AutoCAD Electrical database connection hotfix

This readme contains the latest information regarding the installation and use of this Hotfix. It is strongly recommended that you read this entire document before you apply this Hotfix to your product.

For reference, please save this document to your hard drive or print a copy.

Affected Products

This Hotfix applies to the shipping versions of the following Autodesk products. It can be applied both to products installed stand-alone, as well as to those installed from suites or Collections.

- • AutoCAD Electrical 2020.0.2 Update
- • AutoCAD Electrical 2021.0.2 Update
- • AutoCAD Electrical 2022.0.2 Update
- • AutoCAD Electrical 2023

Issues Resolved by This Update

This Hotfix address following issue:

- • AutoCAD Electrical could not successfully launch after the Microsoft® Office update. It will prompt an error dialog that Microsoft Access Database Engine 2016 is not found, while it is already available.

Installation Instructions

You must have administrative privileges on your Microsoft® Windows® operating system to complete the installation process.

NOTE: This installation process requires you to modify an installed product, which may cause Windows security warnings to appear. For all Windows security warnings that appear during installation, click Continue.

This installation requires you to replace the following file:

- • AceDriverTest.exe
- • AceLoader.dll (For AutoCAD Electrical 2022.0.2 only. **This file is NOT required for AutoCAD Electrical 2020, 2021 and 2023**)

Before you install This Hotfix

- • Install the affected product with updates.
- • Restart your system

To Replace the above file

1. Close all software applications.
2. Login in as Administrator
3. Download the Hotfix for your application to a location on your local computer:
   E.g., *AutoCAD_Electrical_Database_Connection_Hotfix_x64.zip*
4. Double-click on the zip file downloaded in Step-3 and extract the file to a temp folder
5. Navigate to the folder where your Autodesk product is installed, for example,
   E.g., C:*Program* Files\\Autodesk\\AutoCAD 2023\\Acade
6. Right-click AceDriverTest.exe and rename it AceDriverTest.bak
7. From the temp folder, Copy the AceDriverTest.exe to the folder specified in Step 5.

(Skip Step 8 & 9, if the installed product is not AutoCAD Electrical 2022.0.2)

8. If the installed product is AutoCAD Electrical 2022,
   Right-click AceLoader.dll and rename it AceLoader.bak
9. From the temp folder, Copy the AceLoader.dll to the folder specified in Step 5.

To Uninstall This Hotfix

a. Delete the new file AceDriverTest.exe you copied in Step 7.
b. Restore the file you renamed in Step-6 to its original name.

(Skip Step c & d if the installed product is not AutoCAD Electrical 2022.0.2)

c. Delete the new file AceLoader.dll you copied in Step 9.
d. Restore the file you renamed in Step-8 to its original name.