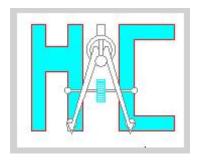


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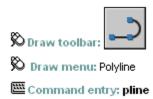
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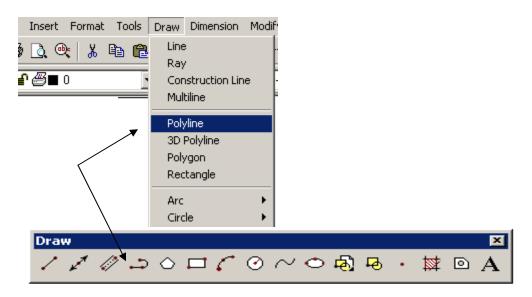
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Lesson 01

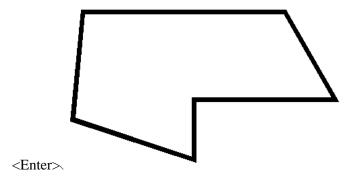
Polyline Command



You may select this command from pull-down menu, draw-toolbar, or type alias "PL" from the command line.



Command: **pl** <Enter> Specify start point: **2,2** <Enter> Current line-width is 0.0000 Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: w <Enter> Specify starting width <0.0000>: **0.1** <Enter> Specify ending width <0.1000>: <Enter> Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: 5,1 Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: @1.5<90 <Enter> Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: @3.5,0 <Enter> Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: @2.5<120 <Enter> Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: @5<180 <Enter> Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: C



Exercise Polyline (ARC)

Start AutoCAD and open the my_template52 file.

Command: **pl** <Enter>

PLINE

Specify start point: **5.25,4** <Enter>

Current line-width is 0.0000

Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: w <Enter>

Specify starting width <0.0000>: **0.1** <Enter>
Specify ending width <0.1000>: <Enter>

Specify next point or [Arc/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: @2<0 <Enter> Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: a <Enter>

Specify endpoint of arc or

[Angle/CEnter/CLose/Direction/Halfwidth/Line/Radius/Second pt/Undo/Width]: @1<90

<Enter>

Specify endpoint of arc or

[Angle/CEnter/CLose/Direction/Halfwidth/Line/Radius/Second pt/Undo/Width]: @2.5<90 <<Enter>

Specify endpoint of arc or

[Angle/CEnter/CLose/Direction/Halfwidth/Line/Radius/Second pt/Undo/Width]: L <Enter>

Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: @.5<90 <Enter> Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: @2<180 <Enter>

Specify next point or [Arc/Close/Halfwidth/Length/Undo/Width]: <Enter>

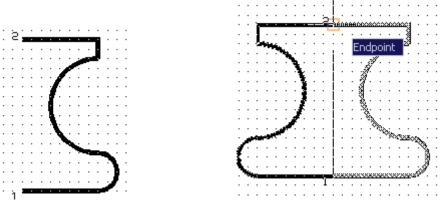


Figure 1 Figure 2

Use the MIRROR Command to complete the figure.

Command: **mirro**r <Enter>

Select objects: {Pick the polyline} 1 found

Select objects: <Enter>

Specify first point of mirror line: {Snap to point 1} Specify second point of mirror line: {Snap

to point 2}

Erase source objects? [Yes/No] <N>: <Enter>

EXERCISE 1-2

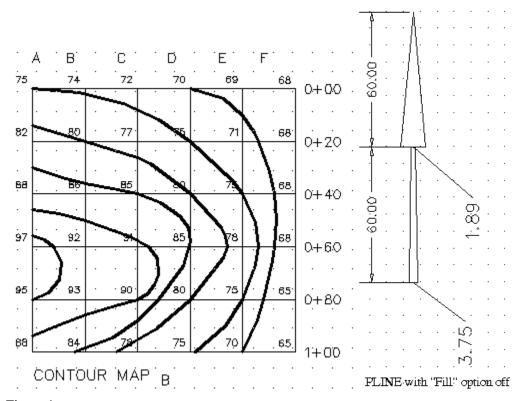
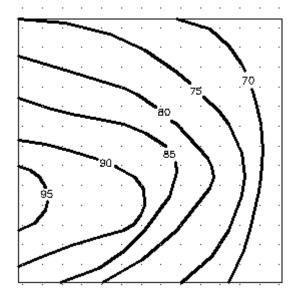
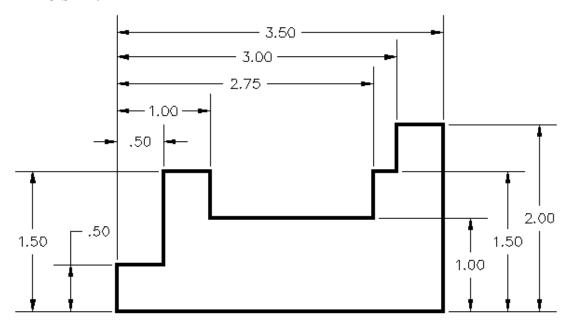


Figure 1

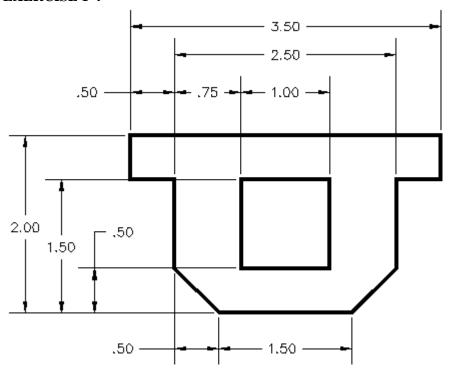


Use the PLINE Command to draw the following objects with a .032 line width. Add dimensions.

EXERCISE 1-3



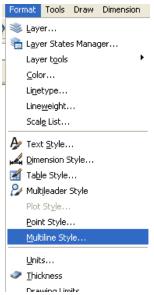
EXERCISE 1-4



Lesson 2 MULTI - LINE Command

Command line: MLINE

- 1. From the format select "Mutiline Style (Figure 1)
- 2. Select the "Modify" tab from the dialog box (Figure 2)



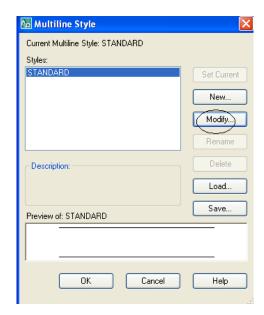


Figure 1

Figure 2

- 3. Change the offset distance for the multilane elements to .125 & -.125. (Figure 3
- 4. Clock the OK tab to exit the modify, and click the OK tab to exit the Multiline style the dialog box.

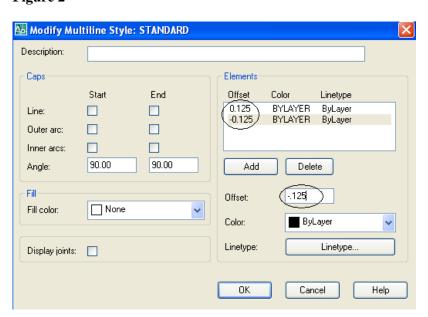


Figure 3

Command: ml <Enter>

MLINE

Current settings: Justification = Top, Scale = 1.00, Style = STANDARD

Specify start point or [Justification/Scale/STyle]:**J**<Enter> Enter justification type [Top/Zero/Bottom] <top>:**Z** <Enter> Current settings: Justification = Zero, Scale = 1.00, Style = STANDARD

Specify start point or [Justification/Scale/STyle]: {Pick any point on screen}

Specify next point: <Ortho on> 1.5 <Enter>
Specify next point or [Undo]: 2.5 <Enter>
Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: 1.5 <Enter>

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: C <Enter> (Figure 4)

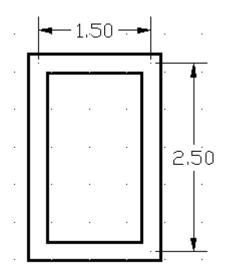


Figure 4Zero Justification

Command: **ml** <Enter>

MLINE

Current settings: Justification = Zero, Scale = 1.00, Style = STANDARD

Specify start point or [Justification/Scale/STyle]: **j** <Enter> Enter justification type [Top/Zero/Bottom] <zero>: **b** <Enter> Current settings: Justification = Bottom, Scale = 1.00, Style = STANDARD

Specify start point or [Justification/Scale/STyle]:

Specify next point: <Ortho on> 1.5 <Enter>

Specify next point or [Undo]: 2.5 <Enter>

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: 1.5 <Enter>

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: **c** <Enter> (Figure 5)

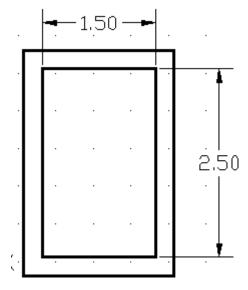


Figure 5
Bottom Justification

Command: ml

MLINE

Current settings: Justification = Bottom, Scale = 1.00,

Style = STANDARD

Specify start point or [Justification/Scale/STyle]: j

 $Enter\ justification\ type\ [Top/Zero/Bottom] < bottom>:\ t$

Current settings: Justification = Top, Scale = 1.00,

Style = STANDARD

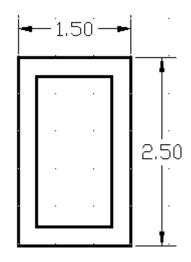
Specify start point or [Justification/Scale/STyle]:

Specify next point: 1.5

Specify next point or [Undo]: 2.5
Specify next point or [Close/Undo

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: 1.5

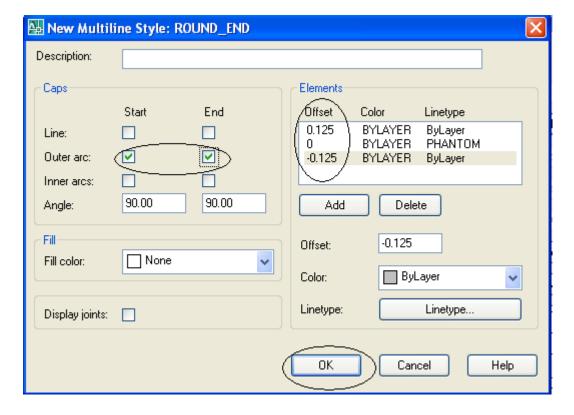
Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: c

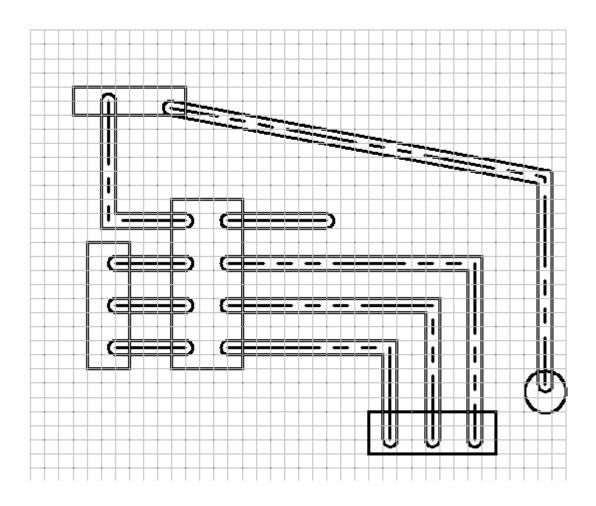


Exercise 2-1

Draw the proposed electrical circuit using multilane commands. Establish a line offset proportional to the given layout. Use t5he phantom linetype for the center of each run. Do not draw the grid, which is provided as a drawing aid.

Note: Create a new Multiline Style with the following settings:





Exercise 2-2

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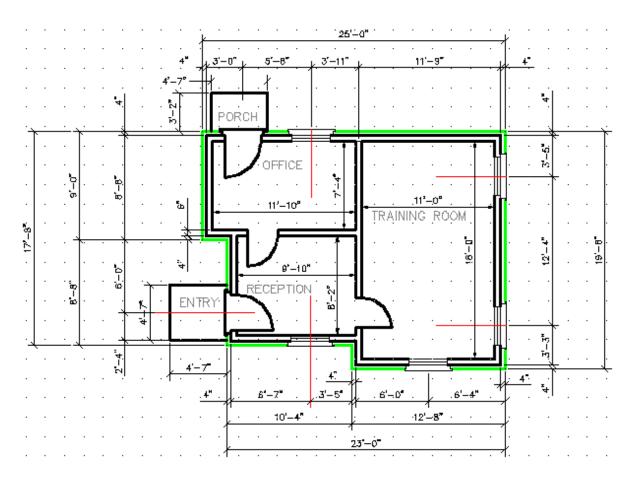
Settings:

Scale: 1/8 " = 1'-0"; Scale factor = 96

Limits:

Lower left corner <0'-0",0'-0">; upper right corner <84'-0",64'-0">:

Units: Architectural



- 1. From pull_down menu "Format" select Multiline Style, or type MLSTYLE from the command line. (Fig. 1)
- 2. Click on the "New" Tab to create a new style. (Fig. 2), called "Ext_Wall" (Fig. 3). Click on the "Continue" tab.
- 3. Add a new line to this style with green color and 7 as offset distance. Change other lines to -3 and 3 for the offset distance. (See fig 4)
- 4. Set this style to the current and click on the OK tab. (Fig 5)
- 5. With this Multi Line draw the out side wall.



Figure 1

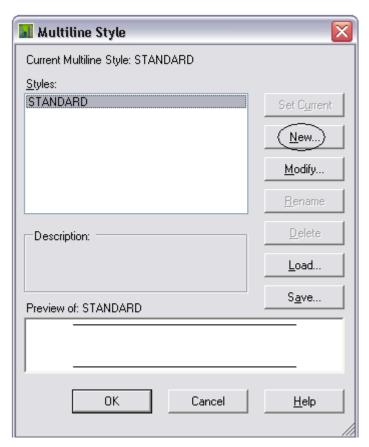


Figure 2



Figure 3

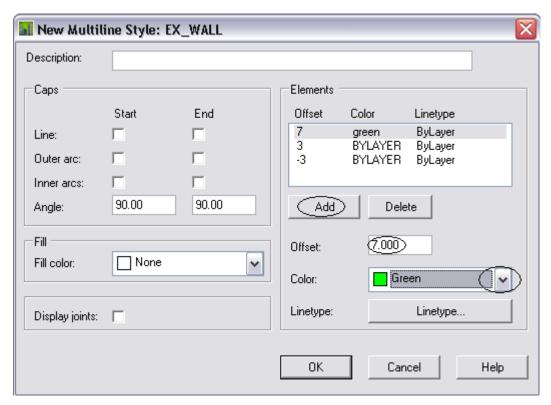


Figure 4

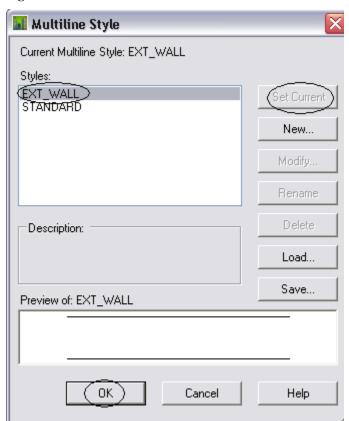


Figure 5

Command: ml <Enter>

MLINE

Current settings: Justification = Top, Scale = 1.00, Style = EX WALL

Specify start point or [Justification/Scale/STyle]: 31',41' <Enter>

Specify next point: **25'** <Enter> {*Make sure that ORTHO mode is set to ON.*}

Specify next point or [Undo]: 19'8 < Enter>

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: 12'8 <Enter>

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: 2'4 <Enter>

Specify next point of [Close/Undo]: **10'4** <Enter>

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: 8'8 <Enter>

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: 2' <Enter>

Specify next point or [Close/Undo]: c <Enter>

Command:

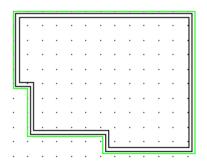


Figure 6

6. Create a new multi line style called INT_Wall. (Fig. 6) For this style, delete the third line (green). Fig 7.



Figure 6

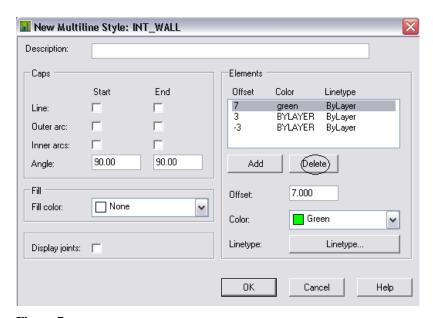


Figure 7

7. Add the two interior walls (Fig. 8)

Command: **ml** <Enter>

MLINE

Current settings: Justification = Top, Scale =

1.00, Style = INT_WALL Specify start point or

[Justification/Scale/STyle]: **j** <Enter>
Enter justification type [Top/Zero/Bottom]

<top>: **b** <Enter>

Current settings: Justification = Bottom, Scale

= 1.00, Style = INT_WALL

Specify start point or

[Justification/Scale/STyle]: {snap to the END

point A} Fig. 8

Specify next point: _per to {snap to the

Perpendicular to line B}
Specify next point or [Undo]:

Command: **ml** <Enter>

MLINE

Current settings: Justification = Bottom, Scale

= 1.00, Style $= INT_WALL$

Specify start point or

[Justification/Scale/STyle]: **j** <Enter>
Enter justification type [Top/Zero/Bottom]

Current settings: Justification = Top, Scale =

1.00, Style = INT_WALL

Specify start point or

[Justification/Scale/STyle]: {snap to the End to

line C}

Specify next point: _per to {snap to the

Perpendicular to line D}

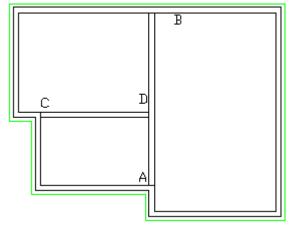


Figure 8

- 7. From the "Modify" pul;_down menu, Object, select the multiline. Fig 9.
- 8. Select the "Open Tee" option. Fig 10.

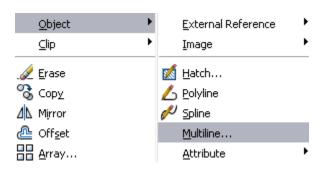


Figure 9

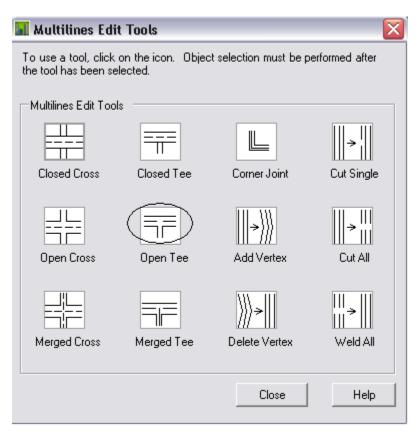


Figure 10

Command: _mledit <Enter>

Select first mline or [Undo]: {Select the wall C}

Select second mline: {Select the wall D}

Select first mline or [Undo]: {Select the wall D}

Select second mline: {Select the wall B} Select first mline or [Undo]: <Enter>

- 9. Using the insert command or through the "Design center" add the doors and window shown in figure 11. Use the "Cut All" or "Cut Single" from multiline edit to complete the project.
- 10. Add dimensions as shown.

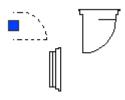


Figure 16

Lesson 3 SPLINE Command



2,2 6,2

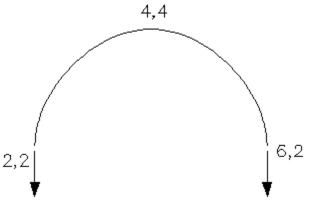
2,2

Figure 2

Figure 1

A spline drawn with the SPLINE command. AutoCAD's default start and end tangents were used for this spline Using the Close option of the SPLINE command with AutoCAD default tangents to draw a closed spline.

<u>Note:</u> Edit the spline (**SPE**) in Figure 1, and choose the **Close** option.



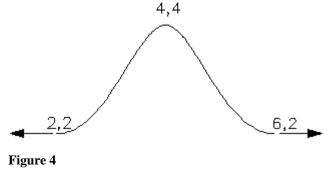


Figure 3

These splines were drawn through the same points, but they have different start and end tangent directions. The arrows indicate the tangent directions.

Use the follwing steps to edit the spline in the Figure 3, to create the spline in Figure 4.

<u>Note:</u> Turn the ORTHO "ON", to define the tangent directions.

SPLINEDIT Command



Menu: Modify > Object > Spline

Shortcut menu: Select a spline to edit, right-click in the drawing area, and choose Spline Edit.

Command entry: splinedit

Command: **spe** <Enter>

SPLINEDIT

Select spline:

Enter an option [Fit data/Close/Move vertex/Refine/rEverse/Undo]: **F** <Enter>

Enter a fit data option

[Add/Close/Delete/Move/Purge/Tangents/toLerance/eXit] <eXit>: T <Enter>

Specify start tangent or [System default]: <Ortho on> {pick a point to define a new direction}

Specify end tangent or [System default]: {pick a point to define a new direction}

Enter a fit data option

[Add/Close/Delete/Move/Purge/Tangents/toLerance/eXit] <eXit>: X <Enter>

Enter an option [Fit data/Close/Move vertex/Refine/rEverse/Undo]: <Enter>

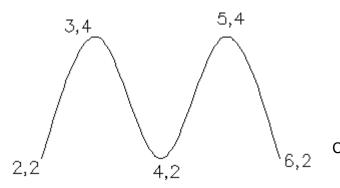
Exercise 3-1.

Use SPILNE and other commands, such as ELLIPSE, MIRROR, and OFFSET, to design an architectural door knocker similar to the one shown. Use an appropriate text font to place your initials in the center.



Exercise 3-2. (Problem page 516)

Draw a spline similar to the original spline shown below. Copy the spline seven times to create a layout similar to one given. Perform the SPLINEDIT (**SPE**) operation identified under each of the seven copies.

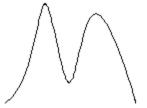


Close Option

Original Spline



Move a Control Point



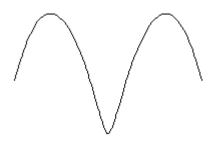
Elevate the Order to 10



Add Two Control Points



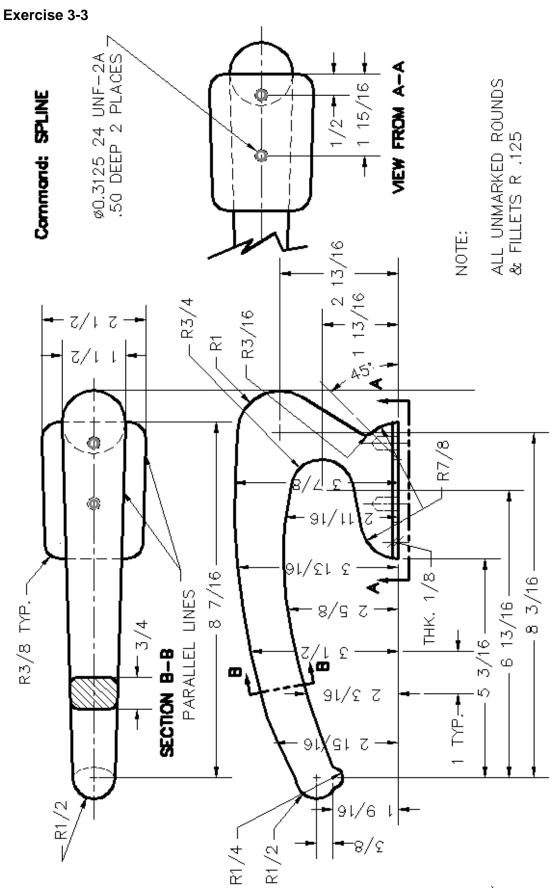
Delete a Control Point

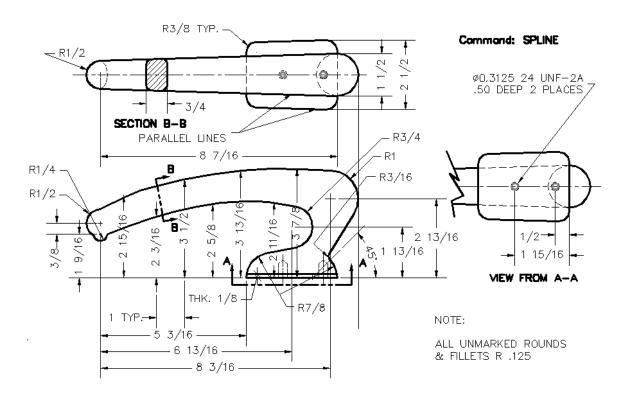


Edit the Tangents

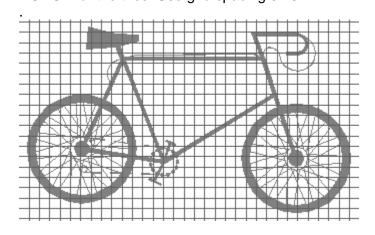
Increase the Weight of a Control Point to 4







Exercise 3-4
Use the POLYLINE command to construct the frame, the LINE for the spokes and DONUT for the tires. Use grid spacing 0.25.



Lesson 4 Advanced Dimensions

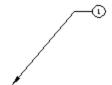


Toolbar: Styles

Menu: Format > Multileader Style

🕸 Dashboard: Multileaders panel, Multileader Style Manager

Command entry: mleaderstyle



MLEADER with BUBBLES

- 1. To create a new multi-leader style, start the MLEADERSTYLE command:
 - a. From the Format menu, choose Multileadr Style.
 - b. At the 'Command:' prompt, enter mleader command.
 - c. In the dashboard, or from the Multileader toolbar, choose the Multileader Style button.
 - d. Or, at the 'Command:' prompt, enter mls alias.
- 2. To create a new style click New.
- 3. Enter the name for the style. For this exercise, enter "Round Bubble," and then click Continue.
- 4. Since we want to change the content of the mleader, choose the Content tab.
- 5. From the Multileader Type drop list, select Block.
- 6. Notice that the dialog box changes to show options related to the blocks. From the Source Block drop list, select Circle.
- 7. Click OK to exit the first dialog boix. Click Set Current to make this new style current. Click Close to exit the second dialog box.



Menu: Dimension > Multileader

Dashboard: Multileaders panel, Multileader

Command entry: mleader

8. Use the MLEADER command to place muliteader with the new style.

Command: **mleader** <Enter>

Specify leader arrowhead location or [leader Landing first/Content

first/Options] <Options>: {pick a point.}

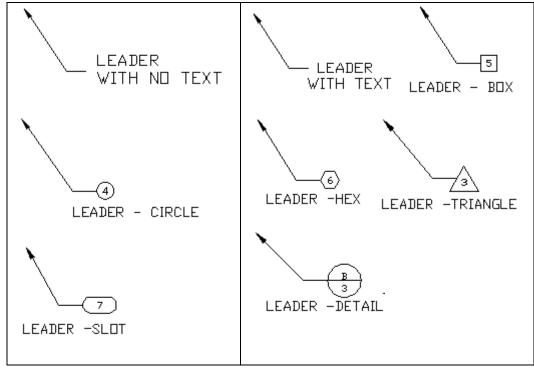
Specify leader landing location: {pick another point}

Enter attribute values

Enter tag number <TAGNUMBER>: 1 <Enter>

ALTERNATIVE METHOD:

- 9. Press Ctrl + 3 to open the Tool Palettes window.
- 10. Pick the leaders Tab from the left of the tool palettes set. (Figure 10)
- 11. Construct the following figures:



AutoCAD Workbook II Imperial samples 6 Leader with no Auto-hide Leader with text Transparency... Leaders Comm... New Palette **4** ← Leader - Circle TOOL PALETTES - ALL PALETTES Rename **₄** Leader - Box Customize Palette Customize Comm-Annotation and D 3D Make Tables ▲ Leader - Triangle OR Leaders Materials Right-click 🖒 Leader - Slot Generic Lights here Photometric Light Cameras Leader -Detail Bubble ₹II Visual Styles All Palettes

Figure 7

DIMENSIONING Alternate Practices - Arrowless Dimensions



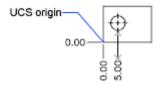
Ordinate dimensions measure the perpendicular distance from an origin point called the *datum* to a feature, such as a hole in a part. These dimensions prevent escalating errors by maintaining accurate offsets of the features from the datum.

Ordinate dimensions consist of an *X* or *Y* value with a leader line. *X*-datum ordinate dimensions measure the distance of a feature from the datum along the *X* axis. *Y*-datum ordinate dimensions measure the distance along the *Y* axis.



Locate the Datum:

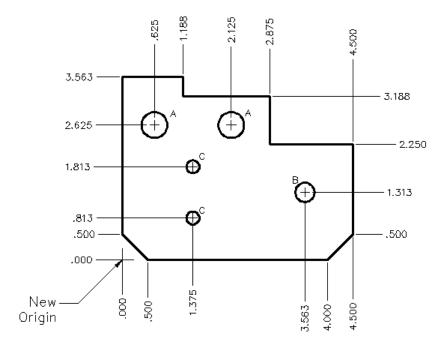
The location and orientation of the current **UCS** determines the ordinate values. Before creating ordinate dimensions, you typically set the UCS origin to coincide with the datum.



Exercise 4-2

Complete the drawing shown in Figure 10. Follow the steps below to add the dimensions.

- 1. From Pull-down menu, Tools, select New UCS, Origin.
- 2. Define the new origin by picking the exact location at the lower left corner of the part. (Figure 11)
- 3. From the "View ", "Display", UCS Icon Uncheck the "On" option. You may do this by typing the UCSICON from the Command line.
- 4. Place all the center marks, and check for other appropriate dimension settings.
- 5. Use the "Ordinate Dimension" to add the dimensions.



HOLE	QTY	DIAMETER
A	2	.500
В	1	.375
C	2	.250

Figure 8

HOLE

Α

В

С

D

Ε

SIZE .30

.16

.24

40 X 2.80

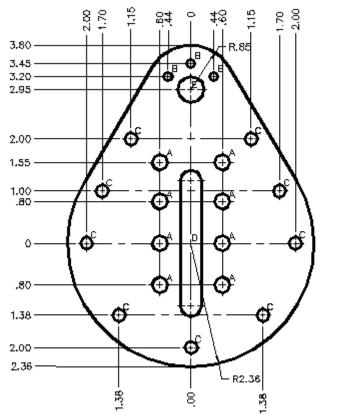
.50

MATL - SAE 1008 0.12 THICK

COMMAND: UCS

ORDINATE Dimensioning

Exercise 4-3



Start the center at 5.25,3.125

Figure 9

Lesson 5 Dimensions with Tolerance

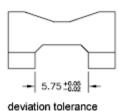
Lateral tolerances are values indicating the amount a measured distance can vary. You can control whether lateral tolerances are displayed and you can choose from several styles of lateral tolerances.

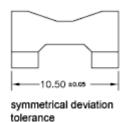
A lateral tolerance specifies the amount by which a dimension can vary. By specifying tolerances in manufacturing, you can control the degree of accuracy needed for a feature. A feature is some aspect of a part, such as a point, line, axis, or surface.

You can apply tolerances directly to a dimension by appending the tolerances to the dimension text. These dimension tolerances indicate the largest and smallest permissible size of the dimension. You can also apply geometric tolerances, which indicate deviations of form, profile, orientation, location, and runout.

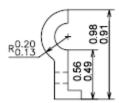
Lateral tolerances can be specified from theoretically exact measurements. These are called basic dimensions and have a box drawn around them.

If the dimension value can vary in both directions, the plus and minus values you supply are appended to the dimension value as deviation tolerances. If the deviation tolerance values are equal, they are displayed with a \pm sign and they are known as symmetrical. Otherwise, the plus value goes above the minus value.



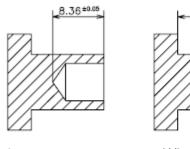


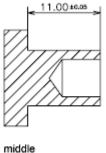
If the tolerances are applied as limits, the program uses the plus and minus values you supply to calculate a maximum and minimum value. These values replace the dimension value. If you specify limits, the upper limit goes above the lower.

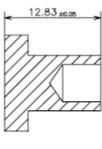


Format Lateral Dimension

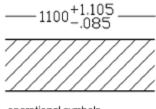
You can control the vertical placement of tolerance values relative to the main dimension text. Tolerances can align with the top, middle, or bottom of the dimension text.

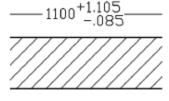






Along with vertical placement of tolerance values, you can also control the horizontal alignment of the upper and lower tolerance values. The upper and lower tolerance values can be aligned using either the operational symbols or decimal separators.





operational symbols

decimal separators

You can also control zero suppression as you can with the primary and alternate units. Suppressing zeros in lateral tolerances has the same effect as suppressing them in the primary and alternate units. If you suppress leading zeros, 0.5 becomes .5, and if you suppress trailing zeros, 0.5000 becomes 0.5.

To specify methods for lateral tolerances

- 1. Enter *dimstyle* at the command prompt.
- 2. In the Dimension Style Manager, select the style you want to change. Click Modify.
- 3. In the Modify Dimension Style dialog box, Tolerances tab, under Tolerance Format, select a method from the Method list, and then do one of the following:
 - If you select Limits, enter upper and lower tolerance deviation in the Upper Value and Lower Value boxes.
 - If you select Symmetrical tolerances, Lower Value is not available, because you need only one tolerance value.
 - If you select Basic, enter a value in Offset from Dim Line (on the Text tab) to represent the gap between the text and its enclosing box.
- 4. Click OK.
- 5. Click Close to exit the Dimension Style Manager.



Command entry: DIMSTYLE

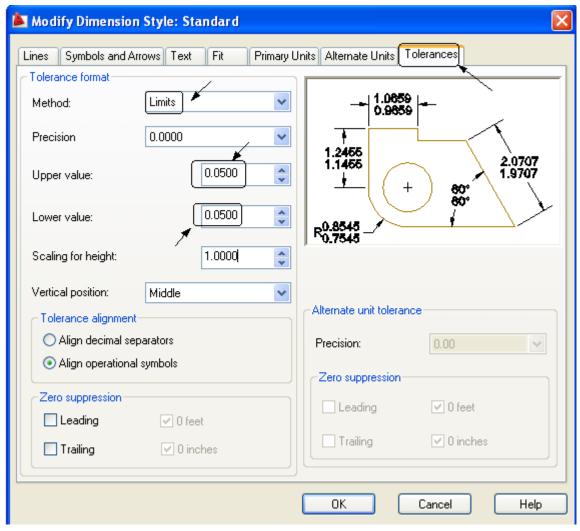


Figure 10

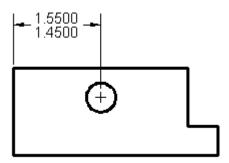
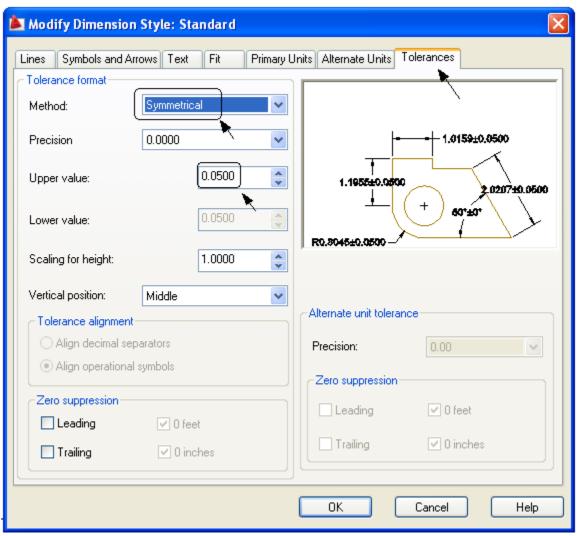
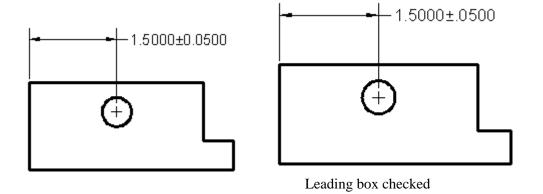
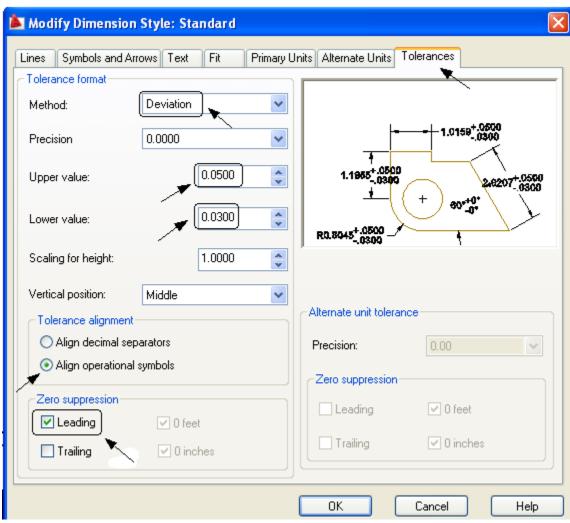
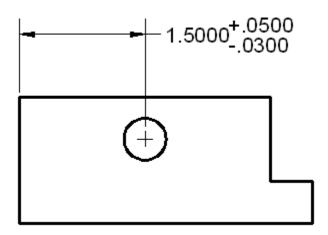


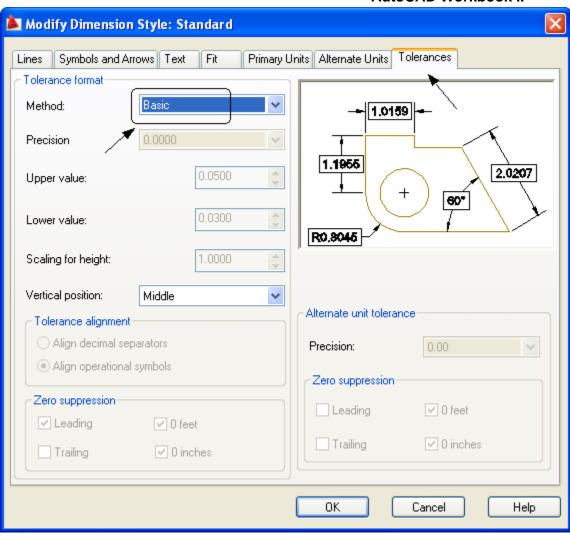
Figure 11

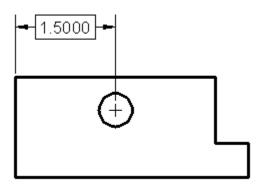












Exercises

Draw and dimension necessary views for the following drawings to exact sizes. These problems presented in isometric. Draw the proper orthographic (2D) views for each.

- A. Apply dimensions accurately using ASME standards. Create dimension styles that suit the specific needs of each drawing.
- B. Create separate layers for the object lines and dimensions.
- C. Assign the line weight of 0.6 mm for the object lines and default line weight for other lines.
- D. Place the following general notes in the lower left corner of the each drawing:

"NOTE:

- a. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS (or INCHES, as applicable)
- b. REMOVE ALL BURRS AND SHRP EDGES.
- c. INTERPRET PER ASME Y14.5M-1994"
- E. Save the drawing.

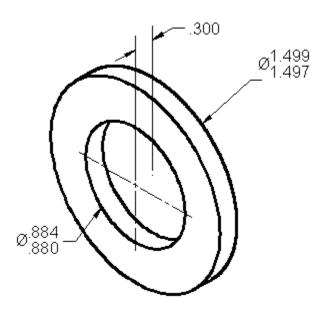


Figure 12

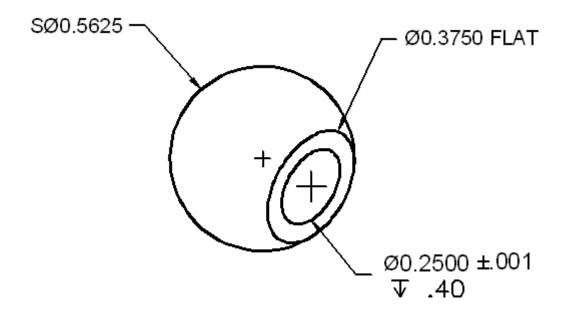


Figure 13

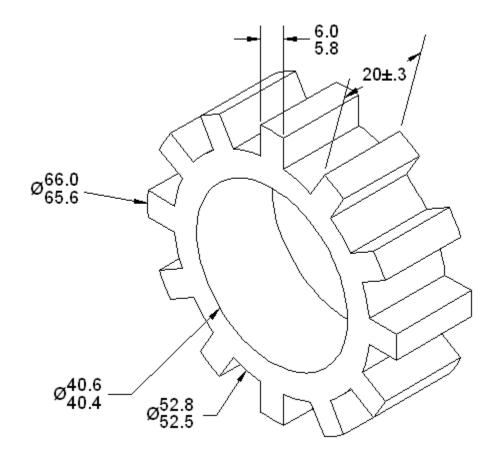
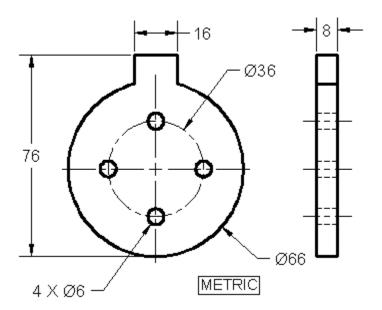
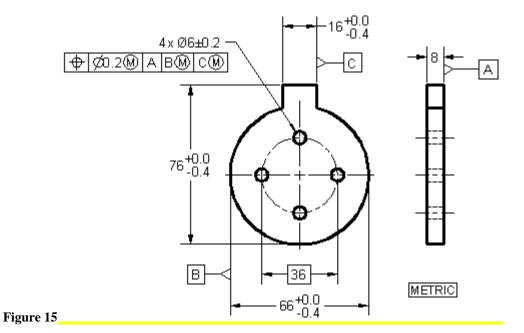


Figure 14

- 1. Start a new drawing or use one of your templates.
- 2. Draw the figure 18 with the given dimensions. Follow the steps below to add the dimensions as shown in Figure 19.





Adjust the following settings under the "Standard" dimension style:

Fit: Overall Scale = 25.4

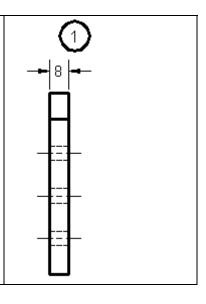
Primary units: Decimal -Check Trailing box

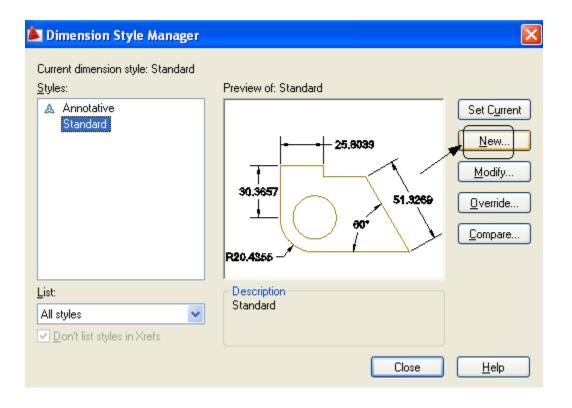
Text Height: 0.125

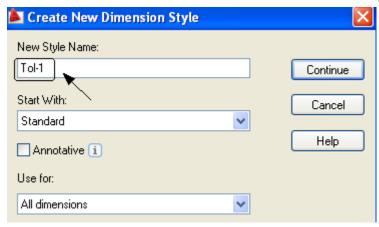
Add the linear dimension 1 as shown.

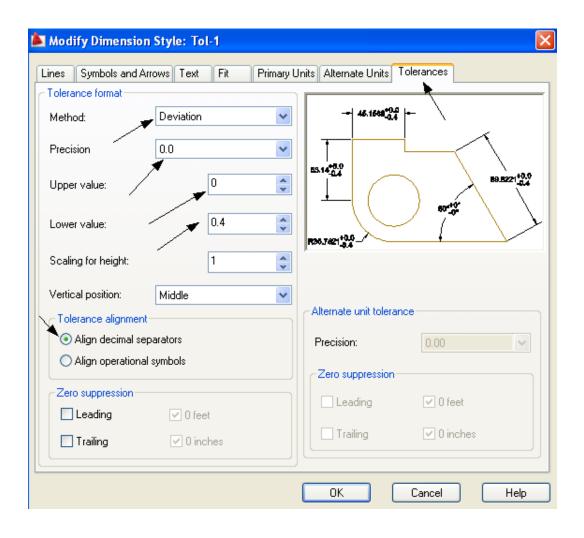
Create a new dimension style and set the following dimension

variables:

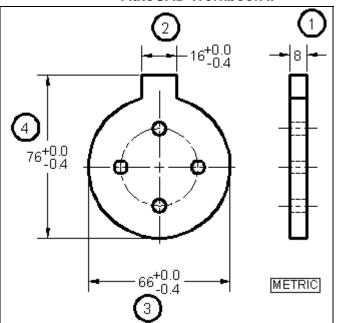


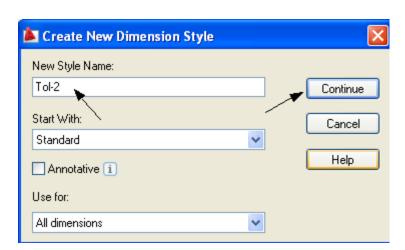


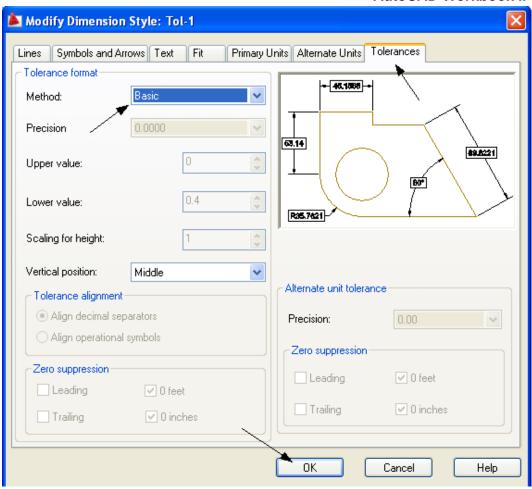


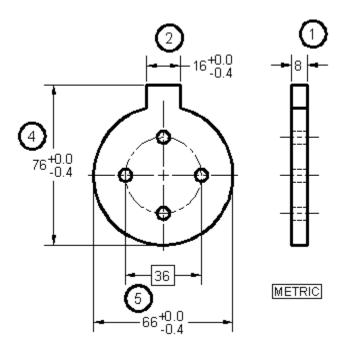


- a. Click on OK, set the Tol-1 as a current dimension style, add dimension 2, 3 and 4 as shown.
- b. Set the "Standard" as a current dimension style and add dimension 1 as shown.
- c. Create a new dimension style change the tolerance method to Basic. Click OK.
- d. Set "Tol-2" as current dime style and add a linear dimension 5.

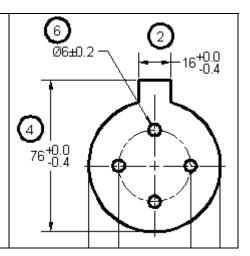


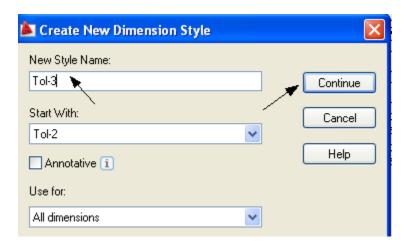


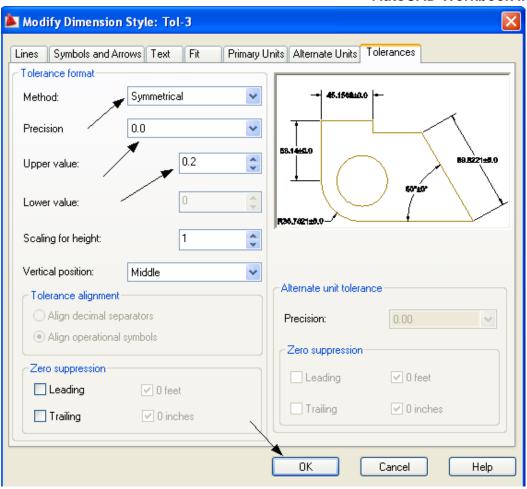




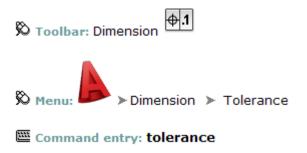
- e. Create a new dimension style change the tolerance method to Symmetrical. Click OK.
- f. Set "Tol-3" as current dime style and add a diameter dimension 6.
- g. Use the Ed command to add "4X" to the diameter # 6.







Lesson 6 Geometric Dimension and Tolerance

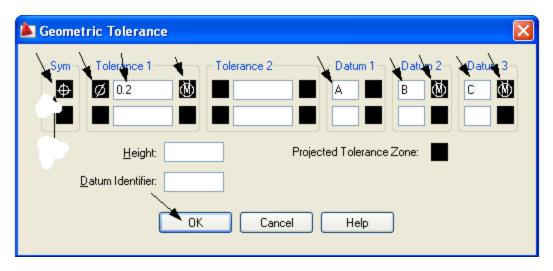


Tolerance command displays the geometric characteristic symbols for location, orientation, form, profile, and runout.

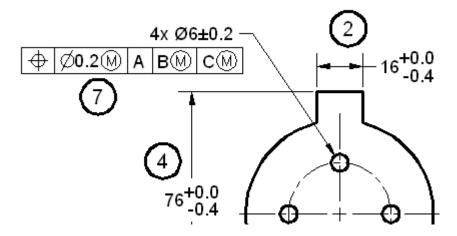
Follow the steps below to add a feature control frame follow the steps below:

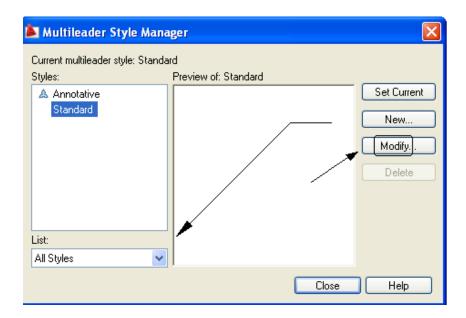
From the command line type tol and press enter.

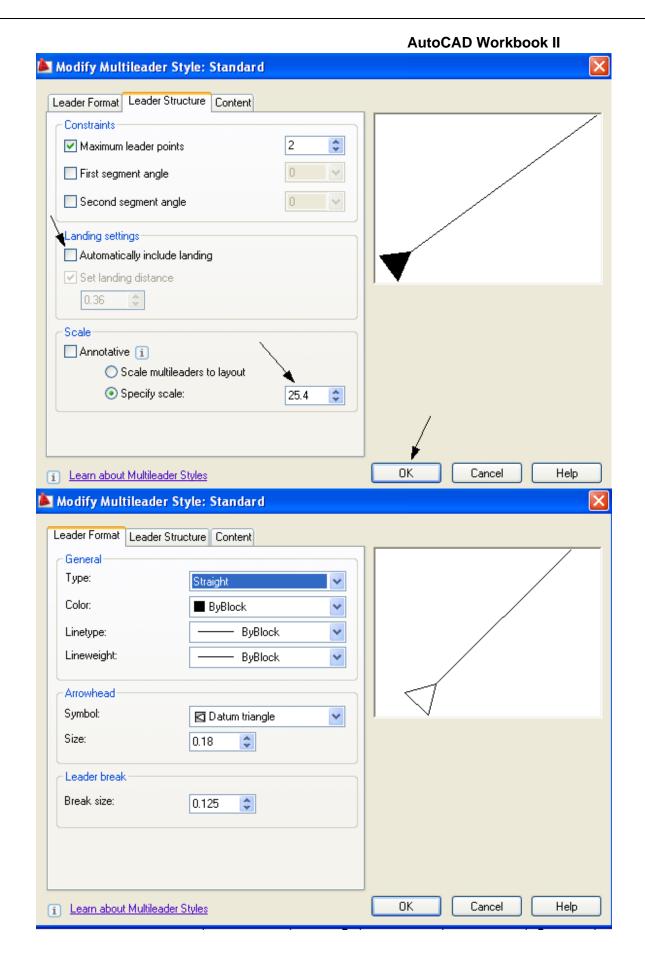
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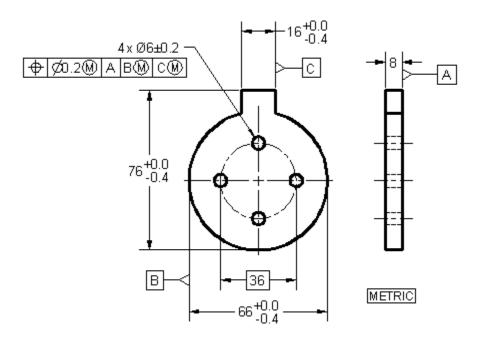


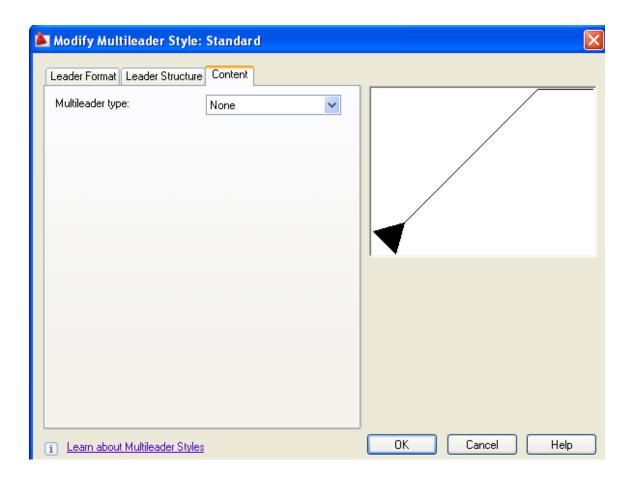
Place the control frame box # 7 as shown.

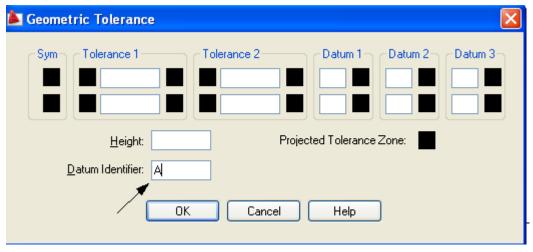


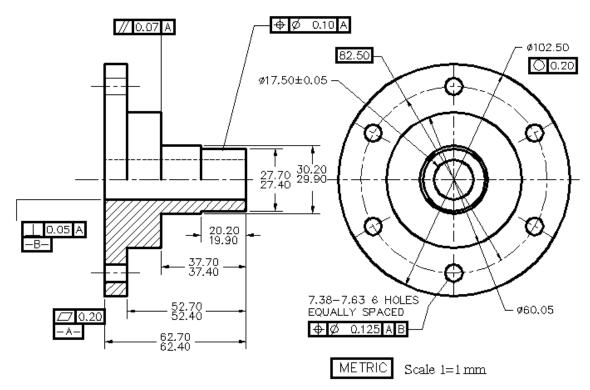




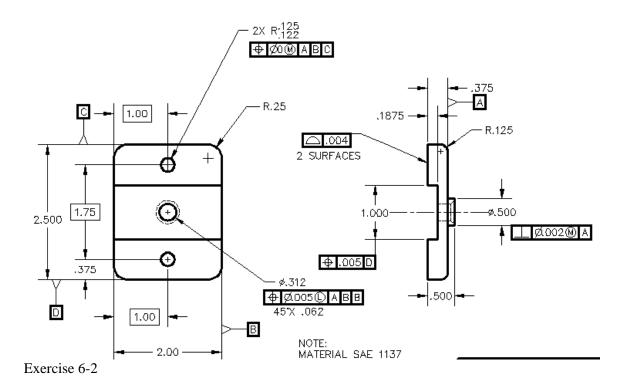






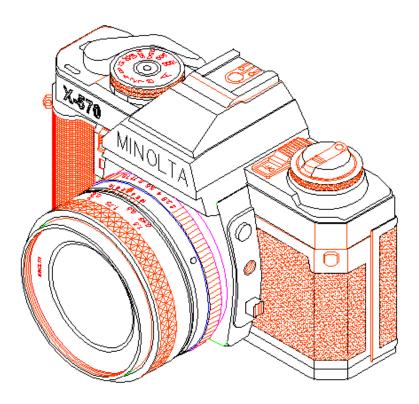


Exercise 6-1



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Lesson 7 Isometric Drawings



The keyboard entry to enable isometric mode is as follows:

Command: **snap** <Enter>

Specify snap spacing or [ON/OFF/Aspect/Style/Type] <0.5000>: s

<Enter>

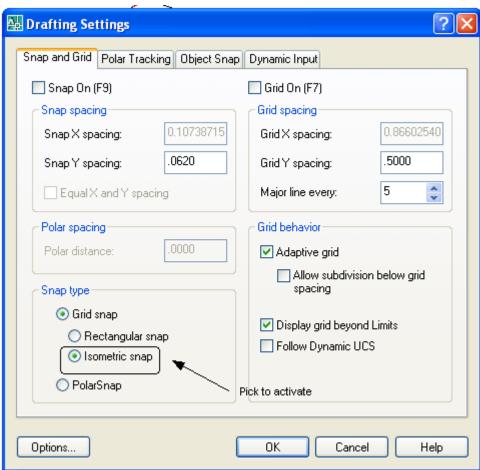
Enter snap grid style [Standard/Isometric] <S>: i

Specify vertical spacing <0.5000>: <Enter>

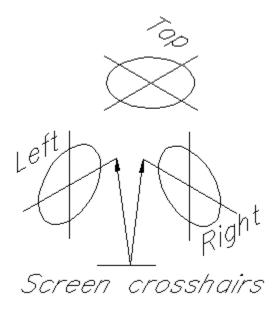
Or, the **Drafting Settings** dialog box allows you to make settings needed for isometric drawing:

Note:

To switch between the isometric planes, use the **F5** Key, or the [Ctrl] + [E] key combinations.



To pace an isometric ellipse on the object use **Isocircle** of the **ELLIPSE** command.



TEXT & Dimension on Isometric:

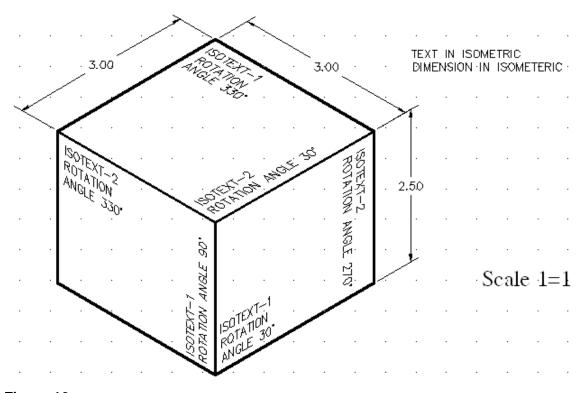


Figure 16

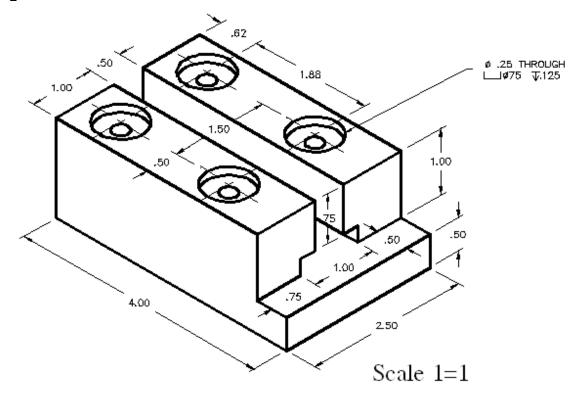


Figure 17

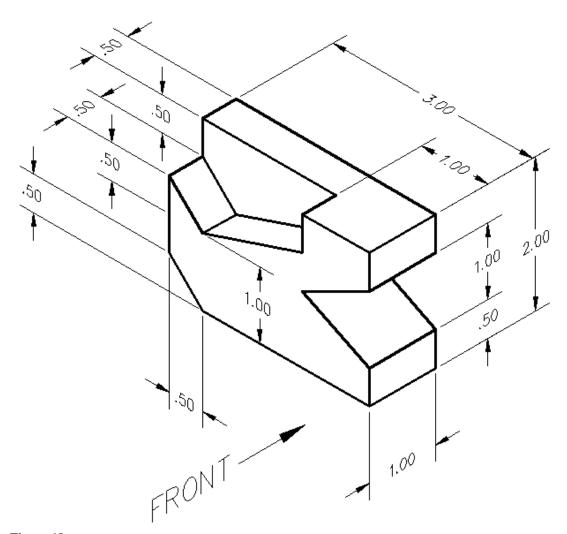
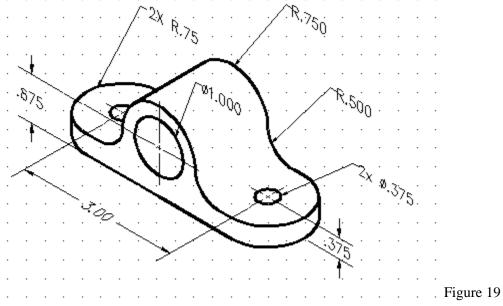


Figure 18

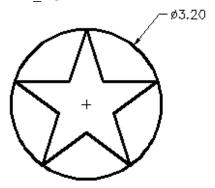


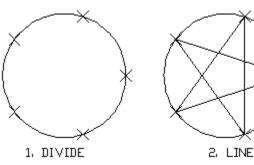
Lesson 8; DIVIDE POINT

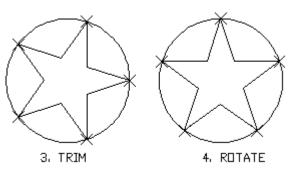
- Menu: Draw ➤ Point ➤ Divide
- Command entry: divide
- 1. Draw a circle with 1.60 radius.
- 2. From format "point style" select the X mark for point shape. (Figures A&B)
- 3. Dive the circle in 5 equal parts with the DIVIDE Command (1)
- 4. Turn on the **node** object snap, and connect the points with the LINE command. (2)
- 5. Use the TRIM command as shown. (3)
- 6. ROTATE the entire object to the position shown (4). Rotation base is the center and the rotation angle is 90°. { If the Ortho is ON this can be done easily withthe mouse click.}



Figure A







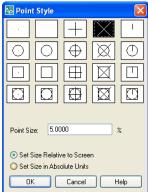


Figure B

DIVIDE Command with **block** option.

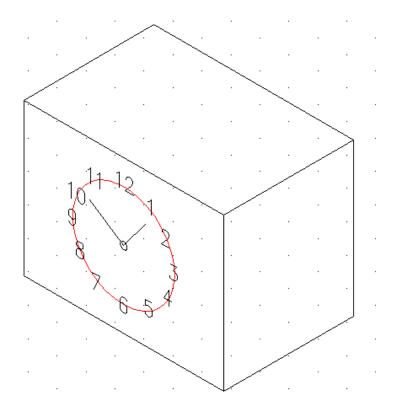


Figure 20

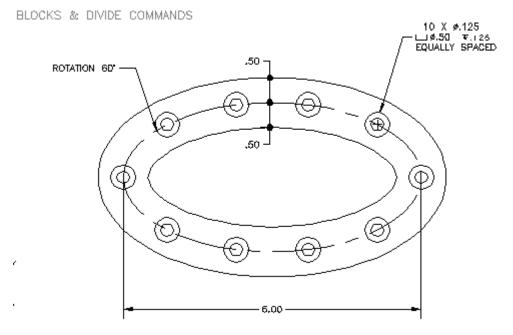


Figure 21

MINSERT Command

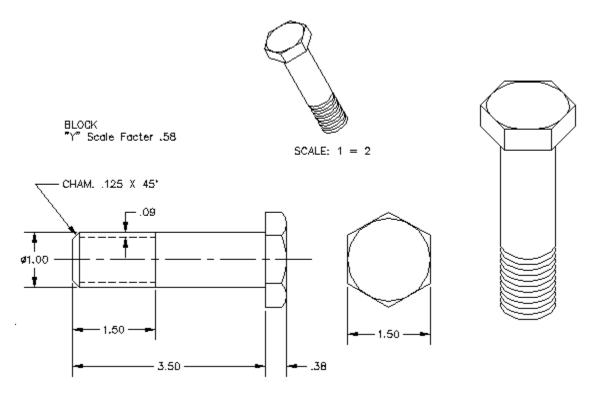
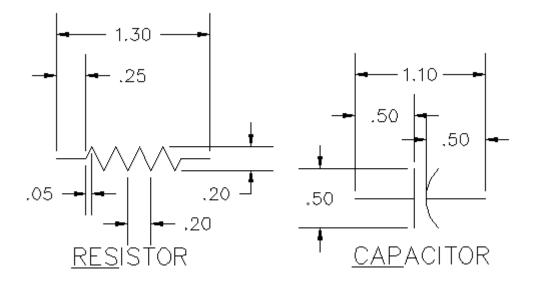
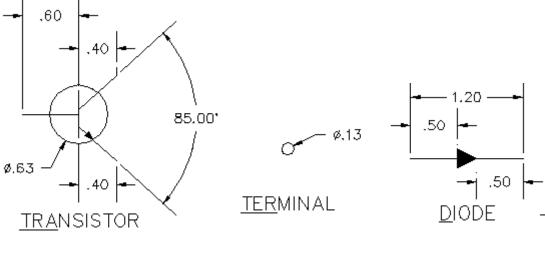


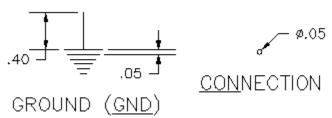
Figure 22

Create these electronic symbols, and then 0use them on a schematic drawing using the INSERT command:

Suggested Settings: Snap (0.05); Grid (0.05)







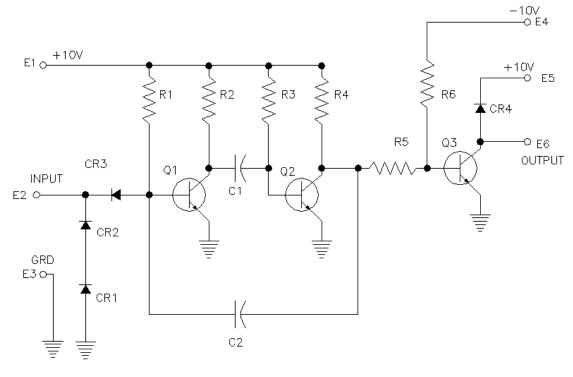
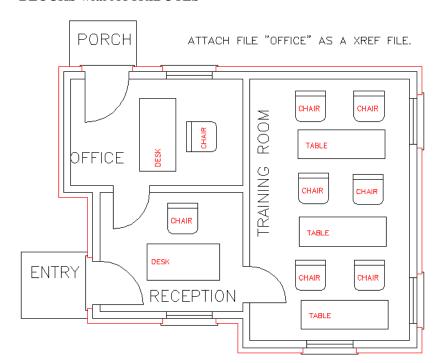


Figure 23

BLOCKS with ATTRIBUTES



S.C.430	DESK	GREEN
S.C.430	DESK	GREEN
S.C.431	CHAIR	TAN
S.C.431	CHAIR	TAN
S.C.410	TABLE	WALNUT
S.C.431	CHAIR	TAN
S.C.431	CHAIR	TAN
S.C.431	CHAIR	TAN
S.C.410	TABLE	WALNUT
S.C.431	CHAIR	TAN
S.C.410	TABLE	WALNUT
S.C.431	CHAIR	TAN
S.C.431	CHAIR	TAN

Figure 24

Creating a Dynamic Block

We'll start with the shape of a twin-size bed and add parameter and action that will allow its length and width to be stretched into a bed of any size.

- 1. Start AutoCAD and start a new drawing with default units.
- 2. Using the LIMITS command set the drawing area to 120 X100 and ZOOM All.
- 3. Create the top view of a twin-size bed using dimension shown in Figure 1. Do not include the dimensions in your drawing. These are standard dimension for a twin-bed.

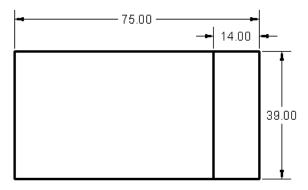


Figure 25

- 4. Name the drawing bed.dwg.
- 5. Pick the Make Block button from the Draw toolbar or enter the BLOCK command to display the Block Definition dialog box.
- 6. Name the block Bed, pick the lower left corner of the bed for the base point, and select the entire bed to be included in the block.
- 7. Near the bottom of the dialog box, check Open in block editor box.
- 8. Pick OK to close the dialog box and open the new block in the block editor.

Assigning Parameter to the Block

- 1. In the block Authoring Pallets window, select the parameters tab if it is not already selected.
- 2. From the available options, pick Linear Parameter.
- 3. Pick the bottom left corner of the bed as the start point and bottom right corner of the bed as the endpoint. Be sure to snap accurately to these two points.
- 4. Indicate a point inside the bed for the label location, as shown in Figure 2.

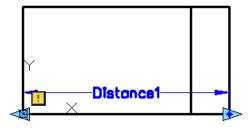


Figure 26

Notice that parameter is automatically labeled "Distance". Also notice the yellow icon with exclamation mark near the lower left corner of the bed. This symbol means that parameter is not currently associated with any action. You will set up the actions later. First, let's create a second parameter.

5. From the block Authoring Pallets window, pick "Linear Parameter" again. This time, pick the lower left corner as the start point and the upper left corner for the endpoint. Place the label inside the bed, as shown in Figure 3.

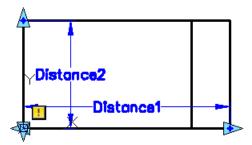


Figure 27

- 6. Select the first Distance Parameter you created, right-click to display the shortcut menu, and pick Rename, and press Enter.
- 7. Highlight the word Distance, enter Length for the new name, and press Enter.
- 8. Select the Distance 1 parameter and rename it Width.

NOTE: You can also name parameters at the time you create them. Before you specify the parameter, Press "N" to enter the Name option.

- 9. Pick the Length parameter, right-click, and select Grip Display.
- 10. Pick a Grip Display of 1.
- 11. Change the Grip Display of Width parameter to 1.
- 12. Save your work.

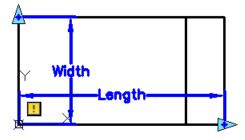


Figure 28

Assigning Actions to the Parameters

The two parameters that you have established will allow you to adjust both the length and the width of the dynamic block named Bed. Next, we will set up the action to be associated with each parameter.

1. Expand the **Action Parameters** panel on the **Block Editor** tab or **Ribbon** and select the **Show All Action** button.

Note: You can also define an Action using the **Action** tab of the **Block Authoring Pallets** window.

- 2. Pick the down-facing arrow below the Move button on the Action Parameters panel, and select the Linear action button from the fly-out menu.
- 3. Select the Length parameter.

Notice that a red symbol appears at the lower right corner of the bed.

- 4. Pick the point in the lower right corner of the bed as the parameter point to associate with the action.
- 5. In reply to Specify first corner of stretch frame, use a standard crossing window (right to left selection). Place the widow as shown in Figure. Be sure to include the interior line that represents the bed covers in the crossing window.
- 6. At the Select Objects prompt use another crossing window to select roughly the same area. Press **ENTER** when you are finished.
- 7. Pick the **Stretch** action icon, right-click, and pick **Rename Action**.
- 8. Rename the action **Stretch length**.

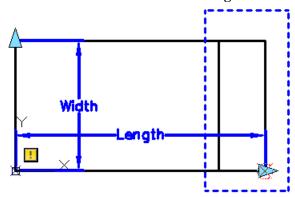


Figure 29

Next, we will define the action needed to change the width of the bed.

- 9. Pick the **Stretch** button again and select the width parameter.
- 10. Pick the endpoint at the upper left corner as the parameter point to associate with the action.
- 11. For the stretch frame, place a crossing window across the upper half of the bed, as shown in Fig. 5.
- 12. At the **Select object** prompt, use another crossing window to select roughly the same area. Press **ENTER** when you are finished.
- 13. Rename the action to **Stretch Width**.

The Length and width parameters are now completely defined, so the alert icons for the parameters have disappeared. Your block should now look similar to the one in Fig. 34-6.

- 14. Pick the **Close Block Editor** button on the **Close** panel of the **Ribbon** to return to the AutoCAD window.
- 15. Pick **Yes** when prompted to save changes to the **Bed** block.

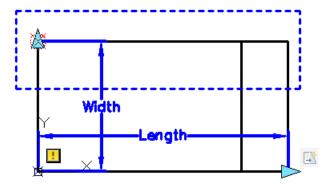


Figure 30

Using Dynamic Blocks

The **Bed** block should now appear in AutoCAD's drawing area. Next, we will change the parameters of the block to change the size of the inserted block.

1- Select the **Bed** block.

Notice the arrows that appear instead of grip boxes at the upper left and lower right corners of the bed. These arrows indicate changeable parameters.

2- Pick the arrow at the lower right corner of the bed and notice that it becomes active (red) just as a grip would.

The **Length** parameter appears and an edit box appears to show the current length of the bed, which is 75 inches.

- 3- Move the crosshairs and notice that the length of the bed changed dynamically.
- 4- At the keyboard, enter a new length of **80** and press **ENTER** to change the length of the bed to 80 inches.

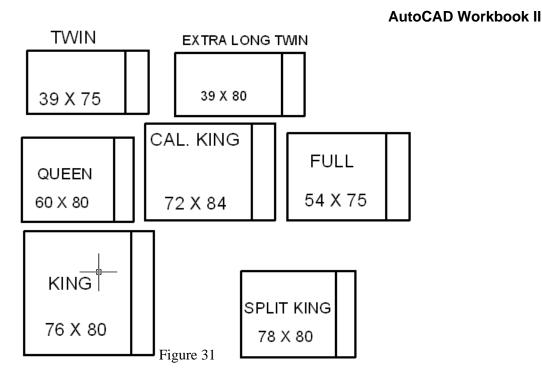
The bed updates automatically. This is the standard length for a queen-size, king-size, or extralong twin-size bed. Let's change the **width** dimension to create a queen-size bed, which has a standard width of 60 inches.

- 5- Select the bed again.
- 6- Pick the arrow at the upper left corner of the bed.
- 7- Enter a new width of **60**.

Once again, the **bed** block automatically updates when you press **ENTER**.

Constraining parameters

It may have occurred to you that it is possible to change the dynamic **Bed** block to any length and width using the dynamic block defined in the previous procedure. In real life, beds are usually made to standard dimensions, as shown in Fig. 7.



Creating a Value Set

AutoCAD makes it easy to **constrain**, or limit, the choices that can be used for a given parameter. You can do this by creating a **value set** for the parameter. For example, the three standard lengths for a bed are 75, 80, and 84 inches. The following steps constrain the **length** parameter of the **Bed** block using a value set that contains these three values.

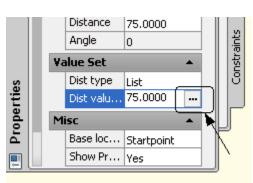
- 1- Double-click the block to display the **Edit Block Definition** dialog box.
- 2- Select **Bed** and pick **OK** to enter the block editor.
- 3- Select the **length** parameter.
- 4- Select the **Properties** button from the **Palettes** panel on the **view** tab of the **Ribbon**.

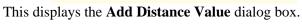
This displays the properties of the linear parameter in the **properties** palette.

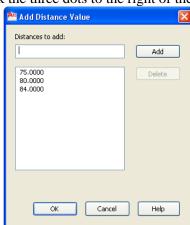
- 5- Near the bottom of the **Properties** palette, find the **Value Set** section and click to activate the box next to **Dist type**. (You may need to scroll down to find this section.)
- 6- Pick the down arrow and then pick **List** from the options that appear.

Notice that the next row, **Dist value list**, now shows **75.0000**. This is the value you used when you originally created the block, and it becomes the default value.

7- Pick to activate the **Dist value list** row and pick the three dots to the right of the edit box.







8- In the **Distances to add** edit box, enter **80** and pick the **Add** button.

The new value of **80.0000** appears in the window below the edit box.

- 9- With the cursor still active in the **Distances to add** edit box, enter **84** and pick the **Add** button to add **84.0000** to the list.
- 10- Pick **OK** to close the dialog box.
- 11- Press **ESC** to deselect the **Length** parameter.

The standard widths for beds are 39, 54, 60, 72, 76 and 78. Let's constrain the **Width** parameter to these values.

- 12- With the properties palette still open, pick to select the **Width** parameter.
- 13- In the **Dist type** row in the **Properties** palette, change the value to **List**.
- 14- Click to activate the **Dist value list row** and pick the button with three dots to display the **Add Distance Value** dialog box.

Once again, the default value appears in the window.

- 15- Add the other standard width values: **54**, **60**, **72**, **76** and **78**. Pick **OK** when you are finished.
- 16- Close the **properties** palette and save the file. If AutoCAD displays a message asking whether you want to save the drawing and update the existing block definition in the drawing, pick **Yes**.
- 17- Close the block editor.

Using a Constrained Block

Constrained blocks can be altered on-screen in the same way as unconstrained dynamic blocks. The only difference is that, when you pick one of the parameter arrows, small tick marks appear to mark the valid values for the parameter.

- 1. Select the **Bed** block to display the parameter arrows.
- 2. Pick the lower right parameter arrow so that it turns red.

Just below the arrow, notice the faint tick markers on either side of current bed length. See Figure 8.

You may recall that the bed is currently configured with dimensions for a queen-size bed: 60 X 80 inches. The 80 inches is one of the three standard values. The two tick mark the other two values allowed for the **Length** parameter: 75 and 84. Let's change the **Bed** block to represent a full-size bed (54 x 75 inches).

- 3. Move the cursor to the left and notice that a tentative line appears at the 75-inch thick mark
- 4. Pick any point while that line is present to reset the length of the bed to 75 inches.
- 5. Pick the upper left parameter arrow to activate the **Width** parameter and notice the tick marks representing allowed values.

The current value of **60** shows up in the edit box for reference.

6. Move the cursor down until the edit box shows a value of **54** and pick any point to change the width of the bed to 54 inches.

The block is now configured to represent a full-size bed.

If you enter undefined value into the edit box for constrained parameter, AutoCAD automatically chooses the defined value that is closest to the value you entered. For Example, if you entered a value of **63** for the **Width** parameter, the width of the bed would change to **60**, which is the closest defined value set.

Analyzing 2D drawings, using AutoCAD's INQUIRY features:

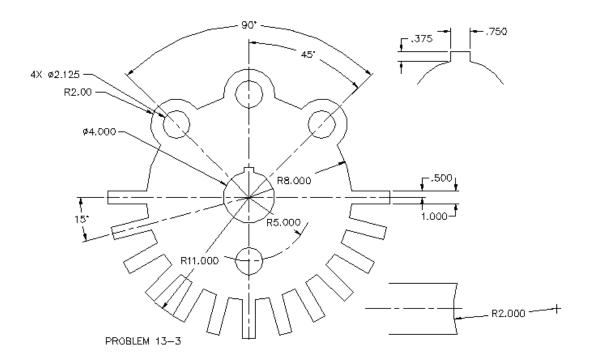


Figure 32

Calculate the surface area

ROTOR

- 1. The absolute coordinate value of the center of hole "A" is closest to
- 2. The perimeter of Rotor is
- 3. The distance from the center of arc "B" to the center of arc "C" is
- 4. The absolute coordinate value of the center of arc "D" is closest to
- 5. The total length of arc "F" is
- 6. The total area of Rotor with all four holes removed is
- 7. Change the diameter of all three 1.000 diameter holes to 0.700 diameters. Change the diameter of the 2.550 hole to a new diameter of 1.625. The new area of Rotor with all four holes removed is

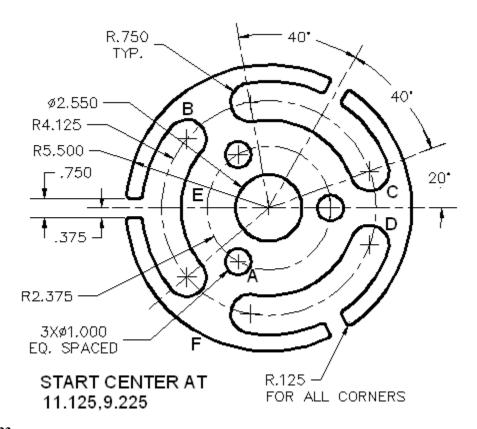


Figure 33

Control Bearing

Start Point: Center at 11.5, 11.5.

- 1. The distance from center arc "A" to the intersection at "B" is
- 2. The total length of arc "C" is
- 3. The perimeter of inner slot "G" is
- 4. The absolute coordinate value of the center of the 0.44 diameter hole "F" is
- 5. The perimeter of the outmost shape of the Control Bearing is
- 6. The angled formed the XY plane from the intersection at "D" to the center of the arc "E" is
- 7. The area of the Control Bearing with all holes and inner slot removed is

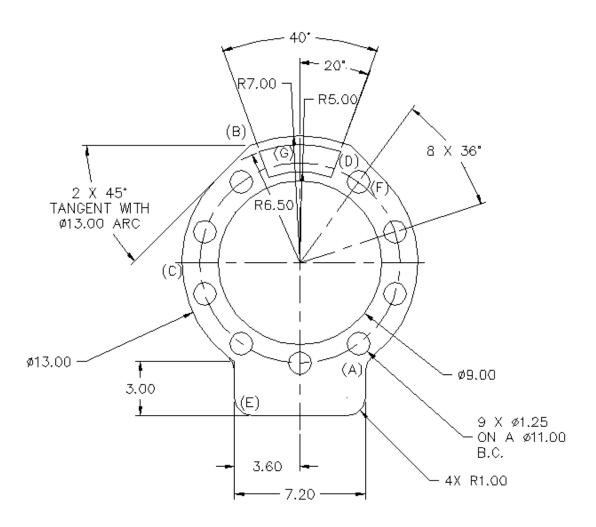


Figure 34

Additional problems

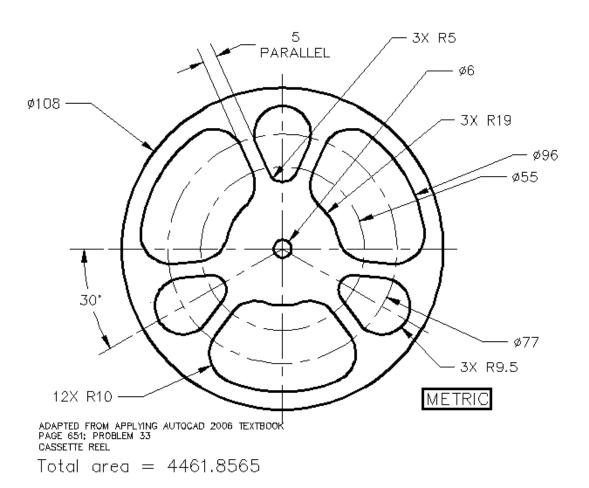


Figure 35