

FAQ: AutoSpecs in Autodesk Construction Cloud

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General

- What is happening?
 - We are bringing the functionality from Pype AutoSpecs into our unified platform. Users that purchase the Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle will have access to AutoSpecs in ACC. They will be able to leverage the direct integration with Autodesk Build allowing users to publish their submittal log directly into Build without having to log into another product.
 - Additionally, AutoSpecs in ACC is built upon Autodesk Docs and it will allow customers to leverage Autodesk Docs as their CDE.
- When does this take effect?
 - The targeted General Availability release date of AutoSpecs in ACC is March 21, 2023.
- Does this replace Pype AutoSpecs?
 - No, **this does not replace Pype AutoSpecs**. Pype AutoSpecs will still be sold as a standalone offering and there will be no change for existing Pype AutoSpecs users.
- What is the name of the product?
 - AutoSpecs in ACC
 - In the ACC Product Picker, the name appears as AutoSpecs
- What regions will this be available in?
 - At this time, **North America only**
- What Autodesk Construction Cloud products will it connect with?
 - AutoSpecs in ACC will have a direct integration with Autodesk Build, allowing users to publish their submittal log directly into Build without having to log into another product
 - Additionally, AutoSpecs in ACC leverages Autodesk Docs as the CDE. Users can publish their project specifications and logs directly into Autodesk Docs.
- Who on a construction project uses it?
 - General Contractors are the main audience with Project Managers and Project Engineers as the primary users. For more detailed personas, refer to slide 12 in the [messaging guide](#).
 - Some Specialty Contractors may also leverage AutoSpecs to ensure they have a robust submittal log since they are ultimately responsible for submittal information
- What pain points does it solve for?
 - AutoSpecs eliminates the need to copy and paste submittal items from the PDF specifications to find the required submittals and create a submittal log within excel. This ensures Project Teams can spend more time understanding the project specifications and working on high value tasks, while still ensuring an accurate and robust submittal log.

- For detailed Before /After Scenarios, refer to slides 13 and 14 in [the messaging guide](#).
- What are the core benefits of using it?
 - AutoSpecs automatically extracts all your project requirements – Action/Information Submittals, QA/QC requirements, Mock-Ups, Test & Inspections and Closeout Requirements – from your specifications in minutes, ensuring that your project is contract compliant from Day 1 and freeing up your team’s time to focus on project execution.
 - Users will have a comprehensive submittal experience for submittal generation and management.
 - With AutoSpecs in ACC, users will have a cohesive experience all within Autodesk Construction Cloud. They will be able to quickly generate robust and accurate draft submittal logs and then push them directly into Autodesk Build without having to leave the unified platform.
 - Once transferred to Autodesk Build, they will be able to manage the submittal process – tracking submittal status, creating custom review processes, annotating and marking up submittals and even saving closed Submittals to Autodesk Docs.
 - Autodesk Construction Cloud will be the single source of truth for the entire submittal workflow – one login, one CDE.

Functionality

- How does it work?
 - Users will upload their project specifications (**English and CSI Format**). AutoSpecs will analyze the information in the document, identify all project requirements -submittals, QA/QC requirements, Mock-Ups, Test & Inspections – and generate a submittal log to track the requirements.
 - Users have the option to opt into submittal recommendations, which AutoSpecs will recommend any potentially missing submittal items.
 - Once satisfied with the submittal log, users who are also Submittal Managers (permission is set within the Submittals tool in Build) can publish their submittal log directly into Autodesk Build.
- How does the functionality differ between AutoSpecs in ACC and Pype AutoSpecs?
 - AutoSpecs in ACC and Pype AutoSpecs will have much of the same functionality. The main difference is that AutoSpecs in ACC integrates directly with Autodesk Build, where Pype integrates most 3rd party project management tools including BIM 360, Procore, Aconex, Bluebeam.
 - Refer to the [feature matrix on slide 17 in the messaging guide](#) for a feature breakdown
 - AutoSpecs in ACC provides a more cohesive experience that shares common projects and user management with Autodesk Build. And because AutoSpecs in ACC uses Autodesk ID, users do not need to sign in to two different platforms

making it easier to move data between AutoSpecs, Autodesk Build, and Document Management.

- What if a customer wants to migrate their data from Pype AutoSpecs and put it into AutoSpecs in ACC. What would that look like?
 - Currently we are not migrating data between the two products. All historical project data will continue to be available in Pype AutoSpecs and users will be able to export project specifications and submittal logs from Pype AutoSpecs if needed.
- Can AutoSpecs in ACC work on existing Autodesk Build projects?
 - AutoSpecs in ACC will be available to both new and existing Autodesk Build projects of the subscribers to the Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle. AutoSpecs functionality will be rolled out to customers in the weeks following the launch. If a customer needs immediate access, please reach out to Jacob Hong on the Product team and their request can be prioritized.
- Will AutoSpecs work outside of North America?
 - Primary geographical support for AutoSpecs (both in ACC and Pype) is in North America for English-based, CSI MasterFormat specifications.
- What requirements does the specification document need to have?
 - Specifications need to be in English, PDF (vector or raster) and CSI format.
 - The PDF must be smaller than 1GB in size.
- What AI capabilities does AutoSpecs bring to the Unified Platform?
 - AutoSpecs identifies and parses submittal / product data information from the sections of a CSI MasterFormat spec and automatically generate a detailed submittal log
 - A prediction model recommends potential submittals that are not included in the original spec, based on learnings from data sets for similar project types
- How do the AI capabilities differ from the competition?
 - AutoSpecs submittal log generation outpaces market competition with greater accuracy and breadth – capturing more submittal types like Closeout and QA/QC Requirements

Compliance

- Is AutoSpecs in ACC GDPR Compliant?
 - Not yet fully compliant, but we are working towards it.
- Is AutoSpecs in ACC SOC2 Compliant?
 - We have completed our internal audit for SOC2 compliance and are working towards an external audit in 2023.

Access and Permission

- How will access be granted to AutoSpecs in ACC?
 - After the launch date, customers who purchase the Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle will automatically receive AutoSpecs in ACC along with the other products included in the bundle.
- Will permissions work in AutoSpecs in ACC?
 - Permissions in AutoSpecs will mirror those in Autodesk Construction Cloud unified platform, AutoSpecs users will either be a Project Admin or Project Member.
 - To export the submittal log to Autodesk Build, users must be a Submittal Manager in the corresponding Build project.

Pricing and Packaging

- How can customers buy AutoSpecs in ACC?
 - AutoSpecs in ACC will be available as part of the **Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle**. The bundle will now include: Autodesk Build Account-Based, AutoSpecs in ACC, Pye AutoSpecs Enterprise, Pye Closeout Enterprise, Pye e-Binder Enterprise, and Pye SmartPlans Enterprise.
 - The **Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle is for NAMER only**.
 - For EBA customers, AutoSpecs in ACC will also be available as part of the Autodesk Construction Cloud (Daily) offering.
- Can users buy AutoSpecs in ACC standalone?
 - No, currently AutoSpecs in ACC is sold as part of the Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle only. If customers want to buy a standalone version of AutoSpecs, they can purchase Pye AutoSpecs.
- What if a customer wants AutoSpecs in ACC + Autodesk Build (no Pye Closeout). Will there be exceptions to the Bundle?
 - No customization of the Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle contents is possible.
- What if a customer purchased AutoSpecs and Build prior to the Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle availability, will they be able to get access to AutoSpecs in ACC?
 - Customers need to purchase the bundle to get AutoSpecs in ACC. However, EBA customers can leverage AutoSpecs in ACC through the Autodesk Construction Cloud (Daily) offering.
- What if customers want to buy AutoSpecs in ACC + Autodesk Build on a per seat basis?
 - They must upgrade to the bundle to get AutoSpecs in ACC. Currently there are no exception to the Construction Operations bundle

- My customer purchased the Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle before the launch of AutoSpecs in ACC. Can they get access to AutoSpecs in ACC?
 - All customers with an active contract for the Autodesk Construction Operations Bundle will be provided access to AutoSpecs in ACC. The entitlement will be added to their account as soon as feasible after the launch date and will remain active through the end of their contract term.

AutoSpecs Trial

- How do admins add people to my trial?
 - Trials are user based so an admin can invite someone to their trial account using the normal invite flow (the invite flow is not different for trials versus paid subscriptions)
 - The person being invited needs to have either an AutoSpecs trial or paid subscription of their own to access the product
- What happens to customer data at the end of their trial?
 - Data stays as-is and the user loses access to the product if their trial expires
 - The user has a certain number of days that we hold the data and once they purchase a subscription and connect it to their account the data will be reactivated
 - If they do not purchase a subscription and connect it to the account in the set number of days the account is deleted
 - They will see a blocker screen that lets them know their trial is expired when they try to navigate to AutoSpecs
 - When the customer reaches the trial expired page, will have an option to “View buying options”
- How do customers purchase AutoSpecs in ACC during their trial or after it ends?
 - Customers will have the opportunity to select “View buying options” from the trial information modal which will take customers to a landing page that will contact our sales team about the bundle
 - After the trial has expired, when the customer tries to navigate to AutoSpecs they will get a trial expired blocker page – from here they can press the CTA to navigate to webpage to contact sales about the bundle.