

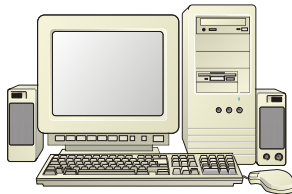
Installing BuildersCAD 8.3 On Your Computer

Congratulations on your purchase of **BuildersCAD**. The following directions will assist you in installing **BuildersCAD 8.3**. Please make sure you have the following items readily accessible to you during the process:

- A. Product Download File or CD-ROM
- B. Hardware lock
(USB or Parallel Port key,
Permanent Seats Only)
- C. Authorization Codes

System Requirements

BuildersCAD runs on the Microsoft Windows XP/2000/NT/ME/98/95 operating systems.



Personal computer hardware requirements include Pentium II or higher processor and 64 MB of RAM. The hard drive space recommended depends on the amount of data to be stored. The **BuildersCAD** program directory requires approximately 180 MB of hard disk space when installed. A 3 button mouse is not required, but is highly recommended.

Installing BuildersCAD

BuildersCAD is very simple to install, the process being much like other MS Windows applications. Before you begin, close all other Windows applications.

If you have a **BuildersCAD 8.3** installation CD, start by placing the **BuildersCAD** Program CD into your CD ROM drive. The **BuildersCAD** setup program should start automatically. If it does not, you may start it manually by clicking on *Start -> Run* - and browsing to *Setup.exe* on your CD drive.

If you downloaded **BuildersCAD 8.3** from the builderscad.com web site or sigmasupport.com ftp site, unzip the download file on your computer to extract the setup.exe program. Double click on *Setup.exe* to start the program.

The Install Shield wizard will begin the setup process. Read and follow the directions on each dialog screen to complete the installation. The **BuildersCAD** setup program will first allow you to read and accept the **BuildersCAD** Software License Agreement.

The **BuildersCAD** setup program will next allow you to select the directory location on your computer where **BuildersCAD** is to be installed. The default is *C:\Program Files\Bcad83*. Setup also allows the selection of optional installed features such as additional plug-ins.

In addition to the program directory, **BuildersCAD** automatically creates a new directory for data called *Bcad* under the drive of your choice. It also creates a directory below *Bcad* which corresponds to the *graphic user*. The *graphic user* directory name will automatically be set to the *login name* of the current login user. **For customers upgrading from BuildersCAD 7, a different directory name such as "Bcad8" should be specified for this directory in the last dialog box during installation to prevent version conflicts with existing user data.**



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Install The Latest BuildersCAD Update

The final installation step is to install the latest update to **BuildersCAD** if any have been issued. Periodically, Updates to **BuildersCAD** or “Service Packs” are provided to correct software discrepancies reported since the latest release. Updates are available for downloading free of charge at the **BuildersCAD** web site - www.builderscad.com in the *Support* section. It is important that the latest update for your version of **BuildersCAD** (if any have been issued) be installed before authorizing and using **BuildersCAD**. Specific instructions for downloading and installing the latest update may be found in “**Downloading and Installing the Latest BuildersCAD Update**” in the **BuildersCAD** Bookshelf.

Authorizing BuildersCAD

The standard authorization for **BuildersCAD** is using a Rainbow Superpro USB hardware key device. Other types of hardware keys such as a Rainbow Superpro Parallel Port key or Rainbow C-Plus-B Parallel Port key may also be used. Special installations of **BuildersCAD** such as Academic Institutions may use a Softlock authorization. Refer to the specific Authorization instructions in the **BuildersCAD** Bookshelf for your type of hardware key, or for Softlock.

Starting the Program

BuildersCAD may be started in Windows by selecting the **BuildersCAD** icon on the Windows desktop or by selecting *Start -> Programs -> Bcad 83 -> Bcad 83*. It may also be started by double clicking on a **BuildersCAD** drawing or sheet file in Windows Explorer.

