



Compare parts

With Compare Parts, you can compare the geometry of two nearly identical parts.

This option helps you compare different versions of a model. For example, a company might construct a part and send it to a partner for finalization. The partner modifies the part and sends it back. With **Compare Parts**, the differences between the first and second versions can be analyzed, displayed, and kept for further modeling operations.

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CoCreate Modeling highlights the differences:



To compare parts,

- Load both parts you want to compare in the viewport.
- 2. Click Menu 2 in Part & Assy.
- 3. Click Compare Parts in the Checks section.
- 4. Select the original or Reference part in the Structure Browser.
- 5. Select the same face on the changed or Check part.
- If you want, you can define the accuracy to be used for the part comparison. The lowest resolution of both parts is selected by default. You can choose a lower resolution if you want a rougher comparison of the parts.
- 7. CoCreate Modeling needs to know how to match the parts so they must be aligned in the same position. Choose an alignment option:
 - No Align: The parts are already aligned.
 - Auto Align: CoCreate Modeling positions the Check part so the selected faces of the Reference part and Check part are aligned. If more than one alignment is possible, you can choose from a list of available alignments using the Next and Previous buttons.
 - Auto Align with Vertices: If an automatic alignment is not possible, you can select
 a vertex on the selected Reference part face and the matching vertex on the
 Check part face. CoCreate Modeling positions the Check part so the two vertices
 are aligned.
 - Manual Align: If automatic alignment (with or without vertices) is not possible, you
 can position the Check part using the dynamic position dialog. You can also use
 the Mate Align options for manual alignment.
- Click Calculate. CoCreate Modeling displays the Reference part and the Check part in separate viewports. The differing faces, edges, and vertices are highlighted in different colors.

Limitations

- Compare parts only compares geometric and topologic information. It doesn't include any other information such as blends or other feature data in the comparison.
- Scaled parts may not compare accurately. The farther geometry is from the reference points (the points at which the parts align), the more likely the comparison will fail and produce Only Ref or Only Check results.
- The comparison method for edges and faces is based on a smart sampling technique.
 Because it samples a finite (but representative) number of points, the distance returned by Advanced Analysis is an approximation.

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