



# Installation & Activation Guide

A quick start guide on how to install our Engineering Software.

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# Mech-Q



**Important:** Please read these instructions before installing

## Thank You!

Thank you for supporting our Engineering Software. Please read through these installation instructions before installing our software. If you have any questions please email us at [sales@cadavenue.com](mailto:sales@cadavenue.com).

## What you will need:

- 1) AutoCAD, AutoCAD LT or IntelliCAD installed on your system.
- 2) The download saved to your Desktop or My Documents Folder.

## Getting started:

- 1) Close your CAD application and all active programs and windows.
- 2) Double-click on **My Computer** Icon located on your Desktop
- 3) Optionally you click Start (lower left) then **My Computer**
- 4) Browse to the location where you saved the **Setup** file.
- 5) Double-click on **Setup** file (ending in .exe).

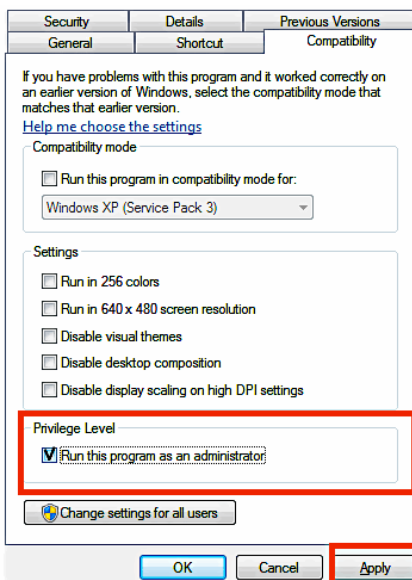
## The installation:

- 1) Follow the instructions in the splash screens.
- 2) You can choose either to install the Full Suite or individual modules.
- 3) Do not load any applications until install completes.

## Permission settings:

### For Windows 7 and Vista

- 1) Right-click on shortcut to your CAD application.  
**Note:** if running AutoCAD LT right-click on Mech-Q shortcut on desktop.
- 2) Choose **Properties** then **Compatibility**.
- 3) Make sure **Compatibility Mode** is unchecked and **Run Program As Administrator** is checked.

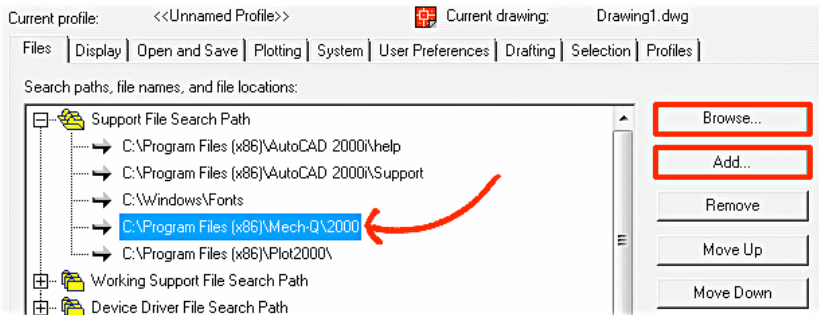


File Properties  
Dialog In Windows 7/ Vista

## Troubleshooting:

### Checking Paths

- 1) Choose "Tools" menu select "Options"
- 2) Select the "Files" tab
- 3) Select "Support Files Search Path"
- 4) If **no** Mech-Q or ZWmech is listed Choose "Add" button, then **browse to:**
  - **For AutoCAD:** C:\Program Files\Mech-Q\A20XY
  - **For AutoCAD LT:** C:\Program Files\ASVIC\Mech-Q\20XY
  - **For IntelliCAD:** C:\Program Files\ *Your IntelliCAD App* \Mech-Q
- 5) Click Apply and Close window.
- 6) Restart your CAD application



Support File Search Path Dialog Box

### Loading Menus (AutoCAD and LT)

- 1) Choose Tools menu select Customize then Customize Interface
- 2) Make sure that you are in the "Customize" page and from the "All Customization Files" list select "Open"
- 3) Locate the Mech-Q customized user interface file: Mech-Q.CUI
- 4) Default Install location:
- 5) AutoCAD 20XY: C:\Program Files\Mech-Q\A20XY
- 6) AutoCAD LT 20XY: C:\Program Files\ASVIC\Mech-Q\20XY\Menu
- 7) Use the "Open" tab to load the Mech-Q menu.

### ! AutoCAD LT Users:

If running AutoCAD LT please read the below for important instructions on how to activate CADTSTA.

## Activating your temp code for Mech-Q LT

### How to authorize - step by step instructions

AutoCAD LT requires a 3rd party LISP extender called CADTSA in order to run LT add-ons like Mech-Q. After downloading our trial, a temporary 30 day code will be emailed that you will contain important code to activate our software. Please do the following:

- 1) Download the trial at: <http://www.cadavenue.com>
- 2) Install Mech-Q (see all steps above)
- 3) Load Mech-Q using the shortcut located on your desktop
- 4) Verify **Permission Settings** if using Vista or Windows 7 (see steps above)
- 6) Always dbl-click on Mech-Q shortcut to load AutoCAD LT
- 7) Choose **Authorize** from the start-up dialog box
- 8) Check your email and copy both the serial and activation code into the dialog box
- 9) AutoCAD LT will now load and Mech-Q trial will begin.
- 10) Next time you load Mech-Q you do not need to enter code, instead select **Skip**.

#### Note:

If Menus and Toolbars are not visible or if Mech-Q fails to load please see Troubleshooting (above).

*At the end of 30 days you will need to purchase the Mech-Q LT bundle which includes both Mech-Q and CADSTA. At the time of purchase an additional 30 days will be added while a new permanent key is generated.*

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#### Quick links to online help:

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