



## V26 Released!

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Dear BricsCAD User,

So much has been happening in the world of BricsCAD that I could not get a moment to compose a proper newsletter and reach out to you about the new V26 release. I promise that I will be more regular from now on, and hereby announce a sprint that will convey to you all that is new, cool and exciting about the V26 release.

V26 released in October 2025, and two minor updates have appeared as well, fixing bugs and delivering improvements. We are pleased to present to you the world's fastest growing DWG CAD software from Hexagon-owned Bricsys NV.

BricsCAD V26 delivers on all its engines - 2D, 3D, design tools productivity, Civil design, BIM and Mechanical. I am yet to watch all the breakout videos and assimilate the new features, but on first looks, I think there is a great amount of UI/UX improvement that will help 2D as well as 3D users.

I also see a significant and healthy push forward in the Civil tools portfolio, both on the GIS data preparation and on the AEC / BIM workflows. AutoCAD Map data and ESRI SHP file import and export are now fully supported, including all database attachments and properties.

Some of the long-standing asks of the design industry, like support for dynamic blocks authoring is now available in BricsCAD. This is region-specific feature and not available within the United States - perhaps some geographical restrictions

on patents. To enable this feature, you must run BricsCAD in [EXPERIMENTAL](#) mode. I am not sure why it is so, but that is how it is for now. You put BricsCAD in experimental mode by setting the [EXPERIMENTAL](#) system variable to 1 within BricsCAD.

There is something in the new release for all CAD personas. No one goes home disappointed. The new and exciting features in BricsCAD are crafted to accelerate the design to build process.

This the claim Bricsys makes on V26: *This is the fastest path from initial concept design to a complete and accurate production drawing.*

In this newsletter, we will show you what sets BricsCAD apart from other legacy CAD products. By the end of this newsletter, you will have a clear sense as to why BricsCAD is not just a CAD tool for you, but a vital component in your business growth strategies.

Let us now dive deep into the new features in BricsCAD V26!

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## Why is BricsCAD different from other CAD alternatives!

BricsCAD is purpose-built to provide you with the true alternative DWG CAD software, one that will not force you to pay high costs with rigid licensing policies.

It is not just an alternative, but the truly compatible CAD that you can use and scale up along related technology stacks.

BricsCAD is smart, scalable and affordable!

BricsCAD provides you with some unique capabilities which you will not find elsewhere, such as:

- Drawing Health

This is a capability to streamline and clean up your design data within the DWG container.

- The QUAD

Innovative context-aware access to frequently used commands that adapt to the way you work.

- AI-aware tools

- that accelerate design editing and detailing in model or paper space.

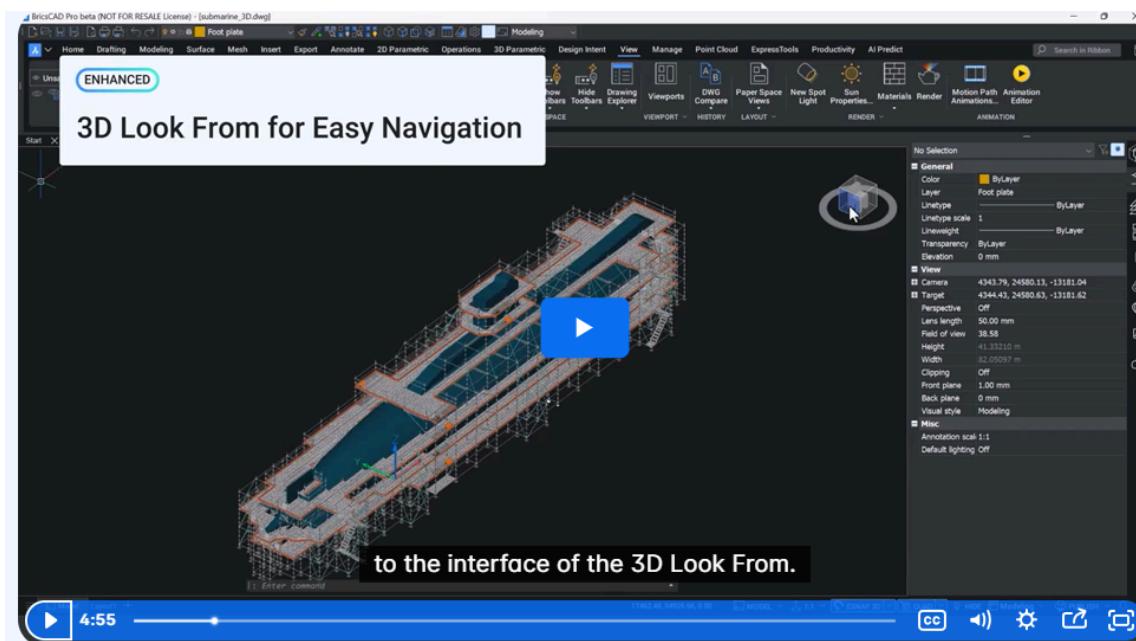
- New block definitions
- Enhanced block creation and management capabilities
- Advanced grip editing
- Section plane manipulations
- Interference checking tools
- Attribute sync tools and leader enhancements

V26 handles the largest of files with speed, reliability and hi-fidelity.

## 2D Dynamic blocks create and edit in BricsCAD

A long asked demand has been fulfilled in V26. You can now create and edit dynamic block definitions from AutoCAD. This feature is available in all countries except the United States.

## UI/UX Improvements (3d viewcube)

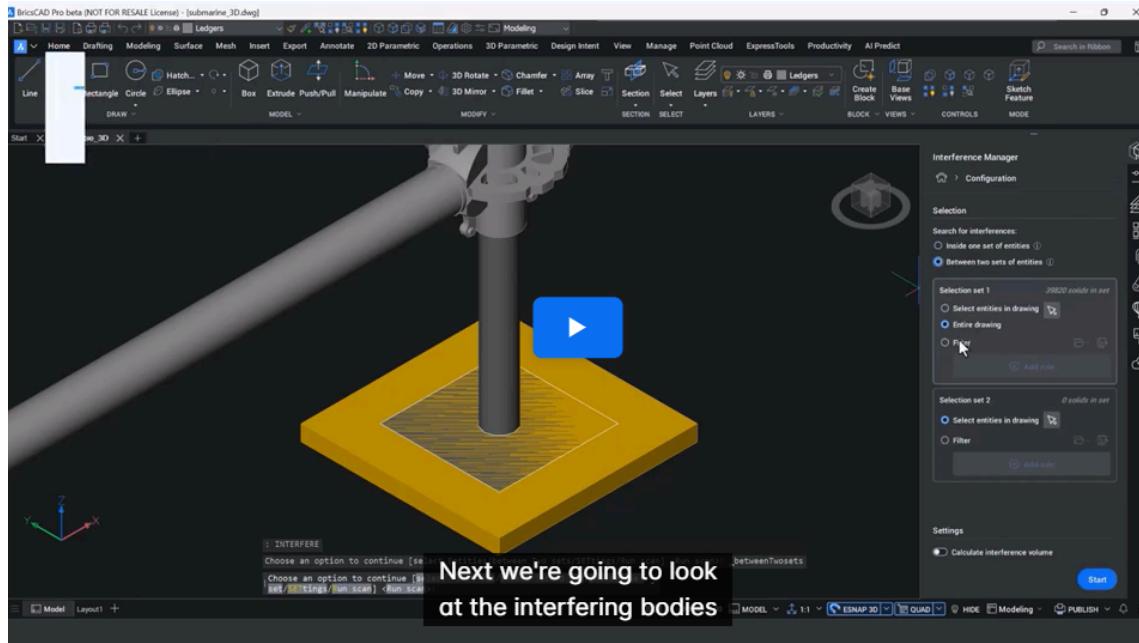


The 'Look From' widget in BricsCAD has been redesigned to a modern and contemporary look for easier and intuitive navigation. The switch over from one view to another is smooth and jerk-less. This is pleasing to the eye and offers a subtle improvement in user experience that translates to a larger feel-good factor in using the software.

This gives you a greater control over the positioning of the model in the 3d environment, and also aids 2D drawing users in being able to view the plan from

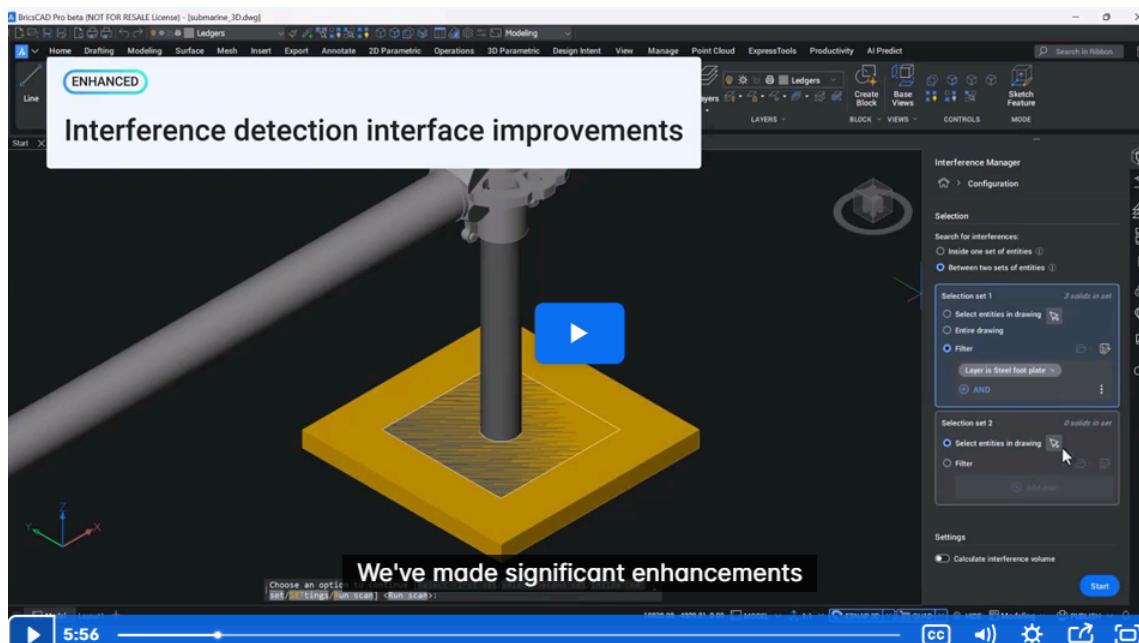
different **look** angle (a.k.a.isometric views).

## Solids manipulation grips



The new enhanced solid manipulation grips now make it easy to edit the properties of 3DSOLID primitives -or- you can easily access and change them from the Properties panel also.

## The Interference Manager

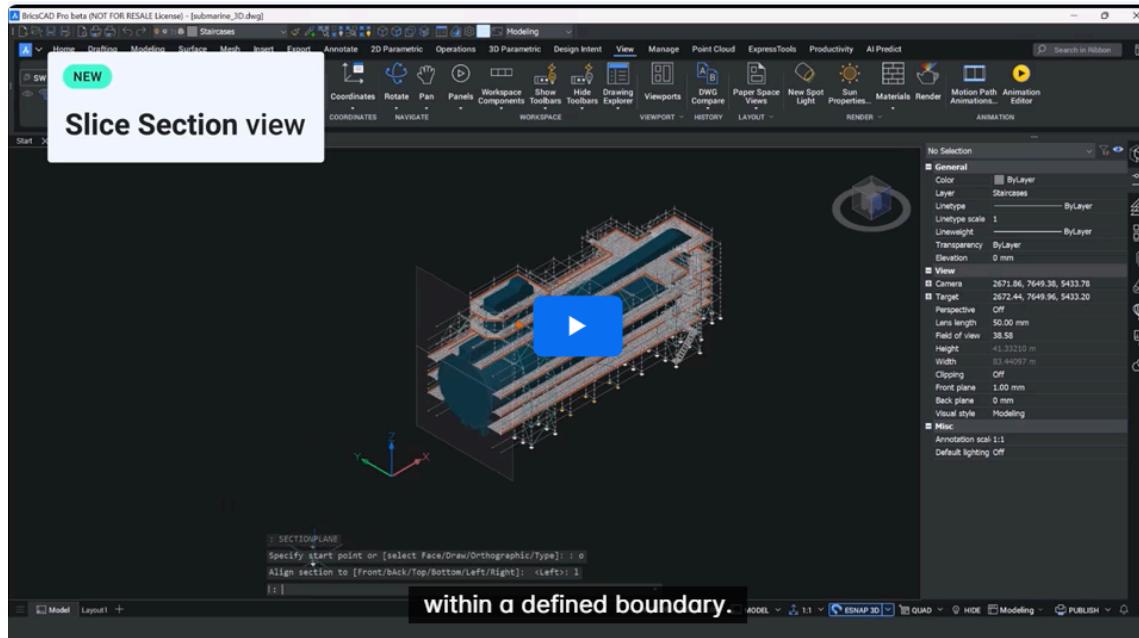


Significant improvements have been made in the **INTERFERE** command to check the overlaps and clashes between two 3DSOLID bodies. Based on

property selections, you can now highlight interfering bodies graphically in real-time.

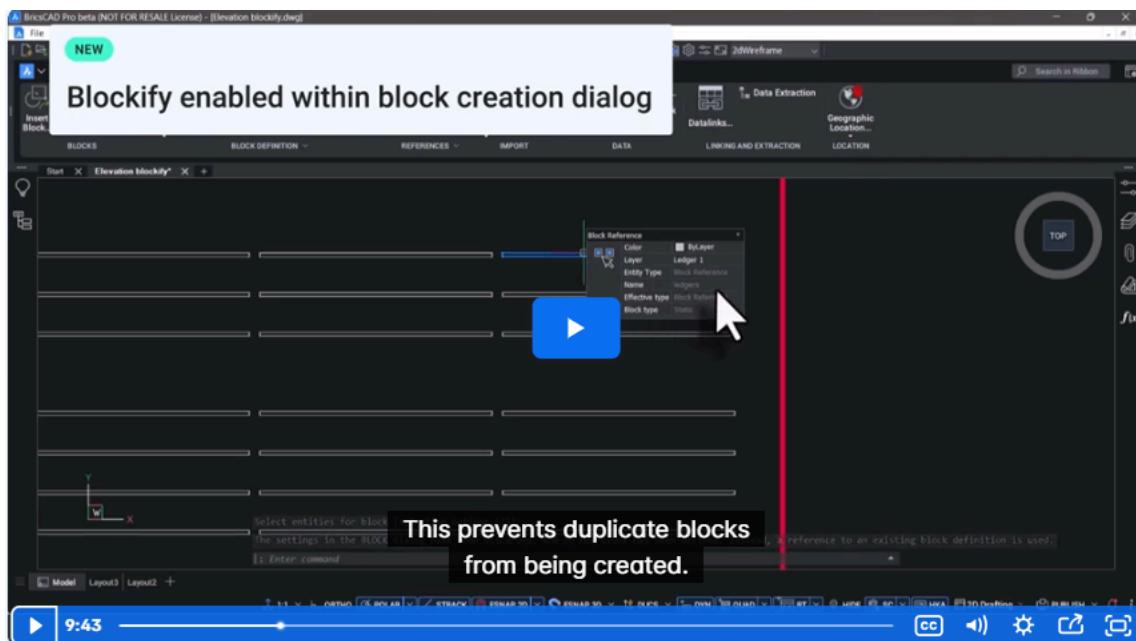
Results are shown instantly in the properties panel.

## SLICE Section View



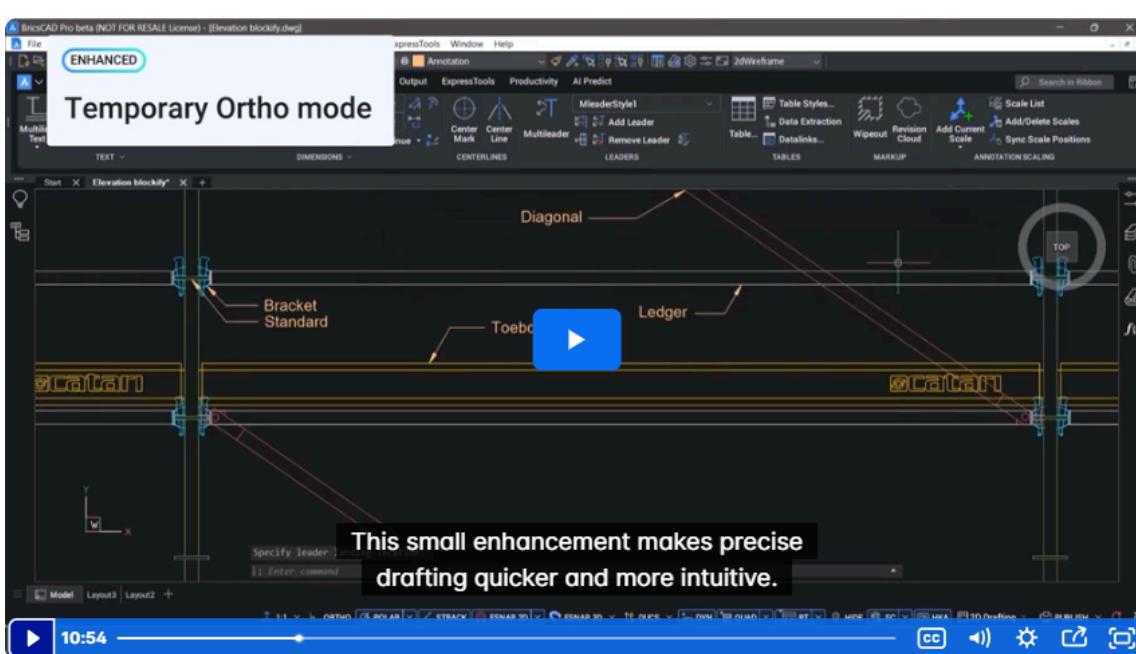
The new Slice Section command makes it easy to view sections of your intricate designs within your section boundary. The slice can now also be assigned a thickness and this enables you to visualize slices of your model as per your area of interest. this is an easier and more intuitive model documentation and presentation opportunity.

**BLOCKIFY** is now available inside block creation



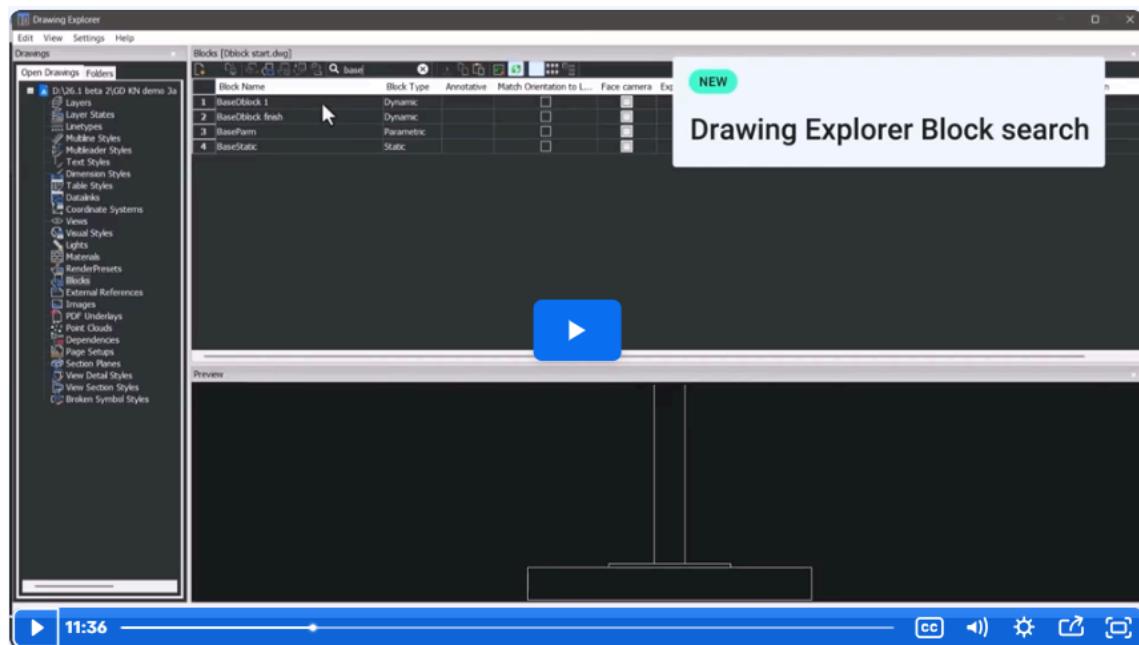
If you have ever wondered why the **BLOCKIFY** command was not part of the block creation command, your wait is over. You can now set out to create a **BLOCK** and have the **BLOCKIFY** feature available to you right within. This prevents patterns from being duplicated in multiple blocks. Further, **BLOCKIFY** now allows you to control which patterns you wish to convert to blocks, without being forced to convert all of them.

## Temporary ORTHO mode



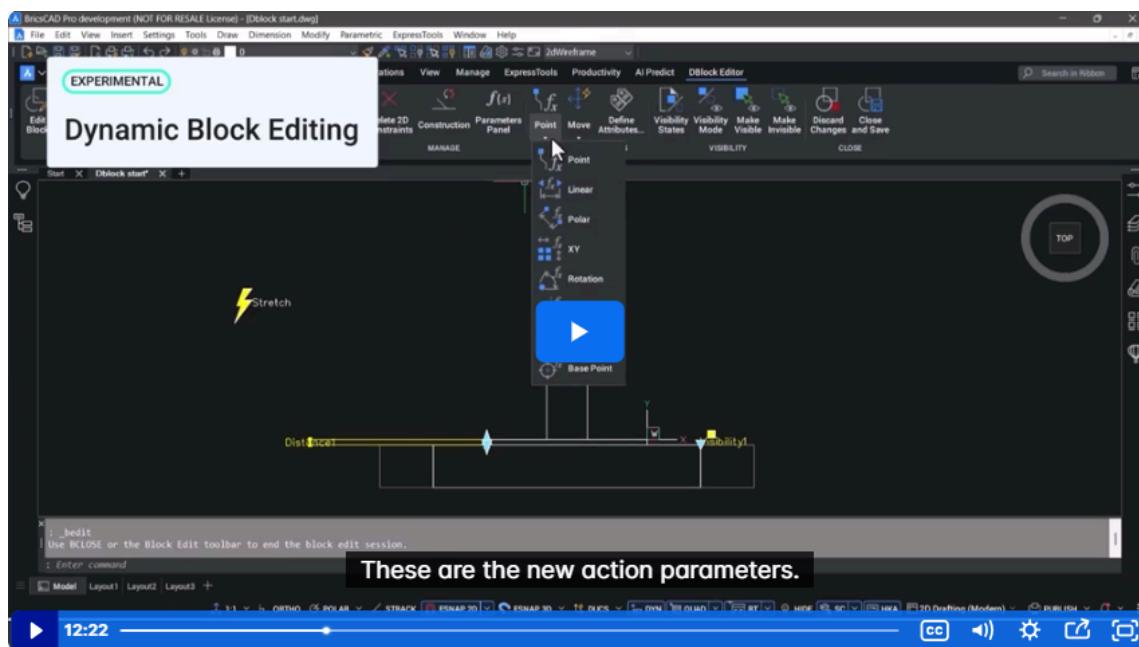
Temporary ORTHO mode within the **MULTILEADER** command is a great timesaver which helps you draw **MLEADERS** the way they are mostly expected to be drawn. Just hold the SHIFT key down when you want to enable this.

## Quick search in Drawing Explorer finds what you want - fast



QuickSearch in drawing Explorer has finally been enabled. This helps you search block names, layer names and similar entries by just typing the first few characters of their names. This is a huge time-saver when working with real projects which can often have hundreds of layers or blocks.

## BEDIT command now supports Dynamic, Parametric and normal blocks

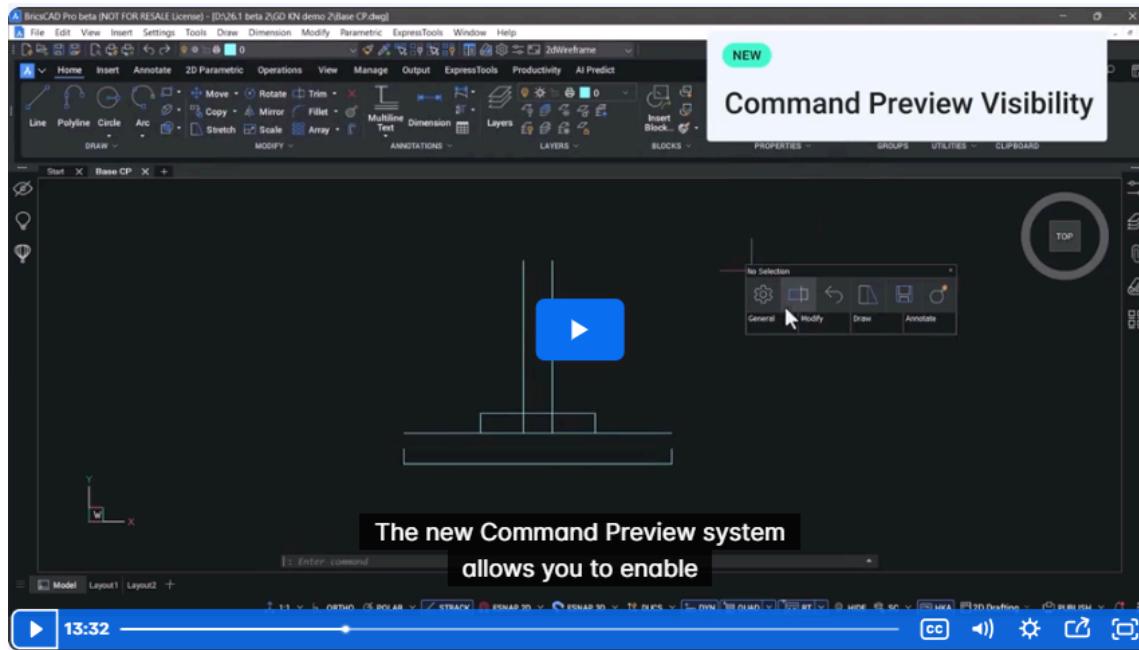


There are now three types of blocks in BricsCAD - Standard, Parametric and Dynamic. Each one when opened using the BEDIT command offers different edit modes as per the block type. All three types of blocks can live in harmony inside the same drawing.

Standard dynamic block operations like Visibility States, Stretch, Linear, Width, Polar and other parameters are now easily handled in BricsCAD during authoring of dynamic blocks.

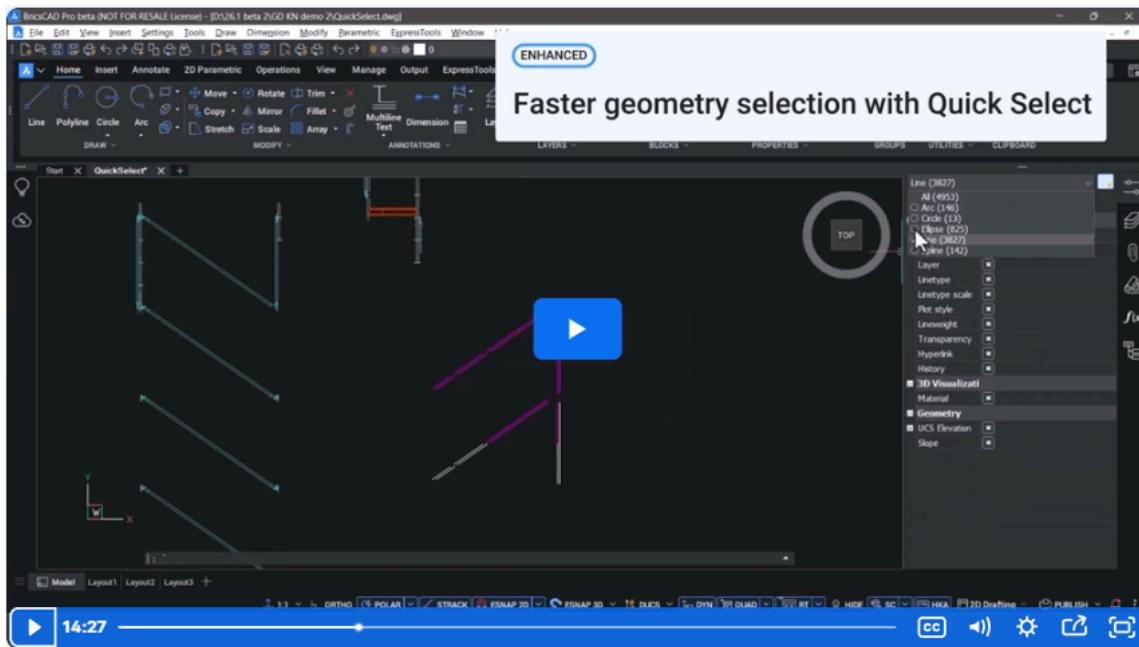
Dynamic blocks created in BricsCAD round-trip into AutoCAD and back without any loss of information or feature.

## Command preview system enables better implicit preview



The new command preview system is really intuitive and enables you to control what you see will happen during commands like TRIM and EXTEND. This enables you to visualize the outcome in realtime before you commit the command.

**The QUICKSELECT tool has improved, fast geometry - select & edit properties with ease**



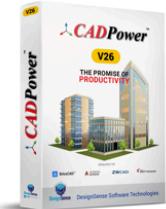
The **QUICKSELECT** workflow has been streamlined in BricsCAD V26. This makes finding stuff easier, even when it is on different layers. By using the rollover tips at the end of the search results, you can now even organize your data better by changing them all to a single layer.

This is really cool, you need to spend time on **QUICKSELECT** to understand its hidden power. I strongly suggest that you keep aside a few hours off your high-pressure jobs and try this out - there are powerful query and editing features rolled inside this tool that you knew for long, but probably took it for granted.

## More in the next newsletter - Industry specific tools

While BricsCAD excels at helping to accelerate general design and drafting tasks, we have also developed a series of industry specific tools. These tools provide process enhancements to manufacturers, building sub-contractors and land surveyors. Our customers access these industry specific capabilities via the industry specific products, BricsCAD Mechanical and BricsCAD BIM.

More about these in the upcoming newsletters....



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