Buzz Tools Plus Vs. BuzzXplore®

Compare before you buy

BuzzXplore® retains all of the Buzz Tools® Plus design management features and adds the features most requested by our Buzz Tools Plus users. Cross stitch and machine embroidery hobbyists will enjoy instant 3-D renderings of designs, and file management in an intuitive and powerful Explorer style interface. To support both cross-stitch and embroidery designs, both editions need to be purchased and installed. Below is a detailed feature comparison of these two products:

Which One Is Right For You?

If you are a dedicated embroidery hobbyist, professional digitizer, or "power user" who is serious about getting the maximum features in all your embroidery software, then you will definitely want to use BuzzXplore. This ensures that you will always have the most powerful tools and the most embroidery formats. Buzz Tools Plus is better suited to occasional users, users with a fixed budget, and embroidery hobbyist who are new to the computer. Note, both BuzzXplore and Buzz Tools Plus offer lots of great features and are fully capable of helping you to find and organize your design collection.

Features	NEW V4 Buzz Tools® Plus	BuzzXplore™ Embroidery Edition	BuzzXplore™ Cross Stitch Edition
Suggested Retail Prices			
Full Version	$99.95	$169.95	$69.95
Upgrade for Buzz Tools Plus Users	59.95	$99.95	-----
Formats Supported			
Embroidery Formats Supported	23 Formats See List	23 Formats See List	Only if Embroidery Edition is also installed.
Cross Stitch Formats Supported	NO	Only if Cross Stitch Edition is also installed.	YES See List
Graphics Formats	BMP ONLY	8 Graphics Formats See List	8 Graphics Formats See List
Other Formats	TXT	RTF & TXT	RTF & TXT
Optionally Include ZIP'd Files	YES	YES	YES
Include Multiple Formats in the Same Window	YES	YES	YES
Optionally Filter by File Type	YES	YES	YES
Browsing Designs			
Remembers Last Catalog	YES	YES	YES
Explorer Style Interface	NO	YES	YES
Span Multiple Non-Contiguous Folders	YES	YES in catalog mode	YES in catalog mode
Toolbar Button Command Access	YES	YES	YES
Instant Realistic 3-D Threads	YES instant 3-D for actual size only	YES instant 3-D for multiple designs at the same time	YES instant 3-D for multiple designs at the same time
Views Possible			
Thumbnail Images	YES	YES in Small, Medium, Large and Full Window Sizes	YES in Small, Medium, Large and Full Window Sizes
Actual Size	YES in same window	YES in pop-up window	YES in pop-up window
Large Icons	NO	YES	YES
Small Icons	NO	YES	YES
List View	NO	YES	YES
Detail	NO	YES	YES
Optional Sewing Information	YES Size Color Breaks Stitch Order Thread Changes Number of Stitches	YES Size Color Breaks Stitch Order Thread Changes Number of Stitches	YES Size Color List Number of Colors Number of Crosses

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Sort Options			
By File Name	NO	YES	YES
By Date	NO	YES	YES
By File Type	NO	YES	YES
By File Size	NO	YES	YES
By Folder	Always in Folder & File Name Order	YES Catalog Mode	YES Catalog Mode
By Design Width	NO	YES	YES
By Design Height	NO	YES	YES
By Number of Stitches	NO	YES	YES
By Number of Colors	NO	YES	YES
Design Slide Show	NO	YES with 3-D option	YES with 3-D option
Fabric Color Settings	NO	YES	YES
Printing			
Actual Size Designs	YES Up to one page output per design	YES Design can span multiple pages	YES Design can span multiple pages
Thumbnail Reports	YES	YES with 3-D option	YES with 3-D option
Table of Contents	YES	YES	YES
Optional Report Header	NO	YES	YES
Design Management			
Create Design Notes	YES	YES	YES
Create Individual Design Graphics	NO	YES with 3-D option	YES with 3-D option
Launch Other Programs	YES	YES	YES
Supports Multiple Software Packages on the Same Computer	YES	YES	YES
Converts designs, one at a time or by the hundreds	to same directory as original only	to the directory of choice See Note 1	to the directory of choice See Note 2
Converts on-the-fly if needed	YES	YES	YES
Search			
for File Names	YES	YES	YES
for Folders	YES	YES	YES
for Design Notes	YES	YES	YES
Locate Next Folder with Files	NO	YES	YES
Organizing Capabilities			
Delete	One at a time	Multiple selected designs	Multiple selected designs
Uses Windows Recycle Bin	NO deleted files not recoverable.	YES	YES
Cut	NO	YES	YES
Copy	NO	YES	YES
Paste	NO	YES	YES
Rename	NO	YES	YES
Extract ZIP'd Designs	YES	YES	YES
Create New Folders	NO	YES	YES
Create New ZIP Archives	NO	YES	YES

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Drag-and-Drop	NO	YES	YES
Right Click Menu Pop-ups	NO	YES	YES
ZIP'd File Support			
Browse ZIP'd Designs	YES	YES	YES
Extract ZIP'd Designs Wizard	YES	YES	YES
Convert ZIP'd Designs	YES	YES	YES
Drag & Drop to Unzipping Convenience	NO	YES	YES
Create New ZIP Archives	NO	YES	YES
Embroidery Tools			
PES Fit Hoop	YES	YES	NO
PES Fix Card Data	YES	YES	NO
PES Convert to Version 1	YES	YES	NO
Extras			
Includes BuzzEdit Lite Embroidery Editor	YES BuzzEdit Lite V2	YES BuzzEdit Lite V2	NO
Professional Embroidery Design Samples	NO	YES Provided by participating professional embroidery design companies.	NO
Cross Stitch Patterns	NO	NO	YES
Detailed Online Help	YES	YES	YES
Detailed Manual	YES On PDF	YES	YES
Free Knowledge Base Questions and Answers	YES	YES	YES
Free Online Technical Support	YES	YES	YES
Free Program Updates and Bug Fixes See Note 3	YES	YES	YES

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