Do It with Precision: Ignite Your Latent Energy by Creating Smart BOM in AutoCAD Mechanical

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Class Summary

- This class helps you to know the precision tools for increasing efficiency and productivity through custom bill of materials and parts lists.
- In the interactive session, we will look at the things that make you think smartly with AutoCAD Mechanical software's Bill of Materials.
- Avoid any challenges to procure and manage your lead time. Join us to see the intuitive tool that can help to build an effective CAD environment.



Key Learning Objectives

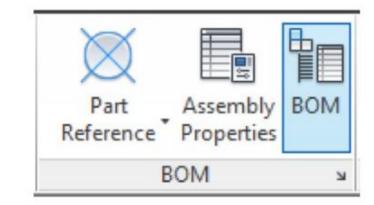
At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- How to create a simple and intelligent BOM for your drawings
- ☐ How to quickly add user-defined items in BOM
- ☐ How to use simple formulae to create a custom parts list
- How to create a BOM report to match your company standards

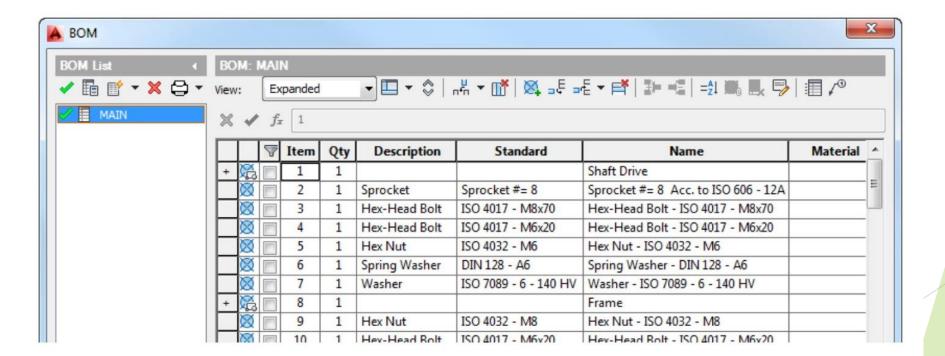


What is a Bill of Material (BOM)?

- BOM :
 - Database stored within your drawing.
 - More than one BOM can be created for a drawing.



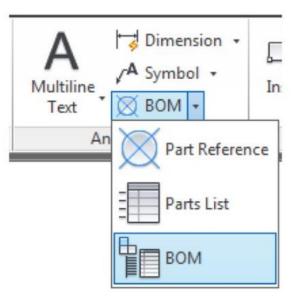
BOM Dialog:





How do we create a BOM?

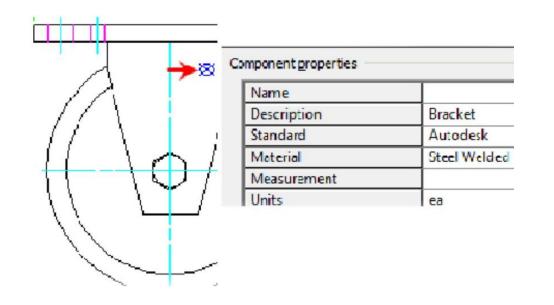
- Add part references to a drawing that is not using mechanical structures.
 Most efficient way
- ☐ You can manually add rows to the BOM and enter values in each row.
- Create instances of mechanically structured parts and assemblies.

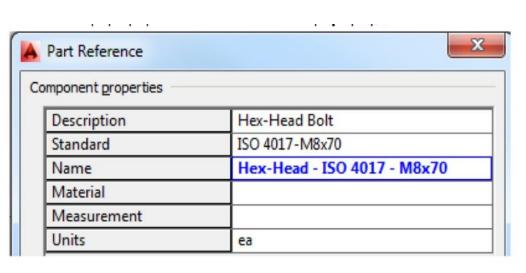




Let's start with Part reference Approach

- What are Part references?
 - Add intelligence information to geometry you have created.
 - You can store part information about parts by creating a part reference for each part.
 - Special attribute block that stores information which is used in bill of materials (BOM) database.

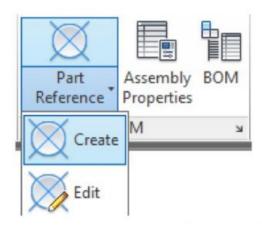


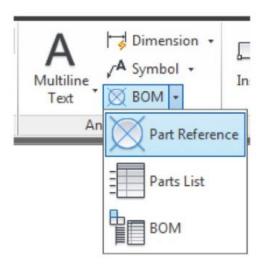




Ways to create Part references

- You can create Part reference in three ways:
 - Command Line: AMPARTREF
 - BOM Panel Part ref drop down list
 - AMPARTREF_BLOCK
 - Annotation Panel BOM drop down list



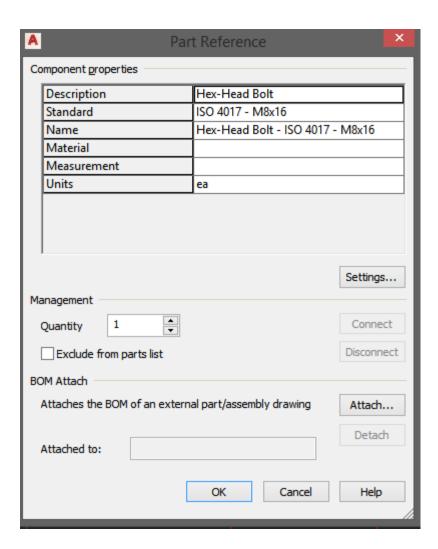


Create a Part & Part reference

Draw a simple AutoCAD object

Run AMPARTREF command

List of component properties to fill

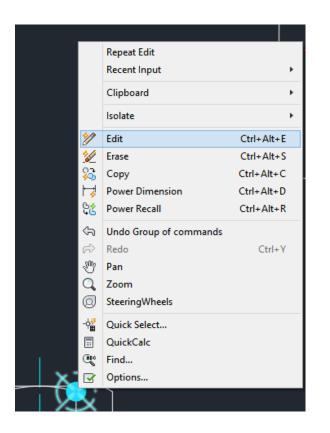




Edit a Part reference

Edit part reference by clicking the node

Command line : AMPARTREFEDIT



To display the part reference node objects
 Home tab > expanded Layers panel > Part Reference Layer On/Off.



Place a Part reference with no part information

- Command line : AMPARTREF
- Specify location in drawing



Place Part reference



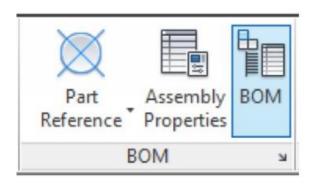
Create a BOM with Part references

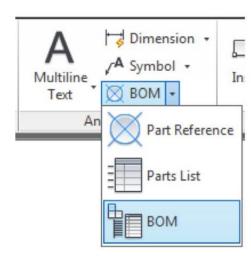
You can create BOM in three ways:

Command Line: AMBOM

❖ BOM Panel – BOM

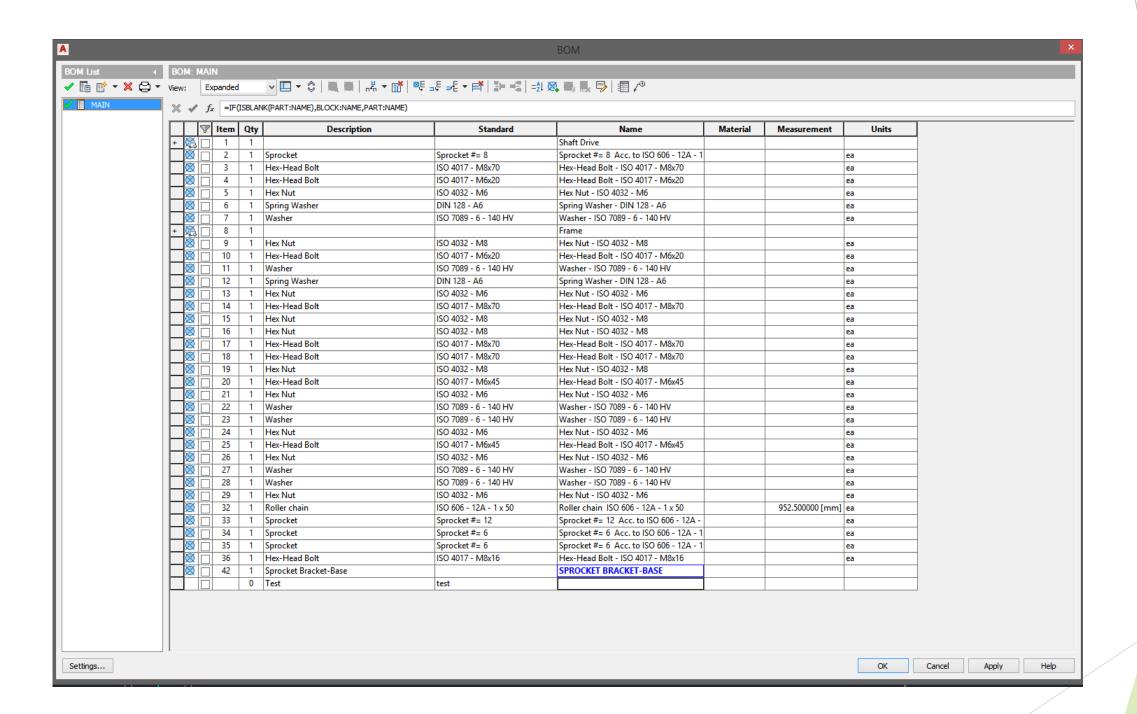








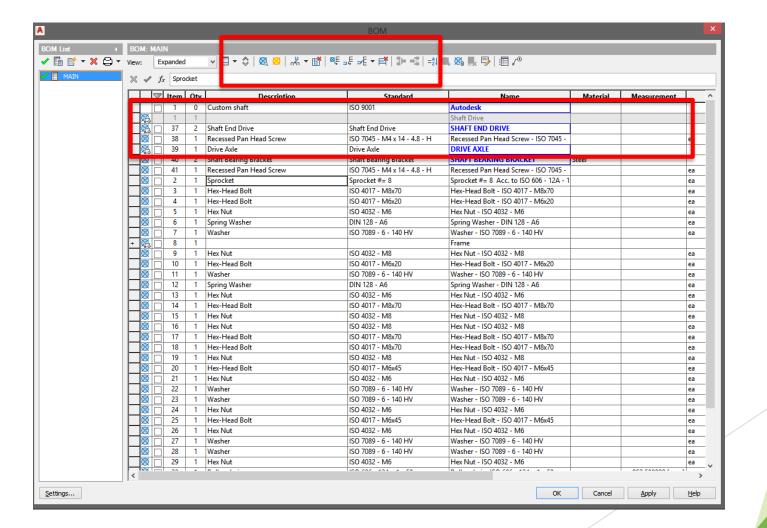
BOM with Part references





Creation of User-Defined BOM Item

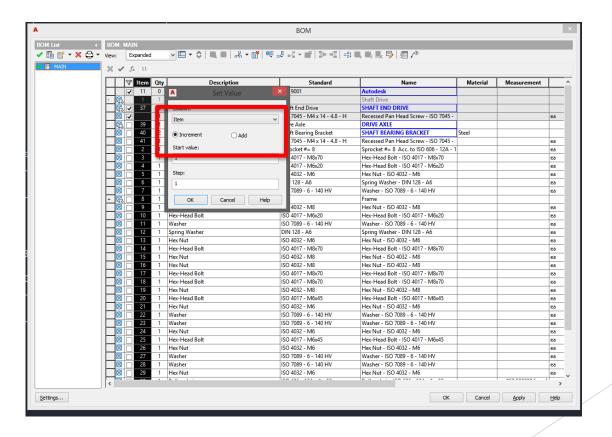
- Command prompt : AMBOM
- BOM Panel list Select the BOM to edit.
- Insert Item





Change Item number for multiple User-Defined BOM Item

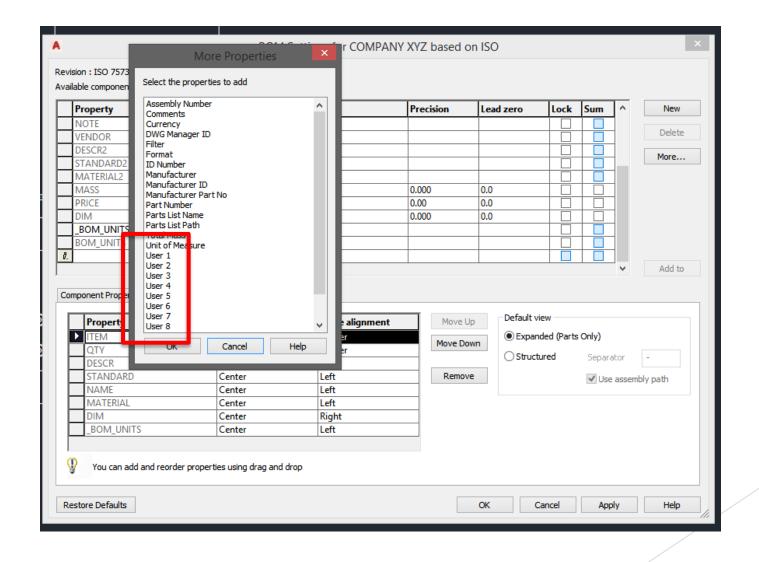
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- Set Value Item Increment





Create user Defined Component (BOM) Property

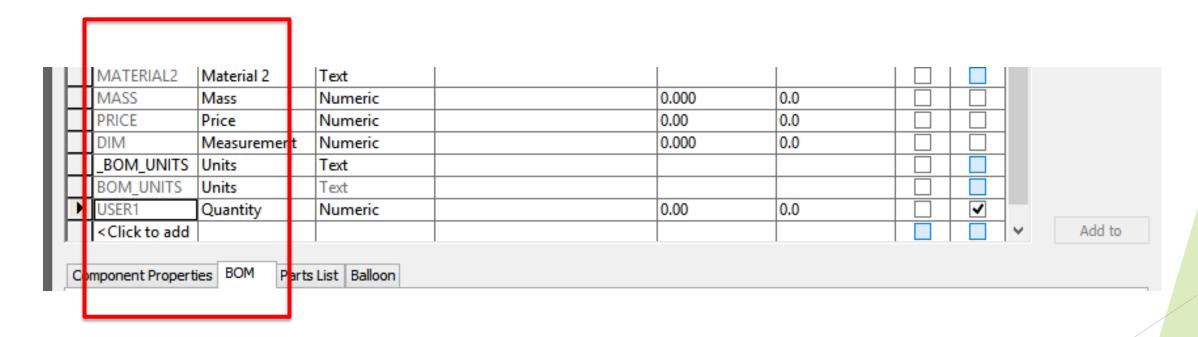
- Command prompt : AMOPTIONS
- AM: Standards Tab Double click BOM BOM Settings





Create user Defined Component Property

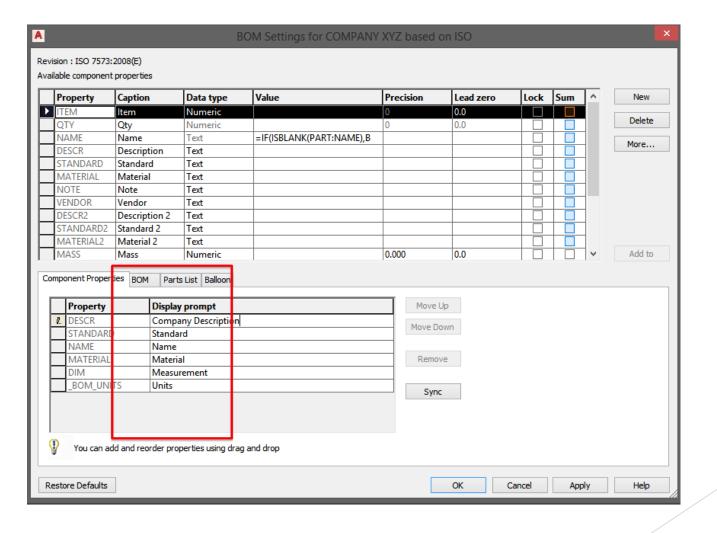
- Change data type to Numeric
- Helps to create a sum value :
 - For example if your user defined component is quantity.





To Customize Display Prompt of a Component Property

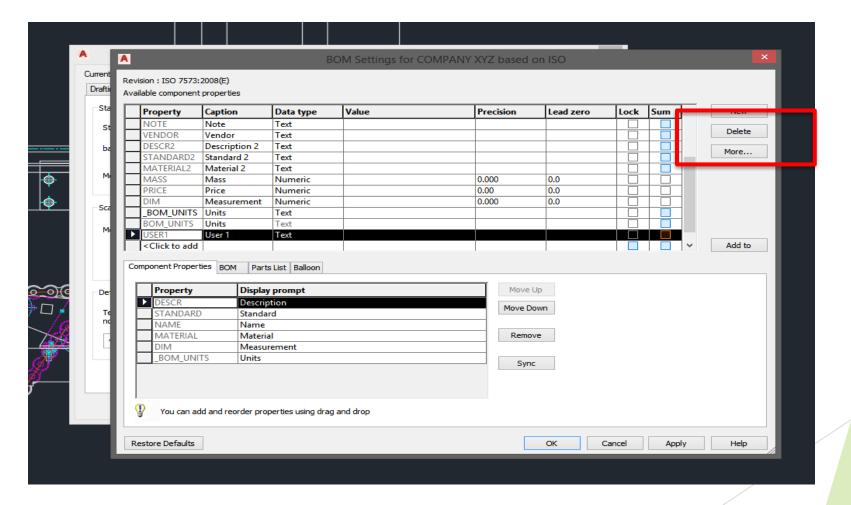
- Command prompt : AMOPTIONS.
- AM: Standards tab Standard Elements List Double click Component properties.





Delete user Defined Component Property

- Annotate tab BOM Panel BOM.
- BOM List Panel Right click BOM to edit Select Current.
- Click row to delete.



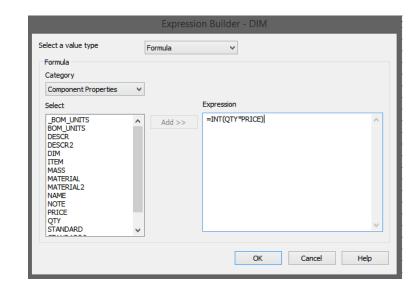


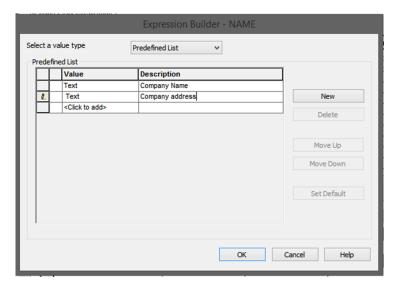
Create a simple formulae to BOM

BOM drop down list – Select the BOM – Select the field to add a simple formulae

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- Click fx to open the formulae dialog.
- Add a simple syntax.
 - = INT integer value (QTY*PRICE) Quantity column multiplied by Price column.







Create a simple formulae to BOM

- Output is a text, formula typically contains a sequence of expressions and text strings.
 - =<QTY> at a cost of <PRICE> each
- Output is a numeric, formula is a numeric, the formula contains only an expression.
 - =QTY*PRICE
- Adding formula for a user defined component property, click the expression builder icon.

Property	Caption	Data type	Value	Precision	
NOTE	Note	Text			
VENDOR	Vendor	Text			
DESCR2	Description 2	Text			
STANDARD2	Standard 2	Text			
MATERIAL2	Material 2	Text			
MASS	Mass	Numeric		0.000	
PRICE	Price	Numeric		0.00	
DIM	Measurement	Numeric		0.000	
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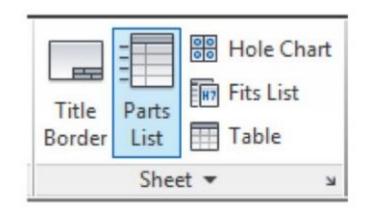


Creating a Parts list from Smart BOM

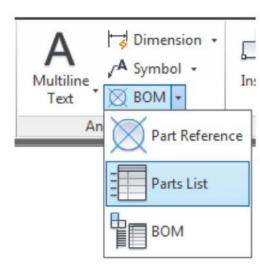
You can create Part List in three ways:

Command Line: AMPARTSLIST

Annotate Tab – Sheet Panel



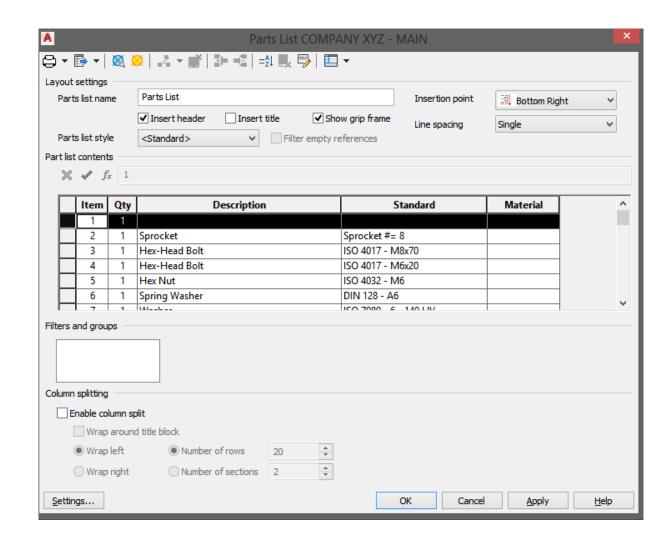
Annotation Panel – BOM drop down list





Creating a Parts list from Smart BOM

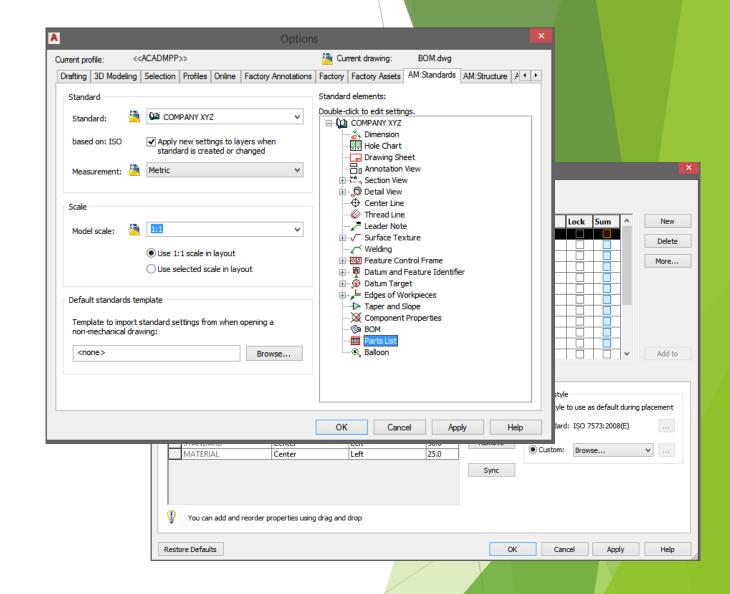
- Specifies the list of parts
- Parts list setting
- Insert Part list





Insert Parts list for Smart BOM

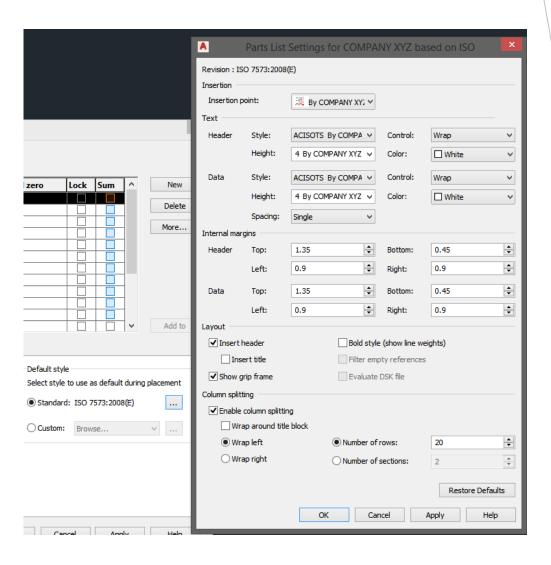
- AMOPTIONS AM:Standards tab
- Standard Elements Edit BOM Settings
- Parts list tab Change default style
- Add your custom company title block template drawing





Splitting Parts list for Smart BOM

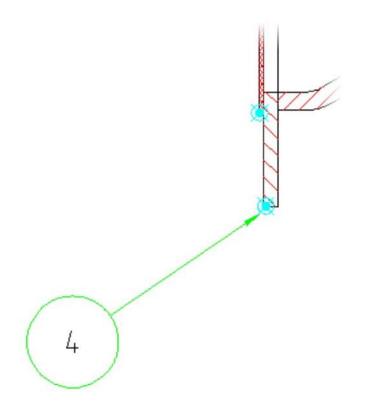
- AMOPTIONS AM: Standards tab
- Standard Elements Edit BOM Settings
- Enable column split
- Align to title block





Add a balloon to the Part reference

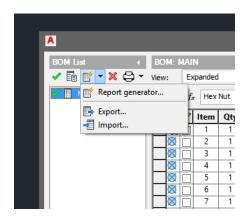
- Annotate tab > Balloon Panel
- Balloons Select the Part reference to add a Balloon



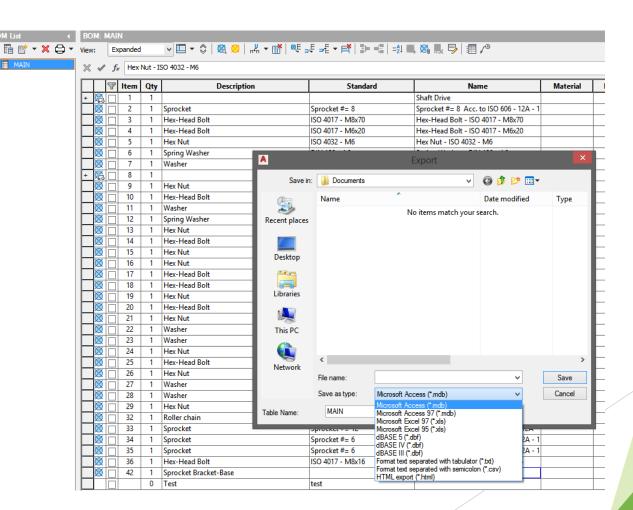


Create a simple BOM report for your Smart BOM

BOM List – Export – Save to different file types.



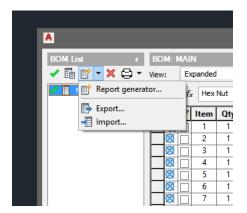
BOM – Export – Choose file type



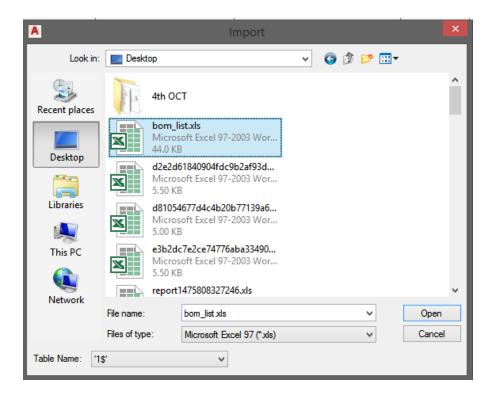


Create a simple BOM report for your Smart BOM

BOM List – Import – from different file types.



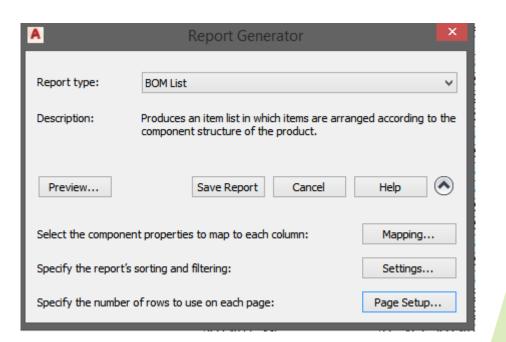
BOM – import– Choose table name within excel spreadsheet.





BOM Report Generator!

- Helps to set up your BOM report based on your company standards.
 - Component property Mapping to columns in excel
 - Sort rows based on BOM columns
 - Page setup for basic reporting





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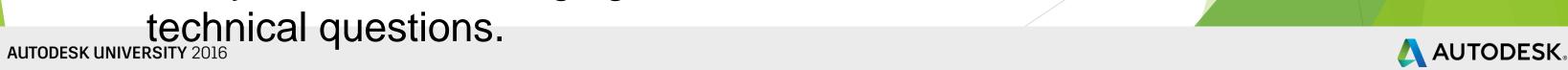


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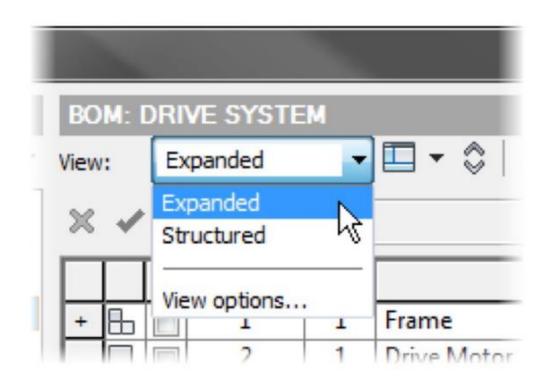
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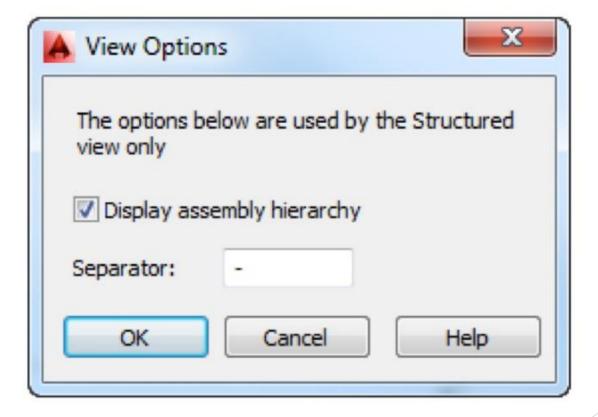




Modifying BOM views

 Click in the BOM dialog to display the parts within a subassembly, they display in Expanded representation by default.

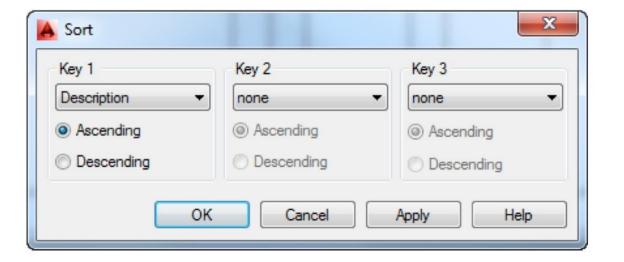






Sorting BOM Data in large drawing

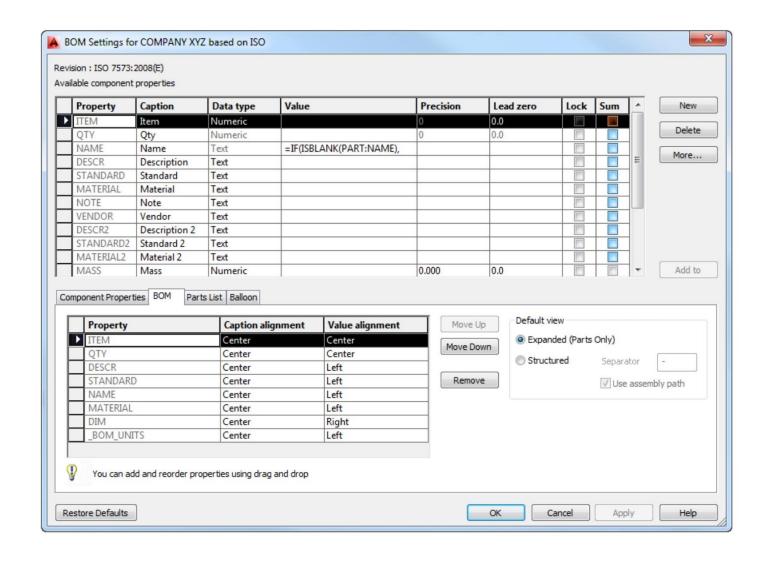
- Change the order in which items are displayed by clicking and dragging their rows to new locations.
- To only select some of the rows of data in the BOM.
 - Press and hold CTRL to randomly select rows or press and hold SHIFT to select a continuous range of rows.





Modifying BOM to different standards

- Default BOM columns are configured on the BOM tab in the BOM Settings
- Under AM:STANDARDS Tab Component properties BOM Settings







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