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## Before Installation

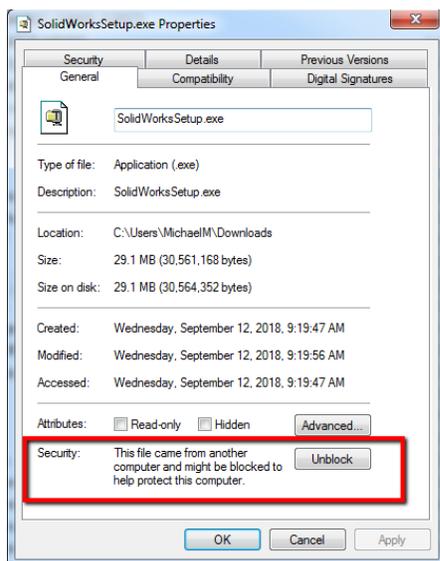
Hawk Ridge Systems highly recommends taking a moment before installing SOLIDWORKS and checking that you are ready to load your new software. First, check links to ensure minimum [system requirements](#) and the [video card](#) compatibility is met. Also, confirm that the hard drive has enough space to have at least 15% free space, after the full installation. Back-up data such as any shared Toolbox library, Design Library, Template files, or a data management vault. As always, verify workmates, customers, or vendors are all on the same version of SOLIDWORKS. Older versions of SOLIDWORKS cannot open files from newer versions.

Be sure to check that your version of Excel is supported, as it is common practice to export Inspection documents to Excel spreadsheets.

# Basic Installation

**Depending on your needs, installing SOLIDWORKS might be necessary. If you want to create inspection documents from SOLIDWORKS drawing files, you need to use and run the SOLIDWORKS Inspection add-in. If you work with files that open with the standalone version only, then you do not need to install SOLIDWORKS 2020.**

1. Make sure you are logged in as the administrator.
2. Disable all anti-virus and anti-spyware tools.
3. If you are installing the add-in, make sure SOLIDWORKS 2020 is installed or that you are going to install it simultaneously with Inspectio
4. Download SOLIDWORKS 2020 from the SOLIDWORKS Customer Portal site. The file set will be in a .ZIP folder. Before unzipping the files, check that they are unblocked by right clicking on the .ZIP file and selecting properties. If there is an "Unblock" option at the bottom of the window, select it, then apply and close the window. Unzipping the file should automatically run the .exe file, but if it does not, double-click the sldIM.exe or setup.exe located in the unzipped folder to begin the installation.

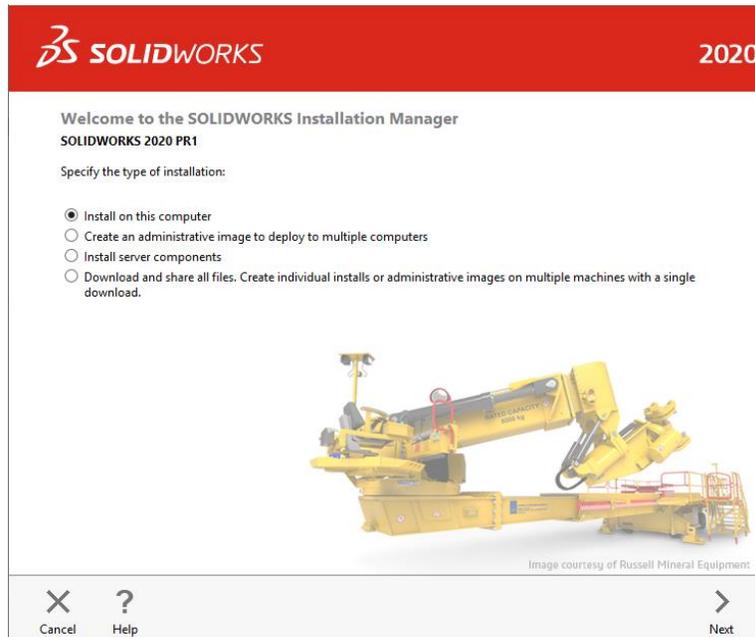


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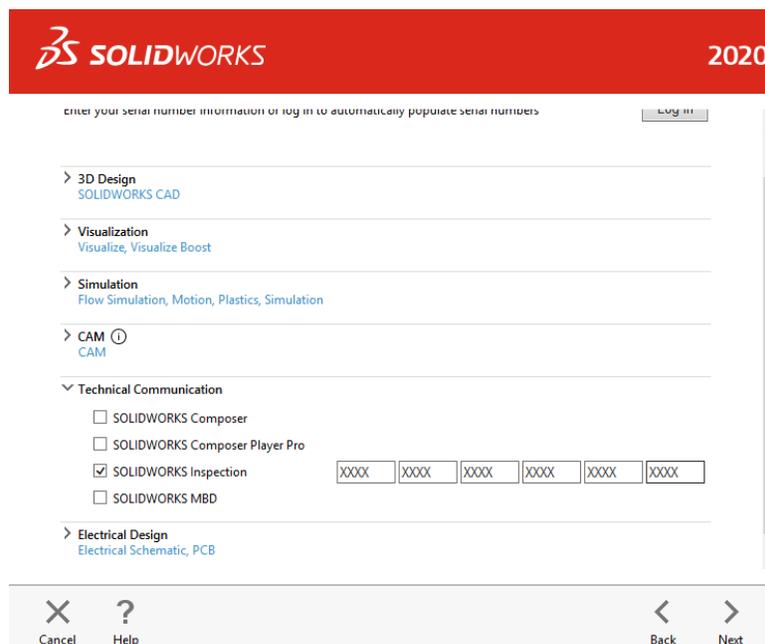
Here is a link to our [Downloads and Updates guide](#).



- The executable should bring you to the install wizard. Click "Individual" and then click "Next".



- The next page will ask for your 24 digit serial number. If you have this information in a document, you can copy and paste this information into the first cell and it will fill out correctly. For the Inspection Add-in, enter both a SOLIDWORKS and Inspection Serial. For just the Inspection Standalone, only enter the serial for SOLIDWORKS Inspection. The serial number section may already be filled out if you have a previous version of SOLIDWORKS on your system. Click "Next" to continue.



7. If you already have a previous version of SOLIDWORKS installed, the next page will ask if you are upgrading or installing another installation. Select the option that best suits your needs and click "next".
8. Check that Inspection is included in the Products to Add in the summary page. If it is not, click "Change" and select the box for Inspection under Product Selection.
9. On the Summary page, you can set folder the necessary files will be installed to by clicking "Change". If the default (C:\Program Files) is acceptable, select "Install Now".
10. Once the install is complete, click finish.
11. Launch SOLIDWORKS Inspection or turn on the SOLIDWORKS Inspection add-in inside SOLIDWORKS 2020 (Tools > Add-ins). You will be prompted to activate the SOLIDWORKS products. Select SOLIDWORKS Inspection and click "Next".

