



# Orientation of attributes within a Symbol


## AutoCAD Electrical 2018

When symbols are placed inside of a drawing, sometimes information gets overlapped with other information or you may prefer to change the orientation of the information.

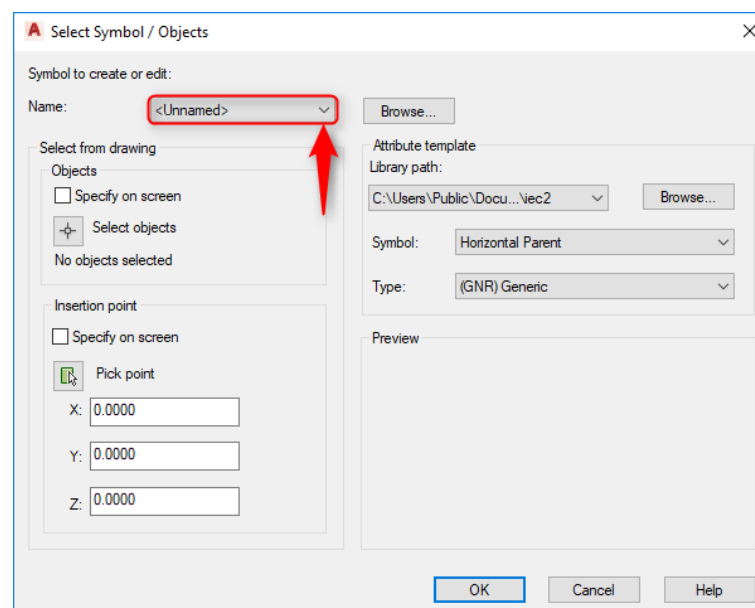
To move an attribute, simply left click on the symbol and then left click on the blue square (grip) associated with the text you want to move. This then enables you to drag the attribute to the required new position. However, this is a one-off change ONLY. Rotation can be done easily as a one off by double clicking on the block, highlighting the attribute in the list and changing its *Text Options*.

You can also use the AutoCAD Electrical specific commands of  Move Attribute and  Rotate Attribute

To change the attribute position and/or rotation permanently, the library symbol should be modified.

Select from the *Schematics* ribbon > *Other Tools* panel  Symbol Builder

From the *Name* dropdown, select the block you wish to edit



Select

To change an attributes position, drag the attribute using its grip to the required position.  
To change an attributes rotation, use either the AutoCAD command *Rotate* or the *Modify > Properties* and change the rotation of the text to be 90° or the angle you choose.

  
Close  
Block Editor

Select *Close Block Editor*

Select

Save the changes and overwrite the existing symbol in the library

Now all **new** instances of the revised block in new drawings will have the changes made.

However, for existing blocks already placed, please follow the update blocks section on the article:

[Block Replacements & Swap/Update Blocks](#)