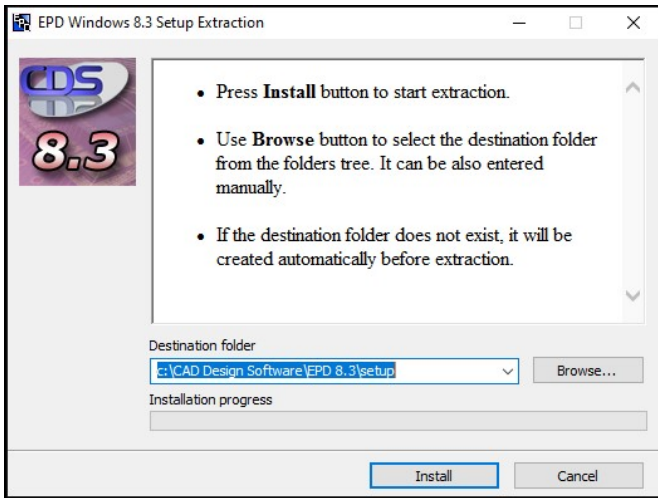# Installation Guide for the Electronics Packaging Designer 8.3 software program (EPD) for use with MS ⊞ Windows® PC
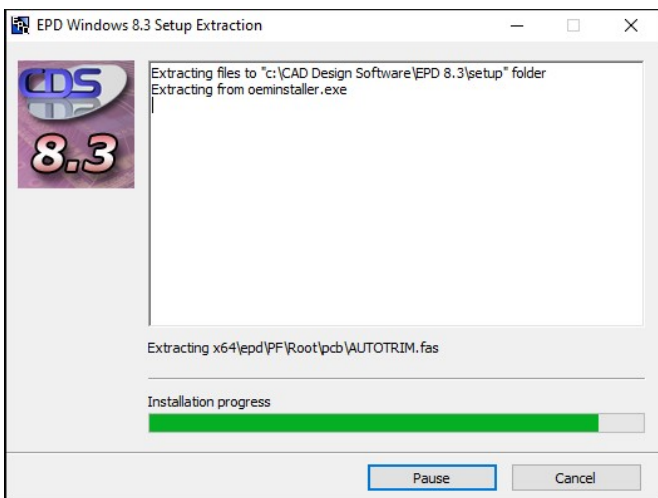
Please check the **System Requirements** http://www.cad-design.com/support/cds_system_requirements.html before starting. Users should have Installation / Admin Rights for the computer or setup and EPD software may not function correctly.

Double Pick the Installation Icon to begin the **Extraction** of the **Install** files. This is only an Extraction and Not the main Installation.

It is recommended to use the default path ..\CAD Design Software\EPD8.3\Setup file path. You may change to a different drive if required other than C:\.

Pick **Install** to begin extracting the Installation files that will be used after extraction.

After the Installation extraction (this will take a few minutes), the main Installation screen will appear*.

*If the Main Installation does not Start, navigate to the **C:\CAD Design Software\Setup** folder and run the **setup.exe**

On the First Screen pick on the **Install** button to begin the main installation of the EPD Software program.

There are Links below for **Installation Help**, **System Requirements** and the general **Read Me**.

On the next screen, select either **I Accept** or **I Reject** for Acceptance or Denial of the **License Agreement** and then pick **Next**.
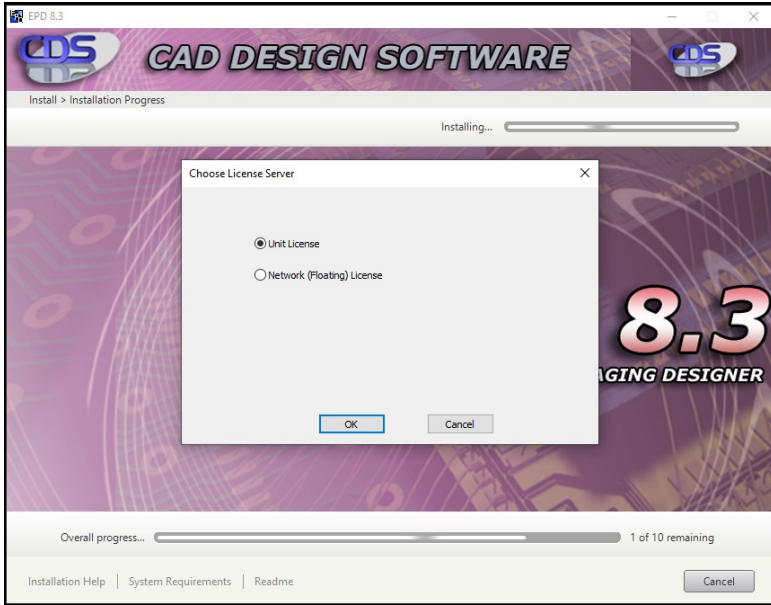
The next screen displays an option to select the HD Drive letter* and folder destination for installation of the EPD Software Program. Pick **Install** to continue.

> *It is recommended to accept the default path but a different drive may be selected (if were set in the first Extraction Installation).
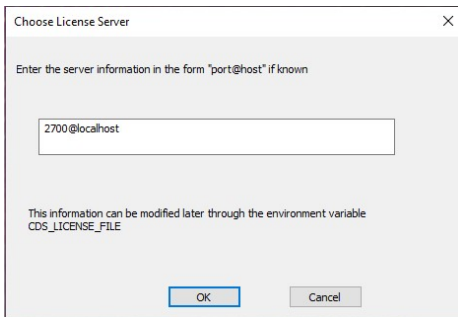

The next screen will start the installation progress.

A sub-screen dialog will appear to select either a **Unit License** or **Network (Floating) License** type to be used.

If select a **Unit** license, this will allow to place a license in the installation folder that will be sent by CAD Design Software.
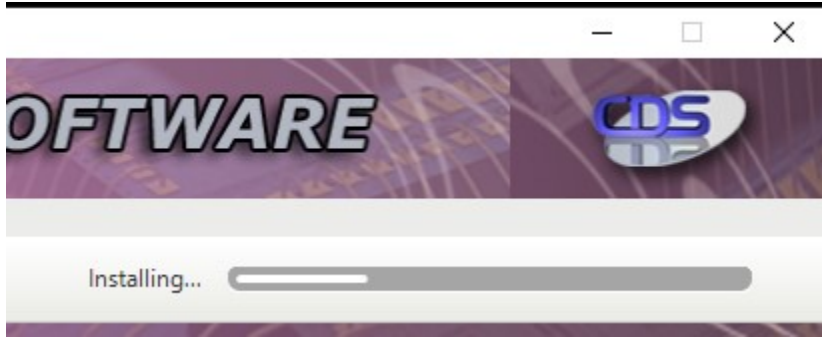
If select a **Network (Floating) License** - Fill out edit box with the port and server name provided by Administrator.

If you do not know this information, you can leave at 27000@server and edit later in the **Control Panel>Advanced Settings**. See Webpage -> http://www.cad-design.com/support/cds_network_license.html#variable

After done, pick **OK** to return to the install dialog.

After selecting a radio button for the License Type, pick the **OK** button to close the **Choose License Server** dialog and return to the main installation dialog.

The Installation will continue and will take **some time** to complete. The upper-right **Installing…** progress bar will show the how much is left in the install.
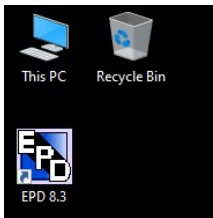

When the installation is complete, the last screen shows the EPD software program has been **successfully** Installed.

In some rare cases, an error screen may appear indicating an error or unsuccessful install may have occurred.
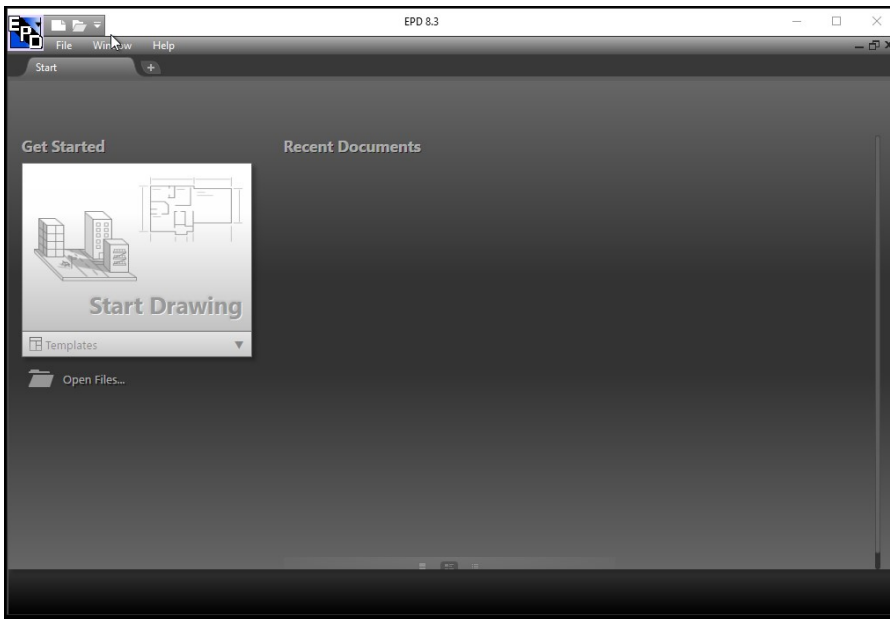
These issues may be related to picking the Cancel button or not having Administrative rights on the current MS Windows account.

Pick **Finish** to Exit.

Double pick the **EPD 8.3** icon from the desktop to launch the EPD software program.

The EPD Startup / Initializing progress dialog appears (will appear each time program is loaded).

*Depending on the **License Type** selected, the software will indicate if **no license** was found or will load with no errors. See the **software not licensed** dialog box info ->
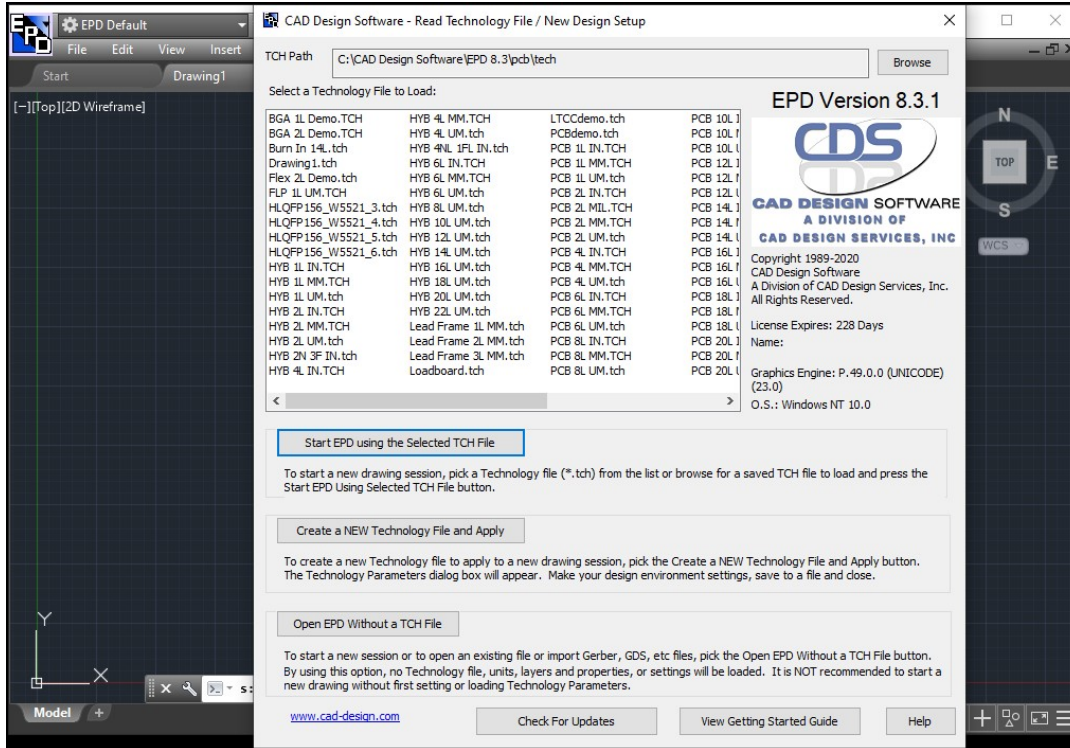http://www.cad-design.com/support/cds_software_not_licensed_dialog_box.html

When the EPD program loads, the Dashboard appears initially.

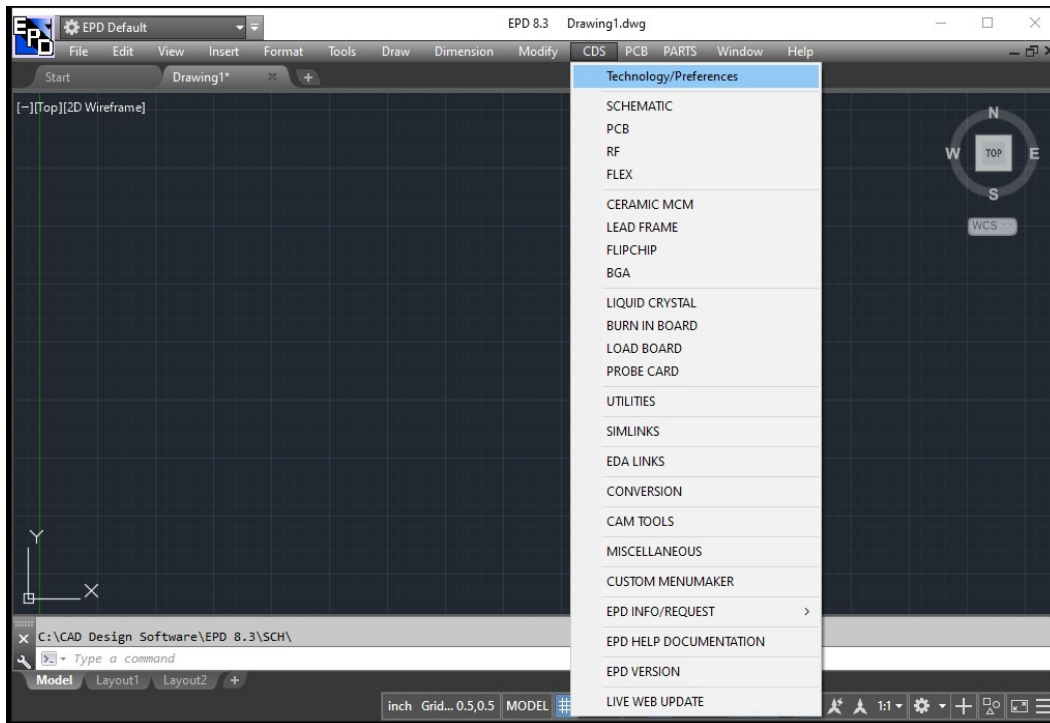You may pick **Open Files...** or use the EPD pulldown menu.

After opening and closing drawings, the most recent will appear in the right area of dashboard.

Pick the **Start Drawing** area to begin and finish loading the **EPD Design Environment for the First Time**

The **EPD Design Environment** will load and present the **Read Technology File** dialog box.

You may pick **Open without a TCH File** button or press **<ESC>** to bypass and continue the first loading of the EPD Environment.

The Initial Load is complete and the **CDS** main menu is available.

See the **Getting Started Guide** for further EPD software (use button in **Read Technology File** dialog or see **..\EPD 8.3\Help**)