

AutoCAD Interface

AutoCAD Version

Number - Shows what AutoCAD version you are running.

Current open drawing name - Shows the name of the drawing you currently have open.

Standard Toolbar

Toolbar for standard AutoCAD commands.

Pulldown Menus

Easy access to AutoCAD commands.

Layers Toolbar

Access AutoCAD layer commands.

Edit Toolbar

Access to AutoCAD editing commands.

Styles Toolbar

Access AutoCAD styles toolbar.

Properties Toolbar - Access properties toolbar

Cursor - Used to point to objects in AutoCAD.

Draw Toolbar - Access to AutoCAD draw commands.

Tool Palettes - Access to tool palettes.

Scroll Bars - Used to scroll around drawing in drawing area.

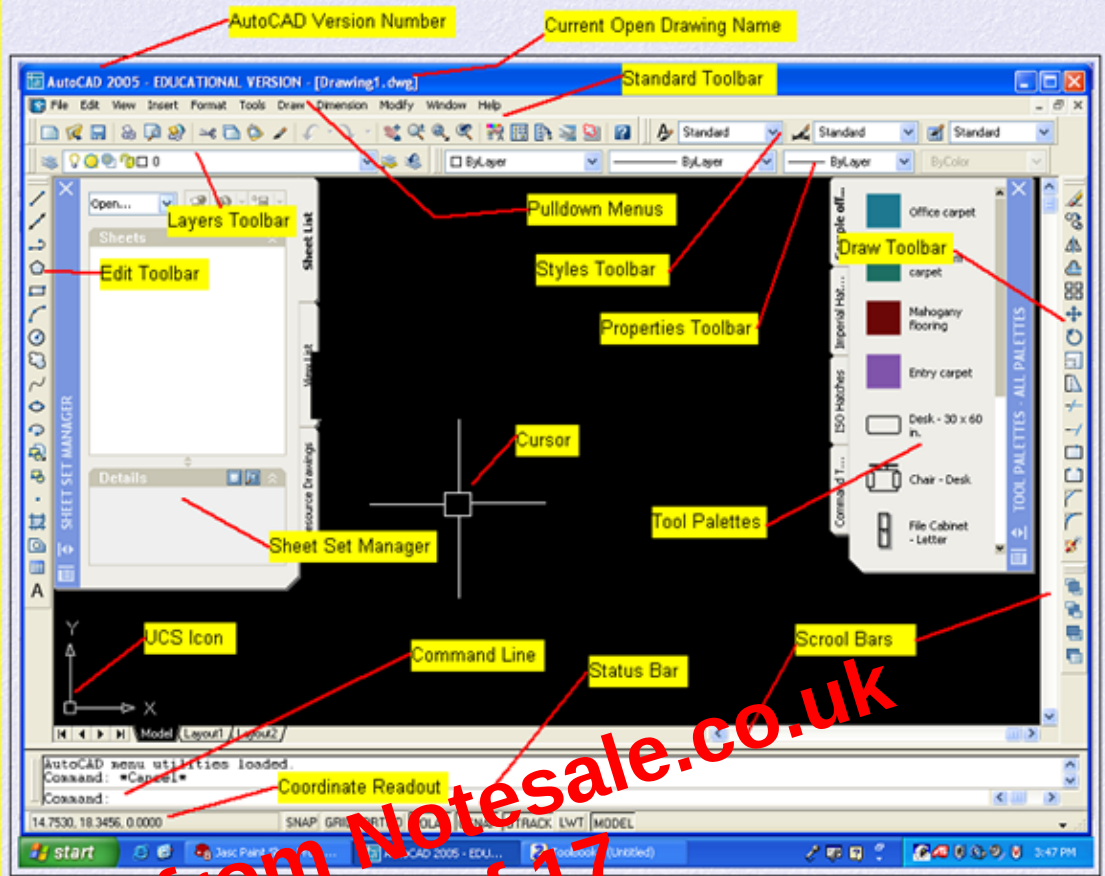
Status Bar - Used to turn on and off AutoCAD settings.

Command Line

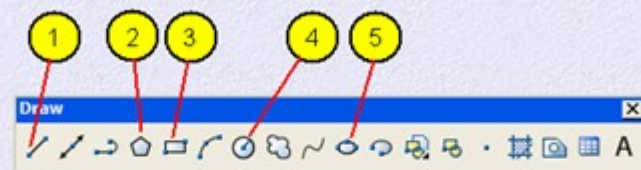
Used to type in AutoCAD commands from keyboard.

Coordinate Readout - Used to keep track of cursor location in drawing area.

Sheet Set Manager - Access sheet set manager.



Draw Commands



Draw Toolbar used to access AutoCAD draw commands you can also use draw pulldown menu or type the command in at the Command line. The draw commands create objects such as lines, circles, and ellipse's. An object is the smallest component of a drawing. A drawing is made up of a combination of these objects. When creating objects with draw commands, AutoCAD always prompts "Ask" you to indicate points (such as endpoints, centers, or radii) to describe the size and location of the object to be drawn. Drawing commands can be entered from the keyboard (command Line), the Draw Toolbar, or the Draw Pull-down menu.

1. **Line** - Draw lines in AutoCAD
2. **Polygon** - Draws polygons with three or more sides
3. **Rectang** - Used to draw rectangles
4. **Circle** - Command used to draw circles
5. **Ellipse** - Use to draw ellipse

Keyboard Function Keys

The ESC key and the F8 keys have special functions in Autocad.

- ESC** - This is the command cancel key. When ever your in a command and just need to start over press this key, it cancels the current command you are in.
- F1** - Opens the AutoCAD help dialog box.
- F2** - Opens the AutoCAD text window. In this window you can scroll through the history of commands.
- F3** - Turns running osnap on or off
- F4** - Turns tablet on or off (You will probably never use this key)
- F5** - Switches between ISOPLANES (top,front,right)
- F6** - Turns coordinate readout at lower left of screen on or off
- F7** - Turns Grid display on or off
- F8** - Turns ORTHO on or off (ortho is used in conjunction with the line to draw straight horizontal and vertical lines.
- F9** - Turns SNAP on or off.

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