

# Limitations of the Home Designer Trial Software

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## QUESTION

I have been looking at the Home Designer Trial software but have noticed some of tools are limited. Is there a problem?


## ANSWER

The Home Designer Trial versions are designed to let you explore the software's powerful tool set, but they do have a few restrictions to prevent users from producing files that could be used as final production documents or presentation materials.

Specifically, the Trial versions do not allow:

- File Saving
- Printing
- File Exporting
- Recording of Walkthroughs
- Printing or Exporting of Material Lists
- Library Browser Restrictions

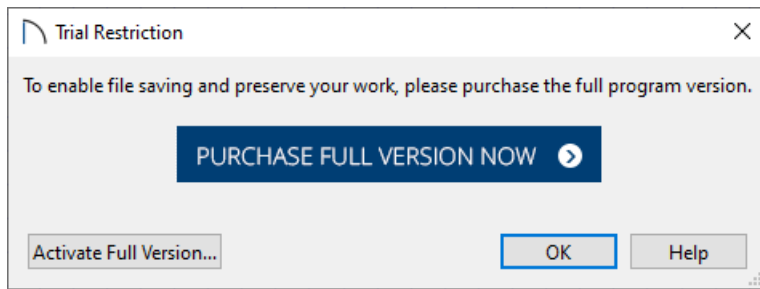
If you have questions about any of the restricted tools in the Trial version, there are a number of resources available for you to gain more information:

- Select **Help> Launch Help**  from the menu to view the Home Designer Help content.
- Select **Help> View Reference Manual** to open the complete Home Designer Reference Manual in digital format.
- [Contact our sales team \(https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/company/contact.html\)](https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/company/contact.html).

## TRIAL RESTRICTION DIALOG

If you try to use a feature that is unavailable in the trial version, a **Trial Restriction** dialog will appear. Clicking **PURCHASE FULL VERSION NOW** will take you to the Chief Architect website where you will be able to purchase the full version of the software. If you already have a full version product key, you can click the **Activate Full**

**Version** button to activate the trial, converting it to the full version.



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