

Shapr3D versus FreeCAD versus Blender

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The comparison is organized around intent: parametric solids for controlled dimensions, direct modeling for quick shape edits, and visual/mesh tools for concept or asset work. The public record avoids claiming one tool is universally best.

STATUS	Recovered/Partial
CLASSIFICATION	CAD
MATERIAL	CAD / AUTOMATION
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / RECOVERED/PARTIAL
CATEGORY	CAD / Scanning / Automation
RECORD TYPE	how-to

TECHNICAL NOTES

Tool-selection guide comparing direct modeling, parametric CAD, and mesh/visual modeling.

GOAL

Choose a modeling tool based on the deliverable, editability, and downstream manufacturing need.

EQUIPMENT

- Shapr3D
- Representative test model
- Measurement or inspection method

METHOD / STEPS

1. Define the required output: mesh, solid, drawing, or visual asset.
2. List the dimensions that must remain editable.
3. Check export/import requirements.
4. Choose the smallest toolchain that preserves design intent.

RESULT / WHERE THIS STANDS

Reference guide; validate versions and licensing before a project starts.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- A visually correct model can still have bad units, references, or manufacturing intent.
 - Keep source files and exported files distinct.
 - When automation is involved, test a copy before changing a production directory.
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SPECIFICATION

TOOL PATH	Shapr3D
DELIVERABLE	HOW-TO
VALIDATION	Representative model / known dimension
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DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

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Imported as an independent manifest record; public copy keeps uncertainty visible.

RELEASED MATERIAL / SOURCE LINKS

cad-001-public-summary.txt

PUBLIC SUMMARY / RECOVERED NOTES

<https://u225x.com/downloads/manifest-records/cad-001-public-summary.txt>

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