

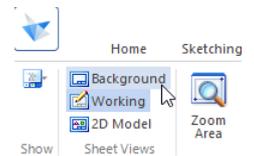
## Working with and Copying Background Sheets

*This Tech Tip looks at how to configure your draft background sheet for new draft files and then how to use that to replace/update backgrounds in existing documents.*

When you first start using Solid Edge draft files you will notice that there is already a drawing border available in the draft document that will update with part or assembly properties when they are placed onto the drawing. For a while, this may be an acceptable solution, but at some stage you will want to modify the default border, adding in your own company details, tolerance limits and standard texts.

To modify the drawing border, you will first need to open the template file that is delivered with Solid Edge which, if you use the most common ISO Metric standard, will be found in "C:\Program Files\Siemens\Solid Edge xxx\Template\ISO Metric.

Open the file and select the View tab at the top and turn on "Background" sheets.



At the bottom of the page you will typically see 4 new sheets displayed for, one for each sheet size.



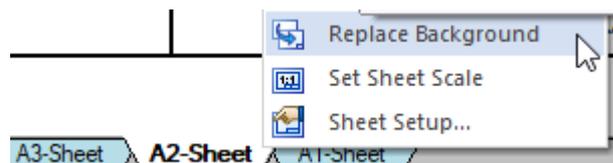
If there are sheet sizes that you will not use, feel free to delete the background sheet. Open the sheets that you most commonly use and edit the drawing border to suit.

Once complete, turn off the background sheets. Double click Sheet 1 and set it to the background that you are most likely going to want to use. Fit the sheet and save and close the template.

This may only be half of the job done, as you may have existing drawings that have the old style of drawing border. Now that you have set up your template file, you can copy that background sheet into a new document as follows (the new background sheets can be different names, sizes, and standards than the sheets you are replacing):

Display the background sheets in your existing draft document.

Right-click a background sheet that you want to replace and choose Replace Background.



In the Replace Background dialog box, click Browse to locate the draft document (\*.dft) that contains the background sheets whose contents you want to use (ie the template file just edited).

The default folder is set to the Solid Edge Template folder, but you can choose any draft file as your source.

In the Open a File dialog box, select the file and click Open.

All of the background sheets in the selected file are listed in the Replace Background dialog box. If any of the sheet names match the active background sheet tab, then the matching sheet name is highlighted in the list.

Select one or more background sheet names that you want to copy to the open draft document and click OK . The background sheet names do not have to match.

If there is a one-to-one match between background sheet names in both documents, then the contents are copied and the dialog box closes. If there are differences in sheet name or sheet size, then a series of decision dialogs are displayed. Click Yes or No at each prompt to specify how you want to resolve the differences.

#### Tip

Objects copied into the current document may look different than they do in the file from which you copied them. For example, the dimension font style or text size may be different, or the line thickness used to draw geometry is different. This is because styles of the same name but with different properties were not copied along with the background sheets. You can use the Style Organizer dialog box to manage the copied styles. For more information, see [Applying formats with styles](#).