

Message: You are using a video card that does not meet the software's minimum requirements

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The information in this article applies to:



PROBLEM

When I try to launch a Chief Architect program, I receive the following message:

- "#272032210 - You are using a video card that does not meet the software's minimum requirements, or your video card driver needs to be updated. You will not be able to create 3D views."

How do I resolve this?

RESOLUTION

Chief Architect software checks the status of your computer's graphics card on launch and warns you if it detects problems that will affect its ability to run. If you encounter this message, your computer's graphics card or chipset will not be able to generate 3D views – including 3D previews in dialogs and the library browser.

You may be able to resolve the issue by downloading and installing the latest drivers from the graphics card manufacturer. For more information on updating drivers, please see the appropriate resource for your product below:

- [Chief Architect \(https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-00106/troubleshooting-3d-camera-view-display-problems-in-chief-architect.html#Drivers\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-00106/troubleshooting-3d-camera-view-display-problems-in-chief-architect.html#Drivers)
- [Home Designer \(https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/support/article/KB-00897/troubleshooting-3d-camera-view-display-problems-in-home-designer.html#Drivers\)](https://www.homedesignersoftware.com/support/article/KB-00897/troubleshooting-3d-camera-view-display-problems-in-home-designer.html#Drivers)

If your graphics card does not meet the [minimum system requirements](#) or is listed on our [Known Incompatibilities \(https://www.chiefarchitect.com/products/known-incompatibilities.html\)](#) page, it is unlikely that updated drivers will solve the problem.

In order to generate 3D camera views, your graphics card must support Shader Model 6.0 and DirectX 12 if you're using a Windows-based computer. Please see the "Identifying the Shader Model of Your Graphics Card in Windows" resource in the [Related Articles](#) section to learn more.

In some instances, such as when a computer has more than one graphics card, Chief Architect may recognize, and use, the weaker graphics card. If your system has more than one graphics card and you suspect this to be the cause of this message, consider following the instructions using the applicable option below:

- [Microsoft Windows \(https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-03140/forcing-chief-architect-programs-to-use-a-specific-graphics-card-in-windows-10.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-03140/forcing-chief-architect-programs-to-use-a-specific-graphics-card-in-windows-10.html)
- [Apple macOS \(https://support.apple.com/en-us/102265\)](https://support.apple.com/en-us/102265)

Related Articles

- 📄 [Chief Architect Minimum System Requirements \(https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-02761/chief-architect-minimum-system-requirements.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-02761/chief-architect-minimum-system-requirements.html)
- 📄 [Forcing Chief Architect Programs to Use a Specific Graphics Card in Windows 10/11\(/support/article/KB-03140/forcing-chief-architect-programs-to-use-a-specific-graphics-card-in-windows-10-11.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-03140/forcing-chief-architect-programs-to-use-a-specific-graphics-card-in-windows-10-11.html)
- 📄 [Home Designer Minimum System Requirements \(/support/article/KB-01095/home-designer-minimum-system-requirements.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-01095/home-designer-minimum-system-requirements.html)
- 📄 [Identifying the Shader Model of Your Graphics Card in Windows \(/support/article/KB-03146/identifying-the-shader-model-of-your-graphics-card-in-windows.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-03146/identifying-the-shader-model-of-your-graphics-card-in-windows.html)
- 📄 [Intel Graphics Compatible with Chief Architect X16 and Home Designer 2025 \(/support/article/KB-03108/intel-graphics-compatible-with-chief-architect-x16-and-home-designer-2025.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-03108/intel-graphics-compatible-with-chief-architect-x16-and-home-designer-2025.html)
- 📄 [Locating Your Computer's Specifications \(/support/article/KB-03129/locating-your-computer-specifications.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-03129/locating-your-computer-specifications.html)
- 📄 [Mac Models Compatible with Chief Architect X16 and Home Designer 2025 \(/support/article/KB-03167/mac-models-compatible-with-chief-architect-x16-and-home-designer-2025.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-03167/mac-models-compatible-with-chief-architect-x16-and-home-designer-2025.html)
- 📄 [Troubleshooting 3D Camera View Display Problems in Chief Architect \(https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-00106/troubleshooting-3d-camera-view-display-problems-in-chief-architect.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-00106/troubleshooting-3d-camera-view-display-problems-in-chief-architect.html)
- 📄 [Troubleshooting 3D Camera View Display Problems in Home Designer \(/support/article/KB-00897/troubleshooting-3d-camera-view-display-problems-in-home-designer.html\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-00897/troubleshooting-3d-camera-view-display-problems-in-home-designer.html)