



## SW143-Solidworks MBD

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### About This Course

The goal of this course is to teach you how to communicate product and manufacturing information (PMI) in 3D formats. SOLIDWORKS MBD, or Model Based Definition software, enables users to represent PMI directly within a 3D model and publish this information to 3D PDF, eDrawings, or STEP 242 file formats, eliminating the need for separate 2D drawing files.

The focus of this course is on the fundamental skills and concepts central to successfully utilizing SOLIDWORKS MBD. You should view the training course manual as a supplement to, not a replacement for, the system documentation and on-line help. Once you have developed a good foundation in basic skills, you can refer to the on-line help for information on less frequently used command options.

### Perequisites

Students attending this course are expected to have the following:

- Mechanical design experience.
- Completed the course *SOLIDWORKS Essentials*.
- Familiarity with SOLIDWORKS annotation commands.
- Experience with the Windows™ operating system.

### Course Design Philosophy

This course is designed around a process- or task-based approach to training. Rather than focus on individual features and functions, a process-based training course emphasizes the processes and procedures you follow to complete a particular task. By utilizing case studies to illustrate these processes, you learn the necessary commands, options and menus in the context of completing a design task.

### Course Length

The recommended minimum length for this course is 1 day.



### **Lesson 1:**

#### **Introduction to SOLIDWORKS MBD**

- What is SOLIDWORKS MBD?
- Course Layout
- MBD using Feature Dimensions
- 3D PDF Capabilities
  - Viewport Options
  - Markup Capabilities
- MBD in SOLIDWORKS
  - Annotations Folder
  - Annotations Views
  - 3D Views
- MBD using DimXpct
- DimXpert Capabilities
- eDrawings and MBD
- eDrawings Capabilities
- STEP 242 Files
- MBD and Assemblies
- Steps in the Process

### **Lesson 2:**

#### **Using Feature Dimensions and Annotation Views**

- Using Feature Dimensions with MBD
- Default Annotation Views
- Optimizing Settings
  - Customizing the CommandManager
- Adding and Organizing Annotations
  - Activating a Annotation View
  - Annotation Views Shortcut menu
- Adding Reference Dimensions
  - Annotation View Assignment
- Modifying Dimensions
- Creating a Section Annotation View
- Editing an Annotation View
- Unassigned Items
- Creating an Annotation View
- Notes Area
  - Show on Open
- Exercise 1: Main Body Annotation Views
- Exercise 2: Flange Annotation Views
- Exercise 3: Fork Annotation Views



### Lesson 3:

#### Capturing 3D Views

- 3D Views
- 3D Views Tab ...
- Capture 3D View
  - Activating and Modifying 3D Views
  - Using Multiple Annotation Views
  - Dynamic Annotation Views
- Publishing PMI
  - Publish to 3D PDF
- Special 3D View Types
  - Detail Views
  - Auxiliary Views
  - Section Views
  - Broken Views
- Model Break View
  - Accessing Model Break Views
- Publish eDrawings File
  - Settings to Consider for eDrawings
  - Modifying Font Size
- Exercise 4: Main Body 3D Views
- Exercise 5: Broken-out Section and Break Views
- Exercise 6: Auxiliary View

### Lesson 4:

#### 3D PDF Template Editor

- 3D PDF Template Editor
- Areas of the Template
  - Logo Image
  - Primary Viewport
  - Thumbnail Area
  - Pages Tabs
  - BOM Table Area
  - Notes Area
  - Comments and Custom Properties Area
- Text Types
- Other Template Aspects
  - Background
  - Page Setup
  - Independent Viewport
  - Projected Viewport
- Building a Custom Template



Saving and Storing Custom Templates  
3D PDF Theme File Location  
Testing the Template  
Supplemental Tutorials

### **Lesson 5:**

#### **Using DimXpert**

What is DimXpert?  
DimXpert Settings  
DimXpert Block Tolerances  
Block Tolerance  
General Tolerance  
General Block Tolerance  
DimXpert Dimension Settings  
Size Dimensions  
Location Dimension  
DimXpert Dimension Settings  
Size Dimensions  
Location Dimension  
Chain Dimension  
Geometric Tolerance  
Chamfer Controls  
Display Options  
How DimXpert Works  
Auto Dimension Scheme  
DimXpertManager  
Linked Features  
Tree Display  
Tolerance Status  
Show Tolerance Status  
Modifying DimXpert Annotations  
DimXpert Annotation Views  
DimXpert Locations  
Combining Dimensions  
Publish using Default Views  
Creating Multiple Schemes  
Copy Scheme  
Manual DimXpert Annotations  
Feature Selector Toolbar  
Default DimXpert Features  
Intersection and Compound Features  
Collection Pattern Feature



- Using DimXpct Dimension Tools
- DimXpert Dimension Types
- Unique DimXpct Options
  - Linear or Angular Dimension
  - Reference Features
  - DimXpct Direction
- Supplemental Tutorials
- Exercise 7: Auto Dimension Scheme
- Exercise 8: Multiple Schemes
- Exercise 9: Manual DimXpct Annotations
  - Automating Basic Dimensions

### **Lesson 6:**

#### **MBD and Assembly Models**

- Assembly Models and MBD
- Assembly Level Dimensions
- Optimizing Settings in Assemblies
  - Additional Settings to Consider
- Adding Assembly Annotations
- BOM Tables and Balloons
- Publishing Assembly PM I
- Additional MBD Tools
- Supplemental Tutorials
- Exercise 10: Assembly Annotations
- Exercise 11: Assembly Exploded Views