

Table 1 CAD viewer features

Contact information Star rating	Price	Internet functionality	Relative speed (sec.)	File printing	Hyperlinks	Publish to Web	Control layers	View attributes	View named views	Support lineweights	Redline	Drawing file manager	Measure 2D	Measure 3D	View layouts	View xrefs	View blocks	2D vector files				Raster files					3D files			Other CAD files	
																		DWG Release 2002	DWG Release 2004	DXF/DWG	DGN	TIF	BMP	JPG	TGA	PCX	ACIS	IGES	STEP		
Actify Spinfire Professional 5.0 415.227.3800 www.actify.com 4,5 stars out of 5	\$599, with one-year maintenance	Good	18	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●			●	Q2	●		●*	●	●			●	●	●	Pro/ENGINEER, DXF, DWG, Inventor CATIA, I-DEAS, IGES 2D/3D, ISO G-code, UGS, Solid Edge, Para- solid, SolidWorks, ACIS, SAT, STL, STEP, VDA, FS, 3DS, VRML, HPGL
Cimmetry Systems AutoVue SolidModel Professional v17 for Windows 800.361.1904 www.cimmetry.com ★★★★★	\$395– \$1,495	Excellent	11.5	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	Q2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	EDA, CADKEY, G4, IGES, Inventor, CATIA, DWG, DXF, UGS, Pro/ ENGINEER, SolidWorks, Solid Edge, Solid Designer, more	
IDEAL.com WiselImage Pro 5.1 888.524.3325 www.ideal.com 4,5 stars out of 5	\$1,295– \$3,240	N/A	Good†	●			●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●				●		●	●	●						WS, VC4, VC5 (Spotlight 2.x/3.x, SHP (ESRI, export only))	
Informative Graphics Corp. ModelPress Publisher 3.0/Viewer 2.0 800.398.7005 www.modelpress.com 4 stars out of 5	Free	Good	Fast§			●								●		●	●			†	†	†						●	●	SolidWorks, Solid Edge, Pro/ ENGINEER, VRML, STL, SLP, 3DS, Inventor	
Samsung SDS America WiseVIEW v4.6 408.544.5151 www.wiseview.com ★★★★★	\$249	Very good	1.75	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	Q3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	CATIA 2D/3D, Unigraphics, Pro/ ENGINEER, I-DEAS, SolidWorks, HPGL, Gerber, Inventor, Parasolid	
Spicer Imagination 7.2 519.748.2462 www.spicer.com ★★★★★	\$395– \$2,895	Good	3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	Q3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	SolidWorks, MicroStation, CATIA, Pro/ENGINEER, DWF, SVG, XGL, ZGL, Visio, PDF, Gerber, CADAM, Auto-trol, WRL, HPGL/RTL	

*With Internet Explorer plug-in, Alternatiff.

†WiselImage Pro doesn't view 3D DWGs.

§As we go to press, ModelPress includes DWG with SAT file viewing.