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Brief Instructions



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1. Installing the software

In order to install the Software PackAssistant on your computer, you have to open the downloaded file (e.g. PackAssistant -4.14.16.exe). An installation program will be started and automatically install PackAssistant on your computer.

2. License file

Please copy the license file that was sent to you into the same directory as the program file PackAssistant.exe. If you have not changed the default settings, this file should be located in C:\Programs\PackAssistant.

3. Starting the program

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The Software PackAssistant can be started by selecting Start/Programs/PackAssistant. It is also possible to start the program by double-clicking on the program file PackAssistant.exe (located in C:\Programme\PackAssistant).

4. Packing your own

To create an optimization of your own components with PackAssistant, the components have to be present in VRML format (*.wrl file). Files in VRML format can be generated with almost every CAD program. How to import this file into the PackAssistant software and how to optimize the packing of a container is explained in detail in the succeeding illustrations.

5. Sample projects

We have included six sample projects to the packing optimization so you may gain a quick overview of the functionalities of the program. By choosing Project/open, you can select these examples from the directory C:\Programs\PackAssistant\examples and test the software. The results can either be shown directly (see page 11 to 13, point 13 to 17), or you can alter the parameters (see page 3 to 9, point 9 to 12).

For a detailed description of PackAssistant and its various functions, please refer to the User's Manual!

1. Create a new project



2. Load a component (*.wrl)



If you are asked whether you would like to transform the coordinates from meters to millimeters, please answer yes.

3. Enter the weight of the component



If you want to work without weight constraints, please enter e.g. 0.1.



4. Drag the component



Drag the component with the mouse into the 3D graphics area.

5. Choose a side view



Choose a side view of the container (X or Y).

6. Turn the component



Turn the component into a stable position (also possible in the view by using the mouse).





7. Determine at least one stable position



Determine at least one stable position via the context menu (right mouse-click).

8. Choose a container from the list



Choose a container from the list or edit the container size under Determinable Size.

9. Type of compartment



9. You can choose a type of compartment if you wish.





10. Determine the thickness of the solid layer pad



11. Specify further optional parameters



12. Start the optimization







13. Results



For packing problems without compartments, two solutions are offered. They are ordered according to two criteria:

Number of parts and regularity Example: Result #1 (48 97%) In the succeeding results, the regularity of the packing decreases while the number of parts per container increases.

14. Drag the result view



Drag the result view with the mouse into the 3D graphics area.

15. Change the view



Change the view of the results (X, Y, Z) or rotate the view with the mouse.

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16. Show or remove single layers



Via the context menu (right mouse-click) you can show or remove single layers within the container.

17. Create the packing instructions



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Project Data View Optimization Options Window Help



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