

# **USER MANUAL**

A guide through the functionalities of Prodim 's bent glass solution

# **UNFOLD SOFTWARE**

Your solution for the production of bent glass





PROFESSIONEL SOLUTION FOR 3D MEASURING AND EDITING

# A user guide through installation and use of Prodim Unfold Software (ver. 2.0)

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# Disclaimer

The quality of the results of the unfolding process is critically dependent on the awareness and experience of the user. The software outcomes' quality level is, obviously, directly dependent to the quality of the sources / input.

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# **Read this First**

#### About this Manual

This manual include all the information you need to know for installing, running and using correctly the application.

#### How to Use this Manual

First of all you have to check that the system is suitable to run the software (at least decently) (see chapter 3). Only once you have ensured those minimum requirements, you can proceed.

Read and follow the Get Started Now! chapter which follows. This chapter will instruct you to install the software and hardware, and then run the program.

#### Structure

Chapter 2 describes in high level the application, adding a short technical insight of its relation with the Prodim Proliner device.

Chapter 3 clearly points out the system requirements: everything you need to have in order to use the application.

Chapter 4 will guide you through all the needed steps from the moment you received the installation file till the first run on your computer.

Chapter 5 describes the way the application has to be used, providing also a 2 sample cases.

Chapter 6 described more in details the complete set of functionalities and options.

Chapter 7 addresses eventual doubts, problems and concerns, providing a list of answers to frequently asked questions (F.A.Q.) but also the contacts for receiving live support (both commercial and technical).

#### **THIS MANUAL REFERS TO VERSION 2.0**

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# **System Description**

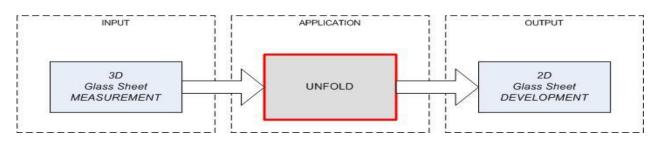
# Overview

The Unfold software is an application developed specifically for the glass industry, and ideally used in combination with Prodim's devices series: Proliner.

# Purpose

# The main goal of the software is to unfold curved sheets of glass.

Proliner Unfold is designed to find the theoretical flat surface required to mould certain kind of doubly-curved 3D surface. Both its input and output are digital drawings. It imports the 3D measurement of the glass' sheet and it produces its development on a 2D plane. The process used is to start with the 3D surface (either measured or extracted from a CAD drawing) and then "unfold" the surface using a mathematical process, in order to create a 2D surface.



# **Important Note**

The application does not simply project 3D shapes into a 2D plane ! The Unfold software does actually flatten the 3D sharpened curve glass, producing a digital CAD drawing.

# A Flat Sheet: What For?

The so produced file can be read by CAD software's and in some cases directly by CAM packaging's. You can decide double-check it or simply export it in a different file format. Ultimately the Unfold outcomes can be used for the cutting of an appropriate flat glass sheet. This last could be curved in a second stage, in order to obtain, with a certain precision, the same shape standing in the original 3D CAD file.

# **Technical Information**

The Unfold software is a simple but efficient tool. There are, never less, few technical aspects to be considered before even installing it.

## **FILE FORMAT**

The Unfold can import the following types of CAD files:

• <u>PRL</u>

This is a special format file created by Prodim International BV and used to store the results of measurement performed with the Proliner 5.7 series.

• <u>DXF</u>

DXF stands for Drawing Interchange Format, or Drawing Exchange Format) is a CAD data file format, developed by Autodesk as their solution for enabling data interoperability between CAD programs.

The DXF import process has being perfected accordingly to the DXF files produces by the Prodim's devices: the Proliner 6 and 8 series. Never less, the application will read most of the generic DXF files too.

• <u>IGES</u>

This is another CAD file format widely used in the automotive industry. The Unfold can import most of the IGES version 43 and 44. Other IGES files could not be supported.

### **PRODIM MEASURING DEVICES**

It is then recommended to use it in combination with Prodim International BV 3D measuring devices, and in particular: Proliner® 6 and 8-serie.



Proliner 8



Proliner 5.7

*For information about Prodim measuring devices, please visit the website:* <u>www.prodim.nl</u> or contact us at <u>info@prodim.nl</u> and +31 492 579050

LANGUAGES (Software and Documentation)

DEFAULT: <u>English</u> AVAILABLE: English, German, Dutch, Italian, French, Spanish

Prodim is able to provide additional language packs. Please contact Prodim for additional information and pricing.

# **System Requirements**

# Notes

The optimum software and hardware resources are recommended for efficiency, although users can operate with the minimum required resources.

# **Hardware Requirements**

#### **Recommended Hardware Resources**

Processor:Pentium IVRAM:512 MBVideo card:64Mb RAM (full support to OpenGL)Availability on local drive:500 MbInstalled file size:10MB

#### Minimum Hardware Resources

Processor:Pentium II or aboveRAM:256 MB or aboveVideo card:16Mb RAM (full support to OpenGL)Availability on local drive:100 MbInstalled file size:10MB

# **Software Requirements**

#### **Recommended Software Resources**

OS: MS Windows XP or Vista Drivers: Latest video card drivers

#### Minimum Software Resources

OS: MS Windows 2000 Drivers: Functioning video card drivers

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# **Get Started Now**

Once you have obtained a copy of the Unfold, there are a few simple steps you have to take in order to be able to use it.

Install it

If you determined that your system is eligible for running the Unfold software, you can now proceed at its installation. The Unfold is distributed as a single installation file.

## **The Installation Process**

Proliner Unfold comes with an easy installer file. Just double-click the executable file (called InstallUnfold.exe) and the Prodim Unfold will be installed on your system.



Sample screenshot of installer wizard



Screenshot of installer wizard

Follow the wizard to install Proliner Unfold: 4 simple steps. You will have to:

- 1. agree the terms (A),
- choose the destination folder (B)
- choose the address for the shortcut on the start menu (C)
- 4. confirm the choices and trim the installation (D)

The installation will create a shortcut in your Start Menu as well as on your desktop.

# **Uninstall Process**

You can always uninstall later through the standard method.

(Start -> Settings -> Control Panel -> Add/Remove Software)

# Starting-up

To start up the application you simply have to click on either the Start Menu shortcut, created during the installation process,

Start -> Programs -> Prodim -> Proliner Unfold -> Proliner Unfold

or on the shortcut on your desktop.

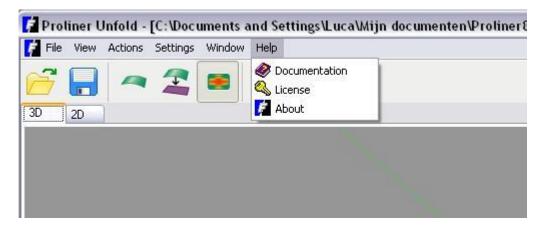


# First Start-Up

At the first start-up, the application will ask whether you intend to register your copy or to run it in demo mode. In this last case the application will stop working after 15 days from the moment it was installed.

In order to work further with the application, you have to register it, obtaining a license key from Prodim International BV.

You can do this at the first start-up or clicking on "License" under Help in the menu.



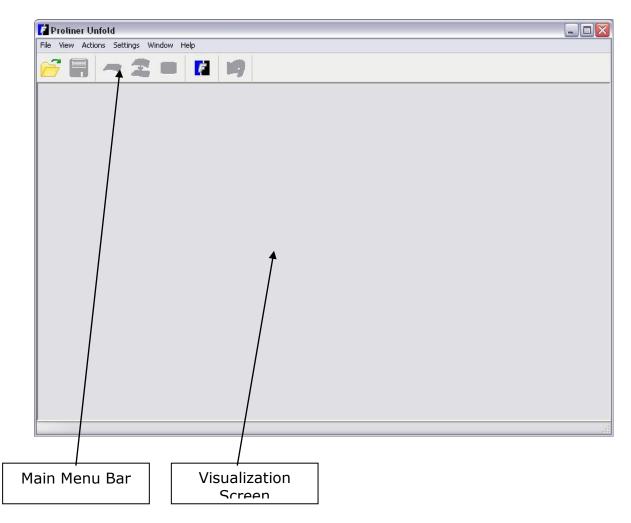
And then copy the Machine ID as give by the pop-up window. Send this ID to <u>info@prodim.nl</u>, indicating that your are requiring a license for the Unfold software.

License OK	(permanent license)	
To obtain a lice	ense key you can send an email to info@pro	odim pl
	o specify the machine id below)	ouman
Machine Id:	453C17809C9DA78C	
New Key:	Install	

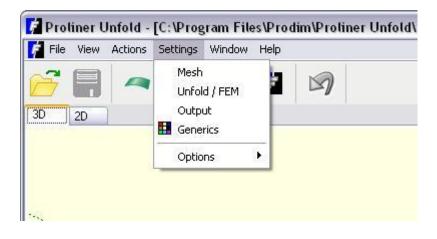
Once you got the license back from Prodim, possibly via e-mail, you have just to install the new key clicking on the Install button and following the simple instructions.

### After the first use

You will see the Unfold software appearing on your screen.



To check the correctness of the local settings, click on *Settings* in the main menu



You can set-up personalized settings for:

- Your preferred language
- Units (mm or inches)
- Different colours used to identify the drawing's elements

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It is possible to choose between 3 languages: English, German and Dutch. Changes apply after the restart of the application.

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It is also possible to change the unit, from the International metric system to the British/American one.

# THE UNFOLD IS SET-UP AND READY TO BE USED!

# How does it work?

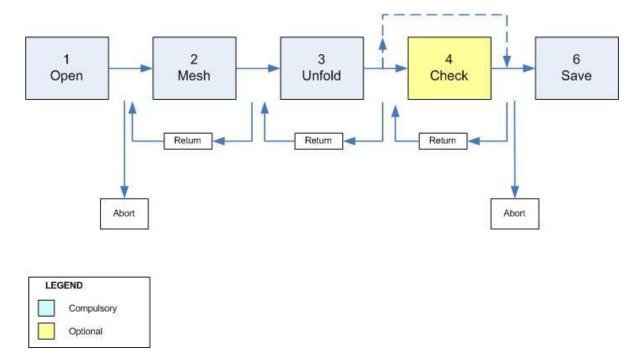
# **The overall Process**

The Unfold software is not complicated. The application allows only a restricted number of actions, which makes this tool easy to be used.

### **Process flow**

You will perform usually the same sequence of actions, walking on an ideal path of 5 steps/phases:

- 1. Opening/Importing the measurement of the glass sheet
- 2. Preparing the glass sheet (basically meshing its surface)
- 3. Unfolding the 3D surface into its 2D development
- 4. Check the outputs : its stress, its dimensions
- 5. Saving the outputs within a new digital drawing



You can always decide to abort the process, or to step back to a previous stage. You have to follow all those steps, with the exception of 4 (check). You could actually skip this phase and immediately save the output.

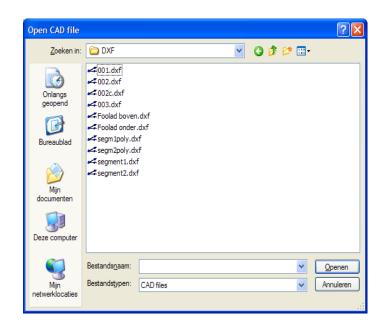
# PHASE 1 : Open / Import

This is the first step to be taken once the application is running.

Prodim Unfold is able to import CAD drawings from a set of formats. The import feature works more or less the same for each of these formats, which will be described here. Specific issues for each format are described later on in the chapter.

# Open CAD drawing

Select *File > Open* from the menu, or click the *Open CAD file* icon on the taskbar. Next, a file-open dialog is displayed.

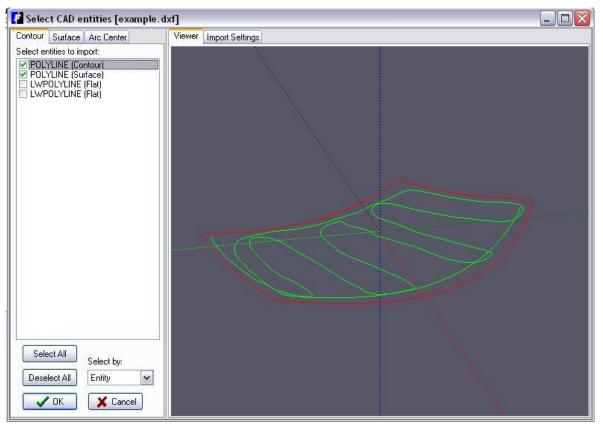


Open CAD file dialog

A specific selection can be made by clicking the Filetypes dropdown box, and selecting one of the specific formats. fter a selection is made, click on the Open button to start the import.

# Import CAD drawing

After clicking the Open button, a new dialog is opened, displaying the CAD drawing, named *Select CAD entities*.



Select CAD entities dialog

The title bar shows the filename, and the window's Viewer shows a preview of the CAD drawing. In the left pane, a list of entities is shown, under 3 tabs: Contour, Surface and Arc Center. After a selection is made, click on the *OK* button to import the drawing into Unfold, or click the *Cancel* button to cancel.

# Viewer

The view support you showing the entities previews and indicating you which element is currently being selected, or highlighted. You can make use of the colour based code:

- Green: to be imported
- Red : highlighted in the menu; currently selected

# **Entity Selection**

You have to identify the appropriate element for contour, as surface and as arc-center. You can select them checking the relative box on their left side, or pushing the space bar of your keyboard.

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Select er	ntities to im	port:
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POL'	LINE (Su	face)
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LWP	OLYLINE	(Flat)

# **Import Settings**

When you click the Import Settings Tab, you will see the form below:

🖌 Select CAD entities [example	.dxf]	
Contour Surface Arc Center	Viewer Import Settings	
Select entities to import:  POLYLINE (Contour)  POLYLINE (Surface)  LWPOLYLINE (Flat)  LWPOLYLINE (Flat)	Correction of measured values for: DXF Contour No Correction (drawing is exact) Cylinder correction Measured from: From Outside Scanned surface is on: Inside Approximation radius: 10,00 mm	Surface No Correction (drawing is exact) Sphere correction 2,50 mm Measured from: From Top
Select All Deselect All Concel	Breakup Lines/Curves Breakup Length: 5,00 mm Preserve Y Symmetry	Line Simplification Tolerance: 0,20 mm

Import Settings Screen

Once you have completed the selection of the appropriate elements, you can verify that the settings used during the transformation of the drawing as occur in the software.

# *Prodim strongly recommend to verify the import settings every time a new drawing is opened*.

This settings are particularly important when the imported drawing is produced with Prodim measurement devices.

*Please, check them every time you import a file because they influence the accuracy of the Unfold software results.* 

When the "break-up lines/curves" and "Line Simplification" values are altered, consider to check again the selection of your elements.

# Contour

In the *Contour* group, one must specify the settings for contour selection. The entities or layers selected for the contour will be corrected with these settings.

Specify one of the following corrections:

- No correction (drawing is exact): In this case, no correction whatsoever is applied to the points defining the contour. This setting can be used for exact (theoretical) drawings of the part.
- Cylinder correction: In this case, the measurement of the contour is assumed to be done with the cylinder tool. The cylinder tool has a specific radius, which must be specified in [mm].

When using cylinder correction, the user must specify whether the contour was measured from outside or from inside.

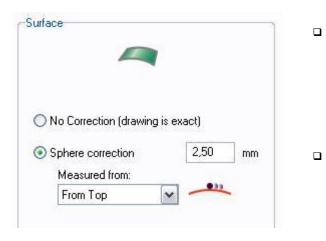
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Inside 💙	
Approximation radius:	

Example 1: user measured a windshield, by sliding the cylinder along the edges of the glass. In this case, the part is measured from *outside*.

Example 2: user measured a window opening, by measuring along the window aperture, from inside. In this case, the user must specify *inside*.

# Surface

In the *Surface* group, one must specify the settings for surface selection. The entities or layers selected for the surface will be corrected with these settings. Specify one of the following corrections:



- No correction (drawing is exact): in this case, no correction whatsoever is applied to the points defining the surface. This setting can be used for exact (theoretical) drawings of the part.
  - **Sphere correction**: in this case, the measurement of the surface is assumed to be done with a sphere tool. The radius of the sphere must be specified in [mm].

When using sphere correction, the user must specify whether the surface was measured from above (from top), or from below (from bottom).

## **Breakup Lines/Curves**

Select [x] Breakup Lines/Curves in order to breakup any line, arc or curve entities into smaller line sections.

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Breakup I	_ength:
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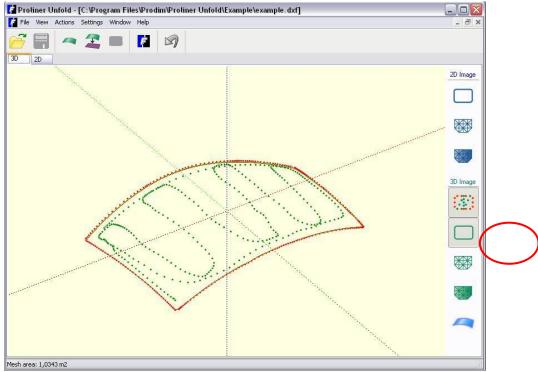
The unfold process is based on points defining a contour and a surface, therefore it is usually a good idea to break up lines, so not only the line endpoints, but also intermediate points are used in the unfold process.

### **Preserve Y Symmetry**

Select [x] Preserve Y Symmetry if a drawing is symmetrical on the Y axis, and you want to preserve this symmetry throughout the unfold process.

*Important*: The symmetry plane in the drawing must be the XZ plane. Currently, Unfold does not support any other configurations

Once you have completed the selection of the elements to be imported, and pressed OK, you will see the drawing appearing as shown in following figure.



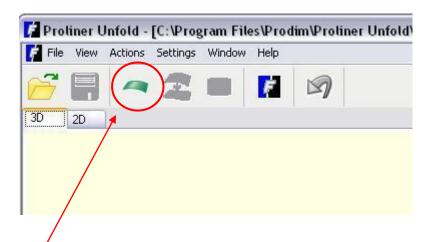
Original drawing

The read lines indicates the external contour, while the green dots/lines represents the set of elements to be used as surface. You can visualize better the image on the screen using the following viewing options:

- Rotation (pressing the left mouse button and moving the mouse)
- Zooming (pressing the right mouse button and moving the mouse)

# **PHASE 2 : Prepare: Meshing**

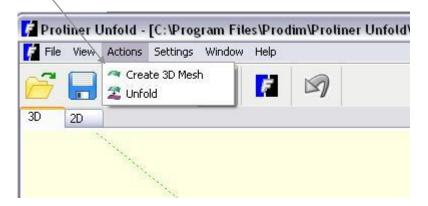
Once you check that everything looks fine, you can proceed to the next step: creating a 3D mesh.



To create a 3D mesh is extremely easy with the Unfold. What you have to do is simply clicking on the:

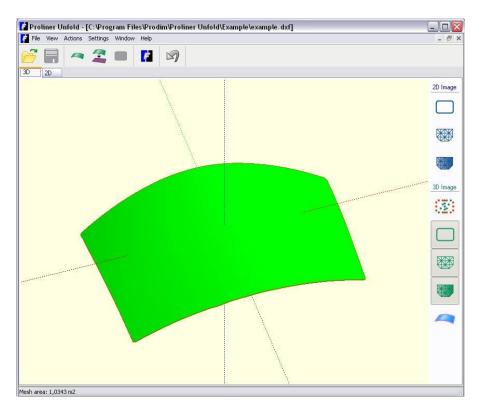
3D mesh icon

or selecting "Create a 3D mesh" under Actions in the main menu.

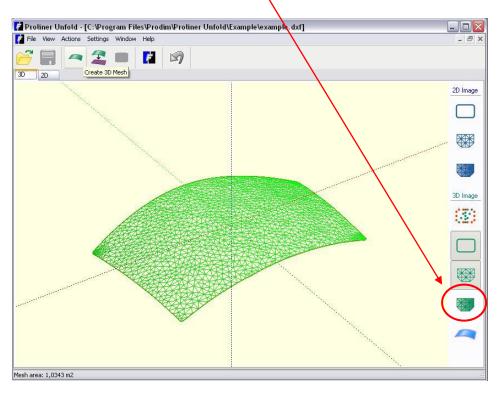


Once you have done it, you will see a green surface appearing and covering the imported object along and within its contour.

It's possible to change the look of the surface, highlighting the underlying structure of the mesh.

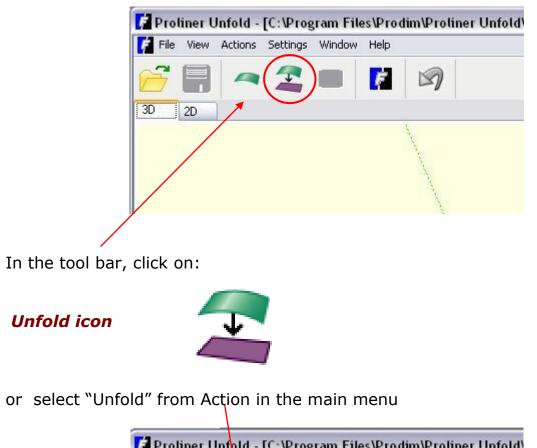


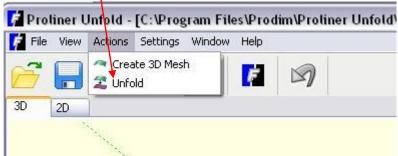
To do this, you have to switch the "surface look" selecting the appropriate icon on the side tool bar.



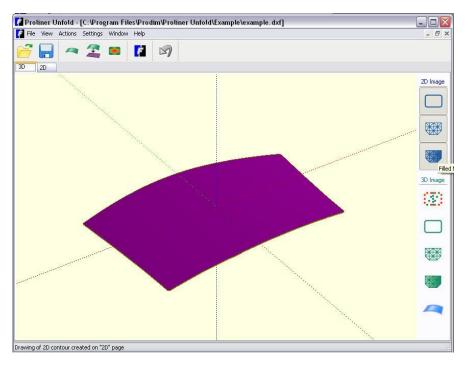
# PHASE 3 : Unfold

At this point you should have already a 3D meshed surface available. The object you see on your screen is a digital representation of the object you are willing to realize at the end of your production process. In order to do it, you need to know the aspect and dimension of the flatten representation of such a curved surface.

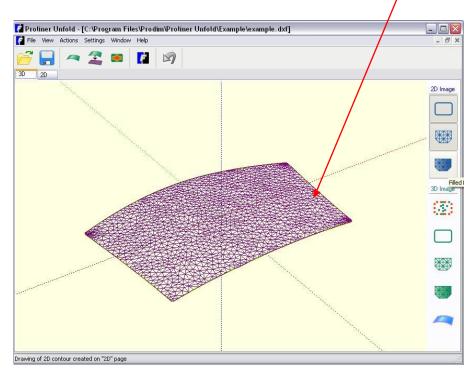




The unfolded surface can be viewed then without showing stress, and it will appear as in the following figure. The 2D surface has a violet colour (in opposition to the green colour used for the 3D surface).

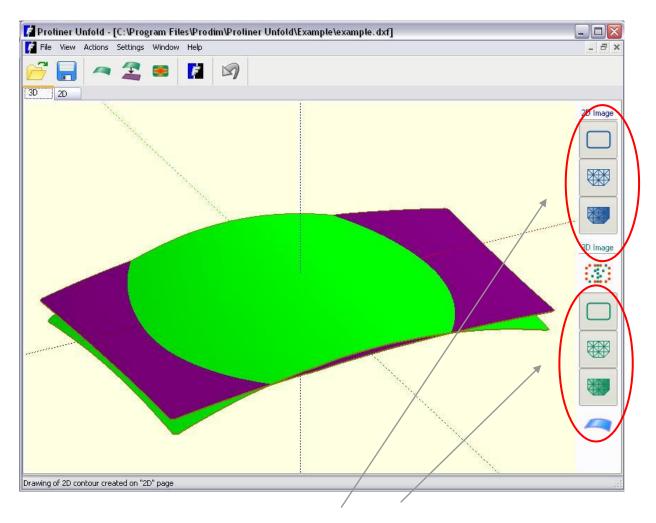


The unfolded (2D) surface can be showed in the form of a **grid** (made by small triangles). This is again the underlying mesh structure, used here also for rebuilding the surface once unfolded.



The figure can be rotated and zoomed in and out in the same way as explained for the 3D view.

Once the Unfold surface is created, you can also choose to visualize both the 3D and 2D surfaces and/ contours at the same time.



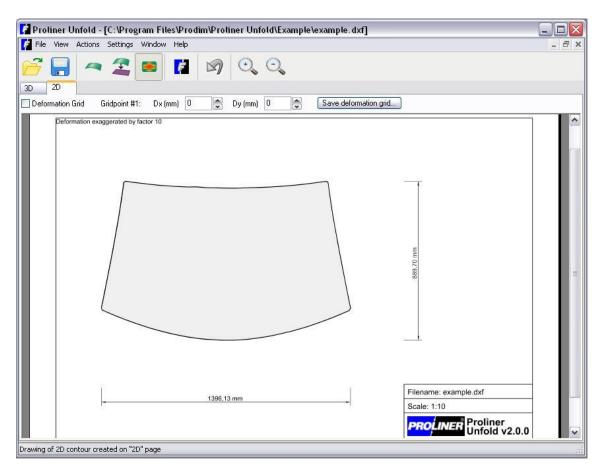
To enable or disable the visibility of the 2D or 3D objects or to visualize only the contours or only the surfaces, you can click on the appropriate icons on the Side Tool bar.

# PHASE 4 : Check

Once you have unfolded the glass into a sheet, the next possible step is to get a first acknowledgment of basic result's dimensions. This is possible switching tab (from the current 3D tab to the 2D labelled tab) on the active drawing visualization screen



The 2D tab will give a top-view of the unfolded sheet with basic dimensions: length and width as shown in the following figure.



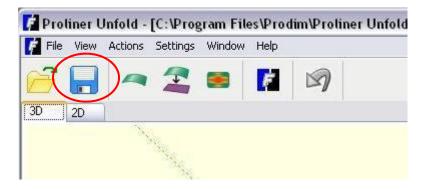
# PHASE 5 : Save / Export

Finally the last step: saving the outcomes of the unfolding process.

The unfold software can save the flattened surface within a DXF (CAD) file.

This file extension is compatible with the most common CAD software applications.

In order to store your data, you simply have to click on the Save icon on the main menu tool bar or select Save under File in the main menu. A save dialog box will appear on the screen; choose the file destination and click ok.



# Note

Prodim International BV recommend to check your Output settings before proceeding with the saving/exporting. The correct use of this settings can have a critical impact on the quality of your results.

# THE PROCESS IS NOW COMPLETE!

# YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY UNFOLDED YOUR GLASS SHEET DRAWING.

The outcomes of the Unfold are saved and ready to be used by you.

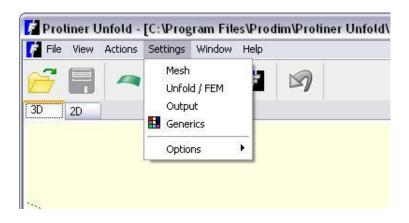
# **Application Settings**

This chapter discusses more deeply the possible changes in the application settings the user is allowed to operate. The user can change few settings which have impact on the Unfold outcomes. There are 5 different settings groups, one for each process phase:

	Settings Group	Phase
1	importing process settings	Import
2	mesh settings	Mesh
3	Unfold / FEM settings	Unfold
4	Output	Check and Save
5	Generics and Local Options	Check

The import settings, differently from any others, are accessible only during import, since importing a drawing can not be reversed once the process is completed.

The other settings are grouped in 4 tabs within a setting window which the user can access clicking on ACTION on the menu.



# Import

The import settings are already described in details in chapter 5 page 17. If the user notices that an error had occurred he has in fact to close the drawing and repeat everything form the beginning.

# Mesh

# **Nurbs Grid Size**

The nurbs approximation grid is used to generate the nurbs for meshing the 3D surface. It is possible to define the size of the nurb grid, choosing between 3 default options or indicating an alternative size. This grid shall be changed when the meshing of the surface is obviously incorrect. Decreasing the size of the grid, the user will increase the accuracy of the meshing process; neverthe-less, an excessively small grid will highlight possible imprecision of the measurement.

# Mesh Grid

This options are to be used to increase/decrease the size of the triangles which the meshed surface is split into it. Smaller mesh size will decrease the size of the triangles and it will increase the accuracy of the meshing. Never less, decreasing the size of the mesh can have a serious impact on the performances of the meshing and even more of the unfolding processes.

You can choose among 3 predefined sizes (small, medium and large) or indicate a custom size. The medium size grid is default.

Mesh       Unfold / FEM       Output       Generics         Nurbs Approximation       Grid X Size:       Grid Y Size:         Grid X Size:       2       2         Oversize (%)       10       2         Deformation Grid (2D)       Grid X Size:       Grid Y Size:	Mesh Size  Small  Medium  Large  Custom  Cell X Size mm:  Cell Y Size mm:  25  25
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# Unfold

You can also change settings related to the unfolding process, giving more information on the material type and characteristics.

The maximum allowed stress and the material thickness are independent from the material selection.

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	80 GPa
	Shell Thickness
	1000 micron
	Maximum allowable stress
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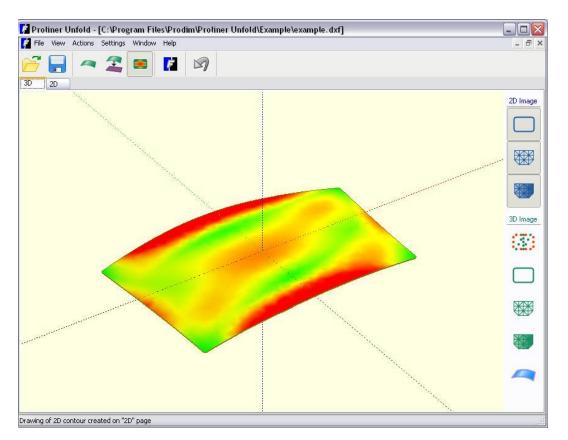
### MATERIAL PROPERTIES

You can select a certain material from the list of predefined proposals : glass, metal, etc. or you can add a custom material yourself. When a new material is added to the list, you need simply to define a new name and its elasticity.

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	Shell Thickness	
	1000 micron	
	Maximum allowable stress	
	120 MPa	

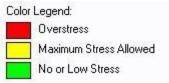
# STRESS

What you will see on your screen is visualized in the following figure. The unfolded surface is shown making use a different colours. Those are used to highlight the different stresses as they will occur on the glass sheet once it will be curved.

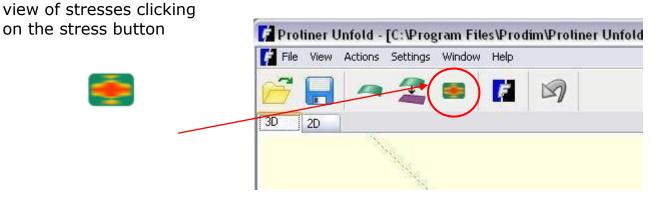


The colours are used to indicate 3 main level of stress: none, acceptable and overstress.

It is possible to disable the

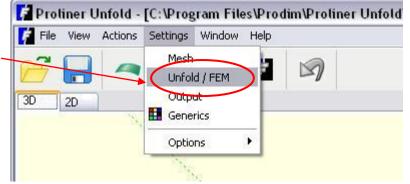


on the main menu tool bar or navigating on the main menu.



Stress

Stress options can be changed selecting the item **UNFOLD/FEM** under the group Settings on the menu.



esh Unfold / FEM Output Generics	
Material	Modulus of Elasticity
Glass	80 GPa
	Shell Thickness
	1000 micron
	Maximum allowable stress
	120 MPa
Edit Add Remove	Apply
Stresses	Color Legend:
Color coding: Sigma 1 (principal)	Overstress
Sigma (philopal)	Maximum Stress Allowed
	No or Low Stress
Factory Settings	🛛 🗸 OK 🛛 🗶 Can
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Sigma YY (vertical)	
Sigma XY (shear)	
Sigma 1 (principal)	

Within this screen, stress visualization can also be disabled by selecting NONE from the drop-box "Color Coding".

Settings > Unfold (tab) > Color coding > None

The stress values are dependent on the base of the material composition, type, and on the technique that will be used for curving the glass sheet.

You can modify the stresses' levels indicating a maximum allowed stress level.

Any change will update immediately the look of the surface on the screen.

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Maximum	allowable stress

# **Output (check + save)**

Mesh Unfold / FEM Output Generics	
Smoothing Limit Connecting line segments with angles smaller than this limit will be smoothed (approximated with arcs) Angle [deg]: 30,0	
DXF Output Number of decimal places: 10 Inverted Arcs	

# **Deformation Grid**

The deformation grid is the set of snapshots points which can be placed automatically on the external contour of the unfolded sheet within the 2D tab on the active drawing's visualization screen. With this option is possible to change the size of this grid and therefore the number of snapshots.

This option can found in the Mesh tab.

# **Corners Optimization**

This function allows the smoothing of corners. Increasing the value of the degree, the Unfold software will automatically smooth straight-line corner made, generating approximated arcs.

The corner of an output file generated with a smoothing limit value of 10 degrees.

The same corner generated with a smoothing limit value of 100 degrees.

# Lines Optimization

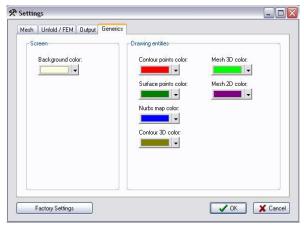
Lines as measured in 3D by the Proliner measurement devices are not always 100% perfect. In order to ensure the optimal quality of the output, the user can set different lines optimization values.

Increasing the tolerance level will imply an output file with a smaller number of elements, and smoothing given by the approximation of lines along a certain direction.

This option is currently available only in the Import Settings Screen.

# Generics

In this tab you can vary the colours which identify different elements on the visualization screen.



# Support

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# **Top Questions**

• I can not see any element in the preview of my Import Screen. How can I resolve this problem?

Please, check again the file opening it with your CAD program. If you still are sure that the file is integer and correct, please contact our customer support via phone or sending an email with the file in attachment.

• I can import my drawing but I get a strange, unrealistic, graphical representation. How can I resolve this problem?

# See previous answer.

• I can import my drawing but I can see only red dots, and then the mesh fails. How can I resolve this problem?

You have probably made a mistake in the selection of the elements during the import process. Please, close this file and open it again, paying attention to choose the right elements respectively for the external contour and the surface. If every thing was done correctly, you should see on the main visualization screen an image having red dots as contour and green dots as surface.

• I can import my drawing but I get a strange mesh. How can I resolve this problem?

You can change the size of the nurbs approximation grid, to best fit the specific shape of your drawing's curve. In order to do this: select SETTINGS onto the menu, and then MESH. Modify the Nurbs Approximation Grid size.

# Using Unfold

• How do I enter my Unfold license number?

Once received a license. from Prodim, select HELP menu drop and then LICENSE; then follow the given instructions, inserting the code in the indicated box. Confirm and your Unfold copy will be registered.

• How do I customize my Unfold?

Select SETTINGS menu drop and then OPTIONS to localize your application, and GENERICS to customize its appearances. See page 14 of this manual for more detailed information..

• How can I change the language of my Unfold?

How to change it? Then select it under Settings > Options > Language, and restart the service to apply the changes.

# How to add a new pack?

The language pack must be installed into the folder where also Unfold.exe is located. Just add the language file (tr\_<language>.xt) to the folder.

• Why is Unfold slow when meshing some files?

The speed of the mesh transformation depends on the specified size of its generative grid. Please consider increasing the Mesh Grid 's size. In order to do this: select SETTINGS onto the menu, and then MESH.

Take note that extremely large mesh grid size could possibly have small implications on the accuracy of the final output.

• Why is Unfold slow when unfolding some files?

The speed of the unfold transformation depends on a great deal of computational power from your PC's CPU, as well as from the specified size of its related mesh grid. Please, next time, consider to generate the 3D mesh with an increased grid size. In order to do this: select SETTINGS onto the menu, and then MESH, modify the Mesh Grid size.

Take not that extremely large mesh grid size could possibly have small implications on the accuracy of the final output.

• How do I change the stress value for a unfolded development?

Visit SETTINGS on the menu, then Unfold/FEM. The user can here disable the stress or change its type. Stress values depend also on the material elasticity, thickness and obviously on the maximum stress value allowed. The user shall set properly all those values too.

• How can I check the dimension of the Unfold output?

Once the drawing is successfully flattened, the user can select the tab named 2D on the main visualization screen. Basic measurements will be given. For detailed review of the drawing, the user has to rely on its own CAD software, after the output is exported into DXF.

• Can I export the unfolded file in another format different from DXF?

At the moment it is not possible to export the output in different formats than DXF. Never the less, we plan to implement different exportable extension in the near future.

# Downloading and Licensing

• Every time I start up the application I get a notice asking me to renew the license?

Your application is still running in Trial mode. Get your activation code and register it before the demo expiration date. After this time, the application will not run anymore.

• If I start-up the application, nothing happens. What to do?

Contact our customer support centre at +31 (0)492579050

• What is the easiest way to order Unfold?

You can order the Unfold via phone calling our customer support centre at +31 (0)492 579050

• I have lost my registration number. How do I get it?

You can obtain it selecting Help on the menu and then License. For help, call our customer support centre at +31 (0)492 579050 • How do I upgrade to the latest version?

Our customer support centre will send you a notification as soon as there is a new update. If you are entitled and interested, you can confirm it and it will be sent to you via email (or onto a CD via post) in form of an installer file.

• I have problem installing/downloading it. What can be done?

Call our customer support centre at +31 (0)492 579050

## Note

For further information you can contact one of the software development engineers :

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# **Technical and Commercial Support**

If you have need of discuss technical problems, or commercial and legal issues; please contact us at: <u>info@prodim.nl</u> or calling the +31 (0)492579050

# Icons: legenda

TOOL B	AR
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	Open	Open a new drawing to be flattened
	Save	Save the output of the unfold process
	Mesh 3D	Create a mesh 3D over the original measurement
7	Unfold	Flatten the meshed 3D surface
ě	Stress	Add / Remove the visualization of the stress values as calculated to be during the bending process.
F	About	Gives information about Unfold, and its producer: Prodim International BV
Ŋ	Previous	Recover the last position on the visualization screen of the glass sheet as it is oriented in space
O,	Zoom Out	Decrease the size of unfolded result the 2D view.
O,	Zoom In	Increase the size of unfolded result the 2D view.

# 2D VIEW TAB

€	Deformation Grid	Add the deformation grid onto the unfolded glass of sheet in the 2D tab of the visualization screen.
SIDE BAI	R	(if active)
	2D Contour	visualize the external contour of the 2D flattened glass.
	2D grid surface	visualize the grid surface of the 2D flattened glass.
	2D full surface	visualize the full surface of the 2D flattened glass.
3	Original measurement	visualize the points generated by the Unfold software based on the original measurement / drawing.
	3D contour	visualize the external contour of the bent 3D glass sheet.
	3D grid surface	visualize the grid surface of the bent 3D glass sheet.
	3D full surface	visualize the full surface of the bent 3D glass sheet.
	Nurb	visualize the nurb (points cloud) used to generate the meshed surface.

IMPORT SETTINGS		
$\square$	Contour	Indicates a contour
•**	Contour IN	Indicated that the glass sheet's external contour was measured with Proliner's measuring pen inside (example: in case of a frame)
•••	Contour OUT	Indicated that the glass sheet's external contour was measured with Proliner's measuring pen outside (example: a sample bent glass sheet)
	Surface	Indicated a surface
	Surface IN	Indicated that the glass sheet's surface was measured with Proliner's measuring pen inside (example: a sample bent glass sheet)
	Surface OUT	Indicated that the glass sheet's surface was measured with Proliner's measuring pen outside (example: in case of a frame)
• • • •	Surface TOP	Indicated that the glass sheet's surface was measured with Proliner's measuring pen on the top of the curve
110	Surface BOTTOM	Indicated that the glass sheet's surface was measured with Proliner's measuring pen on the bottom of the curve