



Pulse Ambassador Release Notes

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Introduction

This document outlines the major changes in Pulse Ambassador for 2009. Please consult the Ambassador online help for information on using the software. The online help can be accessed from Ambassador by pressing the F1 key or selecting Contents from the Help menu.

Pulse Ambassador allows you to read and modify Pulse Outline files and many popular embroidery machine format files. Ambassador is a wonderful tool for digitizers. Digitizers can distribute Ambassador to their customers allowing them to make small changes to the design on their own. With Ambassador, you can:

- Read, resize, modify density and convert Pulse's industry-leading Outline Format Files (PXF, POF, PED, KWK).
- Read and convert most popular embroidery machine format files including home embroidery machine formats.
- Colorize and save your designs allowing you to more accurately present your designs to your customers.
- Automatically clean small stitches from your designs increasing machine productivity.
- Print work sheets with design and sewing sequence information.

Recommended Computer Specifications

Below is a list of the recommended computer specifications for running Ambassador. Increasing RAM memory and/or processor speed will improve system performance.

- Genuine Intel Pentium 4, 2 GHz PC computer
- Microsoft Windows® XP Home or XP Professional, or Windows® Vista.
(Windows® 2000 is no longer supported)
- Monitor with 1024x768 video resolution with 16-bit color display (or higher)
- 1 gigabyte of RAM
- Minimum 1 gigabyte hard disk drive space available
- Mouse
- 17" or 21" monitor

Installation

There have been some changes to the installation process for Pulse Ambassador. A new installation program has been implemented, and the installation procedure has been streamlined.

- You will not be asked to choose the units during the install - the default system of measurement can be changed in the software by going to Tools—Configuration—User Settings—Units.
- There is a new option called Personalized Setup - this is the option to select if you want to choose only those Pulse Ambassador features that you wish to install in on the computer.

The installation program includes a downloading program that receives updates over the Internet, so you are always running with the latest version.

The following sections describe the different installation options.

New Installation

Please follow these instructions if you are installing Pulse Ambassador on your computer for the first time. Click Cancel to exit the installation program at any time.

Choose Setup Language: First, you will be prompted to select a language. Choose a language and click OK. The program will be configured to start in this language.

License Agreement: Please read the license agreement. You must accept the agreement to install and use Pulse Ambassador.

Setup Type: You will see the following options:

Complete: Installs all components. We recommend this option.

Minimum: Installs the minimum number of features required, in order to conserve disk space.

Personalized: Gives you more options for setting up the program. You may choose the features you want from a list of all features included in the program.

By default, the program files will be installed into the folder "Program Files\Pulse\Ambassador". If you wish to install them in a different location, you may do this during the installation process. The Installaware Wizard includes a Destination Folder page, which allows you to choose the location for the files.

Additional program files, including the designs, samples, and artwork are installed into the folder "Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Pulse\Ambassador" (Window XP) or "Program Data\Pulse\Ambassador" (Windows Vista).

After you choose the type of installation and click the "Next" button, you will be presented with a series of screens containing options for configuring Pulse Ambassador.

Select Features: This screen will only display if you chose "Personalized Setup" on the Setup Type page of the install Wizard. It will allow you to choose which components of Pulse Ambassador you want to install. The checked options will be installed, unchecked will not.

Destination Folder: The window on this page displays the list of directories available to you in which you can install the software. Initially, the default location will be shown in the Folder Path box. Click next to accept the default, or choose a folder of your own. (Once you have selected a new folder, the path to it will be displayed in the Folder Path box.)

Start Menu: On this page, you can choose to change the path to Pulse Ambassador that will be displayed in the Windows® start menu. There is also an option to give access to the program to all users, or restrict access to just the user currently logged on.

Start Copying Files: This screen will display the options that you have chosen. If you wish to change any options click the Back button to go to previous screens in the installation wizard. Otherwise, click the Next button to begin the installation.

Additional Installation Options

If you run the same install again after it is installed you are presented with three options, Modify, Repair and Remove. (You can also uninstall the program by using the Add or Remove Programs feature under the Windows Control Panel.)

Modify: This option will allow you to add or remove components of the program. This feature is useful if you need to add a feature not yet installed or to free up disk space by removing unneeded components. The components affected by this feature are the Help files, Language files, the Designs folder, the thread charts, etc.

Repair: This option will attempt to repair your installation by reinstalling all components you had previously selected. This option is useful if you are experiencing problems with the program as a result of a corrupted installation.

Remove: This will uninstall the program from your computer. Any user created files, such as design files, will not be deleted; only the program files will be removed.



When you run Pulse Ambassador for the first time, a dialog will open asking you if you want to register your software. To register right away, click on the link; to register at another time, click the "Register Later" button at the bottom of the dialog.

Program Updates

The InstallAware installation program also installs a software updating program onto your computer while it installs Pulse Ambassador. In order to set your preferences for the update feature, you must first restart your computer after the installation is complete.

When your computer restarts, you will see the Update Wizard icon on the taskbar (on the lower right of your screen). Click the icon to open the Wizard.



Click next and follow the instructions. Using this wizard, you can set the time and frequency of software checks; you choose daily or weekly checks, and for weekly updates, choose which day on which checks take place.

The update wizard also allows you to set the behavior of the updating program to suit your preferences. You can choose from three different types of reminders:

- You receive update notification, but are asked if you wish to download and install
- Updates are downloaded automatically, but you are asked before they are installed.
- Updates are both downloaded and installed automatically.

If you do not have an Internet connection from your Pulse Ambassador computer, you can still download updates separately from your computer by going to the www.pulsesupport.com web site.