



# VPAT™

## Voluntary Product Accessibility Template®

### Version 1.3

The purpose of the **Voluntary Product Accessibility Template**, or **VPAT™**, is to assist Federal contracting officials and other buyers in making preliminary assessments regarding the availability of commercial “Electronic and Information Technology” products and services with features that support accessibility. Autodesk provides this information to help our customers understand the accessibility features of this Autodesk product in the context of the Section 508 standards. This was done with the intent to enable agencies to be compliant with the Section 508 regulations. This document is not intended to be a certification of compliance.

The first table of the Template provides a summary view of the Section 508 Standards. The subsequent tables provide more detailed views of each subsection. There are three columns in each table. Column one of the Summary Table describes the subsections of subparts B and C of the Standards. The second column describes the supporting features of the product or refers you to the corresponding detailed table, e.g., “equivalent facilitation.” The third column contains any additional remarks and explanations regarding the product. In the subsequent tables, the first column contains the lettered paragraphs of the subsections. The second column describes the supporting features of the product with regard to that paragraph. The third column contains any additional remarks and explanations regarding the product.

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## Summary Table

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<i>Criteria</i>	<b>Supporting Features</b>	<b>Remarks and explanations</b>
Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems	Completed	
Section 1194.22 Web-based Internet Information and Applications	Not Applicable	
Section 1194.24 Video and Multi-media Products	Not Applicable	
Section 1194.31 Functional Performance Criteria	Completed	
Section 1194.41 Information, Documentation and Support	Completed	

## ***Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems – Detail***

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<b><i>Criteria</i></b>	<b>Supporting Features</b>	<b>Remarks and explanations</b>
<p>(a) When software is designed to run on a system that has a keyboard, product functions shall be executable from a keyboard where the function itself or the result of performing a function can be discerned textually.</p>	<p>Supports with Exceptions</p>	<p>All of the pull-down and context menu commands can be accessed using the keyboard.</p> <p>A mouse is required to select an object in the 3-D display area.</p>
<p>(b) Applications shall not disrupt or disable activated features of other products that are identified as accessibility features, where those features are developed and documented according to industry standards. Applications also shall not disrupt or disable activated features of any operating system that are identified as accessibility features where the application programming interface for those accessibility features has been documented by the manufacturer of the operating system and is available to the product developer.</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>The product does not change any hardware or system settings.</p>
<p>(c) A well-defined on-screen indication of the current focus shall be provided that moves among interactive interface elements as the input focus changes. The focus shall be programmatically exposed</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>The Windows API could be used to have full access to any on-screen activity (commands like</p>

<p>so that Assistive Technology can track focus and focus changes.</p>		<p>SENDMESSAGE, GETWINDOW, GETDLGITEM, etc.).</p> <p>On dialogs, the Tab key can be used to change the focus between controls and the active focus is obvious.</p>
<p>(d) Sufficient information about a user interface element including the identity, operation and state of the element shall be available to Assistive Technology. When an image represents a program element, the information conveyed by the image must also be available in text.</p>	<p>Supports with Exceptions</p>	<p>All icons have a tooltip (text). A description is also displayed in the status bar.</p> <p>Icons in the toolbars do not have text; however, the pull-down menus display both text and icons.</p> <p>The Narrator can find identity, operation, state of toolbars, (context) menus, checkboxes, tabs, and drop-down menus.</p>
<p>(e) When bitmap images are used to identify controls, status indicators, or other programmatic elements, the meaning assigned to those images shall be consistent throughout an application's performance.</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>Bitmap images and actions associated with them are consistent.</p>
<p>(f) Textual information shall be provided through operating system functions for displaying text. The minimum information that shall be</p>	<p>Supports with Exceptions</p>	<p>Most textual input is provided through standard operating system</p>

<p>made available is text content, text input caret location, and text attributes.</p>		<p>functions for displaying text.</p> <p>Text displayed in the 3-D display area is displayed by the OpenGL 3-D graphics standard.</p>
<p>(g) Applications shall not override user selected contrast and color selections and other individual display attributes.</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>The product will not change system color settings.</p>
<p>(h) When animation is displayed, the information shall be displayable in at least one non-animated presentation mode at the option of the user.</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>Animations are available in the product. All animations can be run step by step at the user's choice.</p>
<p>(i) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.</p>	<p>Supports with Exceptions</p>	<p>For some objects, the only way to determine that an object is selected is by color.</p>
<p>(j) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a variety of color selections capable of producing a range of contrast levels shall be provided.</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>The product provides a wide variety of color selections. The user has the ability to customize the application window and other interface elements. Users can also use predefined, named color styles.</p>
<p>(k) Software shall not use flashing or blinking text, objects, or other elements having a flash or blink frequency greater than 2 Hz and</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>The product does not use flashing or blinking text.</p>

lower than 55 Hz.		
(l) When electronic forms are used, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.	Supports	The product does not use electronic forms.

## **Section 1194.31 Functional Performance**

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<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Supporting Features</b>	<b>Remarks and explanations</b>
(a) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user vision shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are blind or visually impaired shall be provided.	Not Applicable	
(b) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require visual acuity greater than 20/70 shall be provided in audio and enlarged print output working together or independently, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports	No audio is available in the product.  Keyboard navigation is provided for most menu commands.
(c) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user hearing shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be provided	Supports	The product does not require user hearing to operate the software.
(d) Where audio	Supports	The product does not

<p>information is important for the use of a product, at least one mode of operation and information retrieval shall be provided in an enhanced auditory fashion, or support for assistive hearing devices shall be provided.</p>		<p>require user hearing to operate the software.</p>
<p>(e) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user speech shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people with disabilities shall be provided.</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>The product does not require user hearing to operate the software.</p>
<p>(f) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require fine motor control or simultaneous actions and that is operable with limited reach and strength shall be provided.</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>Keyboard navigation is provided for some menu commands in the product. The ViewCube<sup>®</sup> and SteeringWheels<sup>®</sup> functionality allow manipulation of objects on the graphic screen with a single mouse button. All non-keyboard accessible commands can be executed with a series of simple mouse button clicks.</p>



**Section 1194.41 Information, Documentation  
and Support – Detail**

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<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Supporting Features</b>	<b>Remarks and explanations</b>
(a) Product support documentation provided to end-users shall be made available in alternate formats upon request, at no additional charge	Supports	The documentation is available in HTML format on <a href="http://www.autodesk.com">http://www.autodesk.com</a> .
(b) End-users shall have access to a description of the accessibility and compatibility features of products in alternate formats or alternate methods upon request, at no additional charge.	Supports	This document is posted on our website at <a href="http://www.autodesk.com">http://www.autodesk.com</a> . Search for “Section 508”.
(c) Support services for products shall accommodate the communication needs of end-users with disabilities.	Supports	Support services options are available via webpage, e-mail, fax, or phone. Direct, in-person support is also available through resellers.