

# Downloading and Installing The Latest BuildersCAD Update

## Updates to BuildersCAD

Periodically if necessary, Sigma Design will issue a software update or “Service Pack” for your **BuildersCAD** software. These updates are generally issued to correct software discrepancies or bugs, and to provide additional features, such as support for a new Windows operating system released since the current version of **BuildersCAD**. These updates are not new version releases. If an update has been issued for your particular **BuildersCAD** version, it is *very* important that this latest update be installed on each computer running **BuildersCAD** to insure that **BuildersCAD** is operating properly. The process is simple and takes only a few minutes.

A “Service Pack” update is designed to be installed over your base installation of **BuildersCAD**. It is not a full software installation itself. It requires a minimum base installation of **BuildersCAD** from the Full Install download or release CD for the version to be installed first. Updates for a particular **BuildersCAD** version are cumulative, containing the contents of all previous updates for that version so only the latest update is needed.

## Downloading the Update

**BuildersCAD** updates may be downloaded free of charge from the **BuildersCAD** web site at [www.builderscad.com](http://www.builderscad.com). The latest update is found in the *Support* section of the web site. Select the appropriate version of **BuildersCAD** on the downloads page. The spin number is shown with the version to indicate the current update. If the spin number shown on the web site is higher than the one for your installation of **BuildersCAD**, download and install the update.

A dialogue box will pop up prompting for a location on your computer to save the file. Select a location and click the “Save” button. Depending on the speed of your internet connection, the download may take several minutes.

The download file is a zip file containing a Setup.exe. The zip file is named BCAD\_xx\_yyy\_Patch.zip where the xx is the version of **BuildersCAD**, and yyy is the spin number of the update.

## Installing the Update

To install the **BuildersCAD** software update on MS Windows operating systems, open Windows Explorer. Navigate to the directory (folder) where the downloaded update was saved. Extract the *Setup.exe* file from the download zip. Double click on the *Setup.exe* to begin the update installation.

The update install program will locate your **BuildersCAD** installation, and begin the install process. This process is very similar to the original installation of your software. Verify that the directory to which the update is being installed is the correct installation directory for the version of **BuildersCAD** being updated.

The update will be installed over the top of your existing **BuildersCAD** installation. Your Environment Default settings and authorizations will remain intact.

Your **BuildersCAD** software is now updated and ready to go!

Note that the *Full Install* download available on the [arriscad.com](http://arriscad.com) web site is always maintained with the latest update. Your **BuildersCAD** installation may also be updated using the Full Install download. The *Update* version of the download is provided as a convenience to users who already have the current version of **BuildersCAD** installed, as it is a smaller download than the full install. The *spin numbers* of the Full Install and Updates will always be consistent in representing the current update version of **BuildersCAD**.



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