

Photoshop

CX 7/7.5 - Do I need Photoshop to use Design 3D? Which version of PS, and how does it work?

No, Strata Design 3D CX is a stand-alone all-purpose 3D application. You don't need any version of Adobe® Photoshop® to use it. You can use all of the modeling, animation, texturing and rendering features in Design 3D without Photoshop.

Some **features** in Design 3D work with any version of Photoshop. These take advantage of 2D Photoshop files:

- Link to Layered Photoshop Document in the Image Texture dialog allows you to use a linked PS file as an image map. Changes made in the PS file are automatically used in the Design 3D texture.
- Render to (Photoshop) Layers - this outputs your rendering in PS layers for easy post-production work.
- Image maps created in any version of Photoshop and saved (as TIFF, JPEG, PSD, etc.) can be loaded into the texture channels as image maps for creating textures.
- Import Illustrator (.ai) PDF compatible or EPS v8 file for use with several modeling tools, like Extrude, Lathe, PathExtrude, Skin and etc.
- Photoshop CS6 Extended allows you to import 3D objects in a wide range of formats including OBJ, Collada DAE, etc. Design 3D CX supports importing and exporting to OBJ, Collada and other 3D formats.

Photoshop Plug-ins - Discontinued in v7.5

Design 3D CX 7 shipped with several optional Photoshop plug-ins. These plug-ins have been discontinued in version 7.5.

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