any license to the latest and greatest version of the software.JTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjJhbm51YWxtYWludGVuYW5jZSUyMiUzRSUzQyUyRmElM0U=Maintenance with New Licenses

Every new license of Carlson with IntelliCAD/for CAD includes 90 days of free Maintenance. This is Carlson's way of ensuring that anyone who purchases a new license inside of that 90-day window can be assured of getting the free upgrade.

Renewing Maintenance Before it Expires

Renewing Maintenance is optional for users.

However, if you prefer to keep your software up-to-date when new versions are released, keeping the Maintenance plan active is the best way to do that.

If it is renewed prior to expiration, maintenance costs 10% of the retail price of the software.

Renewing Expired Maintenance

If your Maintenance has expired, you can pay the regular 10% Maintenance fee plus the expiration fee to activate your Maintenance for one-year. While Maintenance is active, you'll be eligible for an immediate upgrade to the current version AND for automatic upgrades to any new versions released during the Maintenance year.

How Old is Too Old (to Renew)?

For licenses of Carlson with IntelliCAD/for CAD that are more than 4 years old, users can pay 50% of the retail price to activate Maintenance for 1-year.

While Maintenance is active, you'll be eligible for an immediate upgrade to the current version AND for automatic upgrades to any new versions released during the Maintenance year.

See the tables below for sample pricing for Carlson Maintenance.

Carlson Software Maintenance Fees - per Product

Carlson's policy on Software Maintenance can be viewed by clicking here

Program	Retail Price of Standalone (effective 7/10/2024)	Annual Maintenance for Standalone	Retail Price of Network	Annual Maintenance for Network
Select Suite Pick 6	\$ 4,950	\$ 495	\$ 5,445	\$ 544.50
Select Suite Pick 5	\$ 4,650	\$ 465	\$ 5,115	\$ 511.50
Select Suite Pick 4	\$ 4,250	\$ 425	\$ 4,675	\$ 467.50
Select Suite Pick 3	\$ 3,850	\$ 385	\$ 4,235	\$ 423.50

Program	Retail Price of Standalone (effective 7/10/2024)	Annual Maintenance for Standalone	Retail Price of Network	Annual Maintenance for Network
Select Suite Pick 2	\$ 3,350	\$ 335	\$ 3,685	\$ 368.50
Civil Suite	\$ 4,250	\$ 425	\$ 4,675	\$ 467.50
Survey	\$ 2,150	\$ 215	\$ 2,365	\$ 236.50
Civil	\$ 1,950	\$ 195	\$ 2,145	\$ 214.50
Hydrology	\$ 1,550	\$ 155	\$ 1,705	\$ 170.50
Point Cloud Basic	\$ 2,000	\$ 200	\$ 2,200	\$ 220.00
Point Cloud Advanced	\$ 6,000	\$ 600	\$ 6,600	\$ 660.00
GIS	\$ 1,250	\$ 125	\$ 1,375	\$ 137.50
Takeoff Suite	\$ 7,500	\$ 750	\$ 8,250	\$ 825.00
Construction	\$ 3,950	\$ 395	\$ 4,345	\$ 434.50
CADNet	\$ 1,750	\$ 175	\$ 1,925	\$ 192.50
Trench	\$ 1,595	\$ 159.50	\$ 1,755	\$ 175.50
GeoTech	\$ 1,595	\$ 159.50	\$ 1,755	\$ 175.50

Carlson Software Maintenance & Expiration Fees

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Maintenance Status	Annual Maintenance (Percentage of Retail)	Expiration Fee (Percentage of Retail)	Total Fee to Renew (Percentage of Retail)
Active	10%	Θ	10%
Expired, up to 1 year	10%	10%	20%
Expired, up to 2 years	10%	20%	30%
Expired, up to 3 years	10%	30%	40%
Expired, more than 3 years	10%	40%	50%

Sample Pricing for Active and Expired Maintenance Renewal Fees

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Program	# of Years Expired	Retail Price	Total Fee (Percentage of Retail)	Total Fee to Upgrade and/or Renew Maintenance for 1 Year
Survey	Not expired, maintenance is current	\$ 2,150	10%	\$ 215.00

Program	# of Years Expired	Retail Price	Total Fee (Percentage of Retail)	Total Fee to Upgrade and/or Renew Maintenance for 1 Year
Survey	Expired for less than 1 year	\$ 2,150	20%	\$ 430.00
Networked Survey	Expired for less than 1 year	\$ 2,365	20%	\$ 473.00
Civil Suite or Select Suite Pick 4	Not expired, maintenance is current	\$ 4,250	10%	\$ 425.00
Civil Suite or Select Suite Pick 4	Expired for less than 1 year	\$ 4,250	20%	\$ 850.00
Networked Civil Suite or Select Suite Pick 4	Expired for less than 1 year	\$ 4,675	20%	\$935.00

FAQ: What's the difference between Carlson's annual maintenance and an Autodesk subscription?

FAQ: What is Carlson Software's Maintenance Plan? And why you should buy it through an Authorized Carlson Reseller

FAQ: How is the price of Carlson maintenance calculated?

FAQ: I can't seem to keep up with my Carlson maintenance — Can you help?

FAQ: What is Carlson Software's Maintenance Plan?

And why you should buy it through an Authorized Carlson ResellerJTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjJsaWNlbnNpbmclMjIlM0UlM0MlMkZhJTNF **Perpetual Licensing**

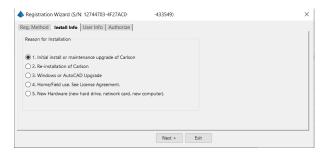
A purchase of Carlson Software grants a perpetual license to the owner. This means that, once purchased, you "own it" and never need to pay additional fees to use it.

Network Licensing

Carlson allows users to "network" their licenses for an additional fee. The fee is 10% of the retail price of the software being networked.

Installing and Re-Installing

When installing their desktop software, Carlson recognizes 5 different "Reasons for Installation":



After installation and registration, Carlson provides a Registration Report that includes a "Change Key" and it's a good

idea to save the report and the change key.

And here's a Pro-Tip for you! The Serial Number screen on your That CAD Girl Customer Portal has a "Customer Notes" section — that's a great place to save your Change Key and other important information about each license!FAQ: Carlson Software End User License Agreement (EULA)

FAQ: Does Carlson retire their products?

FAQ: What happens if I get a new computer and need to reinstall Carlson?

FAQ: Can I install my Carlson desktop software on two computers?

FAQ: Is it better to network Carlson than use standalone licenses?

FAQ: Does Carlson Software Still Offer Perpetual Licenses?

FAQ: How do I register my Carlson Software? And what are change keys?

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FAQ: What are the system requirements to run Carlson Software in the office? Do I need a monster computer?JTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjJ0ZWNoc3VwcG9ydHRyYWluaW5nJTIyJTN FJTNDJTJGYSUzRQ==Carlson Software offers FREE technical support for Carlson Software and IntelliCAD. This is the case whether you are running the latest version of Carlson or one that's 10 years old or, even, if you're only trying before you buy.

You can see all the opportunities for training with That CAD Girl here and you can follow these links to see our FAQs about the training and technical support available from Carlson and That CAD Girl.

FAQ: What is Carlson Academy?

FAQ: Where do I get Carlson support? How much will it cost me?JTNDYSUyMG5hbWUlM0QlMjIzMGRheXRyaWFsJTIyJTNFJTNDJTJGYSUzRQ==W ant to try before you buy? Any Carlson desktop software is available for a 30 day trial — just Click here to request a 30 day trial.

Once you decide to purchase, you won't even need to uninstall. You can activate your software by simply updating your registration with your purchased serial number.

FAQ: Where can I get a 30 day trial of Carlson?

Frequently Asked Questions: What to Know Before Purchasing Carlson Software

1. What is Carlson Software and who should use it?

Carlson Software is a leading solution for land surveying, civil engineering, grading, and utility contractors. It offers powerful tools for site design, construction layout, data collection, and project management, making it ideal for professionals in land development and infrastructure projects.

2. What are the main features of Carlson Software for land development?

- Advanced survey data collection and processing
- 3D site modeling and earthwork calculations
- Road and subdivision design tools
- Utility and drainage design modules
- Seamless integration with GPS and total station hardware
- CAD drafting and mapping capabilities
- Automated grading and volume calculations
- Compatibility with DWG and DXF file formats

3. What types of licenses and versions are available?

Carlson Software offers perpetual, subscription, and network licenses. Choose from modules like Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS, and Takeoff. Bundle packages are available for comprehensive land development needs.

4. What are the system requirements and compatibility details?

Carlson Software runs on Windows-based PCs and is compatible with most CAD platforms, including AutoCAD and IntelliCAD. Check the latest system requirements on the Carlson website to ensure optimal performance.

5. How do I purchase Carlson Software?

You can buy Carlson Software directly from authorized dealers or the official Carlson website. Discounts may be available for multi-seat, educational, or government purchases.

6. Is technical support and training available?

Yes. Carlson provides extensive customer support, including phone, email, and online resources. Training options include webinars, tutorials, and in-person classes tailored for land surveyors and civil engineers.

7. Can I try Carlson Software before buying?

A free trial version is available for download. The trial allows you to explore core features relevant to surveying, civil engineering, grading, and utility design.

8. How are updates and upgrades handled?

Annual maintenance plans include software updates and technical support. Upgrades to new versions are available for users with active maintenance agreements.

9. What should I consider before

purchasing?

- Ensure compatibility with your existing hardware and CAD platforms
- Identify which modules best fit your land development projects
- Review training and support options for your team
- Consider long-term maintenance and upgrade costs

10. Where can I find more information?

Visit the Carlson Software website or contact a local dealer for personalized advice on solutions for land surveying, civil engineering, grading, and utility contracting.

MicroSurvey Software: Your Questions Answered

About MicroSurvey

Who is MicroSurvey?

MicroSurvey is a Canadian software developer that has been creating software for land surveyors, engineers, and mapping professionals since 1985.

Software Platform Options

What makes MicroSurvey software unique?

MicroSurvey's desktop programs run on 64-bit Windows computers and work natively with DWG files, eliminating the need for file conversion. Their software is built to run on various CAD platforms, including IntelliCAD, AutoCAD, and BricsCAD.

What are the different ways I can purchase and use MicroSurvey software?

- With IntelliCAD: MicroSurvey CAD can be installed as a standalone program with an embedded version of IntelliCAD included.
- With embedded AutoCAD (OEM): MicroSurvey embeddedCAD includes an embedded version of AutoCAD and is a standalone product. Note that its functionality is more similar to AutoCAD LT.
- With AutoCAD: MicroSurvey inCAD can be installed on top of your separately purchased, full version of AutoCAD-based programs (excluding AutoCAD LT).
- With BricsCAD: SurveyTools for BricsCAD can be installed on top of your BricsCAD, or you can bundle BricsCAD Prowith your purchase.

Licensing and Upgrades

What licensing options does MicroSurvey offer?

MicroSurvey provides both perpetual and subscription licensing. Licenses can be for a single user or floating (network) licenses that can be shared among users on the same network. Licensing is cloud-based, so no dongle is required.

How do software upgrades work?

Upgrades can be purchased for the current version from the previous version. Upgrades are also available to customers with an active Customer Care Package. Crossgrades to different editions or platforms may also be available.

Maintenance and Support

What is the MicroSurvey Customer Care Package (CCP)?

The CCP is a 12-month service plan that provides software updates and technical support. New software license purchases include one year of CCP.

Other MicroSurvey Products

What is MicroSurvey STAR*NET?

STAR*NET is software that adjusts and analyzes 2D/3D survey networks to improve accuracy. It runs on 64-bit versions of Windows 10 and 11.

What is MicroSurvey FieldGenius?

FieldGenius is data collection software for land surveyors that runs on Android and 64-bit versions of Windows 10 and 11. A legacy version for Windows devices is also available but is no longer updated.

Getting Started

How can I determine which MicroSurvey program is right for me?

It is recommended that you request a 30-day trial to test the software.

Carlson Software: Your Questions Answered

About Carlson Software

Who is Carlson Software?

Carlson Software, based in Maysville, Kentucky, has been a developer of software for land development professionals since 1983. They offer specialized modules for land surveying, civil engineering, construction, and mining industries.

Software Platform Options

What are my options for running Carlson Software?

Carlson's desktop programs can be installed on top of IntelliCAD or a separately purchased full-AutoCAD-based program. A license for the latest version of IntelliCAD is included with each purchase. Compatible AutoCAD-based programs include AutoCAD,

AutoCAD Map, Land Desktop, and Civil 3D, but not AutoCAD LT.

Does Carlson offer a standalone version with an embedded CAD engine?

Yes, Carlson Survey and Takeoff can be purchased with an embedded AutoCAD (OEM) version. This is a standalone product and does not require a separate purchase of AutoCAD. However, the functionality is more akin to AutoCAD LT.

Compatibility

What versions of AutoCAD are compatible with Carlson Software?

You can run Carlson Software on earlier versions of AutoCAD, but you cannot run a version of Carlson that is older than your AutoCAD version. For example, Carlson 2024 is compatible with AutoCAD 2018-2024, while Carlson 2022 works with AutoCAD 2018-2022.

Licensing and Upgrades

What type of license does Carlson offer?

Carlson Software offers perpetual licenses, meaning you own the software after purchase. They also provide network licensing for an additional fee.

How do software upgrades work?

Upgrades are managed through the Annual Maintenance Plan. If your maintenance is active when a new version is released, you receive an automatic upgrade. New licenses include 90 days of maintenance. The cost to upgrade OEM products varies.

Getting Started

Can I try the software before buying?

Yes, it is highly recommended to request a 30-day trial to test the software for your specific needs.

progeCAD Software: Your Questions Answered

About progeCAD

What is the story behind progeCAD?

Founded in 1985, progeCAD co-founded the IntelliCAD Technology Consortium ("ITC") in 1999 to create a comprehensive and fairly priced alternative to AutoCAD. They offer a native DWG 2D/3D CAD software with a familiar interface and powerful features at a low cost.

progeCAD Software Features

What are the key features of progeCAD?

progeCAD works natively with AutoCAD DWG files without any conversion, ensuring complete compatibility. It features an "AutoCAD Like" interface and supports AutoCAD file types, fonts,

and plotting styles. progeCAD Professional includes 3D ACIS Solid Modeling and realistic rendering. It also offers more functions than AutoCAD LT at a fraction of the price of other major CAD software.

Licensing Options

What licensing solutions does progeCAD offer?

- Single+ (SL): Allows installation and use on two computers by the same person, but not simultaneously.
- **USB Portable (USB):** Install on multiple computers and use the software on one computer at a time by plugging in a USB dongle.
- Network (NLM): Install on unlimited PCs on a network and use concurrently based on the number of licenses purchased. Licenses can be temporarily moved for offline use.
- Corporate One Site: Unlimited users at a single company location.
- Corporate Country: Unlimited users within the same country under one company name.

Maintenance and Support

What is iCARE?

iCARE is a one-year subscription-based maintenance and support program that provides all progeCAD updates, new versions, and free technical assistance.

Getting Started

Can I try progeCAD before I buy it?

Yes, it is highly recommended that you request a 30-day trial to test the software for yourself.

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FAQ: That CAD Girl's top reasons to purchase Carlson Software

FAQ: I'm not in your state/region/country — can I buy my software from you?

FAQ: That CAD Girl Active Coupon Codes (a running thread)

FAQ: Why should I purchase Carlson from That CAD Girl instead of someone else?

FAQ: That CAD Girl's terms & conditions of sales

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