



VPC-TIP

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VPC version 3.0 Notes

VPCCommand Version 3.0 will be sent to you shortly. This new version has some new features and many enhancements. I would like to point out a couple of these to prepare you for the latest and greatest in VPCCommand.

1. When you receive your new VPCCommand software, please take some time to ***read the included information***. It will include instructions on loading the new version as well as discuss some of the new features.
2. You will ***uninstall*** the previous version of VPCCommand prior to installing 3.0. Note that this will NOT affect any projects you have input. If you do not have any previous versions of VPCCommand, simply install this new version. ***I urge you to read the “Read-Me” file after you install v3.0!***
3. New Default projects are included in this version. You should create new default projects of your own in order to take advantage of the new features. It is recommended that you create new defaults rather than update your old defaults. You can find out how to do this by getting Lesson 2 from the www.vpbuildings.com web site.
4. A major change in this version is the removal of “***Reports***” as a separate function and the addition of this feature to the “***Tree***” inside the Building Editor. You will now be able to run Reports without closing the Building Editor. Please note that if you need to access reports the require design and detailing information such as the Pricing and Reactions reports, that you must still have completed and saved the “VPC-Run” function. The VPC-Run function is still separate from the Building Editor. This new reports feature is carefully explained in the “Read-me” file.
5. In 3.0 you can also run ***Drawings*** from within the ***Tree*** of the Building Editor. Note that this will require that a VPC-Run have been completed and saved to obtain design-detailing information. Drawings from the Tree are for viewing and printing only. If you wish to modify the drawings, you can still use the Drawing function outside of the Tree.
6. Again, please read the included information with your software. A further note on ***Reports and Drawings***. Reports from the tree DO NOT save the actual report. Only a command, if you will, to “generate” the selected report is created. For this reason, if you run an input report, change your building; select this same input report the latest changes will be reflected. The Drawings that are created are based on the VPC-Run and will only be changed when you do another VPC-Run. Unlike Reports, the actual drawing would be saved if you chose the save option. In order to keep the file size small, it is recommended that you Save your File prior to running drawings from the tree and then ***do not save the drawings*** after you are finished viewing/plotting them. You can also delete them from the Tree to prevent possible confusion from having outdated drawings.
7. You will now have the ability to “***extend frames through shapes***”. In previous versions, you were prevented to doing so. You will now have more flexibility on such shapes as a “Gambrel” or “Barn” type shape. Please read the information included with your CD on this for notes and comments on doing this. The “Read-Me” file explains this very well as well as the other particulars to v3.0!

As always, do not struggle with any VPCCommand project! Call the Software Support Group (877.874.3579), your friendly neighborhood VPCCommand Coordinator, your PDM, etc. for Help!

Thanks,
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