Frequently Asked Questions

What are the new features in SpinFire Reader 2004v2?

SpinFire Reader 2004v2 now has full access to documents managed by SpinFire Professional 2004 .3D WorkSpace. We have added a bounding box measurement that allows you to get the extents of a single part or of the entire assembly. There is also a new "Units" control capability that allows users to set the units to use for an entire session rather than having to adjust them for each measurement.

I heard that Actify removed the dimensioning capability from SpinFire Reader 2004v2, is this true?

Actify did remove the ability to place dimension text and linework in the .3D model but users can still measure distances, extract coordinate point positions and determine the bounding box measurements.

Why did Actify do this?

The SpinFire Reader is intended to be a free "View and Review" tool –It is NOT an authoring or publishing environment. Therefore, determining a measurement is a valid review task but, placing dimension text and linework is an authoring task and is now only available in SpinFire Professional, Actify's importing, authoring and publishing tool.

How does measuring work now?

Users choose the type of measurement they need and select the points, just as before. Dimensions are now presented with the measurement value(s) in the new toolbar area just above the graphic window.

Can I still do every type of measurement with SpinFire Reader 2004v2 that was available in the previous versions?

You can do every type of measurement in SpinFire Reader 2004v2 as you could in previous versions, with one exception. We have removed the ability to measure an angle among 3 points.

Why did you remove the ability to do angular dimensions?

This updated version of SpinFire Reader no longer provides the graphical feedback of dimension lines and text. Since users could not easily perceive precisely what angle has just been measured, angular values would be arbitrary, and Actify is committed to only providing measurement capabilities that return precise and understandable values.

What about dimensions that were placed using SpinFire Professional, will I still be able to see them and edit them in SpinFire Reader 2004v2?

Dimensions created in SpinFire Professional are visible in the new SpinFire Reader. You have the ability to move the dimension text and linework, allowing you clear visibility of the entire model. You cannot, however, delete or edit them in any other manner. Changes to the location of the dimension text and linework will not be saved to the .3D file. This ensures that the files sent out by SpinFire Professional users will maintain the exact same data as when originally sent.

If I am losing some dimension functionality, why should I update to the new version of SpinFire Reader?

SpinFire Reader 2004v2 has been updated with important new functionality that expands – not decreases – access to data saved within .3D files. The addition of access to the .3D WorkSpace feature is an example of our continued commitment to upgrade our free "View and Review" tool. With this release, Actify will no longer support previous versions of SpinFire Reader. Any new tools added to SpinFire Reader, like the .3D WorkSpace, will not be available in previous versions, and may result in the loss of data from the original SpinFire Professional .3D file.