

Free SolidWorks Alternatives

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A conversation-specific public summary of free solidworks alternatives, distilled from the supplied export. The detailed excerpts remain available in the released note file.

STATUS	RECOVERED / SPECIFIC NOTE
CLASSIFICATION	SYS
MATERIAL	CHAT EXPORT / BUILD & TOOLS
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC CONVERSATION EXCERPTS / REDACTED
CATEGORY	Build & Tools
RECORD TYPE	build-thread

TECHNICAL NOTES

Conversation-specific knowledge extracted from the free solidworks alternatives discussion.

CONVERSATION / QUESTION AND CONTEXT

Is there a free version of solid works

CONVERSATION / EXTRACTED GUIDANCE

1. SolidWorks for Makers *(paid, but cheap)*
2. SolidWorks Student / Education *(sometimes free through school)*
3. SolidWorks Trials
4. Fusion 360 *(free personal license)* - great for 3D printing and mechanical design
5. FreeCAD *(100% free)* - more "DIY" but powerful
6. Onshape Free *(cloud-based)* - works great, but your designs are public on the free plan

SPECIFICATION

SOURCE	Supplied ChatGPT export
CATEGORY	Build & Tools
CONVERSATION	1 user turns / 1 assistant turns
ATTACHMENTS	1 references detected

PUBLIC DETAILExtracted knowledge + excerpts

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

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Matched to the supplied export; key guidance is surfaced separately and the raw transcript remains unpublished.

RELEASED MATERIAL / SOURCE LINKS

CHAT-0185-public-note.txt

PUBLIC-SAFE CONVERSATION NOTE / UNIQUE FILE

<https://u225x.com/downloads/chat-records/CHAT-0185-public-note.txt>

RETURN TO THE LIVING RECORD

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This PDF preserves the public notes at this revision. Visit the record for updates and attached images.

<https://u225x.com/record/CHAT-0185>