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SPACE ALLOCATION Modeling

This section of the manual explains how to use the tools provided in the SPACE ALLOCATION module to create and load Space Allocations in any type of model drawing.

SPACE ALLOCATION Drawings

Create a SPACE ALLOCATION Drawing

Before modeling an SPACE ALLOCATION drawing, you must create one

To create an SPACE ALLOCATION drawing

1. Choose ShipConstructor > Navigator to open Navigator.
2. Select SPACE ALLOCATION in the component list.
3. Select the SPACE ALLOCATION folder in the drawing list.
4. Click New SPACE ALLOCATION.

The New Drawing window appears.

5. Enter a File name for the drawing.

Note: To open the new drawing, check the Open new drawing check box.

6. Click OK.

Upon opening a model drawing

When opening any type of model drawing containing space allocations, if connected to the database, synchronization occurs between the drawing and the database. All space allocations in the drawing must exist within a load strategy attached to the drawing. If parts have been added or removed from an attached load strategy they will be added or removed from the drawing.

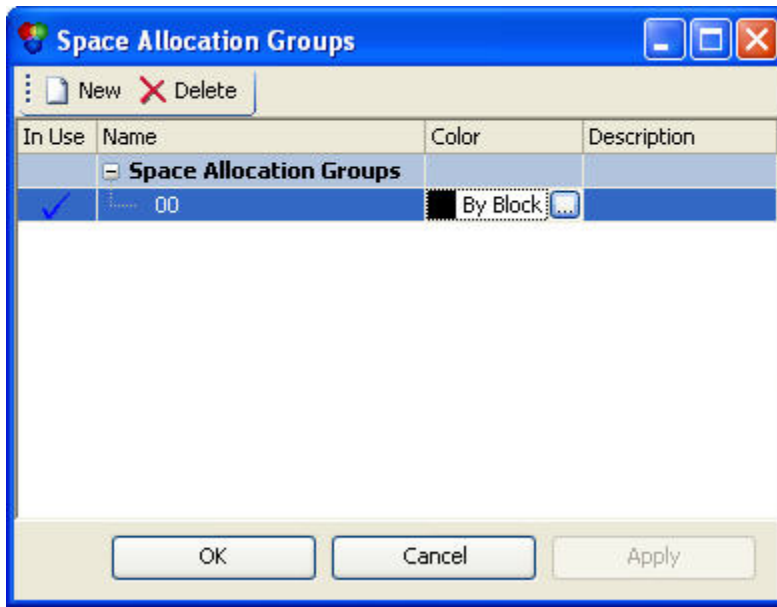
Set Up SPACE ALLOCATION Groups

A SPACE ALLOCATION group is a collection of SPACE ALLOCATION parts that together fulfill a specific purpose (for example, the heating group or the ventilation group). Each group can have any number of subgroups. Before you can begin modeling SPACE ALLOCATION, you must set up a group.

Create a Group

To create a group

1. Open Navigator ' _SCCATALOG'
2. Choose Space Allocation > Group to open the Group Manager.



3. Optionally choose a group that you want the new group to be a child of.
4. Click New.
5. Enter a name for the new group.
6. Set the group color.
7. Click OK to save and close the Group Manager.

Modify the Properties of a Group

To modify the properties of a group

1. Open Navigator '**_SCCATALOG**'
2. Choose Space Allocation > Group to open the Group Manager.
3. Select the Group to modify.
4. Modify the group name or color.
5. Click OK to save and close the Group Manager.

Delete a Group

To delete a Group

Note: You cannot delete a group if space allocations have been assigned to that group.

1. Open Navigator '**_SCCATALOG**'
2. Choose Space Allocation > Group to open the Group Manager.
3. Select the group you want to delete.
4. Click Delete.
5. Click OK to close the Group Manager.

Set the Current Group

To set the current Group

1. If no space allocations exist within a drawing the first time one is created the Group Selection Dialog will appear.
 2. Select the group you want to make current.
 3. Click OK to close the Group Selection Dialog.
- OR-
1. Choose SC SPACE ALLOCATION > Change Space Allocation Group.
 2. The Group Selection Dialog will appear.
 3. Select the group you want to make current.
 4. Click OK to close the Group Selection Dialog.

Change the Group for existing Space Allocations

To change the Group

1. Type the command SCSPALLCHANGEGROUP
2. Optionally select SPACE ALLOCATION parts from the current drawing or press enter to continue.
5. The Group Selection Dialog will appear.
6. Select the group you want to make current.
3. Click OK to close the Group Selection Dialog.
4. The current Group is now set, and any space allocations selected will be assigned to that group.

Checking In/Out Space Allocations

To edit any properties of an existing space allocation it must be checked to a drawing. Newly created space allocations are automatically checked out to the drawing they were created in. On close of a drawing any space allocations checked out to it will be checked back in.

To check out a space allocation

1. Right click on a space allocation and choose the 'Check In' or 'Check Out' options.
2. Use the 'SCSPALLCHECKIN' or 'SCSPALLCHECKOUT' commands.
3. In the space allocation manager select a space allocation and use the 'Check In' or 'Check Out' buttons.

Space Allocation Manager

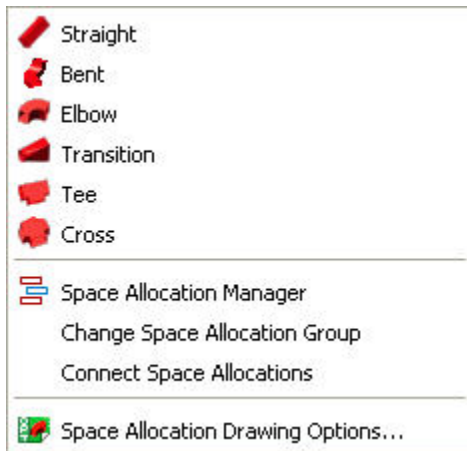
Load Strategies

All space allocations are organized by group. To bring in a subset of space allocations into a drawing you have the option of attaching 'Load Strategies' to a drawing. There exist three types of load strategy that a drawing can contain.

1. **'By Drawing'** Using a by drawing load strategy will bring in all space allocations attached to the chosen drawing.
2. **'By Group'** A by group load strategy loads all space allocations within a specific group.
3. **'By Volume'** By volume load strategies do a bounds check on all space allocations that exist within a project and bring in the ones that fall within a user defined area.

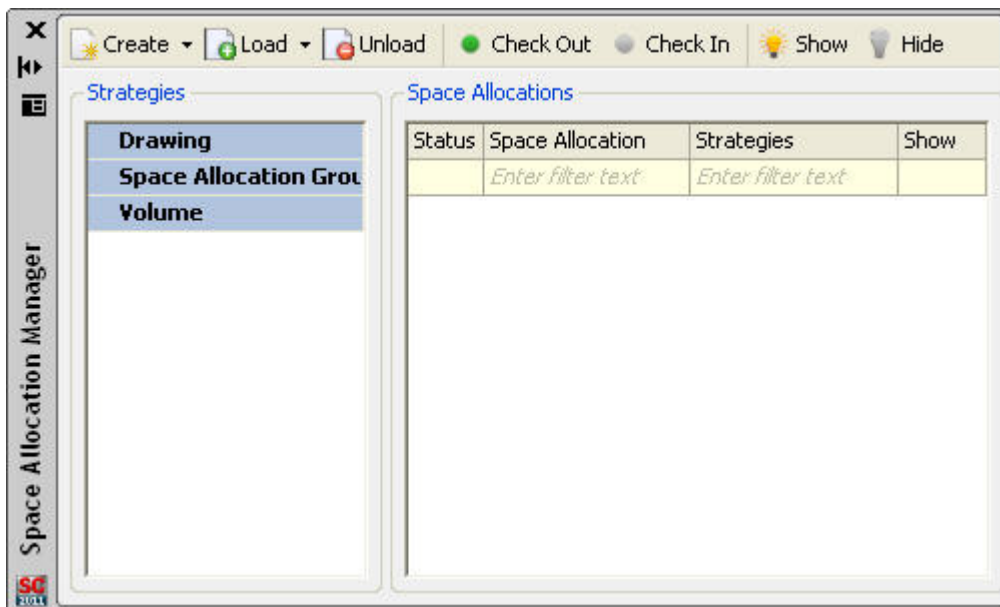
The first time a space allocation is created within a model drawing a 'By Group' load strategy for the chosen group is automatically added to the drawing.

To load existing space allocations into a model drawing a load strategy must be attached to the drawing.
 The 'Space **Allocation Manager**' must be opened to attach a load strategy to a drawing.



To open the Space Allocation Manager

Use the menu 'SC SPACE ALLOCATION > Space Allocation Manager' or the 'SCSPALLMANAGER' command



Creating vs. Loading a Load Strategy

Using the 'Create' button to bring a load strategy into the drawing will bring space allocations into the drawing but will not check any of them out. The 'Load' button will attempt to check out any space allocations it brings into the drawing.

Creating Space Allocations



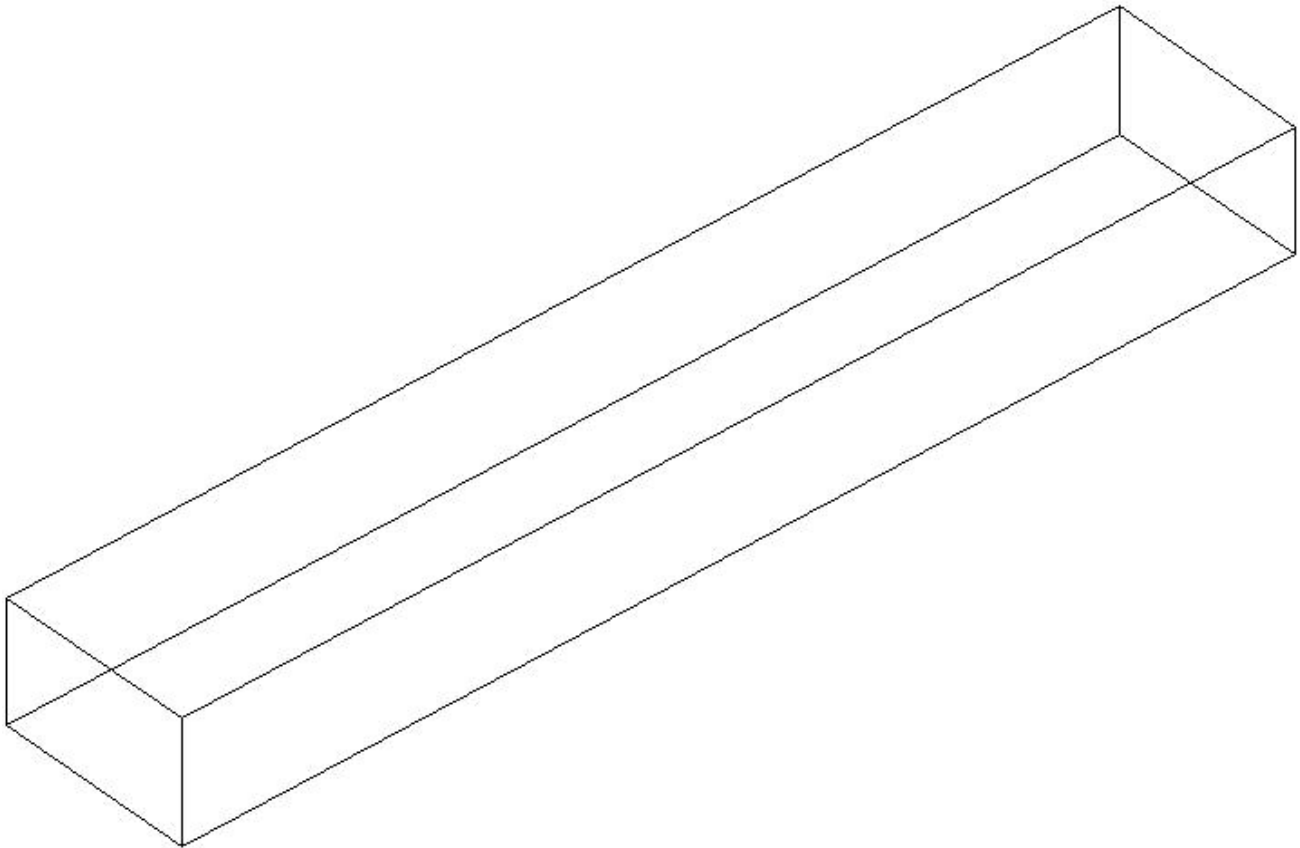
You create a SPACE ALLOCATION model by inserting space allocations into model drawings.

Routing a space allocation typically involves selecting a group and then providing geometric input that determines where the space allocation is located and how it is oriented. You will provide geometric input by clicking points in the model and using the command line options.

Later when placing another space allocation, any jiggling option changes made previously will be used. Command line options are provided to make it easier to modify some geometric properties of space allocations.

Straight space allocation

To route a straight space allocation, you will select a group and then provide two points indicating the start and end points of the space allocation.



To insert a straight space allocation

1. Choose SC SPACE ALLOCATION > Straight.

A straight space allocation appears with the first end at the cursor. Information about the space allocation is shown on the command line.

2. You are prompted to pick the start point of the space allocation or choose an option:

```
Please pick point : or [Stock/Next end <1>/XOffset/YOffset/Choose offset <0,0>/Rotate/sAddle/Insulation]:
```

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

- Next end – Switches which end of the space allocation will be placed at the picked point.
 - Rotate – Rotates the space allocation around its own centerline (the NavAid is not affected).
3. Click anywhere in the model to select the start point of the space allocation. You can connect to an existing unconnected space allocation end by clicking on its end point, or anywhere along its centerline. The NavAid appears at the selected point and the end point of the space allocation you are placing is anchored there.
 4. You are prompted to pick the second point or choose an option:

```
Please pick point : or [Forward/Aft/Port/Starboard/Up/Down/plaNE/XRotate/YRotate/ZRotate/
SNap<on>]:
```

See [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for explanation of the available options.

Note: If you created a connection to another space allocation by clicking on a free end or by creating a saddle, several of the options shown above do not apply (for example, the direction options) and are not available.

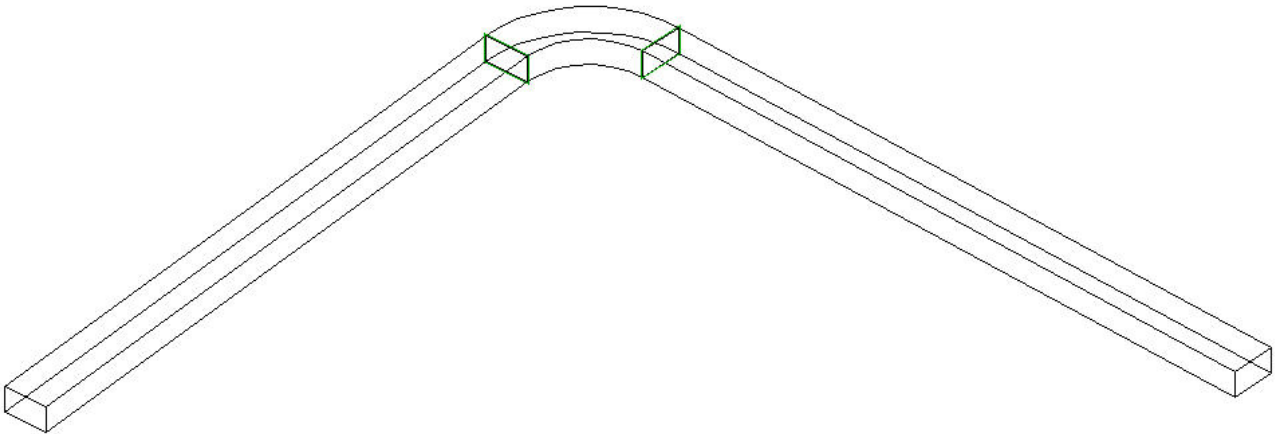
- Click anywhere in the model to select the end point of the space allocation. If you connected the space allocation in step 3, any point you pick (including OSNAPS) is projected onto the axis of the end you connected to.

Bent space allocation

To insert a bent space allocation by picking points

To route a bent space allocation with this method, you will select a sequence of points that form the path to which the segments of the bent space allocation will be aligned.

After jiggging is over, the bent space allocation is split into its composite straights and arcs



- Choose SC SPACE ALLOCATION > Bent.

The first segment of a bent space allocation appears with the first end at the cursor. Information about the space allocation is shown on the command line.

- You are prompted to pick the start point of the bent space allocation or choose an option:

```
Please pick point : or [Stock/Next end <1>/XOffset/YOffset/Choose offset <0,0>/Toggle
mitered <rounded>/Rotate/sAddle/Insulation]:
```

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

- Next end – Switches which end of the bent space allocation will be placed at the picked point.
- Toggle mitered – Switch between rounded corners and mitered corners. The current setting is shown in <angle brackets>. If you switch to mitered corners, you must specify the number of miter segments per corner.
- Rotate – Rotates the space allocation around its own centerline (the NavAid is not affected).

- Click anywhere in the model to select the start point of the space allocation.

You may also connect to an existing unconnected space allocation end by clicking on its end point, or anywhere along its centerline. The NavAid appears at the selected point and the end point of the space allocation you are placing is anchored there.

- You are prompted to pick the second point or choose an option:

```
Please pick point : or [Forward/Aft/Port/Starboard/Up/Down/plaNE/XRotate/YRotate/ZRotate/
SNap<on>]:
```

See [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for explanation of the available options.

Note: If you created a connection to another space allocation by clicking on a free end or by creating a saddle connection, several of the options shown above do not apply (for example, the direction options) and will not be available.

- Click anywhere in the model to select the second point of the space allocation. If you connected the space allocation in step 3, any point you pick (including OSNAPs) is projected onto the axis of the end you connected to.

To choose a point along the axis of an existing end, click the existing end. Your next input point will be restricted to the axis.

The NavAid appears at the selected point and the first space allocation bend appears.

- To create a bend in the space allocation, repeat Steps 4 and 5 for the bend points. Note that the command prompt has extra options for further points :

```
Please pick point : or [XOffset/YOffset/Choose offset <0,0>/Radius<200>/World plane/Initial
plane/paRT plane/Align to
part/Forward/Aft/Port/Starboard/Up/Down/plaNE/XRotate/YRotate/ZRotate/
SNap<on>]:
```

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

- Radius – Changes the corner radius of the bend being manipulated. The current radius is shown in <angle brackets>.
- World plane – Aligns the NavAid to the world coordinates.
- Initial plane – Aligns the NavAid to the UCS that was active when the command started.
- Part plane – Aligns the NavAid to the plane of the most recently placed segment of bend.
- Align to part – Aligns the X-Axis of the NavAid to the axis of the most recently placed segment of the bend.
- Unlock – If you clicked on an existing end in step 5 to restrict your picked point to the axis of that end, this option will remove the restriction.

To finish a bent space allocation, press Enter.

Fittings

There are two means by which fittings can be placed. End Mode involves placing a fitting by specifying a location and orientation for one of its ends. Intersection Mode lets you place a fitting where two runs of space allocation will meet.

End Mode

When placing a fitting in end mode, you initially only need to consider which end you are placing (or connecting to another space allocation).

To insert a fitting in end mode

- Choose the desired fitting you want to insert from the SC SPACE ALLOCATION menu. The fitting appears at the cursor and information about it is shown on the command line.
- You are prompted to pick the first point or choose an option from the end mode command line:

```
Please pick the first point of the end axis : or [Next end <1>/inTersection
mode/XOffset/YOffset/Choose offset <0,0>/sAddle/Insulation]:
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If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

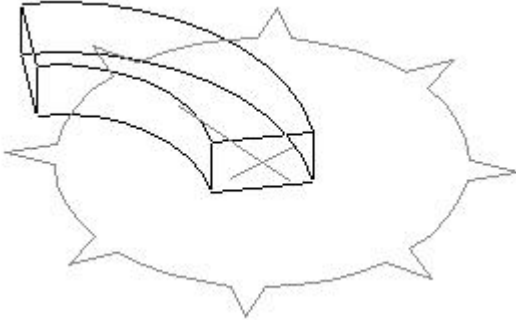
- Next end – Switches which end of the fitting will be placed at the picked point.
 - Intersection Mode – Switches the routing interface to intersection mode (see [Intersection Mode](#) (page 8)).
- Click anywhere in the model to select the start point of the fitting. You can connect to an existing unconnected space allocation end by clicking on its end point, indicated by an arrow (see [Creating Connections While Routing In End Mode](#) (page 11)). The NavAid appears at the selected point and the end point of the fitting you are placing is anchored there.

- If you connected the fitting to another space allocation, continue from Step 6. Otherwise, you are prompted to pick a point indicating the direction of the end you just placed or choose an option:

Please pick the second point of the end axis : or [plane/XRotate/YRotate/ZRotate/SNap<on>]:

See [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for explanation of the available options.

- Click anywhere in the model to specify the direction of the current end's axis (i.e. the end axis will be parallel to the line formed by this point and the point that you clicked in Step 3). The fitting is now restricted to rotation about this axis.



Specifying the location and normal of End 1.

- You are prompted to pick a point indicating the direction of an orienting end of the fitting or to choose an option:

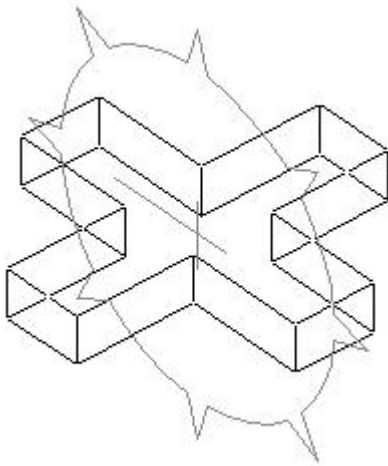
Please pick a point indicating a rotation about the defined end axis : or [Next end for orientation <1>/Forward/Aft/Port/Starboard/Up/Down/DEck align/FRame align/Long align/ALign to WCS/ZRotate/SNap<on>]:

Depending which end you placed in Step 3, not all ends will be available as an orienting end while cycling through ends with Next end for orientation. For example, if you placed a tee by one end of its trunk, the other end of the trunk is not useful to orient the tee with, but the branch is.

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

- Next end for orientation – Switches the end governing the orientation of the fitting.

- Click anywhere in the model to specify the direction of the orienting end.



Intersection mode

You will typically use intersection mode to place a fitting (or possibly multiple elbows) where two non-parallel space allocation runs will meet (that is, where their centerlines will intersect).

If you are placing the fitting before the space allocation runs on either side exist, you will directly specify the location of the intersection point and then set the orientation of the fitting.

If one of the other space allocation runs exists already, you will align one end of your fitting with that run and then specify how far from that existing run the fitting is placed. If both of the other runs exist already, you will align one end of your fitting to one space allocation run and a second end of your fitting to the other run.

To insert a fitting in intersection mode when the connecting runs do not exist yet

1. Choose the desired fitting you want to insert from the SC SPACE ALLOCATION menu. The fitting appears at the cursor and information about it is shown on the command line.
2. If end mode is active, switch to intersection mode (see step 2 of [End Mode](#) (page 7)); otherwise continue with Step 3.
3. You are prompted to pick the location of the intersection point or choose an option:

```
Please pick the first point of the end axis : or [Next end <1>/neXt point <1>/End mode/Insulation]:
```

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

- Next end – Switches which end of the fitting will be aligned to the axis formed by the first two points you will choose in steps 4 and 6.
 - Next point – Switches which intersection point of the fitting you want to place in step 4. You may not see this option if a fitting has only one intersection point (e.g. a non-offset elbow or basic tee).
 - End mode – Switches the routing interface to end mode (see [End Mode](#) (page 7)).
4. Click anywhere in the model (except a free end) to specify a location for the current intersection point.
 5. You are prompted to pick a second point defining the axis to which the current end of the fitting will be aligned or to choose an option.

```
Please pick the second point of the end axis : or [orieNting end <1>/plaN/E/XRotate/YRotate/ZRotate/SNap<on>]:
```

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

- Orienting end – Switches which end of the fitting will be aligned to the axis formed by the point you picked in step 4 and the point you will pick in step 7.
6. Click anywhere in the model to specify the direction of the current end's axis (i.e. the end axis will be parallel to the line formed by this point and the point that you clicked in Step 3). The fitting is now restricted to rotation about this axis.
 7. You are prompted to pick a point indicating the direction of an orienting end of the fitting or to choose an option:

```
Please pick a point indicating a rotation about the defined end axis : or [Next end for orientation <1>/Forward/Aft/Port/Starboard/Up/Down/DEck align/FRame align/Long align/ALign to WCS/ZRotate/SNap<on>]:
```

Depending which end you placed in Step 3, not all ends will be available as an orienting end while cycling through ends with Next end for orientation. For example, if you placed a tee by one end of its trunk, the other end of the trunk is not useful to orient the tee with, but the branch is.

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

- Next end for orientation – Switches the end governing the orientation of the fitting.
8. Click anywhere in the model to specify the direction of the orienting end.

To insert a fitting in intersection mode when one or both of the connecting runs already exist

1. Choose the desired fitting you want to insert from the SC SPACE ALLOCATION menu. The fitting appears at the cursor and information about it is shown on the command line.
2. If end mode is active, switch to intersection mode (see step 2 of [End Mode](#) (page 7)); otherwise continue with Step 3.
3. You are prompted to pick the first point or choose an option from the Intersection Mode line:

```
Please pick the first point of the end axis : or [Next end <1>/neXt point <1>/End mode/Insulation]:
```

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

- Next end – Switches which end of the fitting will be aligned to the axis of the end you will select in step 4.
- Next point – You will be picking an existing end in step 4 (and not directly placing an intersection point); this option is not relevant to this routing method.

- End mode – Switches the routing interface to end mode (see [End Mode](#) (page 7)).
4. Click any free end in the model to indicate the end axis you want to place the fitting on. The fitting is now restricted such that its end is aligned with the end you clicked on.
 5. You are prompted to pick a point indicating how far along the axis (chosen in step 4) the fitting should be placed.


```
Please pick a point indicating distance from the existing end : or [Next end for orientation <4>]:
```

If more than one end is available for orientation, you can switch the end:

 - Next end for orientation – Switches the end governing how far along the chosen end axis the fitting is placed.
 6. Click anywhere in the model to fix the distance between the fitting and the end you clicked in step 4.

If the second run you are looking to connect to already exists, you may click on its free end. Should the angle of the fitting differ from the angle between the two ends, a warning is printed. If you are routing an elbow, you may be given additional options to deal with the differing angle.

If you clicked an existing free end you are finished; otherwise the fitting's distance from the end you clicked in step 4 is fixed; continue with step 7.
 7. You are prompted to pick a point indicating the direction of an orienting end of the fitting or to choose an option:


```
Please pick a point indicating a rotation about the defined end axis : or [Next end for orientation <1>/Forward/Aft/Port/Starboard/Up/Down /DEck align/FRame align/Long align/ALign to WCS/ZRotate/SNap<on>]:
```

Depending which end you placed in Step 3, not all ends will be available as an orienting end while cycling through ends with Next end for orientation. For example, if you placed a tee by one end of its trunk, the other end of the trunk is not useful to orient the tee with, but the branch is.

If desired, choose one of the available options (see [Routing Options](#) (page 10) for options not listed here):

 - Next end for orientation – Switches the end governing the orientation of the fitting.
 8. Click anywhere in the model to specify the direction of the orienting end.

Routing Options

Several routing options are available in many different routing cases and serve more or less the same use in each case. To use the options, type their shortcuts (the letters that are capitalized when the options are displayed on the command line). Descriptions of each follow.

NavAid specific options

The following options affect the NavAid's behavior or orientation.

- Snap – Toggles snapping of picked points to fixed angles (shown as spikes on the NavAid). The current setting is displayed in the command line in <angle brackets>.
- Plane – Changes the NavAid plane to a perpendicular one (the plane formed by the Z and X axes of the current UCS); effectively cycles the NavAid plane between the 3 axial planes of the current UCS.
- XRotate/YRotate/ZRotate – These options rotate the NavAid (or equivalently, the current UCS) about the respective axis according to the right-hand rule.

World coordinate alignment options

The following options are often available at times when you are prompted to pick a point specifying a direction or rotation. They are a convenient way to get diagonally oriented runs pointing back along world-coordinate axes and planes.

- Forward/Aft/Port/Starboard/Up/Down – These options automatically provide input equivalent to a point in the respective direction (or as close as possible to that direction, depending on the situation).

If you are routing a trimmable elbow, it is often the case that trimming it will allow alignment to directions not otherwise possible. In these cases, options for all possible directions will be available; choosing one that requires trimming will result in a prompt asking if you wish to trim the elbow to allow the alignment.
- Deck align/Frame align/Long align – These options will automatically provide you with an alignment such that the end you are orienting points in a direction lying parallel to the ship's decks, frames, or longitudinal bulkheads, respectively. When there are 2 directions that result in the chosen alignment (which is usually the case),

ShipConstructor will arbitrarily choose one of them and then ask you if you would like to use the other direction instead.

- Align to WCS – Aligns the NavAid such that its spikes are directed along world axes (only available in certain cases when the NavAid already lies in a world plane).

Offset routing options

These options affect your current routing offset (see [Offset Routing](#) (page 12)).

- XOffset/YOffset – Prompts you to type the new X or Y component of the routing offset, respectively.
- Choose offset – Allows you to choose a routing offset visually; you will type the letter corresponding to one of several named points on the bounding box of the space allocation's profile at the current end.

Creating Connections While Routing In End Mode

Connection creation is initiated by clicking an existing free space allocation end when picking the first point or by clicking anywhere on the centerline.

1. Click a point to determine the direction, or if you selected an object coordinate system on the header part, enter a distance along its z-axis. If you clicked on an existing end, skip to step 6.
The branch part and NavAid appear at the selected point. You are prompted to pick a point indicating the direction of the saddle end.

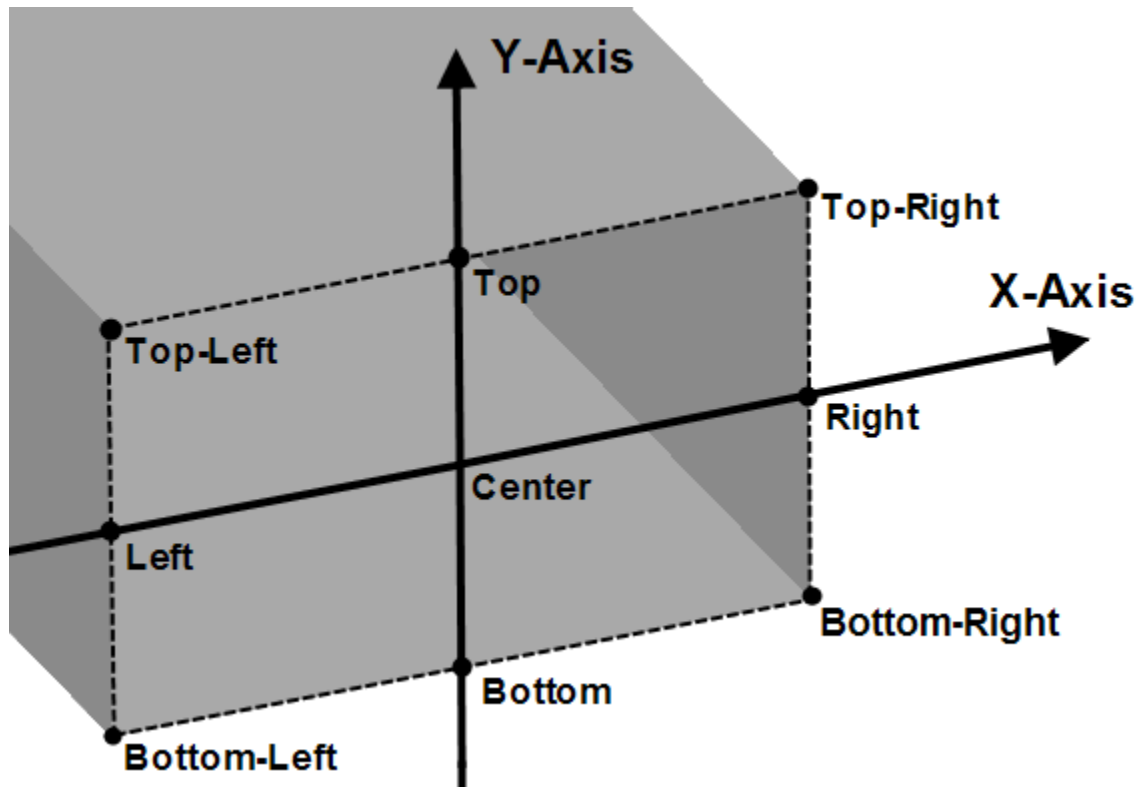
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Please pick point : or [Center-offset<0>/Edge-offset/Flip-offset/Rotate90/World
plane/Initial plane/paRt plane/Align to
part/FOrward/Aft/Port/Starboard/Up/Down/plaNE/XRotate/YRotate/ZRotate/ SNap<on>]:
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Optionally, enter one of the keywords:

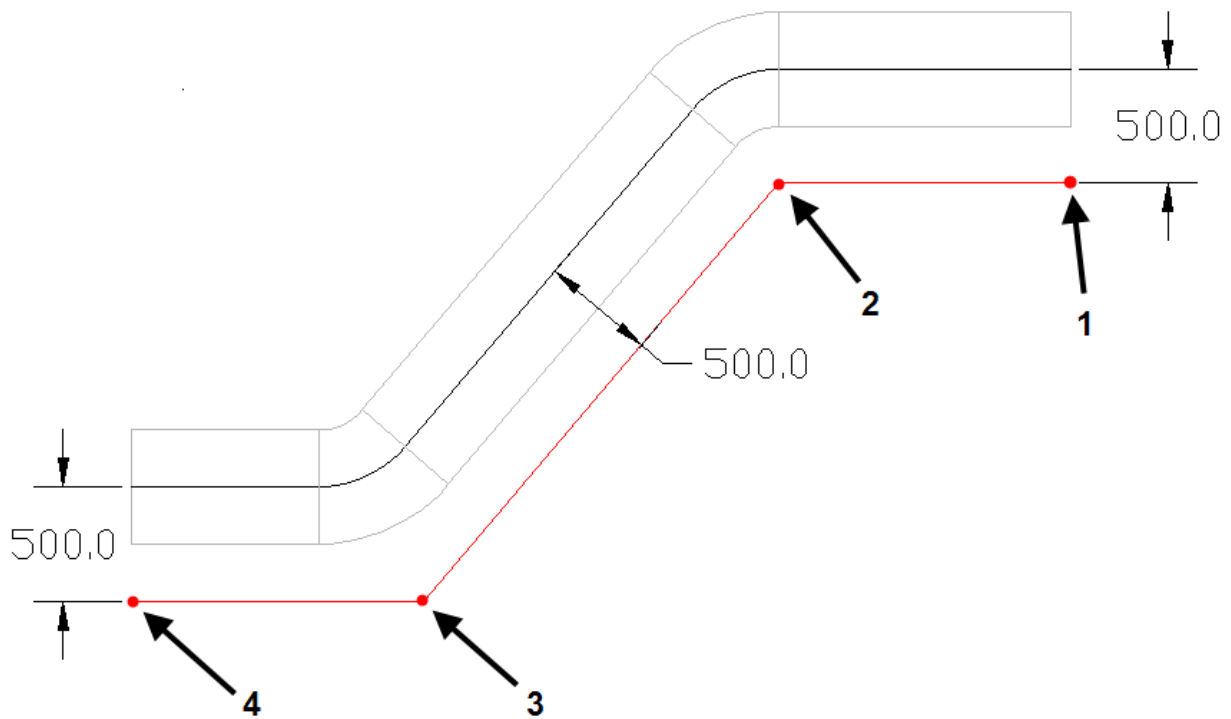
- Center-offset – To set an offset between the end axis of the branch part and the centerline of the header part (the current offset is shown in <angle brackets>), type C (for Center-offset) and press Enter. Type an offset value and press Enter.
- Edge-offset – To set an offset between the edge of the branch part's profile and the edge of the header part's profile (the current offset is shown in <angle brackets>), type E (for Edge-offset) and press Enter. Type an offset value and press Enter. This option is only available when the header part has a consistent profile in the area local to the saddle end.
- Flip-offset – To reverse the direction of the current center or edge offset, type FL (for FLip-offset).
- Rotate90 – To rotate the branch part about its own end axis by 90 degrees, type R (for Rotate90).
- World plane – To align the NavAid to the world coordinate axes, type W (for World plane) and press Enter.
- Initial plane – To align the NavAid to the UCS that was current when the command started, type I (for Initial plane) and press Enter.
- Part plane – To align the NavAid to the plane the header part lines in and the direction of its centerline closest to the saddle end, type RT (for paRT plane) and press Enter.
- Align to part – To rotate the NavAid within its own plane so that its zero angle is aligned with the nearest point on the header part's center line, type A (for Align to part) and press Enter.
- Forward – To set the direction of the orienting end as close as possible to forward, type F (for Forward) and press Enter.
- Aft – To set the direction of the orienting end as close as possible to aft, type A (for Aft) and press Enter.
- Port – To set the direction of the orienting end as close as possible to port, type P (for Port) and press Enter.
- Starboard – To set the direction of the orienting end as close as possible to starboard, type S (for Starboard) and press Enter.
- Up – To set the direction of the orienting end as close as possible to up, type U (for Up) and press Enter.
- Down – To set the direction of the orienting end as close as possible to down, type D (for Down) and press Enter.
- Snap – To turn on or off snapping of picked points to fixed angles (the current setting is displayed in the command line in <angle brackets>), type SN (for SNAp) and press Enter.

Offset Routing

Offset routing lets you route a space allocation or fitting by specifying where it is relative to other geometry in the model. During typical use of offset routing, you specify offset values for a space allocation and then click on Object snap points of other geometry in the model (for example, structure parts, other space allocations, or construction lines). A routing offset is specified as an X and Y value in a coordinate Group perpendicular to the centerline of a space allocation.



You can enter values separately for the X and Y offsets with the XOffset and YOffset options or choose an offset corresponding to a point on the bounding box of a space allocation's profile with the Choose offset option. An example of how an offset vector affects the routing of a space allocation is shown below.



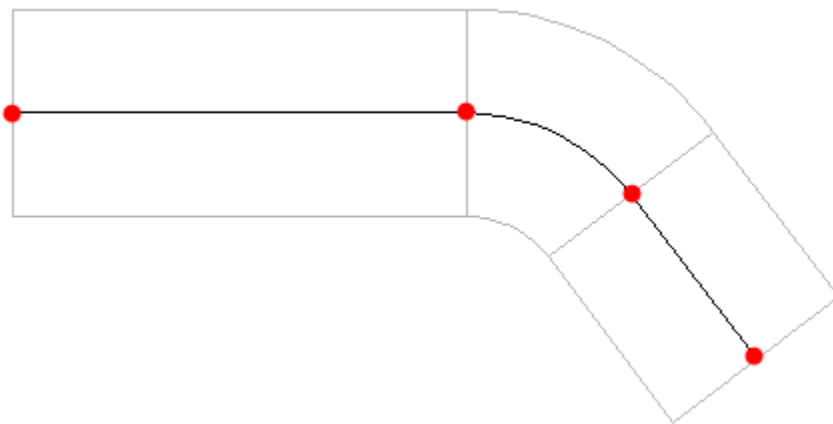
space allocation routed with four input points from several line segments with a left offset of 500 (offset vector $\langle -500,0 \rangle$).

Object Snaps

SPACE ALLOCATION space allocations have several Object snap points that you may find useful when routing space allocations or transforming existing space allocations (see [Multi-Part Transforms](#) (page 19) or [Single-Part Transforms](#) (page 17)). The Object snaps can be enabled or disabled by clicking the OSNAP button on the AutoCAD status bar, by pressing F3, or by right clicking on the OSNAP button and clicking On or Off. To enable or disable the Object snaps types, right click on the OSNAP button and click Settings.

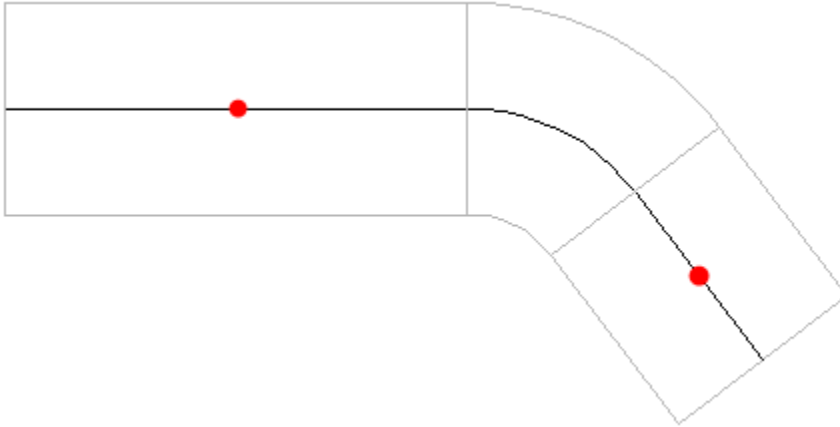
Endpoint Object Snaps

AutoCAD Endpoint Object snaps can be found at end points of space allocations and at end points of the subsegments of a bent space allocation.



Midpoint Object Snaps

AutoCAD Midpoint Object snaps can be found on the midpoint of straight segments of space allocations.

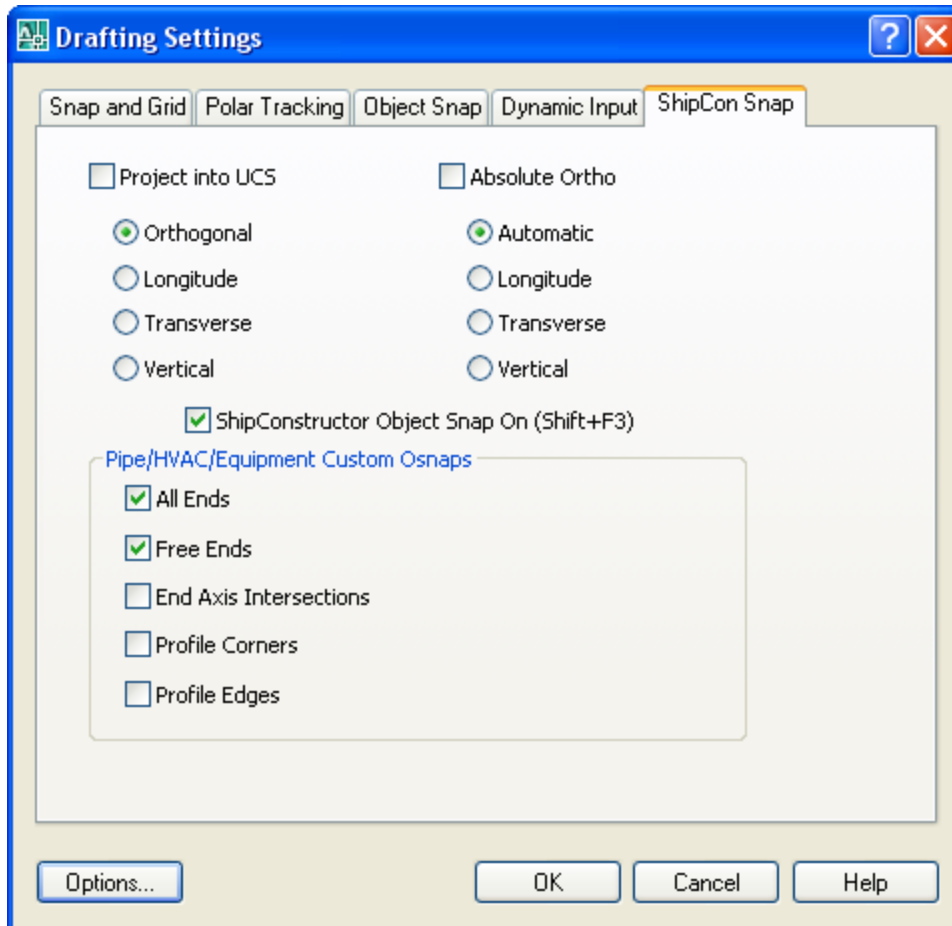


Nearest Object snap

SPACE ALLOCATION space allocations support AutoCAD's nearest Object snap by snapping points to each space allocation's centerline.

Custom Object Snaps

In addition to the supported AutoCAD Object snaps, several custom Object snap types are supported. The custom Object snaps can be enabled or disabled by clicking the SCON OSNAP button (located beside the OSNAP button on the AutoCAD status bar), by pressing shift+F3, or by right clicking on the SCON OSNAP button and click On or Off. To enable or disable the custom Object snaps types, right click on the SCON OSNAP button and click Settings. The custom Object snap settings will be saved between ShipConstructor sessions.



All End Object Snaps

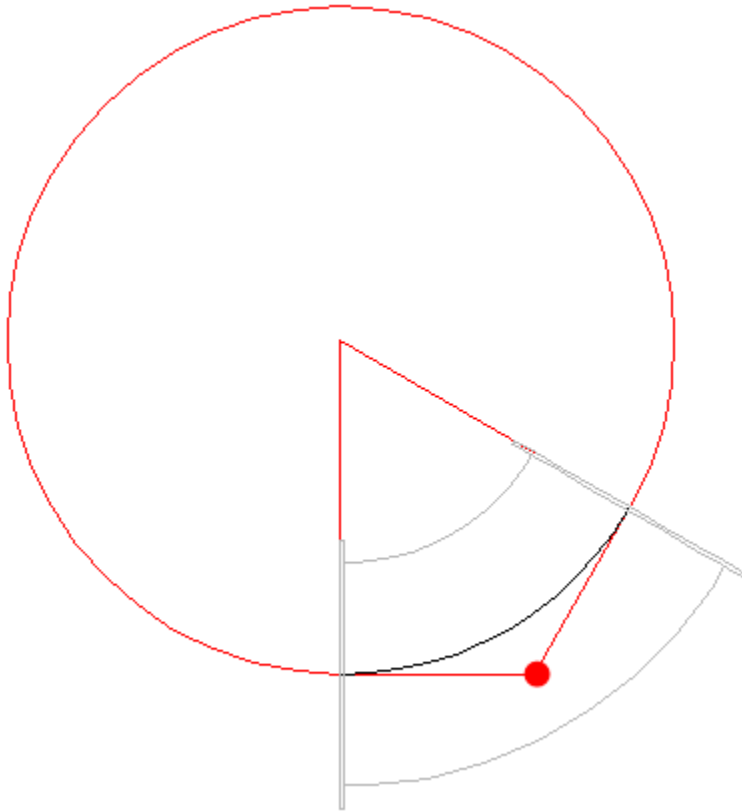
These are the points in the model where distributed Groups ends exist.

Free End Object Snaps

These are the points in the model where unconnected distributed Groups ends exist (a subset of the points provided by the EndPoint object snaps).

End Axis Intersections

End axis intersection snaps are points where end axes of a part meet. For branch fittings, you will find these snaps where the centerline of a branch meets the centerline of the trunk. For an elbow, you will find them where the two end axes meet (which is the intersection of the tangent lines defined by the centerline and the two end points of the elbow).



Profile Corners Object Snaps

Profile corner snaps are located on distributed Groups ends. These points are the corners of the bounding box of the profile (see the points labeled Top-Left, Top-Right, Bottom-Left, and Bottom-Right in [Offset Routing](#) (page 12)).

Profile Edges Object Snaps

Profile edge snaps are located on distributed Groups ends. These points are the mid-points of the edges of the bounding box of the profile (see the points labeled Left, Right, Top, and Bottom in [Offset Routing](#) (page 12)).

Modify space allocations

Anchor a space allocation

Anchored space allocations do not move when you perform a transform.

To anchor a space allocation

1. Right click on a part and choose 'Anchor'

Note: An anchored space allocation will not provide grips when selected.

Unanchor a space allocation

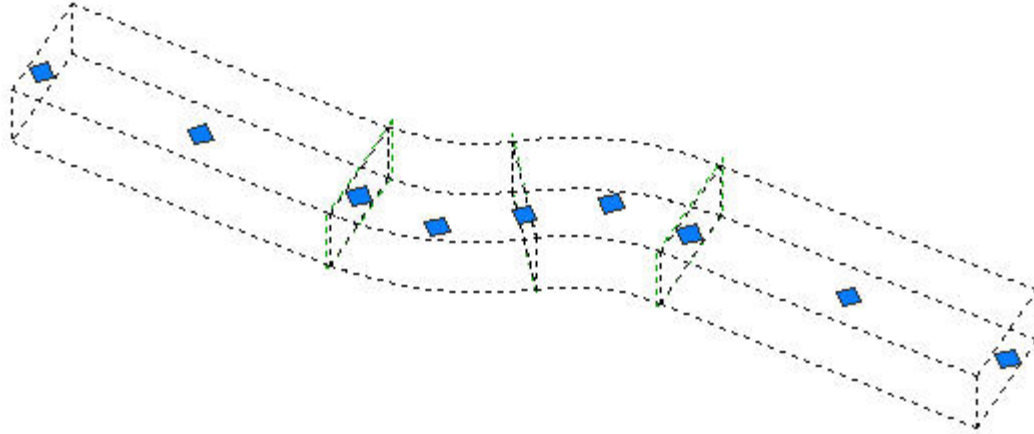
To unanchor space allocations

2. Right click on a part and unselect 'Anchor'

Grip-points

Grips are in the same locations regardless of which transform mode you are using, but they behave differently in each mode.

In single-part transform mode, there are three types of grips: end, corner, and middle grips. End grips are square, corner grips are round, and center grips are triangular. Their behavior is part-specific (see [Single-Part Transforms](#) (page 17)).



In multi-part mode, all grips look and behave similarly.

Toggle Transform Mode

There are two modes in which you can transform existing space allocations. Single-part transform mode lets you make specialized changes to individual parts. Multi-part transform mode lets you move larger sections of a space allocation Group simultaneously. You can toggle between single-part and multi-part transform modes.

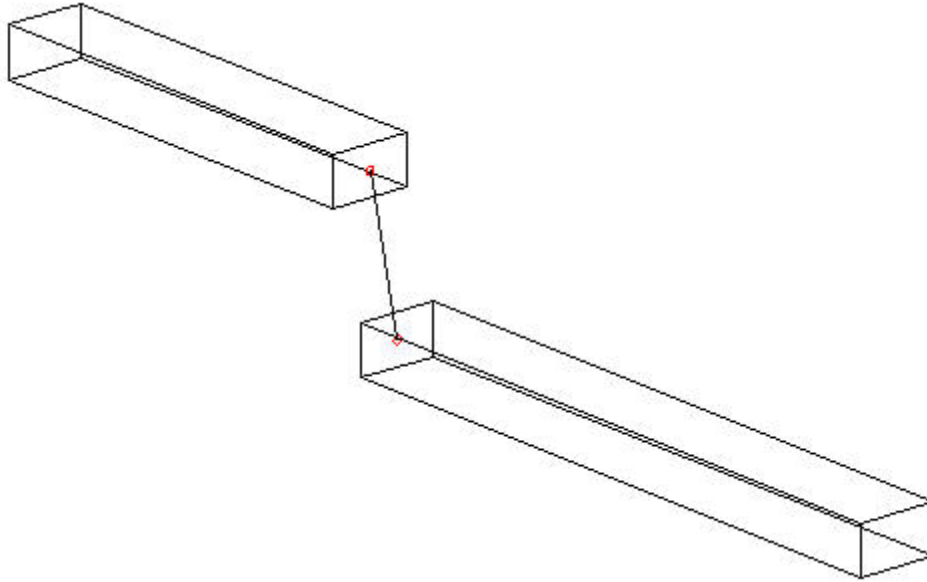
To toggle the current transform mode

1. Click the transform mode icon, , on the transform toolbar.

Single-Part Transforms

Connected parts

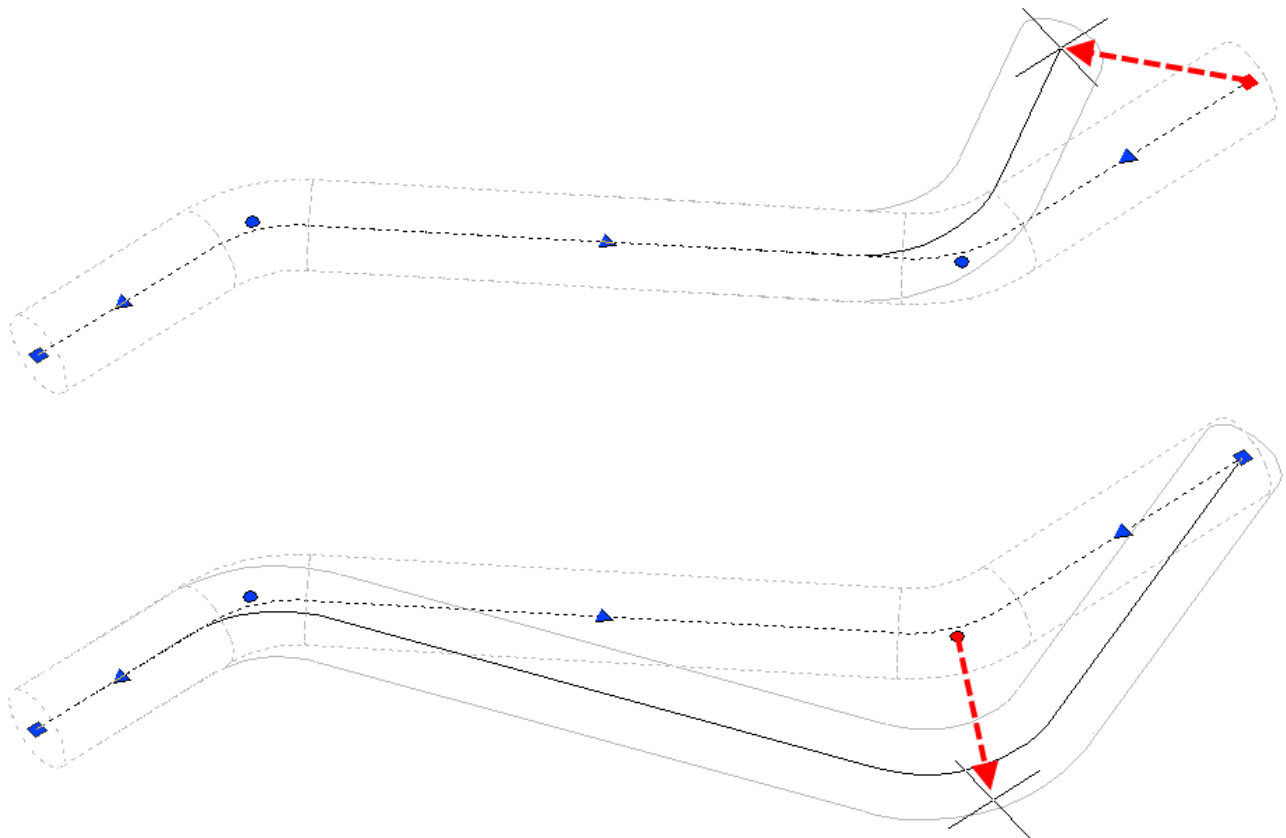
If a part with connections is moved the connections will become lengthened and the previously connected parts will be treated as unattached by the multipart transform engine.



Bent space allocations

The middle grips can be used to translate the entire bent space allocation without changing its geometry.

End and corner grips behave similarly for bent space allocations. The points you initially clicked when creating the bent space allocation are actually the same points as the end and corner grips. Moving a grip to a different location can be thought of as moving one of the input points and recreating the bent space allocation. You can only move a grip point so that the locations of the other grips are not changed.



Multi-Part Transforms

Multi-part transforms let you manipulate large sections of connected space allocations simultaneously. Typical uses of multi-part transforms are tasks like fine-tuning the location of large sections of a space allocations or adjusting the location of branches (fittings or saddles).

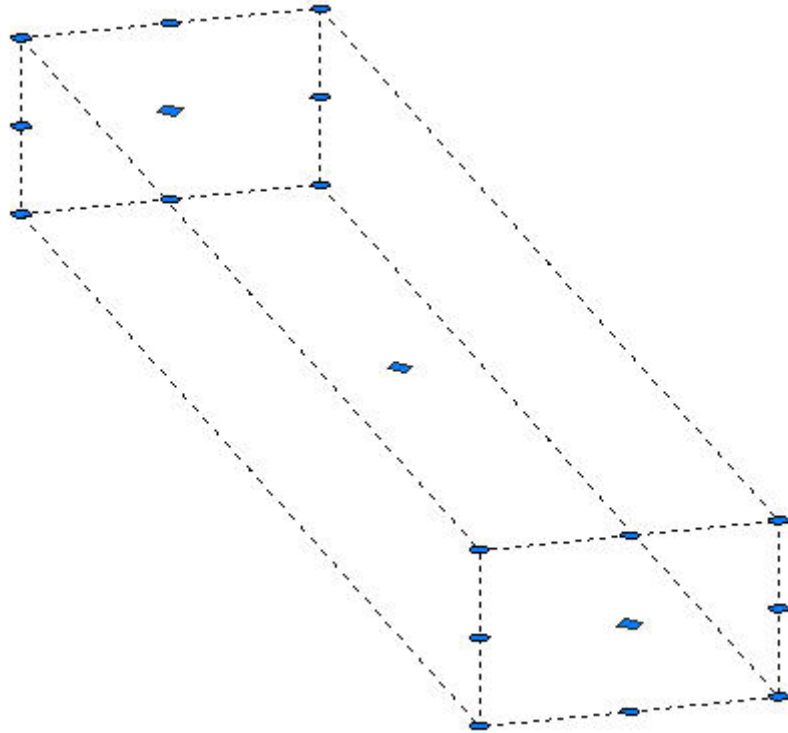
Experimenting may be the most effective way to familiarize yourself with the behavior of these transforms, but it may also be helpful to understand some of the logic ShipConstructor uses to help you in cases where a particular transform is not behaving as you expect it to.

Helpful things to know about multi-part transforms:

- Parts connected with a lengthened connection will not move.
- Selecting a grip on a rigid section effectively selects the entire rigid section (that is, selecting more than one grip point on the same rigid section has no effect).
- Selecting more than one grip point selects all of the connected space allocation work between the grips. More specifically, selecting a set of grips is equivalent to selecting all grips points along all possible paths from every selected grip point to every other selected grip point.
- Anchored parts will not move. Free ends are treated similarly to anchors and will not move, unless they are part of the current selection.
- When multiple grips are dragged, the entire selected section will move by exactly the same amount and in the same direction. That is, the constraints governing how a set of grip points can move include the constraints imposed by each individual grip in the selected section.
- Within the above constraints, the primary goal of the multi-part transform solver is to determine a way to modify the space allocations so that selected grips are moved as close as possible to where you drag them. The multi-part transform engine will adjust as much of the space allocations as is necessary to accomplish this goal, which could mean transforming parts a significant distance away from the selected grips. Anchors are the best way to limit which portions of the space allocations can be affected.
- The transform solver's secondary goal is to optimize the changes that are made to the space allocations so that the changes to the space allocations are as localized as possible. That is, changes to parts closer to the selected grips are preferred over changes to parts further away from the grips.

Resizing a space allocation using grip points

- All space allocations have the option to be drag-resized with grip points. By right clicking on a space allocation you can toggle the options to show and hide resize grips, to resize space allocations symmetrically and to resize connected parts

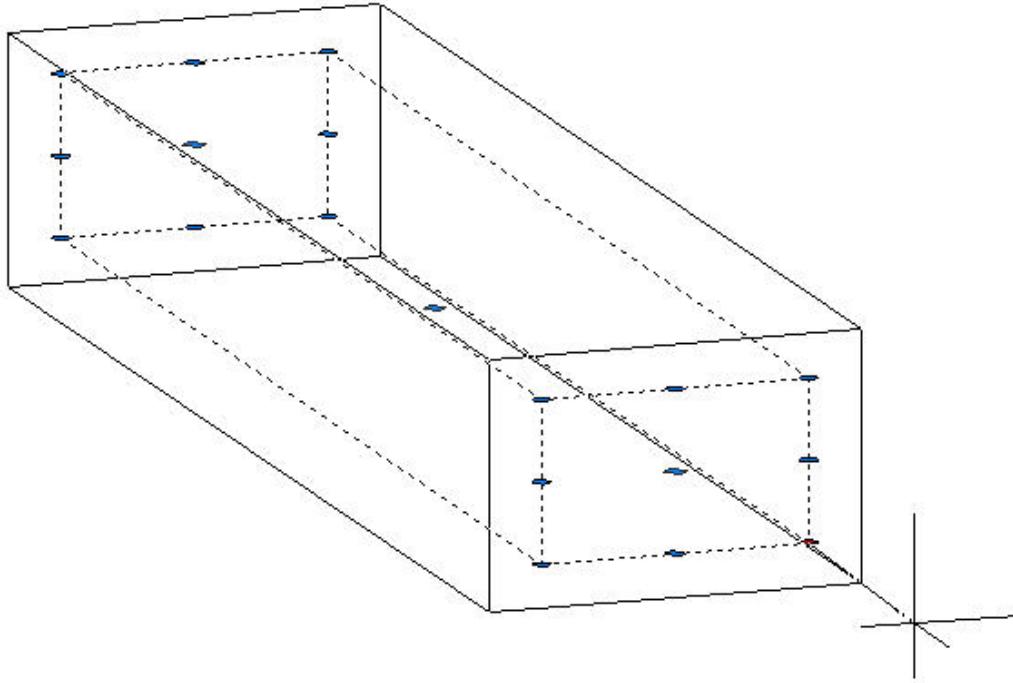


Resize Connected Parts

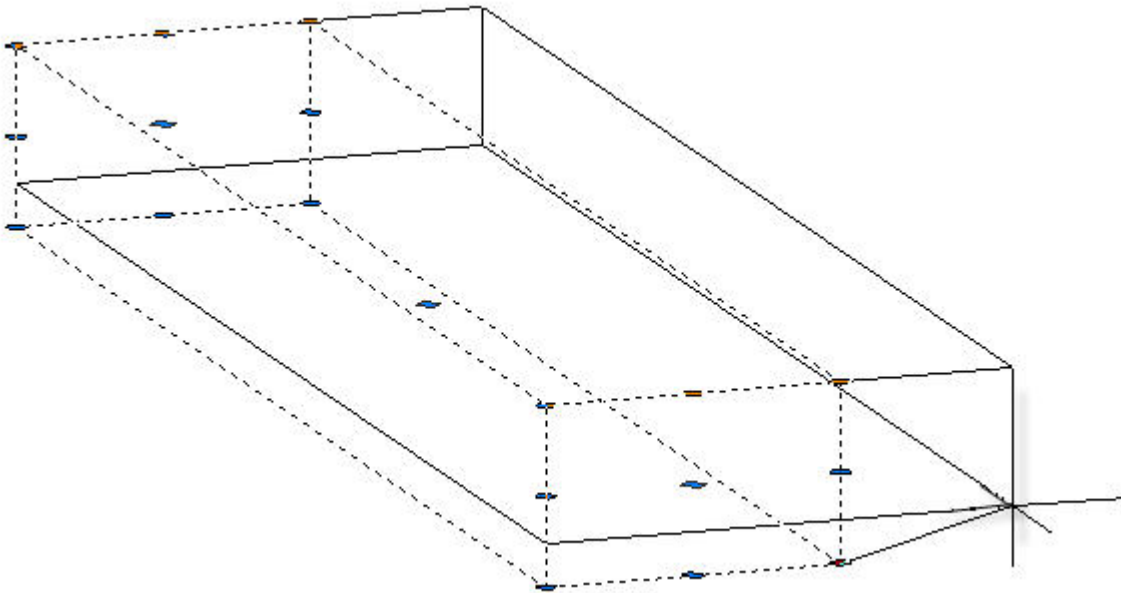
- When '**Resize Connected Parts**' is on parts connected to a part resized with the grip points will also be resized if they match all of the following conditions:
 1. Part is checked out to the current drawing.
 2. Unanchored
 3. Profile shape is the same as the resized part before resize.
 4. Connection length is zero

Symmetrical vs. Asymmetrical Resize

- Dragging a resize grip when **symmetrical** resize is set keeps the end point in the same position and applies the resize operation equally to all sides of the space allocation.



- When **asymmetrical** resize is set, the end points of a space allocation are adjusted so that a specific side of a space allocation can be resized without the other side moving.



Break a space allocation

Straight and bent space allocations support the AutoCAD's native break command. See AutoCAD documentation for further information. ShipConstructor registers a command, through LISP, called SCBAP that automatically splits a space allocation object at a given point leaving two full length pieces.

The SCBAP command also allows for the Spacebar or Enter keys to repeat the command unlike the AutoCAD toolbar command.

To break space allocations

1. Run SCBAP command.
2. Choose point to split space allocation.

Connect space allocations

To connect space allocations

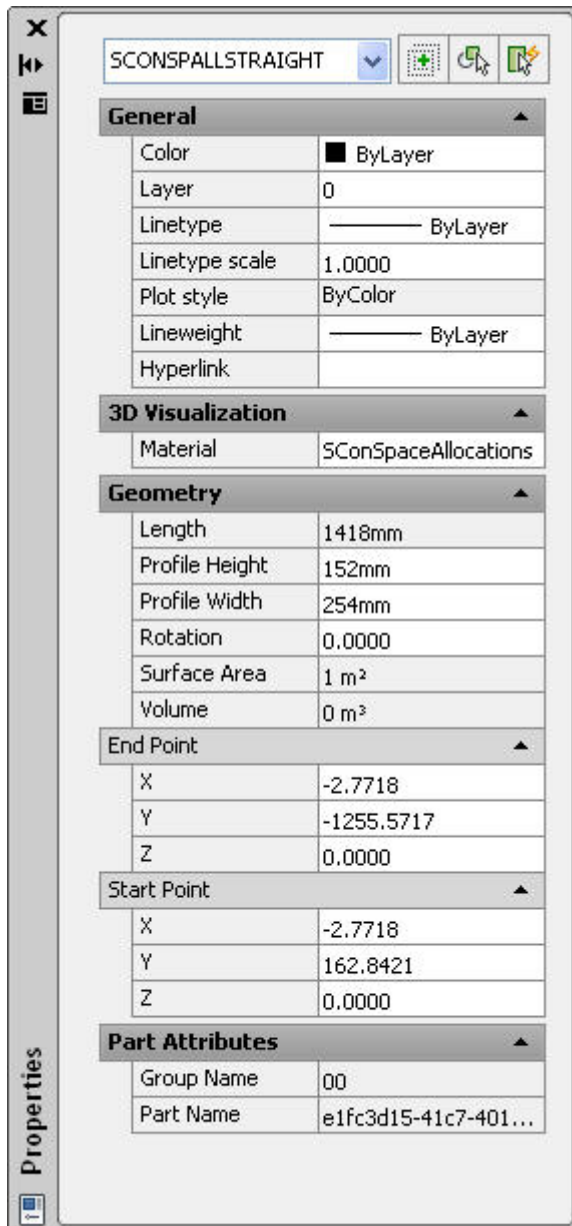
1. Run the SCSPALLCONNECT command.
2. Select the first free end, or any part on the centerline to connect.
3. Select an end to connect to the first selected end. This is the part that will be moved by the multi-part transform engine to facilitate the desired connection if it is necessary.

OR

3. If you chose two coincident ends in step 2, choose the part you wish to be moved to make the connection if it is necessary.


OPM

The Object Properties Manager (OPM) in AutoCAD is a very powerful tool when used with ShipConstructor entities. Each ShipConstructor entity has properties which can be seen in the OPM, many of which can be modified directly through the OPM without running separate commands.

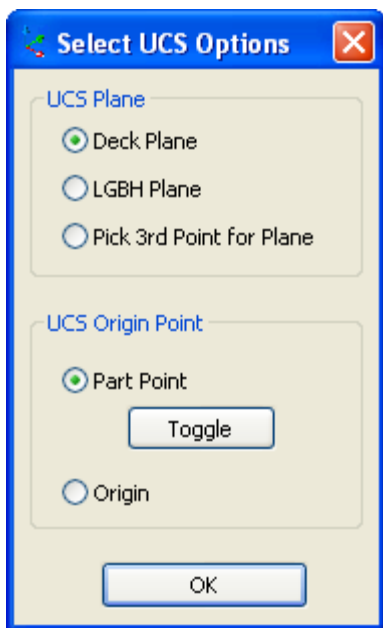


In this example, the properties with the white background are the properties which are editable. There are general properties as well as part-specific properties. User-defined attributes that are assigned to the stock or part can be seen here. The part user-defined attributes can be edited through the OPM. The ShipConstructor entities have logically categorized properties according to the specific part's properties for easy navigation.

Activate UCS from Parts

This is a ShipConstructor Utility function that is accessed through either the SC Utilities > Activate UCS... menu command or through the Utilities toolbar button . This utility behaves differently depending on what type of ShipConstructor parts are selected while using the command.

This document describes the command if you select a Distributed Groups part. For information on this command while selecting other ShipConstructor parts, please refer to the respective parts' documentation.



4. Select the options for the UCS and click OK. See [Select UCS Options Reference](#) for more information.

The UCS will now be activated based on the options selected. To see a list of all the UCSs in your drawing, open up the Activate UCS window again and you should see the UCS that you just created.

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