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Accessing supplier – Content Inventor 2010-11

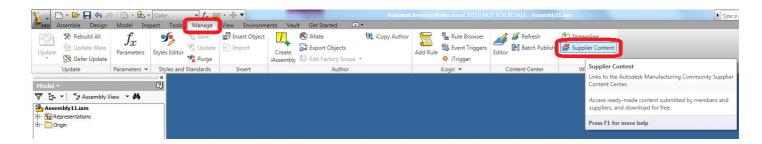
This White Paper will guide you through the process of accessing supplier content from Inventor. Supplier content is information (3D models) posted on the internet by component supplier for you to use. These models are usually supplied free of charge and are modelled to the specification of the supplier, ensuring that your model is correct to the SPECIFIC SUPPLIER you have downloaded it from. It is good practice to always check the model against a physical sample before committing to tooling etc.

Intermediate and Advanced Inventor Users

To access supplier content you will need to have an internet connection, and will have to sign up with one of the vendors on the Autodesk Manufacturing Community website. Membership is free, you will need to supply some details about yourself and a valid email address.

In this example I am going to download an extension spring from the supplier content and use this example to show how the supplier content is accessed and searched for from Inventor.

Inside of an Inventor Assembly, click on the Manage Tab, then Supplier Content



This will launch the Manufacturing Community web page, you will need to register with one of the 3 listed below. In this example, I am using Trace Parts.



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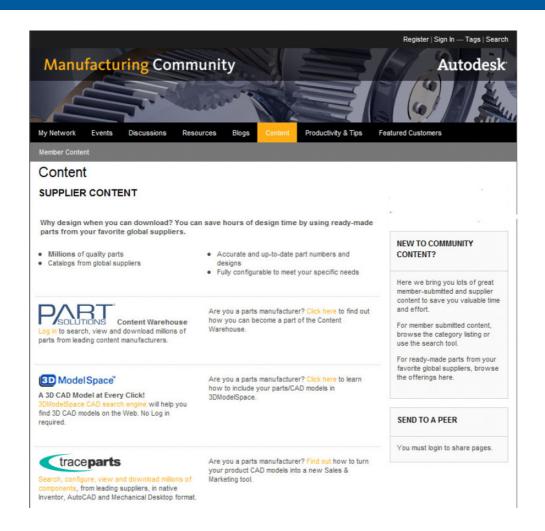
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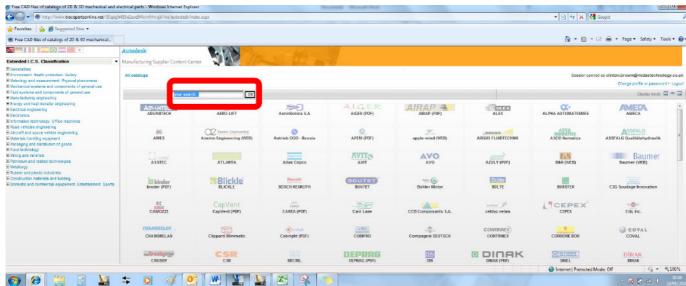
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Click on the Trace Parts link



Choose a category on the left or enter a search into the search box above. In this instance we are going to search for an extension spring.



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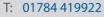


The search returns all of the extension springs available. Choose the supplier you wish to use, then fill in the size information required.



Once the part has been generated, fill in the box above with the version on Inventor file you wish to download, then click on *Add to part Caddy*.





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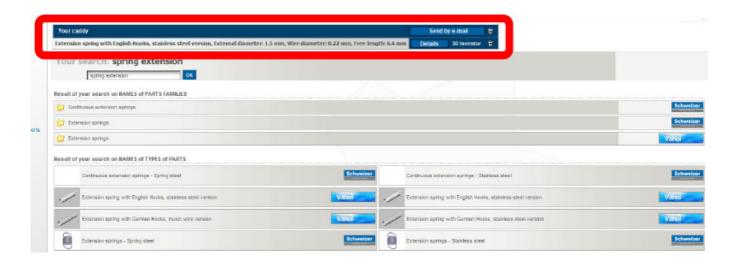


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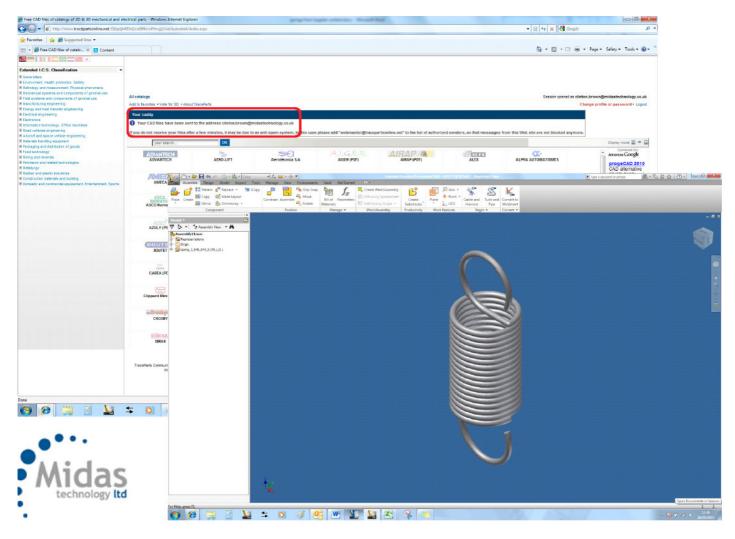
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Your part is now available. Click on **send by email** (this will email the part to your registered email address). Some files will be available to download directly from this website.





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