

SPECSINTACT

Newsletter

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Important Information

About Updating to SpecsIntact v5.4.0 or Newer

SpecsIntact v5.4.0 is now the official release for all users, following Tri-Service approval. **SpecsIntact versions prior to v5.4.0 will stop working on December 20, 2024.**

SpecsIntact versions older than v5.4.0 rely on the legacy NASA SpecsIntact Website that will be decommissioned on December 20, 2024. To maintain uninterrupted access to the SpecsIntact and Whole Building Design Guide websites and avoid issues with essential features, it is imperative to upgrade to a newer version.

SpecsIntact v5.3.0 features most impacted are verifying and obtaining up-to-date versions of the SpecsIntact software, UFGS Master, Unified Master Reference List (UMRL), Unified Master Submittal List (UMSL), UFGS Criteria Change Requests (CCR) submissions, and examining the Section's change/revision history.

If you have any questions, please contact our Technical Support Desk at SpecsIntact@usace.army.mil.



Have You Heard?

SpecsIntact v5.5.0 Is Here!

The SpecsIntact Team is excited to announce the latest version of SpecsIntact, which is available for download from the [SpecsIntact Website](#).

For our government users, you can download the approved version from your agency's software repository following approval.

Upgrading ensures compatibility, access to new features, and the latest UFGS Master updates.

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New Features

SpecsIntact v5.5.0 introduces several improvements and enhancements that streamline the Specification process and improves the overall efficiency:

SpecsIntact Explorer

- ◆ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers license agreement disclaimer statement
- ◆ Find Jobs or Masters by searching for specific text in their names, titles, or other project properties
- ◆ Use hyphens and underscores in Job or Master names
- ◆ Assign specifiers for individual Sections
- ◆ Print or Publish double-spaced lines in Sections
- ◆ Convert legacy HL1, HL2, HL3, and HL4 tags in a Job or Master to the new UND, BLD, ITA, and CTR tags (before using, read the [Release Notes](#))
- ◆ New process for publishing to Microsoft Word by eliminating the legacy Word Publishing macro to comply with DoD security policy
- ◆ Export the Submittal Register spreadsheet format without requiring Microsoft Excel
- ◆ Windows 11 High Contrast Themes compatibility
- ◆ Prevent the creation of new Working Directories within OneDrive
- ◆ Restore SpecsIntact initialization settings with ease

And more...



SpecsIntact Editor

- ◆ New UND, ITA, BLD, and CTR Tags for text attributes and center tags to replace the legacy HL1, HL2, HL3, and HL4 tags (before using, read the [Release Notes](#))
- ◆ Check for Submittal Items outside the Submittal Article
- ◆ Touchscreen scrolling and zooming
- ◆ Open hyperlinked Sections using the user's preferred View settings
- ◆ Reference Wizard can insert multiple References simultaneously
- ◆ Increased zooming for high resolution monitors
- ◆ Improved keyboard navigation in Reference Wizard and other windows
- ◆ Accommodates longer reference titles (up to 400 characters)
- ◆ Submittal Wizard preserves uppercase acronyms

And more...



How Do I Send My Feedback?

It's simple, From SpecsIntact 5 go to **Tools > Software Change Requests > Create/Edit Form**. If you are sending us new ideas, select **Enhancement**. If it is a problem you are reporting, select **Problem On This Computer** or **Problem On another Computer** and then select the **E-mail SI** button. You can also email our Technical Support Desk directly at SpecsIntact@usace.army.mil or call (256) 895-5505.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know how we are doing!

UFGS Master

New Changes Ahead!

Two key improvements to the Submittal Article will be included in the August 2024 UFGS Master release:

- 1) **Standard Submittal Paragraph:** The standard Submittal paragraph's brackets will be replaced with Tailoring Options. These options will now be presented as complete sentences instead of fragments to align with UFC 1-300-02 guidelines.

Before:

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<TXI>Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" or "S" classification. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.][for information only. When used, a code following the "G" classification identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section <SRF>01 33 00</SRF> SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:</TXI>
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After:

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<TXI>Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" or "S" classification.<TAI OPT=AIR FORCE,NAVY> Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are for Contractor Quality Control approval.</TAI><TAI OPT=ARMY> Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are for information only. When used, a code following the "G" classification identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.</TAI> Submit the following in accordance with Section <SRF>01 33 00</SRF> SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:</TXI>
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- 2) **Submittal Items:** The Army's Classification and Reviewer Codes will have one set of brackets removed to streamline editing.

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2024 UFGS Release Schedule

Quarter	Release Month	Release Date
1	February	Thursday, February 22, 2024
2	May	Thursday, May 30, 2024
3	August	Thursday, August 22, 2024
4	November	Thursday, November 21, 2024