



Product design and Class-A surfacing software

2018 Feature Comparison

| Applications | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|---|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| VRed Design | - | - | ✓ |
| Speedform | - | - | ✓ |
| Sketchbook <small>Shipped with 2016 product.</small> | - | - | ✓ |
| Maya <small>Shipped with 2016 product.</small> | - | - | ✓ |
| Automotive Asset Library | - | - | ✓ |

| Concept Exploration | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Paint and Canvas Tools | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Overlay Annotation | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Sketching/Manipulation | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Raster brushes | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Annotation pencils | - | ✓ | - |
| Custom texture brush | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Effect brushes | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Vector/Raster Hybrid (editable shapes) | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Symmetry | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Gradient Fill | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Raster Text | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Image warping (transforming) | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Color Replace | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Image Cropping | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Sketch over 3D data (underlay) | ✓ | - | ✓ |

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| Mark-up brushes over 3D | - | ✓ | - |
| Project sketch on 3D geometry | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Import Image | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Save images *screen and window export | ✓ | * | ✓ |

| Modeling | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| G2 Continuity | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| G3 Continuity | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Explicit Control | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Offset | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Extend | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cut | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Align | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Symmetrical Align | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Smoothing | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Query Edit | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Attach | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Insert | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Vectors | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dynamic Planes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Transform Curve Operator | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Surface/Curve Orientation | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Workflows <small>*partial</small> | ✓ | * | ✓ |
| Preference Sets and Workspaces | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Dynamic Shape Modeling | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| DSM: Transformer Rig | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| DSM: Conform Rig | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DSM: Lattice Rig | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DSM: Bend | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DSM: Twist | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Array | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Array | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Path Array (replaces Duplicate Place) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Object Array | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Surface Evaluation | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|---|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Diagnostic Panel Curvature Evaluation | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Diagnostic Panel Cross Section Controls | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dynamic Section | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| IsoAngle | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| VRed Nurbs Analysis | - | - | ✓ |
| Isophotes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Light Tunnel | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Zebra | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Surface Evaluation Diagnostic | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Draft Analysis | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Surfacing Tools | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Barrel surface | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Helix surface | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cross Section Manager | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Min/Max Curvature + Deviation Map | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Symmetric Modeling | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Stitch and Seam | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Freeform Blend | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Profile Blend | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Planar | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Revolve | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Skin | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rail - mono, bi, multi | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Extrude | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Profile Tool | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Square | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Multi-blend (replace n-sided) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Surface Fillet | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Symmetrical Fillet | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fillet Flange | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tube Flange | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tubular Offset Flange | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Multi Surface Draft | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Panel Gap | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ball Corner | - | ✓ | ✓ |

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| Round | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| MultiSurface Draft | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Curve Network | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Surface Manipulation Tools | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Combine Surfaces | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Trim / Untrim | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Trim Convert | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Stitch / Unstitch | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Shell Boolean Operations | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Smooth | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Planarize Hull | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rebuild Surface | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Curve Tools | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Keypoint Curves | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Blend Curves | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fit Curve | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Sort Sections | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Visualization Preparedness Tools | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Stitch and Seam Tool | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Curve Edit Tools | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
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| Curve Fillet | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Freeform Curve Blend | - | ✓ | ✓ |

| Organization Tools | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Layers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Layer Folders | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Reference Manager | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Stages | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Stage Set | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Viewing Tool | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Mouse Tumble/Pan/Zoom | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| View Cube | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3D Mouse | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Orthographic | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Perspective | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Perspective with Ortho Faces | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Clipping | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Calibrated | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| View Flip | - | - | ✓ |
| View Both | - | - | ✓ |
| Variant Lister | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Automotive Simulation | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
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| Contact Analysis | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pedestrian Protection | - | ✓ | ✓ |

| Reverse Engineering | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Tesselation NURBS to Mesh | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tesselation Cloud to Mesh | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Displacement Map to Mesh | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Subset/Merge/Cut | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Position | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Patch | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Intersect | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Smooth | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Reduce | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Hole Fill | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Bridge | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Collar | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Offset | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Stitch | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Edge Reconstruct | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mesh Extract Theoretical Edges | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Automated Repair of Meshes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fit Scan | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Surface from Mesh | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Refit Surfaces | - | - | ✓ |

| Evaluation and Locators | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Simple Evaluation Tools | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Complete Evaluation Tools | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Simple Locators | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Complete Locators | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dynamic Measurement | - | ✓ | ✓ |

| Visualization | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Hardware Shade | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Image-Based Lighting | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ambient Occlusion Calculation | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| QuickTime VR | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Linear Reflection (Hardware Shade) | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Keyframe Animation | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| Turntable Animation | ✓ | - | ✓ |
| PowerRender | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hardware Ground Plane Reflection | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hardware Self Shadows | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hardware Shader Glow | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dynamic Measurement Tool | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Layered Diagnostic Shaders | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Direct Launch with Data | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Maya Send to Maya. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| VRED Send to VRED | - | - | ✓ |

| Data Exchange | Alias Design | Alias Surface | Alias AutoStudio |
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| Autodesk Inventor .ipt import * <small>*not available for Mac OS</small> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Autodesk Inventor .iam import * <small>*not available for Mac OS</small> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Autodesk DXF/DWG | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Autodesk DWF* | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <small>*not available for Mac OS</small> | | | |
| IGES Translator | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| STEP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| OBJ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| STL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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| ZPR* | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| *not available for Mac OS | | | |
| SolidWorks* ** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| *not available for Mac OS | | | |
| **for translator to work, must have SolidWorks installed and licensed on same machine, or go through Fusion to DWG | | | |
| ProE Granite* | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| *not available for Mac OS | | | |
| CATIA V4 only write* | Included | Included | Included |
| *not available for Mac OS | | | |
| CATIA V5 read and write* | Included | Included | Included |
| *not available for Mac OS | | | |
| JT Import* | Included | Included | Included |
| *not available for Mac OS | | | |
| UGNX* | Purchasable | Purchasable | Purchasable |
| *not available for Mac OS | | | |
| EDF read and write | - | ✓ | ✓ |
| Autodesk Vault integration* | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| *not available for Mac OS | | | |
| Adobe Illustrator export | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Import / Export SAT | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Import / Export FBX | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |