

Applying AutoCAD © 2009

What's New

AutoCAD 2009 introduces new features and several enhancements to existing capabilities. You will notice the following differences in *Applying AutoCAD 2009*:

- A newly designed user interface that features a docked palette called the **Ribbon**. The **Ribbon** includes multiple tabs, panels, and command buttons that can be accessed quickly and easily.
- The new **Menu Browser** consolidates the traditional, Windows-based pull-down menus into a single pull-down menu compressing hundreds of command options into a single, easy to use menu.
- A newly designed status bar that employs buttons with icons, instead of letters, and adds several new buttons. The new commands facilitate navigation within a model, between multiple layout sheets within a model, and between multiple drawing files.
- New tools for managing three-dimensional space and user coordinate systems. The **ViewCube** provides visual orientation and a way to change the point of view and user coordinate system quickly and intuitively. The **SteeringWheel** provides multiple navigational modes at the pointing device, and makes it possible to move seamlessly through all previous views.