

Feature Comparison

LoopCAD® is the premiere software for the creation of professional quality designs and circuit layout drawings for radiant heating and snowmelt systems. LoopCAD 2025 offers many advanced design features, including ACCA®-Approved calculations for Manual J® residential heating and cooling loads in the MJ8 Edition. LoopCAD is the easiest, most powerful radiant heating design tool available.

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Standard Edition	 Floorplan drawing and importing (PDF, AutoCAD, JPG) Automated circuit generation Easy Freehand circuit drawing and circuit editing Hydronic calculations based on manual input of heat loads (automated heat loss calculations not included) Supply/Return distribution piping 3D drawing views OEM Editions for detailed materials lists/quotations
Professional Edition	 All features in Standard Edition, <u>plus</u> Automated heat loss calculations as you draw ASHRAE residential heat loss calculations Verified CSA F280 residential heating and cooling load calculations
MJ8 Edition	 All features in Professional Edition, <u>plus</u> ACCA-Approved Manual J (8th Edition) residential heating and cooling load calculations

General

		Standard	Professional	MJ8
I	Create professional radiant heating circuit layout drawings quickly and easily	•	•	•
2	Perform room-by-room residential heating and cooling* load calculations as you draw		•	•
3	Perform detailed hydronic calculations	•	•	•
4	Commercial Mode with special tools for commercial projects (select Editions only)	•	•	•
5	Stand-alone program: AutoCAD¹ is not required	•	•	•
6	Easily create new floor plan drawings or import existing drawings (PDF ² , AutoCAD, JPG)	•	•	•
7	3D Views automatically generated as you draw in 2D	•	•	•
8	Support for slab, thin slab and in-joist radiant heating designs	•	•	•
9	Make design changes in seconds - tube spacing, number of loops, pattern type and more	•	•	•
10	Quick Design Mode allows complete radiant designs without detailed circuit layouts	•	•	•
П	Supply/Return Distribution Piping feature	•	•	•
12	Custom Tables that can be added to drawings for display of key design data	•	•	•
13	Insert Images onto drawings help show design/project details	•	•	•
14	Support for both IP (US) units and SI (Metric) units	•	•	•
15	Drawings and design reports can be printed or exported to PDF files	•	•	•
16	Report Packages lets you assemble multiple reports into a single PDF	•	•	•
17	Notes Library lets you save and reuse frequently used notes	•	•	•
18	Saving of Equipment Report items for documenting of HVAC equipment	•	•	•
19	Export to Excel features for key design data and materials lists	•	•	•
20	Video Tutorials and Help file get you up and running fast	•	•	•
21	Free program updates and technical support included with active subscription	•	•	•

^{*} Cooling loads available with CSA or Manual J calculation methods only.

Floorplan Drawing

		Standard	Professional	MJ8
22	Importing of AutoCAD, PDF and Scanned Drawing files for use as a drawing template	•	•	•
23	Easy drawing of rooms with predefined shapes or freehand	•	•	•
24	Draw in-room objects that can affect circuit patterns, like stairs and cabinets	•	•	•
25	Enhanced wall tools include Curve Wall and Wall Bump-Out	•	•	•
26	Snap to outline of existing floorplan drawing ensures proper vertical alignment	•	•	•
27	Smart dimension labels automatically display dimensions and allow in-place editing	•	•	•
28	Advanced PDF Scaling option for drawings that do not display dimensions	•	•	•
29	Custom definition of joist properties	•	•	•
30	Merge Rooms to reduce unit loads for small areas	•	•	•
31	Easily add Clerestory Walls and Windows	•	•	•
32	Rotate drawings temporarily for easier circuit drawing on angled floorplans	•	•	•

Circuit (Loop) Drawing

		Standard	Professional	MJ8
33	Automatic circuit generation, even in complex room shapes	•	•	•
34	Many circuit pattern options including single and double serpentines, double serpentine with fill region, perimeter, wide-radius serpentine (in-joist), counterflow	•	•	•
35	Automated Counterflow circuit patterns – spiral and serpentine options	•	•	•
36	Automatically generates in-joist serpentine patterns with 2-line and 3-line options	•	•	•
37	Custom Circuit Areas to subdivide larger rooms and snow melt areas for optimum autocircuit generation	•	•	•
38	Circuit lengths calculated and updated automatically	•	•	•
39	Option for circuits to go around or under obstructions (i.e. cabinets, islands,)	•	•	•
40	Multiple tube spacing supported within the same room	•	•	•
41	Easily edit the automatic circuits to optimize your design	•	•	•
12	Fast freehand drawing for fully custom circuits in any room or groups of rooms	•	•	•
43	Copy, Flip and Rotate circuits and groups of circuits	•	•	•
14	Flow direction setting with special color shaded view, with auto direction option	•	•	•
45	Tubing above/below subfloor options	•	•	•
46	Offset Circuits function for quick drawing along complex walls or edges	•	•	•
47	Draw multiple leaders from room to manifold in a single operation	•	•	•
48	Auto-connect of nearby circuits to a manifold	•	•	•
19	Manifolds capable of connecting to circuits on multiple floorplans or levels.	•	•	•

Load Calculations

		Standard	Professional	MJ8
50	ASHRAE 2017 residential heat loss calculations performed as you draw		•	•
51	CSA F280-12 (R2021) residential heating and cooling load calculations		•	•
52	NEW Verified CSA F280-12 calculations including the Submittal Report		•	•
53	ACCA-Approved Manual J calculations for residential heating and cooling loads (8^{th} Edition Version 2.5)			•
54	Manual J advanced calculations support			•
55	Manual J block and room load calculations			•
56	Manual J AED (Adequate Exposure Diversity) calculations and graphs			•
57	Manual J Peak Load Procedure option			•
58	Manual J October cooling load evaluation automatically performed			•
59	Manual J estimated room CFM			•
60	Manual J calculations for Infiltration for Maximum ACH50 values			•
61	Manual J Review step to assist with project analysis and review			•
62	Manual J approved report formats			•
63	Create custom climate locations and save for reuse on other projects		•	•
64	Ability to specify rooms heated by radiant, baseboard, forced air or other heat	•	•	•
65	Automatic calculation of required supplemental heat based on radiant circuit design	•	•	•
66	R-value lists for all major structural components		•	•
67	Custom Construction Library to save your custom construction items for re-use		•	•
68	Support for cold partitions with editing of cold side temperatures		•	•
69	Manual input of heat loads and back losses	•	•	
70	Project Wizard guides you through the setup of construction defaults for your project		•	•
71	Project Templates to save your common project settings for re-use	•	•	•
72	Estimated Air Flow (CFM) calculations		•	•
73	NEW Optional Single Zone Cooling calculations for CSA F280 in British Columbia		•	•
74	Graphical views of calculated unit heat load data via color shading of rooms		•	•
75	Spreadsheet style view of data provides easy review and analysis	•	•	•
76	Heat loss summary and detailed report options		•	•

Hydronic Calculations

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17 Hydronics heating calculations based on calculated heat load data	•	•
78 Hydronics calculations based on optional manual heat load data input	•	•
79 Calculates required surface, panel, and water supply temperatures •	•	•
80 Easy adjustment of water temperature using slider tool •	•	•
Fluid flow rate and head loss calculations for tubing, manifolds and Supply/Return Piping •	•	•
82 Support for water only or glycol mixtures	•	•
83 Independently set the Fluid ΔT and Fluid Type for individual manifolds •	•	•

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84	Variable or fixed temperature drop settings	•	•	•
85	Automatic detection of areas left unheated	•	•	•
86	Calculations for circuits spanning multiple rooms and with different unit heat loads	•	•	•
87	Radiant panel types can be assigned for the entire floorplan or room-by-room	•	•	•
88	3D models of radiant panel structures	•	•	•
89	Zone assignments can be edited in drawing view or data view	•	•	•
90	Graphical views of calculated data via color shading of rooms	•	•	•
91	Spreadsheet style view of data provides easy review and analysis	•	•	•

Snowmelt Design

		Standard	Professional	MJ8
92	Calculation of snowmelt loads using ASHRAE methods (select US cities only)		•	•
93	Manual input option for snowmelt loads	•	•	•
94	Calculates supply water temperatures	•	•	•
95	Automatic circuit generation	•	•	•
96	Freehand drawing tools for manual circuits same as in radiant heating	•	•	•
97	Support for concrete, asphalt and paver installations	•	•	•
98	Flow rate and head loss calculations	•	•	•
99	Specify Unheated Snow Melt Areas (central regions surrounded by heated areas)	•	•	•
100	Drawing of distribution piping with curved or straight lines (select Editions only)	•	•	•
101	Custom Table for display of snow melt panel data	•	•	•

OEM (Manufacturer) Editions

		Standard	Professional	MJ8
102	Easily install OEM Editions from participating Manufacturers at no additional $cost^{**}$	•	•	•
103	OEM database of components with pictures and specifications	•	•	•
104	Product pricing (if supplied by OEM)	•	•	•
105	Automated web-based updates for product prices	•	•	•
106	Integration of OEM components and design parameters into the design process, including tubing types, manifolds, controls, panel outputs, water temperatures, etc.	•	•	•
107	Calculation of OEM-specific materials lists	•	•	•
108	Full quotation features and reports	•	•	•
109	Free Spreadsheet-Mode for quick designs without a drawing (select OEM Editions only)	•	•	•
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