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Chief Architect 9.5 New Feature List

Chief Architect 9.5 is free upgrade from version 9.0*. When you upgrade from 9.0 to 9.5 you will receive a new program CD, and for Full version users, you will also receive the 2 CD Premium Content product. A key feature in this release of the program is file compatibility with Better Homes and Gardens™ Home Designer™. Further, several new tools and features have been added as outlined below.

Decks

- New Deck Railing and Curved Deck Rail tools for automatic decks
- Automatically frame your decks with the Build Advanced Deck Framing edit button
- Set your own Deck Railing Defaults

File Compatibility

- Compatible with plans created in Better Homes and Gardens™ Home Designer™ (consumer product line developed by Chief Architect)
- Chief Architect 9.5 can read all prior versions of Chief Architect plans (9.5 plans cannot be read by 9.0)
- The Chief Architect 9.5 upgrade can be installed safely on any computer using Chief Architect 9.0 or prior. Chief Architect 9.0 will not be affected by a 9.5 installation

Libraries

- Several new library items have been added to the 9.5 Premium Content CDs
- New 3D trees and plants from XfrogPlants™

Stairs

- Automatically create stairwells with the new Form Stairwell edit button

Terrain

- New family of terrain tools, the Terrain Modifiers. They include the Hill, Valley, Raised Region, Lowered Region, and Flat Region tools to help customize your landscape
- New Kidney Shaped Feature terrain tool

Walls

- New preference setting allows you to control how the end edit-handle of a wall behaves when editing
- New Wall Angle Mode and Same Wall Type edit buttons allow you to override the preference setting at any time

Other New Features

- New Cross Section Slider dialog, allows you to create a dynamic rendered cross section views
- New Accurate Move edit button allows you to move and edit objects more precisely
- New preference setting for skylights allows you to create skylight wells and ceiling holes manually or automatically
- Delete Gable lines with the Delete Gable Over Opening edit button
- Updated electronic Chief Architect 9.5 documentation included

* Excludes a shipping and handling fee