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Overview

The Deltek Specpoint 1.7 Cumulative Release Notes for A/E Professional Firm Users contain a summary of the following updates for each included release:

- New Features
- Enhancements
- Software Issues Resolved

The scope of these release notes covers release versions 1.7 through 1.7.6.

Release 1.7.6

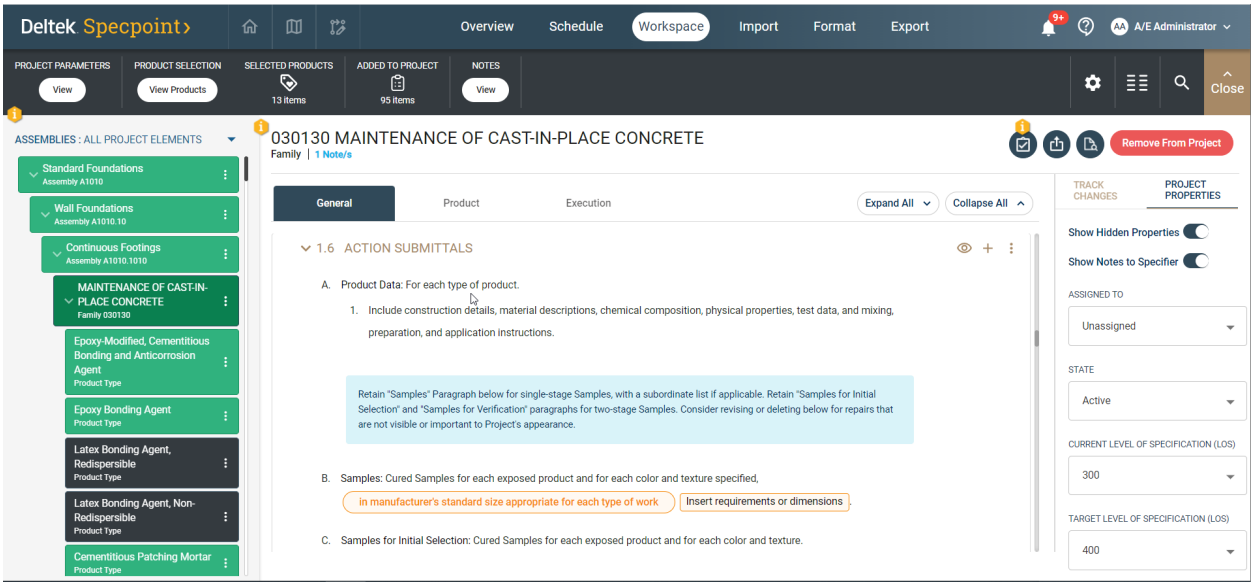
Released: September 13, 2023

Software Issues Resolved

This section includes summaries of the resolved software issues in this release.

Unable to Scroll Up in the Workspace

Bug 1993049: When you scrolled up through articles and paragraphs, the project workspace unexpectedly scrolled down. You were unable to navigate through the content of a given family or product type.



This issue applied to articles that contain many paragraphs.

Release 1.7.5

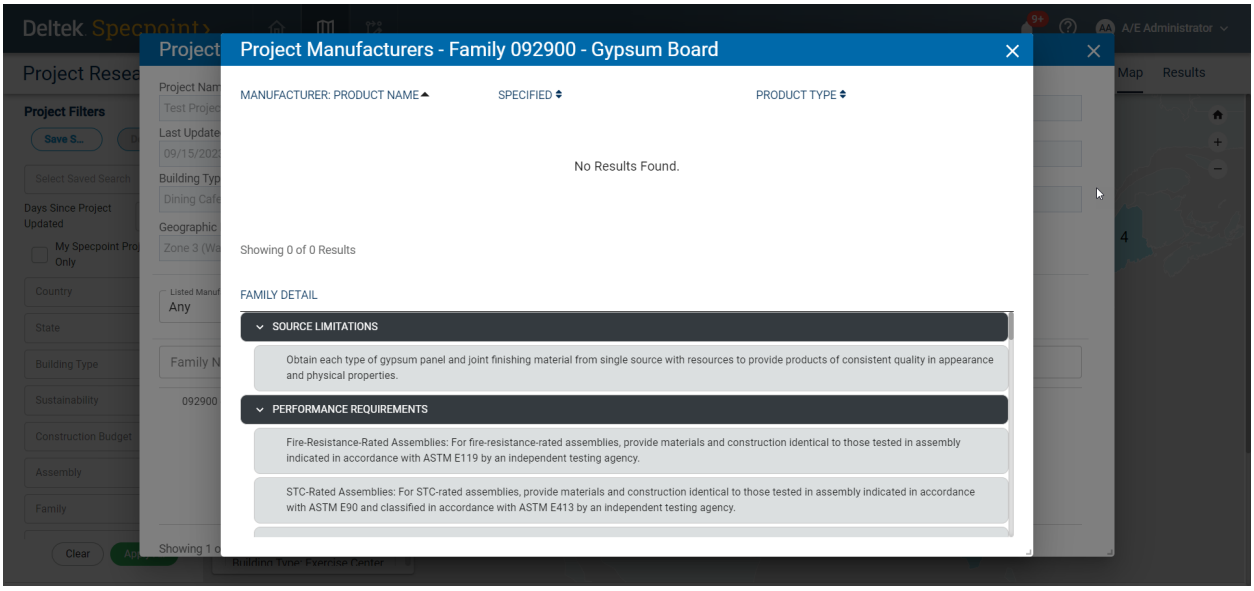
Released: September 7, 2023

Enhancements

This section includes summaries of the enhancements made to existing features in this release.

Project Research Map Performance

The Project Research Map on the home dashboard now includes improved performance. This enhancement includes the Project Overview Data window and the Project Manufacturers window.



You will realize improved loading times while viewing and researching project data on the map.

Release 1.7.4

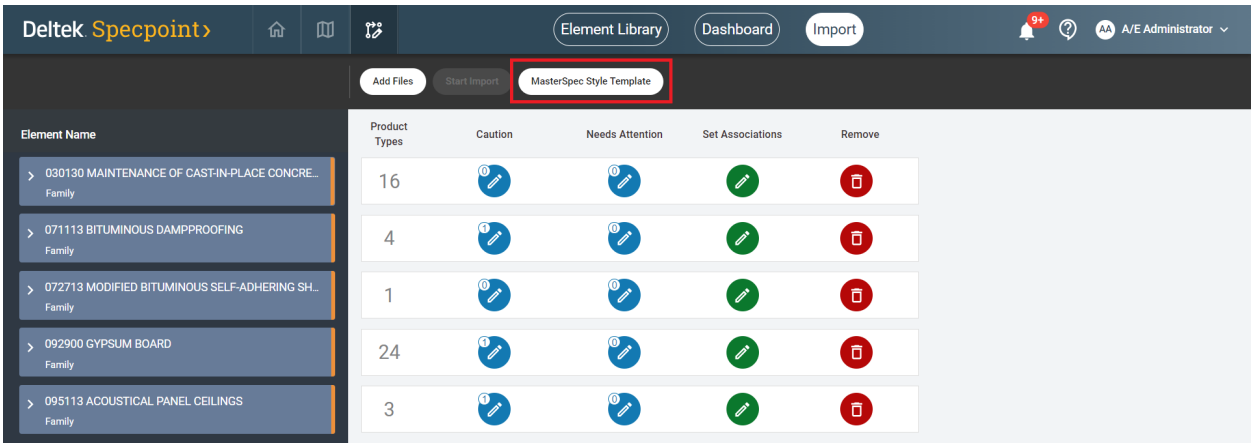
Released: August 31, 2023

New Features

This section includes summaries of the new features in this release.

MasterSpec Style Template for Office Master Import

Use the MasterSpec style template file to format your external office master families before you import these families into Specpoint. Formatting your external files ensures that the platform can read and convert the contents of your families. This enables you to work on these contents as if these were content native to the platform.



To download the template file, click the **MasterSpec Style Template** button on the Import page for office masters.

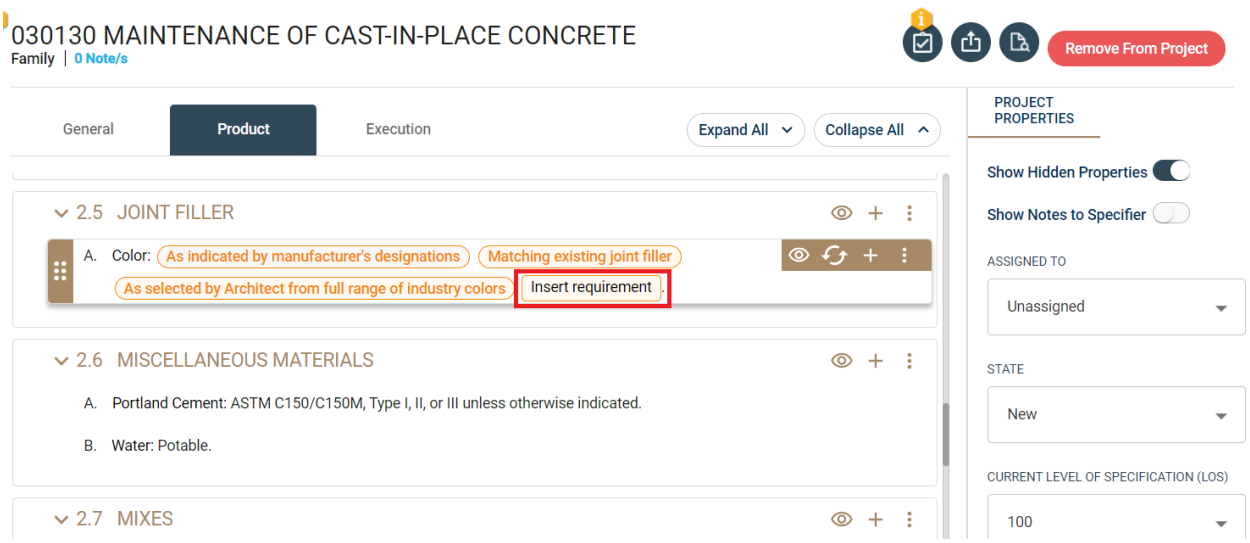
For more information on how to use the MasterSpec style template file on your office masters, see *Deltek Specpoint MasterSpec Styles and Template Guide*.

Enhancements

This section includes summaries of the enhancements made to existing features in this release.

Expanded Character Limit for Paragraph Insert Options

Insert options in paragraphs now have a character limit of 500. In the project workspace, you can now enter longer or more comprehensive values in the insert options of your paragraphs.



Software Issues Resolved

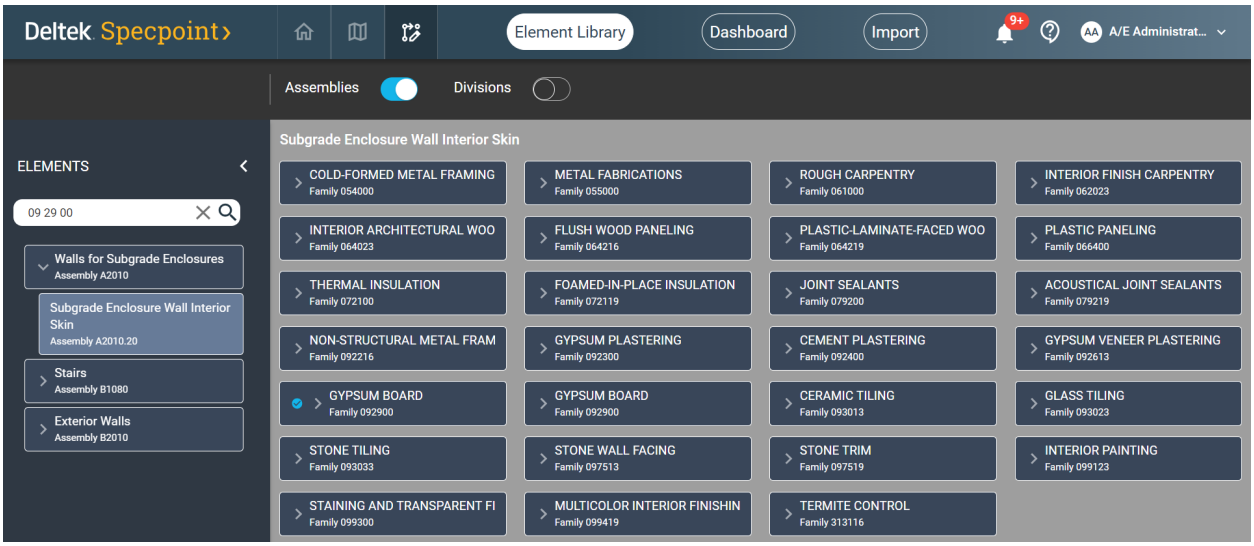
This section includes summaries of the resolved software issues in this release.

Office Master Management

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues in importing, publishing, and managing office master families.

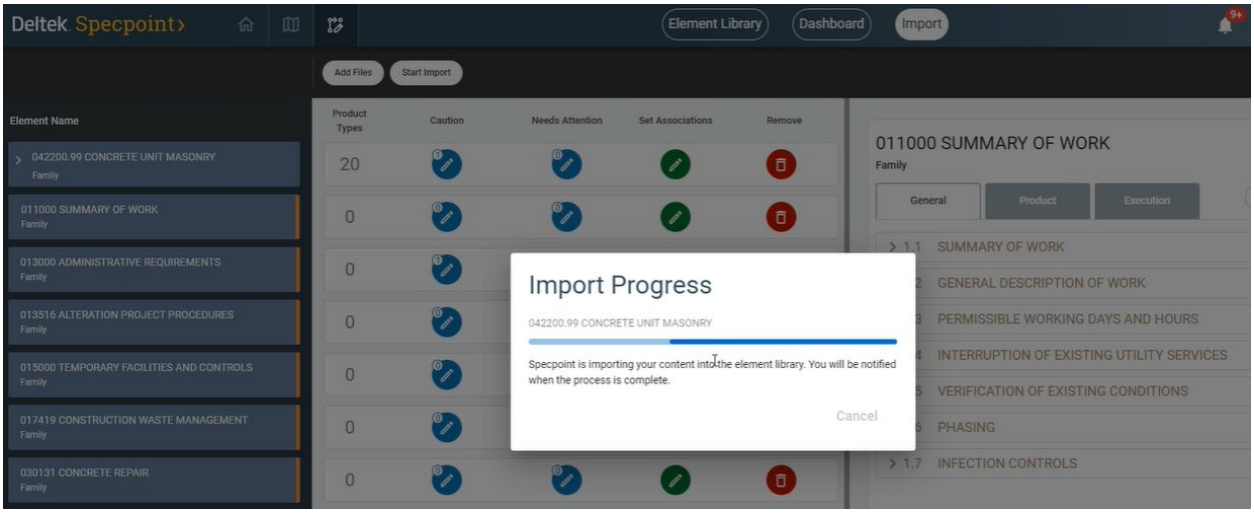
Element Library Search Results

Bug 1975233: The Elements pane of the element library did not display complete search results of assemblies/divisions when you searched for families/sections by element number. The element library should display all assemblies/divisions that contain the searched family/section.



Reimporting an Office Master Family

Bug 1976819: When you imported a new version of a previously published office master family, the Import page for office masters did not display a duplicate warning message. In addition, the platform did not create a work item for the newly imported office master family in the office master dashboard.



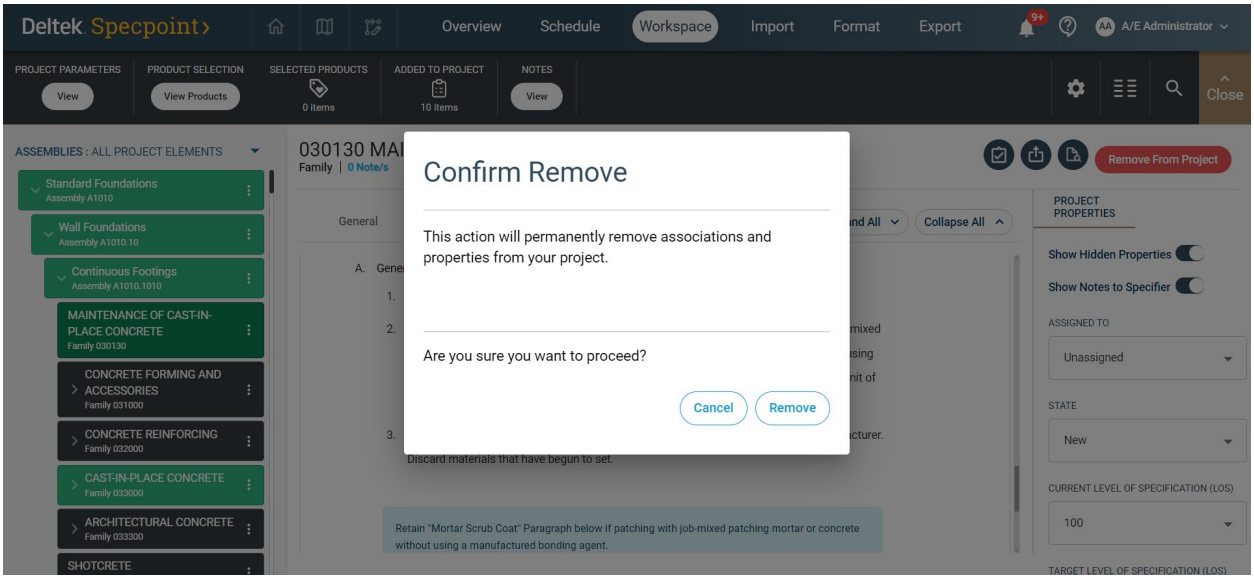
This issue applied to only families that have an element number with a number extension (xxxxxx.yy), such as **042200.99 Concrete Unit Masonry**.

Office Master Content in Projects

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with working on office master families in projects.

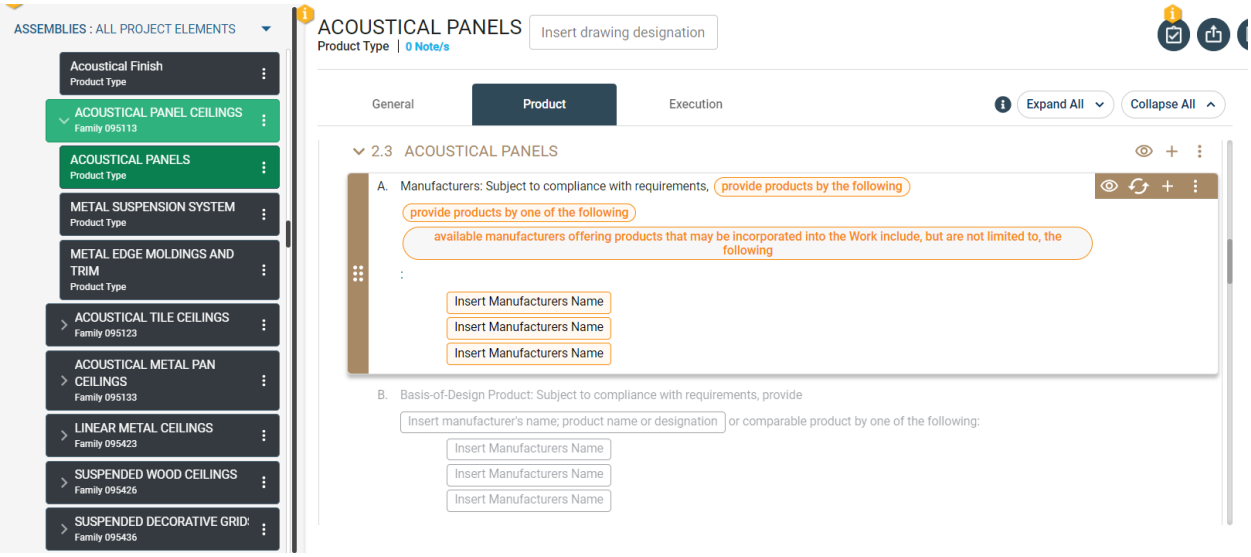
Removing an Added Office Master Family from a Project

Bug 1969017: When your project included an added family that was a published office master version and you removed that family from your project, the family reverted to its MasterSpec version. The project should retain the published office master family as the project's baseline content.



Manufacturers in Office Master Families

Bug 1975898: When you selected an office master family (with product types) in the Project Elements pane of the project workspace, the element form did not load the manufacturers list of the manufacturer paragraphs and basis-of-design product paragraphs. You were unable to view and select the manufacturers included in the office master family.

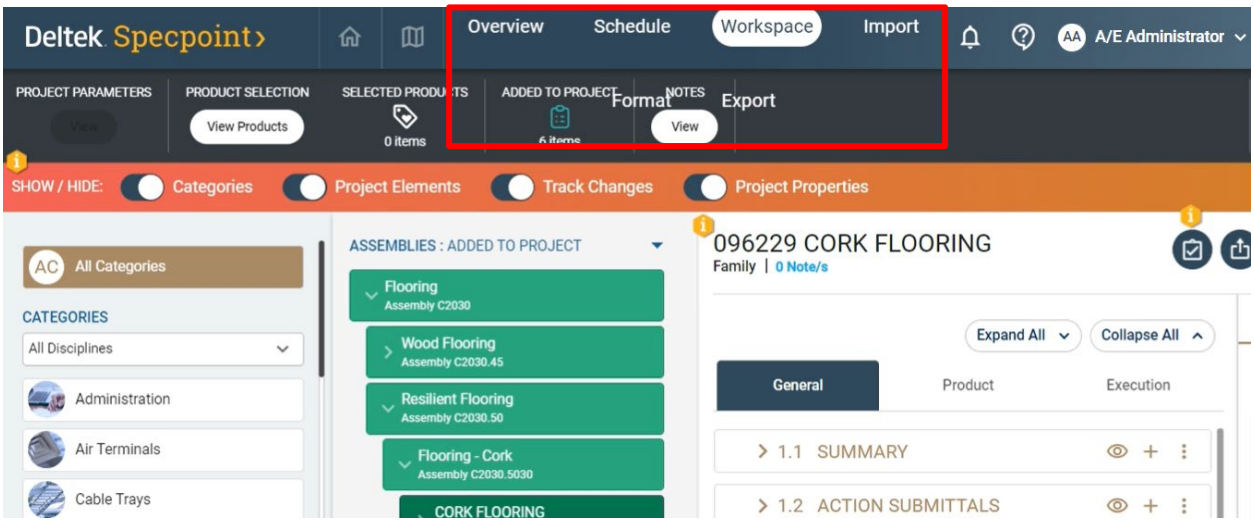


Project Workspace

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with working in the project workspace.

Project Dashboard Menu Layout

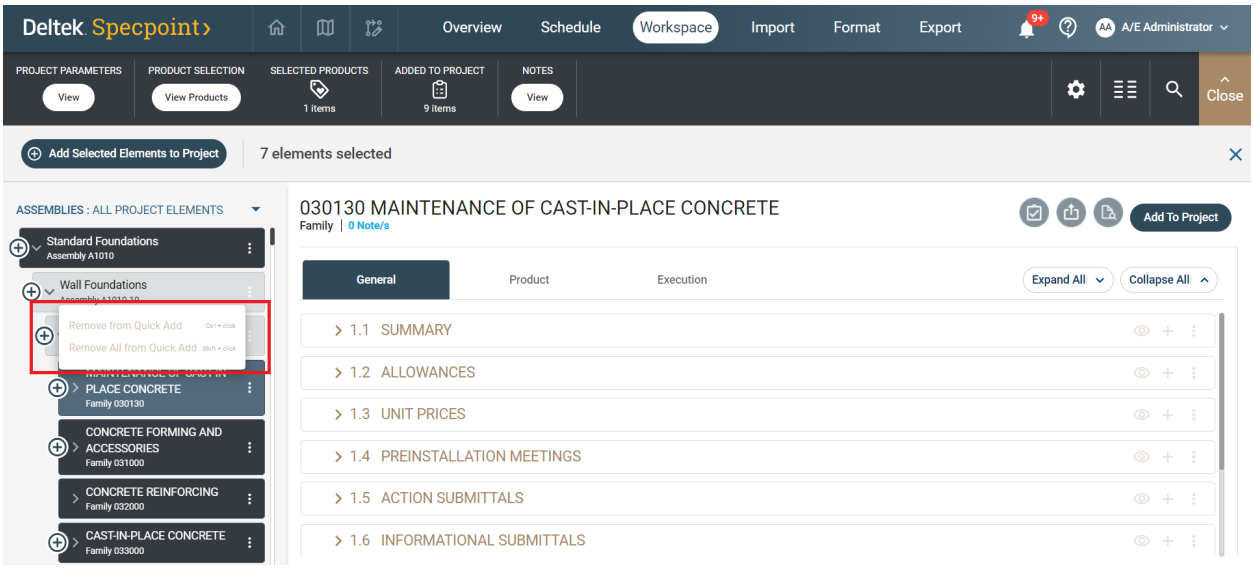
Bug 1973357: When you adjusted the size of the browser window, the options on the project dashboard menu in the project workspace overlapped other UI elements on the page.



Unable to Remove from Quick Add

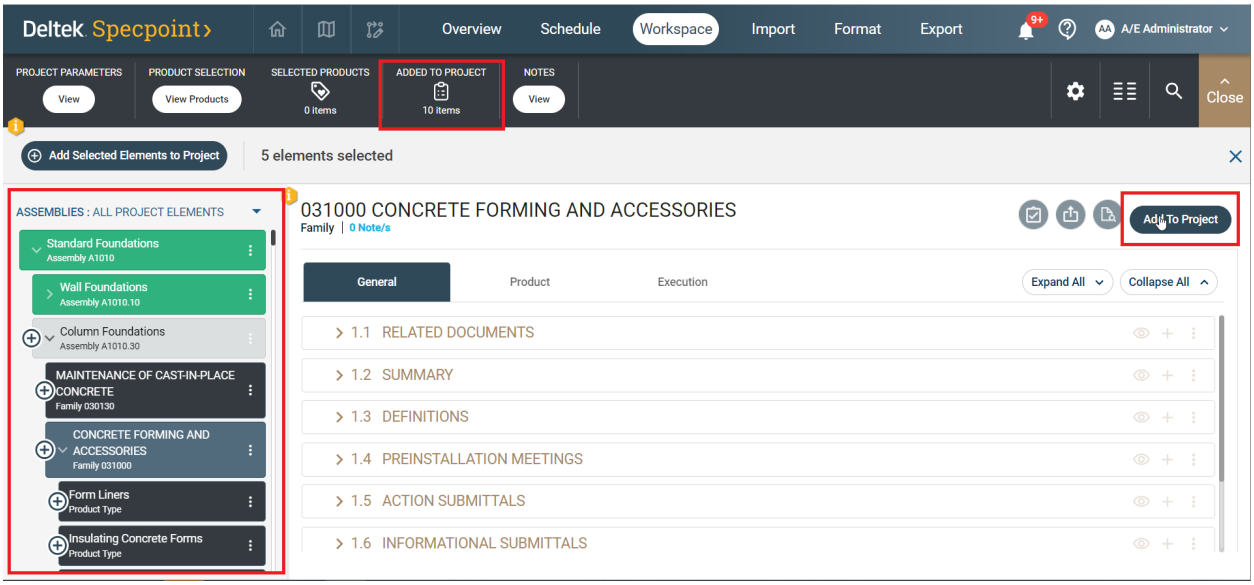
Bug 1977924: In the Project Elements pane of the project workspace, you were unable to remove your quick add selection from an assembly element. The following options were unavailable from selected assembly nodes:

- **» Remove from Quick Add**
- **» Remove All from Quick Add**



Regular Additions with Quick Add Selections

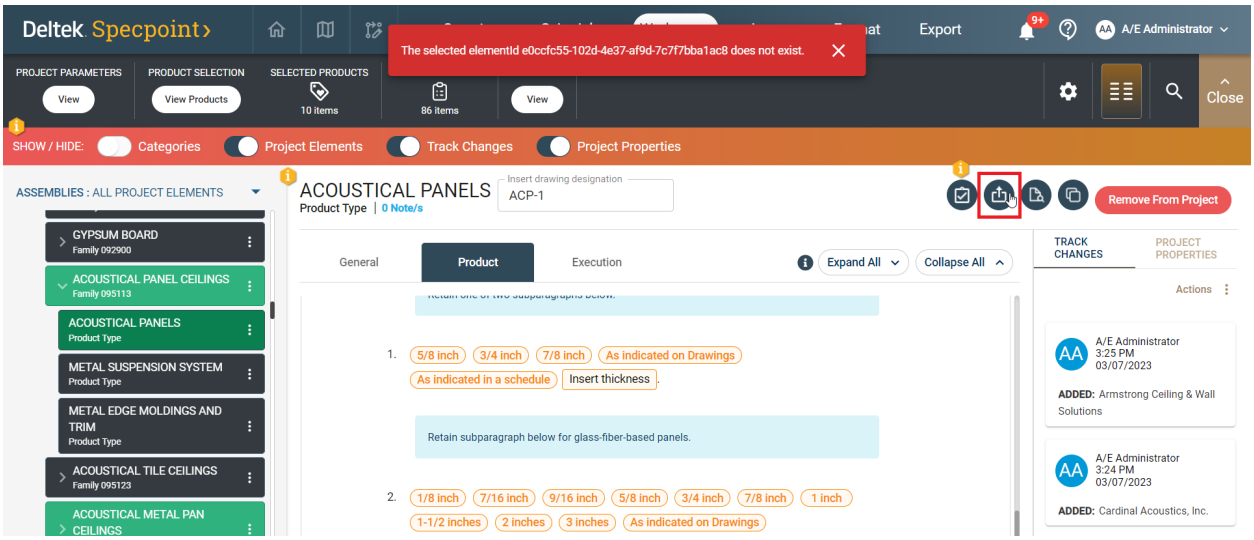
Bug 1978995: When you selected multiple items for quick add and added an element through the regular method (by selecting the element and clicking **Add to Project**), the platform added the element to the project but displayed an incorrect Added to Project count. The platform also cleared all your remaining quick add selections (⊕), which were elements that were not affected by the regular addition.



For example, you selected an assembly, a family, and a product type for quick add. You added the family to the project through the regular method. The platform added the family and its parent assemblies to the project but removed the quick add selection from the project type.

Single-Section Export from Product Types

Bug 1988436: You were unable to export a project section from a product type. When you opened an added product type in the project workspace and clicked the export icon ( ), the platform displayed an error message and did not download a file for the project section.

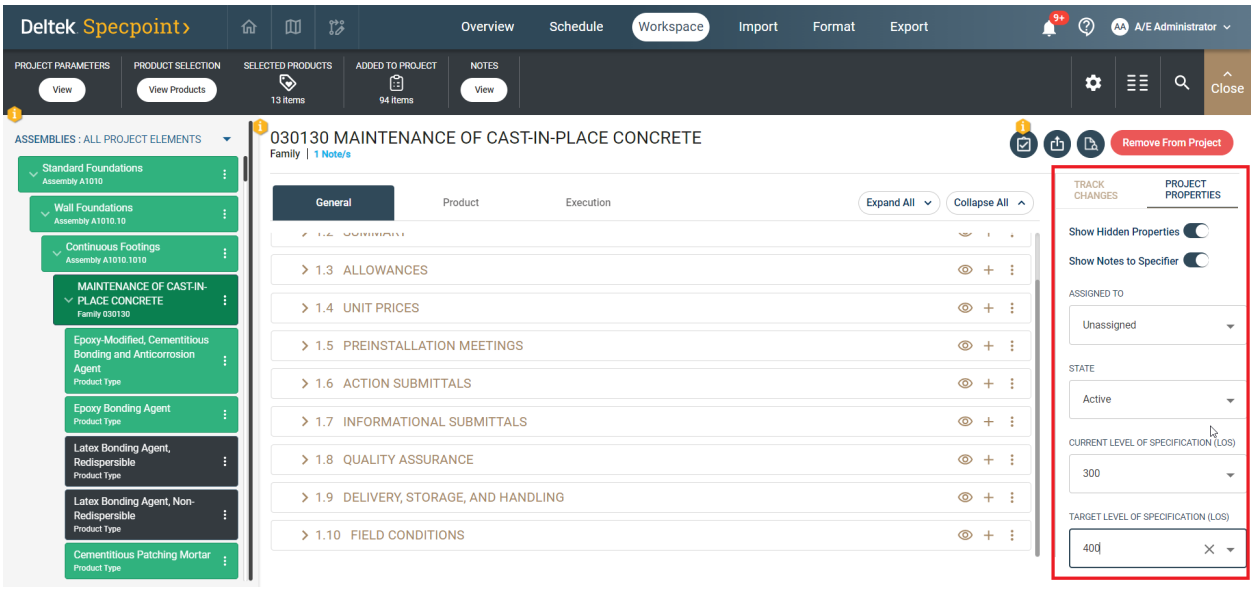


As a workaround, you needed to export the section from an added family/section element.

Values on the Project Properties Tab

Bug 1915986: The Project Properties tab did not retain your selections when you performed the following steps:

1. On the Project Properties tab, you selected options in the available fields, such as **Assigned to** and **State**.
2. You clicked and opened the Track Changes tab.
3. You clicked and returned to the Project Properties tab.

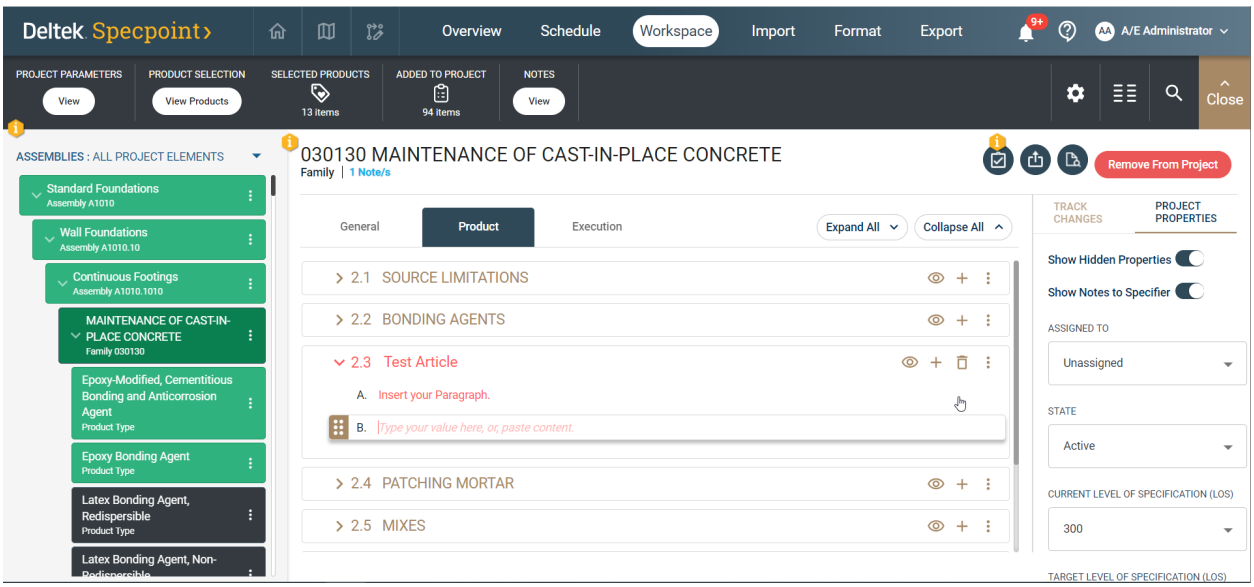


As a workaround, you needed to select another element and return to the element, or refresh the page.

Unable to Add Articles

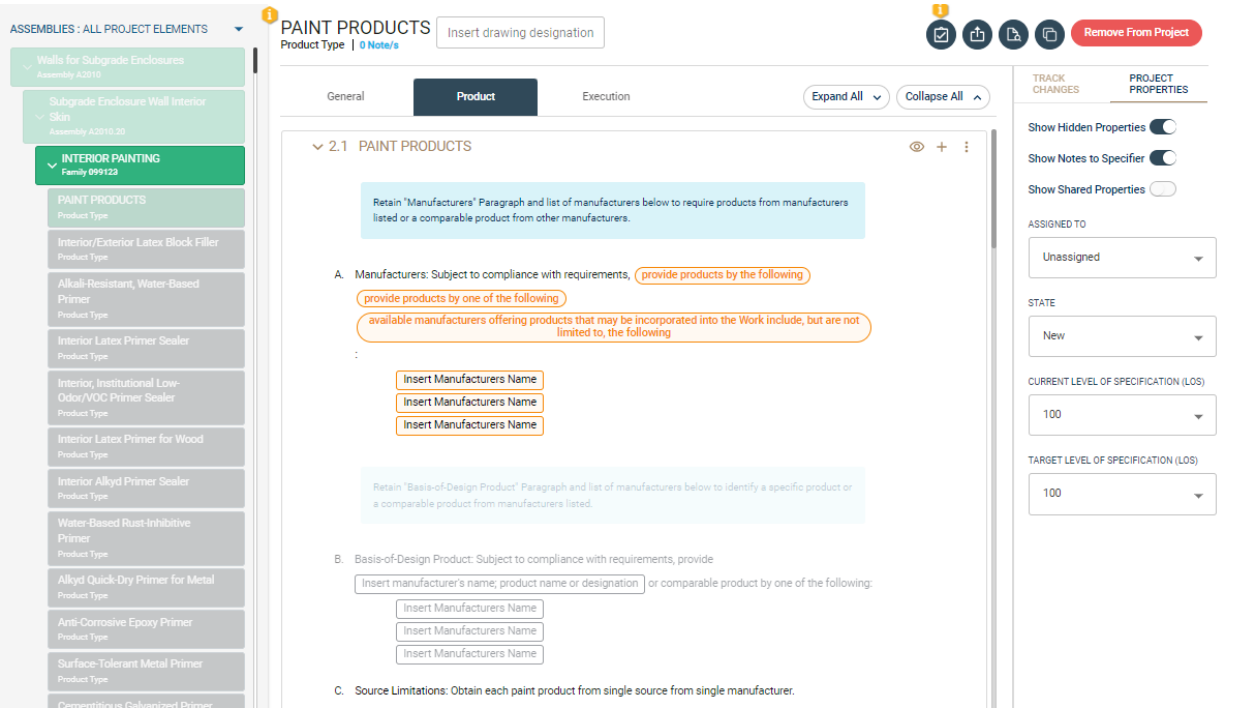
Bug 1974591: Under an added family/section or product type in the project element, you were unable to add new articles after you performed the following steps:

1. You added an article, which includes a default paragraph.
2. Under the new article, you added a new paragraph below the default paragraph.
3. You removed the default paragraph.



Missing Manufacturers in Manufacturer and BOD Product Paragraphs

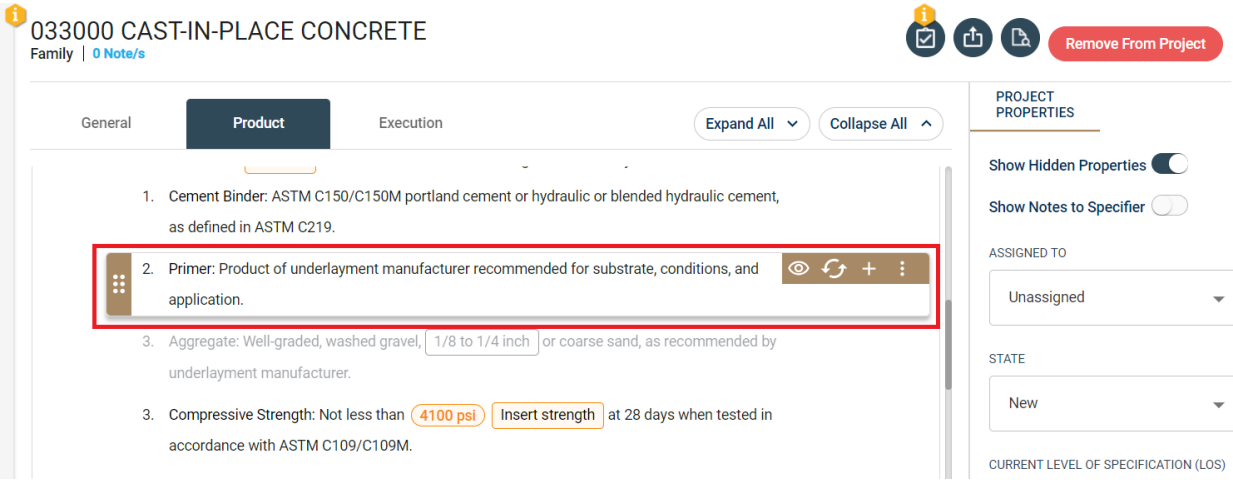
Bug 1972405: In the project workspace, the manufacturer paragraph and the basis-of-design (BOD) product paragraph did not include manufacturers for selection.



This issue applied only to the **Paint Products** product type under the **099123 Interior Painting** family.

Unable to Move, Promote, and Demote Articles and Paragraphs

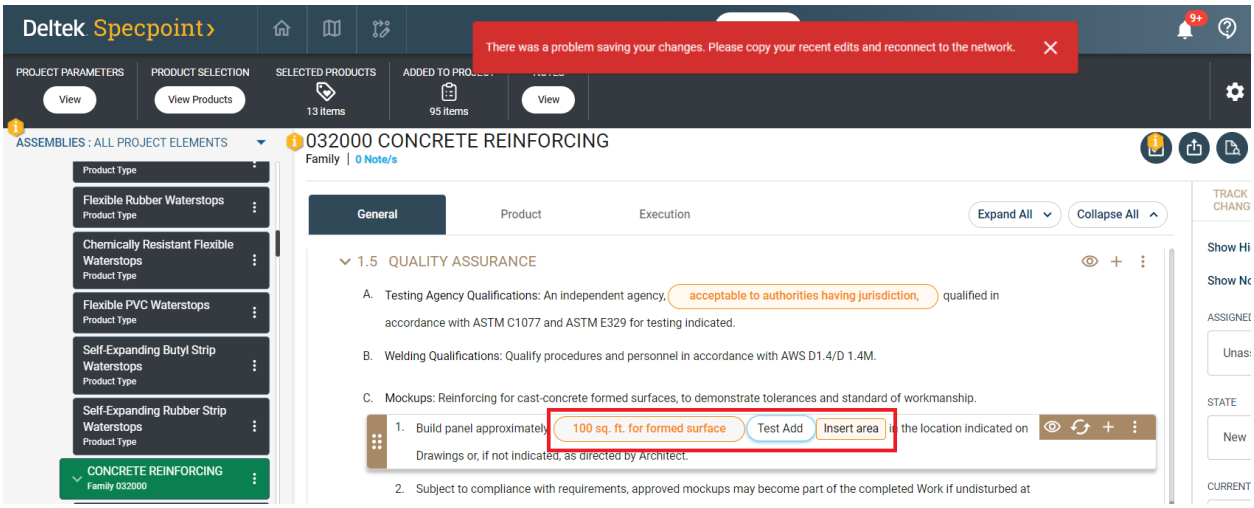
Bug 1861336: In the project workspace, you were unable to move, promote, and demote articles and paragraphs that you previously inactivated and reactivated. For a given article or paragraph, you were unable to drag and drop its grip icon ( ) to any position.



This issue applied to both baseline and user-added articles and paragraphs in your project's added families and product types.

Paragraph Text between an Option Set Item and an Insert Option

Bug 1977382: The project workspace displayed an error message when you entered text between an option set item (such as **(Option 1)**) and an insert option (such as **[Insert]**). Within a given paragraph, you were unable to add more information or context between these options.



Automated Changes for Product Selection

Bug 1972414: When the platform made automated selections in paragraph option sets based on product selection, the unselected options remained in the default state instead of the inactive state. The selected option was correctly in the selected state. Refer to the following examples:

Description	Example
Correct: Unselected options are in the inactive state (gray).	7. Special Fabrications: Radiussed sections Arched sections Bullnose fascia cover Cornice fascia cover Cove fascia cover Insert description .
Incorrect: Unselected options are in the default state (orange).	7. Special Fabrications: Radiussed sections Arched sections Bullnose fascia cover Cornice fascia cover Cove fascia cover Insert description .

As a workaround, you needed to manually select the options.

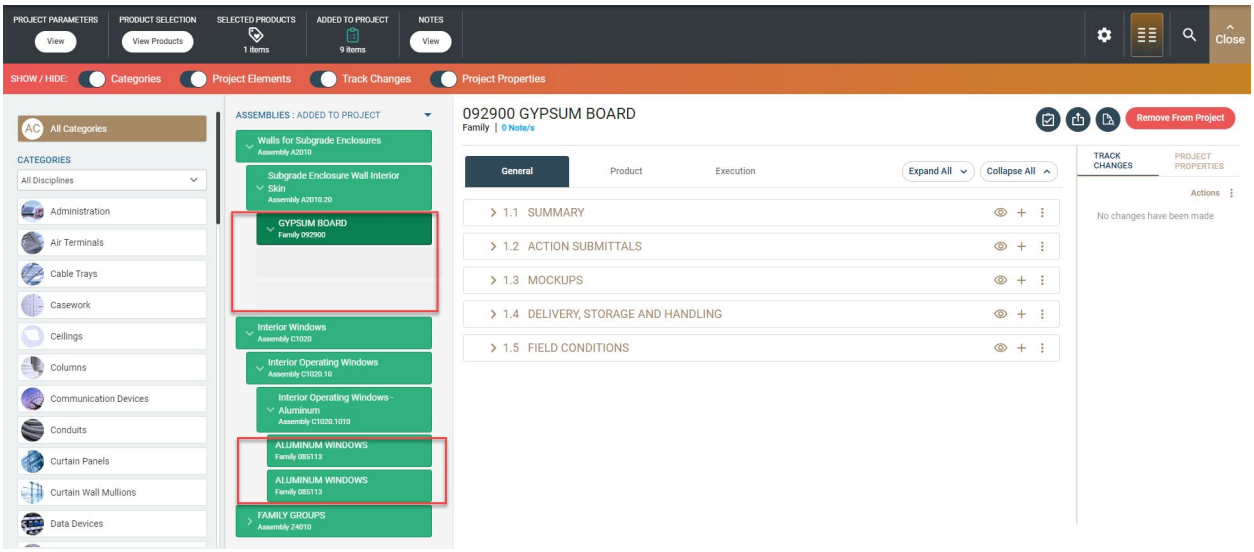
> **Note:** By design, when you add a product listing to a project by adding a product listing card in the Product Listings window, Specpoint automatically selects options in the manufacturer paragraph and product type property paragraphs based on the product listing's properties.

Manufacturer Options and Manufacturer Product Types

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with working with manufacturer options and manufacturer product types in the project workspace.

Missing Manufacturer Product Types

Bug 1964778: When you added a product listing for an added manufacturer product type in your project, the Project Elements pane in the project workspace no longer displayed the added manufacturer product type. In addition, the Project Elements pane displayed a duplicate instance of another product type, such as **Aluminum Windows**.



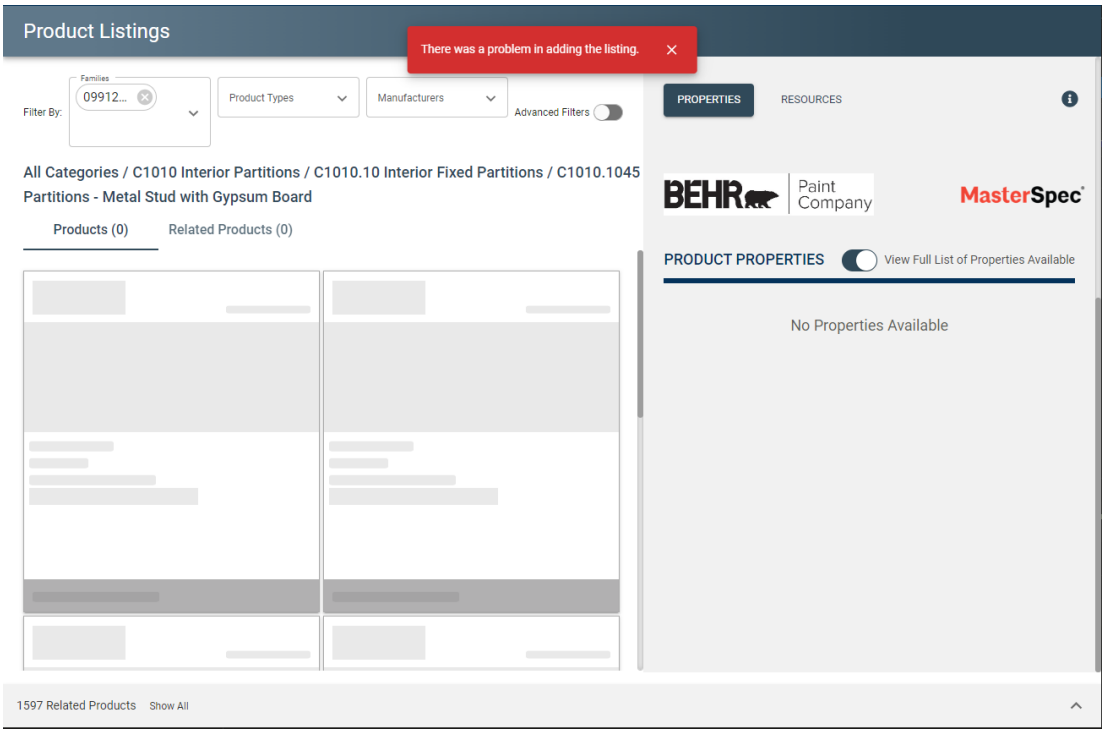
Manufacturer Product Type Colors

Bug 1943504: When the platform automatically added a manufacturer product type based on product selection, the added manufacturer product type displayed in green in the Project Elements pane of the project workspace. Nodes of added manufacturer product types should display in blue.

> **Note:** By design, when you add a product listing to a project by adding a product listing card in the Product Listings window, Specpoint automatically adds the listing's respective product type element if it is not currently in the project. This includes manufacturer product types.

Unable to Add Product Listing

Bug 1990853: When you add a product listing to project for the first time, the Product Listings window displayed an error message, and the platform did not register the product selection.


Product Listings
There was a problem in adding the listing.
Families
09912...
Filter By:
Product Types
Manufacturers
Advanced Filters
PROPERTIES
RESOURCES
All Categories / C1010 Interior Partitions / C1010.10 Interior Fixed Partitions / C1010.1045 Partitions - Metal Stud with Gypsum Board
BEHR Paint Company
MasterSpec
Products (0)
Related Products (0)
PRODUCT PROPERTIES
View Full List of Properties Available
No Properties Available
1597 Related Products
Show All

Release 1.7.3

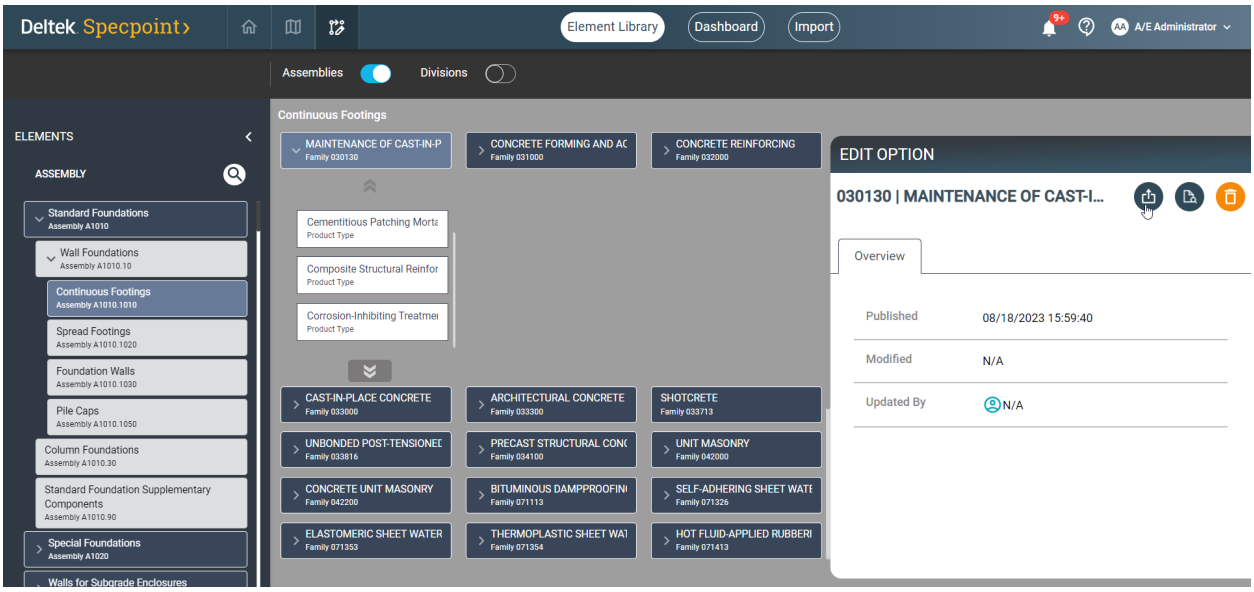
Released: August 15, 2023

Software Issues Resolved

This section includes summaries of the resolved software issues in this release.

Exporting from the Element Library

Bug 1983753: When you exported an office master family or a MasterSpec family from the element library, the platform exported a version of the family that is an added and modified family from a project. This issue applied when you worked on the given family in the project workspace, on the same browser tab prior to navigating to the element library.



Release 1.7.2

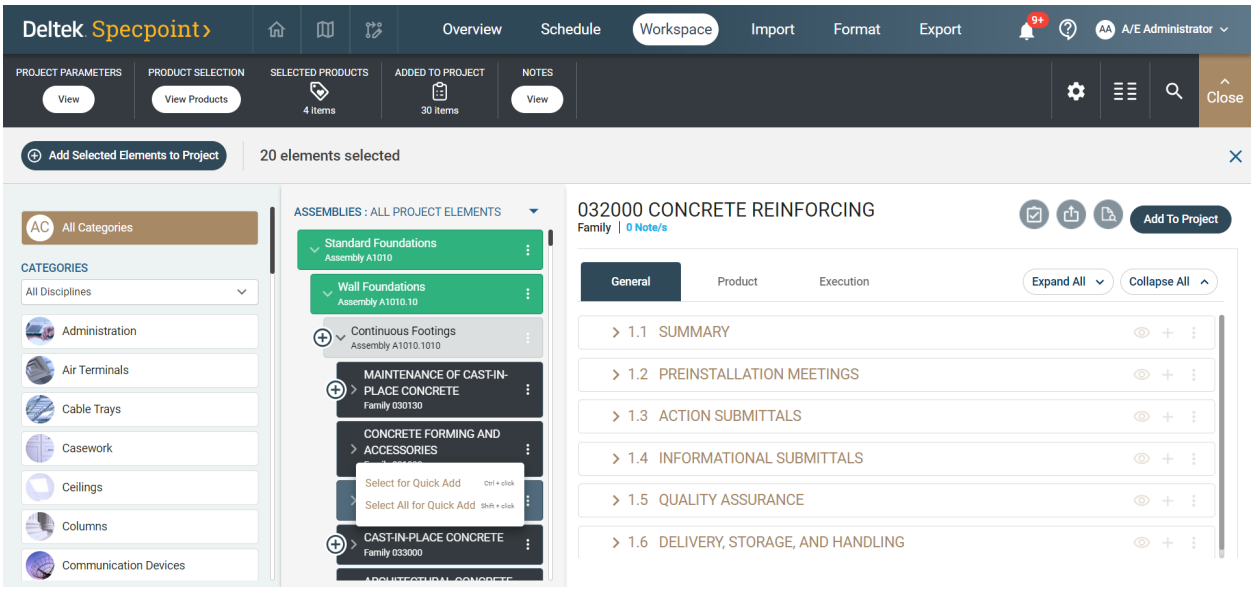
Released: August 9, 2023

New Features

This section includes summaries of the new features in this release.

Quick Add for Multiple Project Elements

You can now quickly add multiple project elements to your project at a single time. Use this feature to quickly set up the outline of your project specifications.



On the Project Elements pane of the project workspace, you can perform the following actions to select an element for quick add:

Action	User Command
Select an element.	▪ Hold SHIFT and click the element. ▪ In the element, click ⋮ **» Select for Quick Add**.
Select an element and all its child elements.	▪ Hold CTRL and click the element. ▪ In the element, click ⋮ **» Select All for Quick Add**.
Clear the selection for an element.	▪ Hold SHIFT and click the selected element. ▪ In the element, click ⋮ **» Remove from Quick Add**.

Selected elements include a plus icon (⊕) to enable you to identify your current selection. When you have a project element selected, the project workspace displays the quick add toolbar. This toolbar contains the **Add Selected Items to Project** button, which you can click to add all your selected

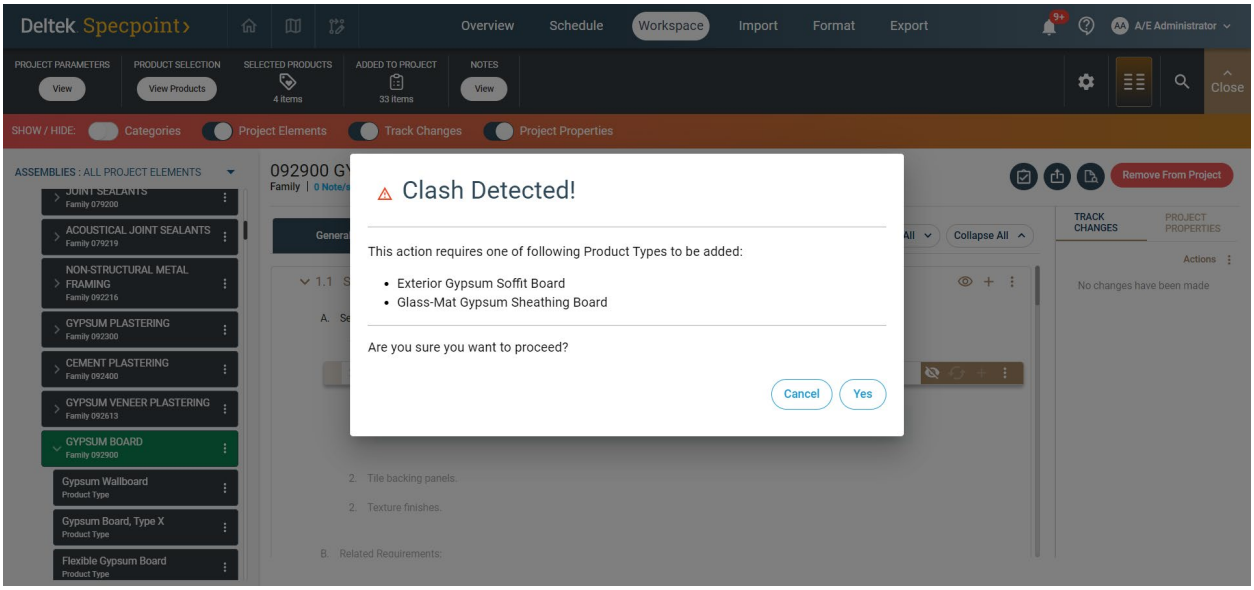
elements to your project. In addition, you can also close this toolbar to clear all your selections and cancel the quick add process.

Enhancements

This section includes summaries of the enhancements made to existing features in this release.

Clash Detection of Product Type Content

When you are viewing contents of an added family/section and you activate shared content specific to an unadded product type, the project workspace now displays a message with a confirmation prompt. This informs you that when you include a product type-specific paragraph, you must also add the paragraph's product type to your project.



Inversely, when you are viewing contents of an added family and you inactivate shared content specific to an added product type, the project workspace now displays a message with a confirmation prompt. This informs you that when you hide a product type-specific paragraph, you must also remove the paragraph's product type from your project.

This feature ensures that you do not include unparented content specific to product types, or that you do not include product type elements with hidden essential content.

Office Master Management

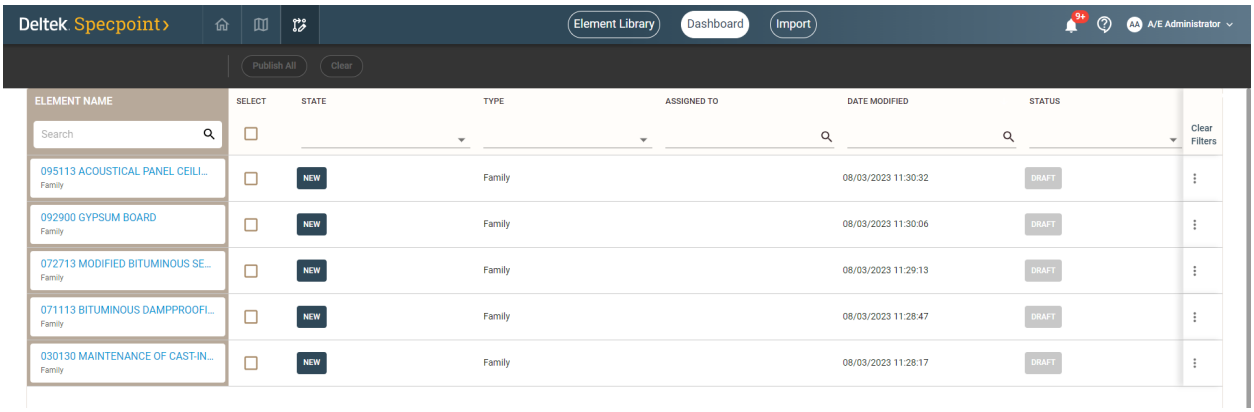
This section includes the descriptions of enhancements for working with office masters.

Office Master Dashboard

The office master dashboard now includes adjustment to the width of the following columns:

- State
- Type
- Status

When you are using the default zoom setting of 100% for both your desktop and browser, this enhancement enables you to view the available imported families and their relevant information on the dashboard without needing to scroll sideways.

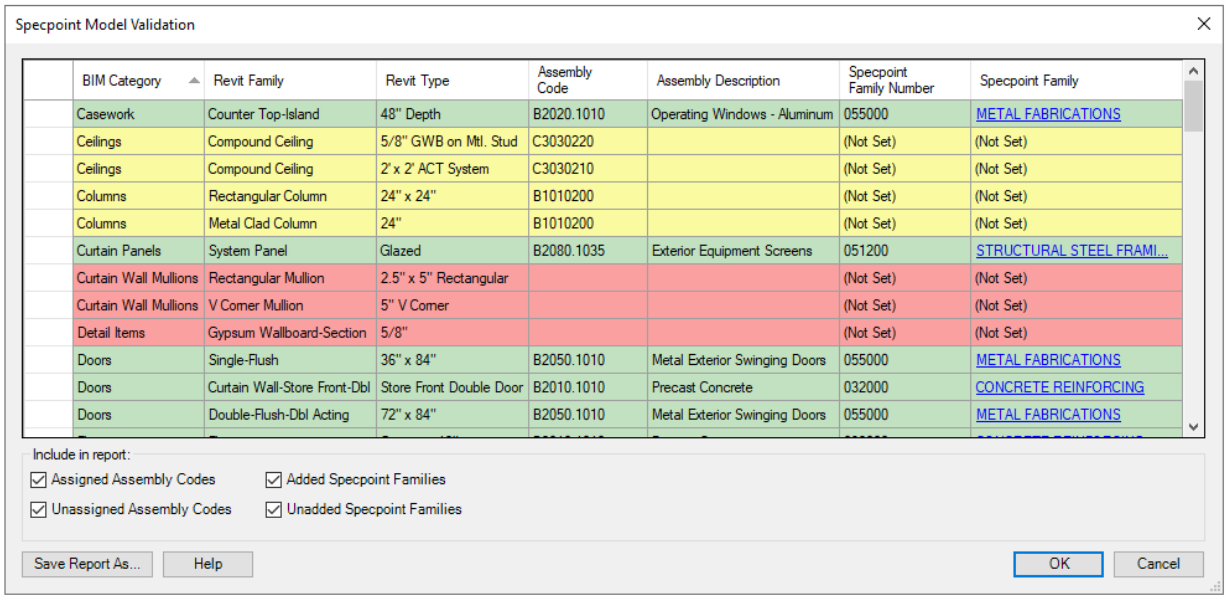


Editable Keys in Office Master Families

In office master families in the project workspace, property keys/titles of paragraphs are now editable, except for product type keys. This feature is similar to copies of product type elements that you add to your project. Use this enhancement to further customize best practices content in your firm to fit your project requirements.

Model Validation Association Status

In Specpoint Plug-in for Revit, the Specpoint Model Validation report now displays color-coded rows for each association between a Revit model element and a Specpoint assembly. Use this color code to quickly determine the association status of each model element as well as identify model elements that you need to associate with a Specpoint assembly.



The following color codes are available:

Color	Description
Red	This color indicates one of the following: ▪ The Revit model element does not have an associated Specpoint assembly code. ▪ The Revit model element has an associated assembly code that does not pertain to an existing Specpoint assembly.
Yellow	This color indicates that the Revit model element has an associated Specpoint assembly code, but the Specpoint assembly does not have any added families under it.
Green	This color indicates that the Revit model element has an associated Specpoint assembly code and the Specpoint assembly has added families under it.

Software Issues Resolved

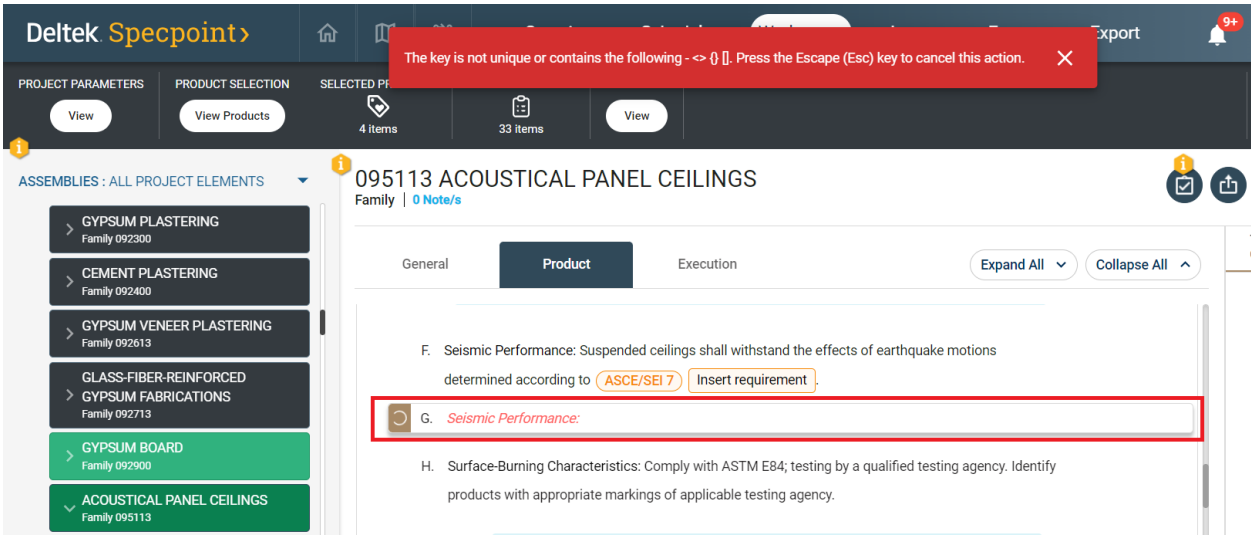
This section includes summaries of the resolved software issues in this release.

Project Workspace

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with working in the project workspace.

Duplicate Property Key

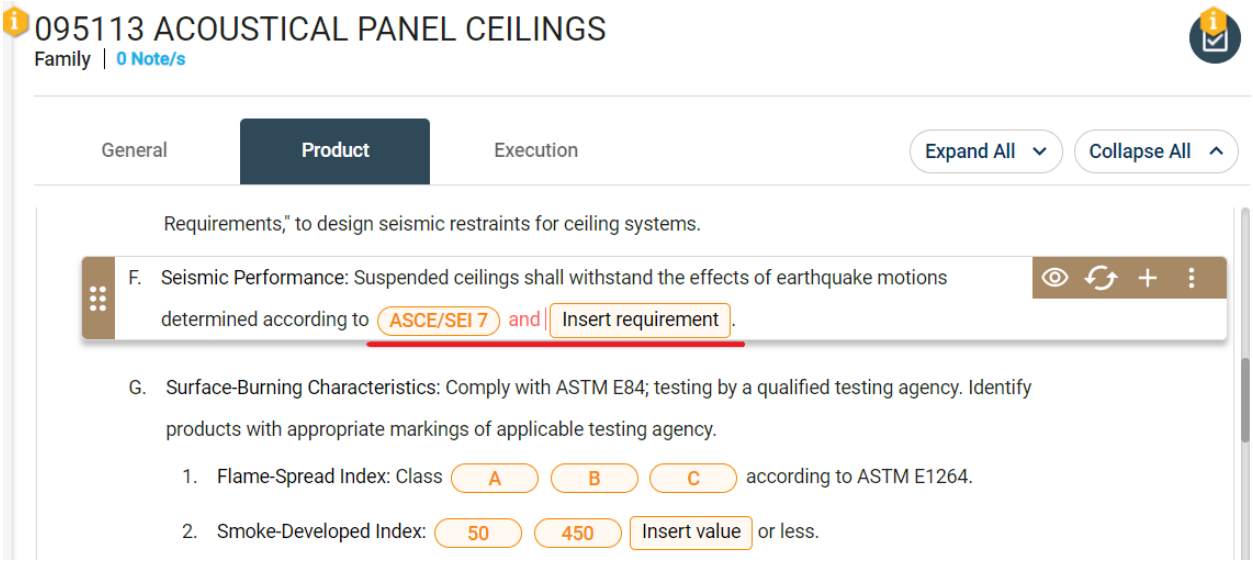
Bug 1964510: When you created a paragraph with a duplicate property key, the paragraph became stuck in a loading state. You were unable to modify or edit the contents of the paragraph.



As a workaround, you needed to press ESC to delete the paragraph or refresh the webpage for the project workspace.

Paragraph Text between an Option Set Item and an Insert Option

Bug 1961930: The project workspace did not save any paragraph text that you entered in between an option set item (such as **(Option 1)**) and an insert option (such as **[Insert]**). Within a given paragraph, you were unable to add more information or context between these options.

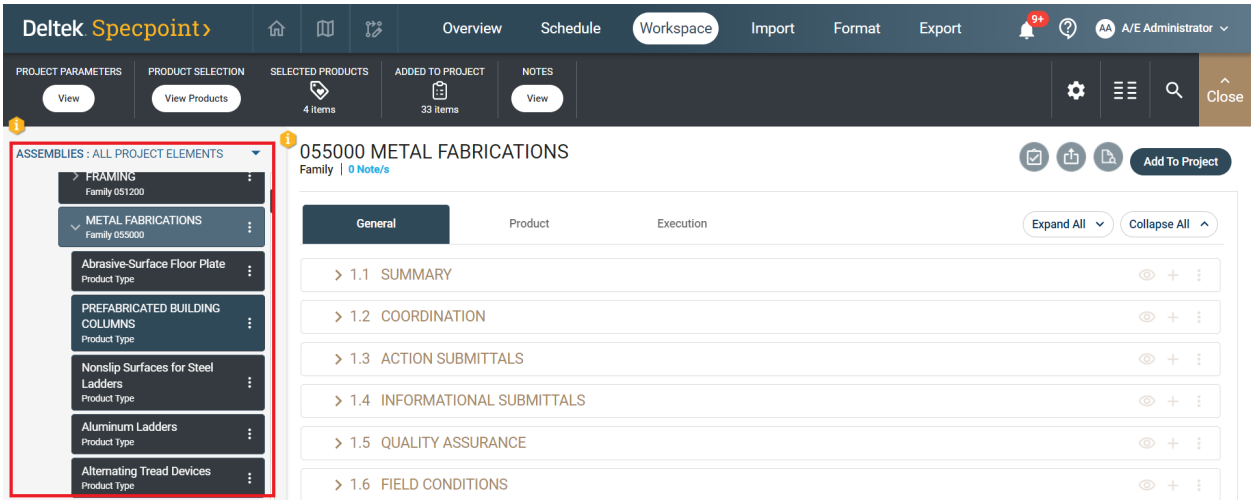


Manufacturer Product Types

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with manufacturer product types in the project workspace.

Missing Manufacturer Product Types

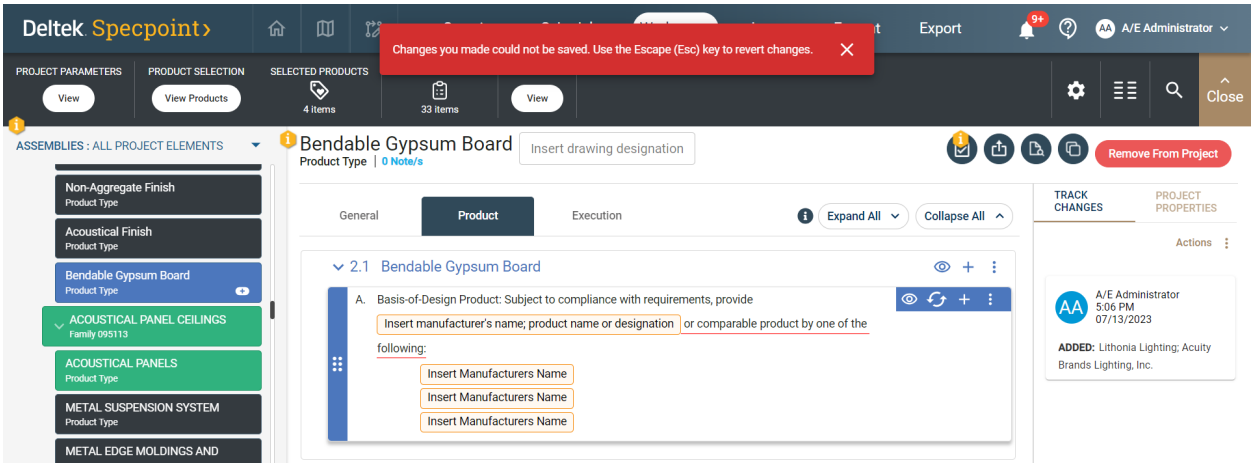
Bug 1965434 and 1965669: The Project Elements pane of the project workspace did not display a number of available manufacturer product types. You were unable to specify proprietary or manufacturer-specific product types in your project.



This issue applied to manufacturer product types in select families/sections, in either Assemblies/UniFormat view or Divisions/MasterFormat view.

Modifying Manufacturer BOD Product Paragraphs

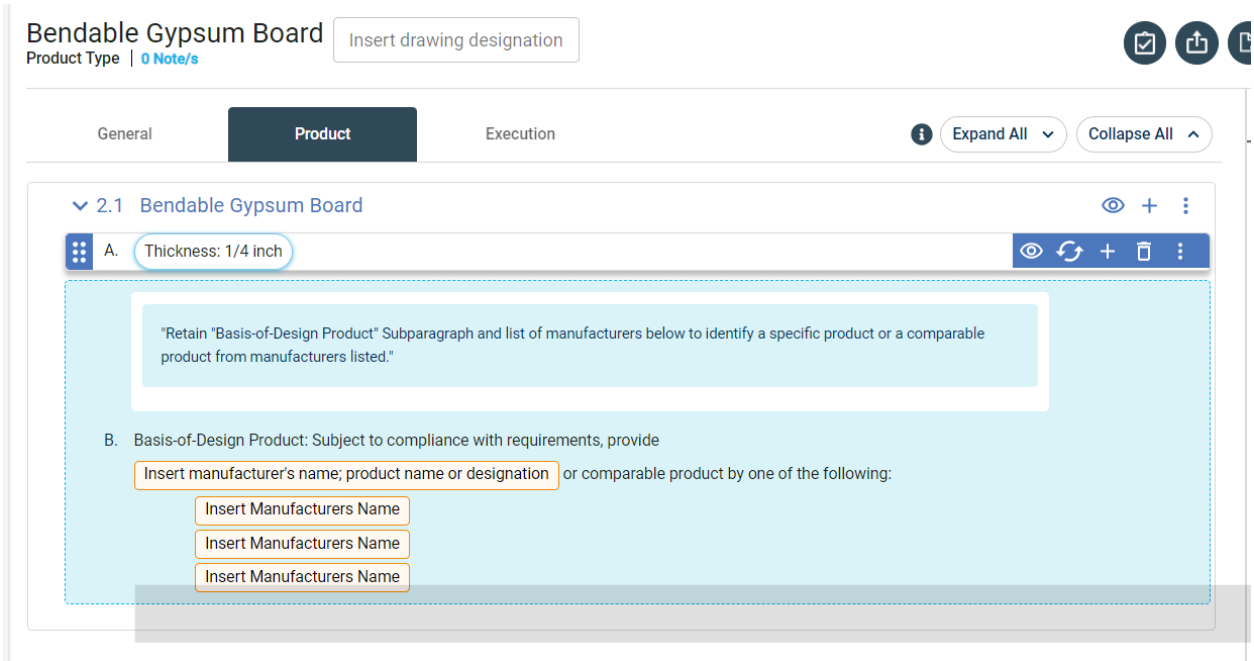
Bug 1967627: When you modified the text content of a manufacturer BOD product paragraph, the platform did not save your changes and the project workspace displayed an error message.



Moving Paragraphs in Manufacturer Product Types

Bug 1967627: For paragraphs in manufacturer product types, you were unable to perform the following:

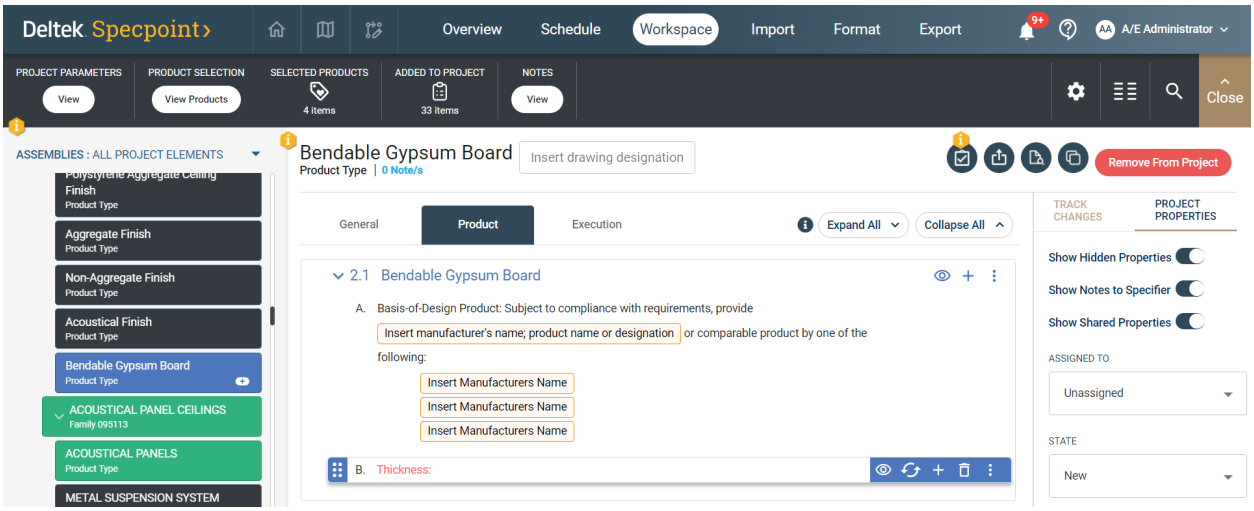
- Move or reorder paragraphs.
- Promote or demote paragraphs.



Adding Keyed Paragraphs in Manufacturer Product Types

Bug 1967627: For paragraphs in manufacturer product types, you were unable to add paragraphs that include property keys/paragraph titles as non-shared properties. The project workspace incorrectly

converted your added keyed paragraphs as shared properties and hid them from the project workspace when you did not select the **Show Shared Properties** option.

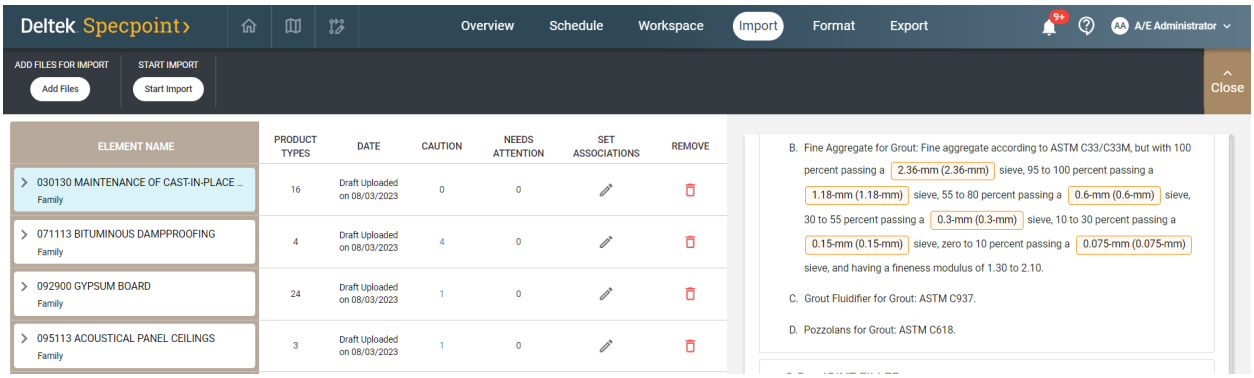


Family/Section Import

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with project-level imports and office master imports.

Measurement Conversion in the Import Preview

Bug 1966286: The import preview pane displayed incorrect values for converted units of measurement (UOM). The converted UOM was the same as the primary UOM.



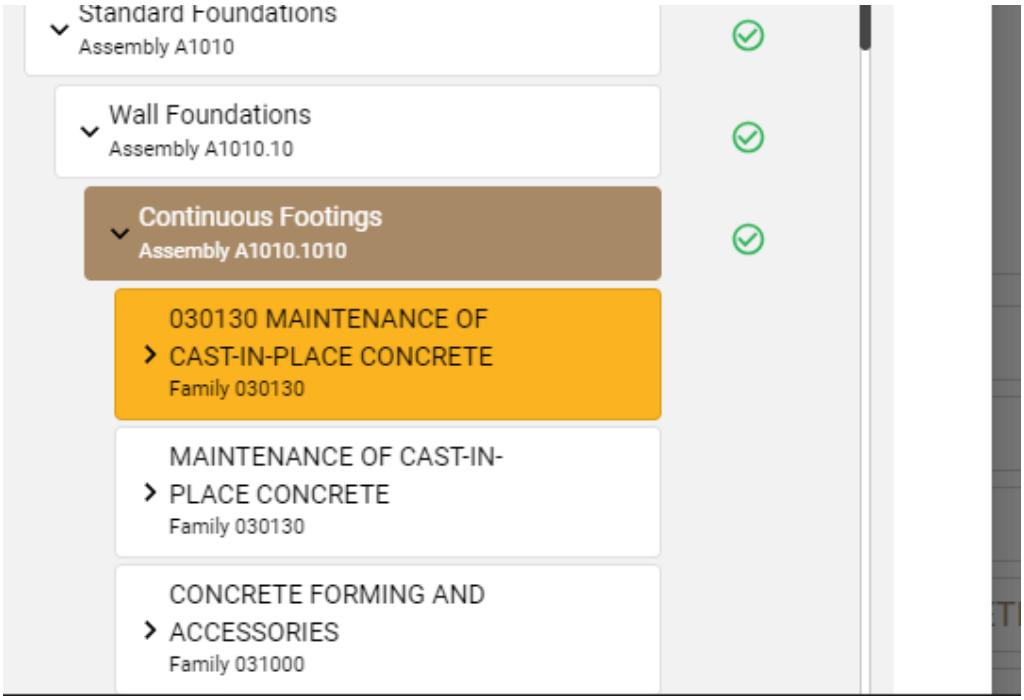
For example:

Type	Example
Correct UOM Conversion	1 cm (0.3937 inch)
Incorrect UOM Conversion	1 cm (1cm)

This issue applied to the import preview pane for both project-level import and office master import.

Naming Convention Error in the Set Associations Window

Bug 1957593: When you imported a family with the same element name and number as a MasterSpec family, the elements tree in the Set Associations window displayed the imported family with its element number prefixed to its element name.



This issue applied to the Set Associations window for both project-level import and office master import.

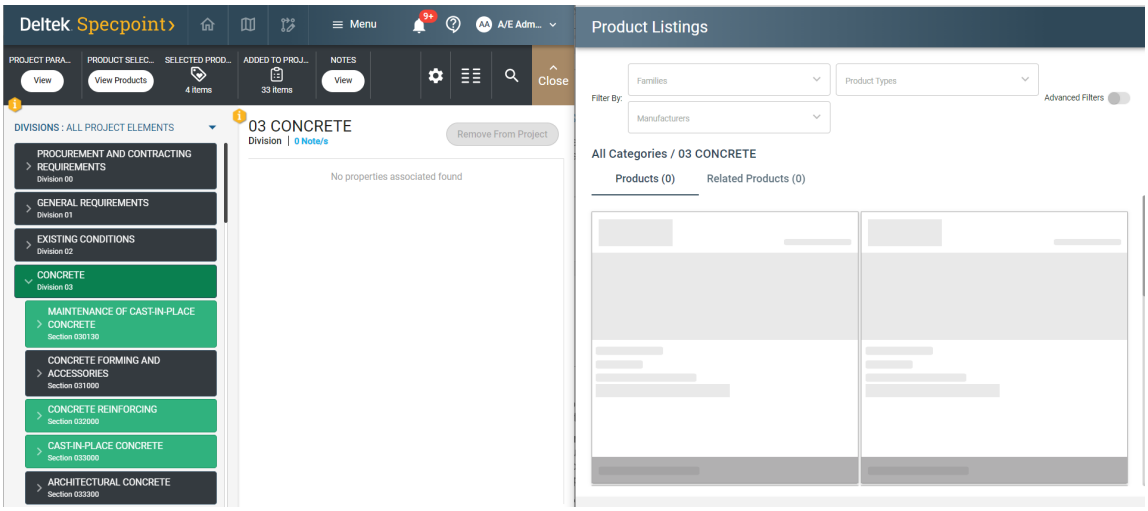
Product Selection

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with product selection and product listings.

Product Selection in Divisions View

Bug 1931730: You encountered the following issues with product selection and automated changes while working in the project workspace in the Divisions/MasterFormat® view:

- When you selected a division in the project workspace, the Product Listings window (at the project level) did not display any product listings. This window should display product listing cards filtered by the sections and product types under the selected division.

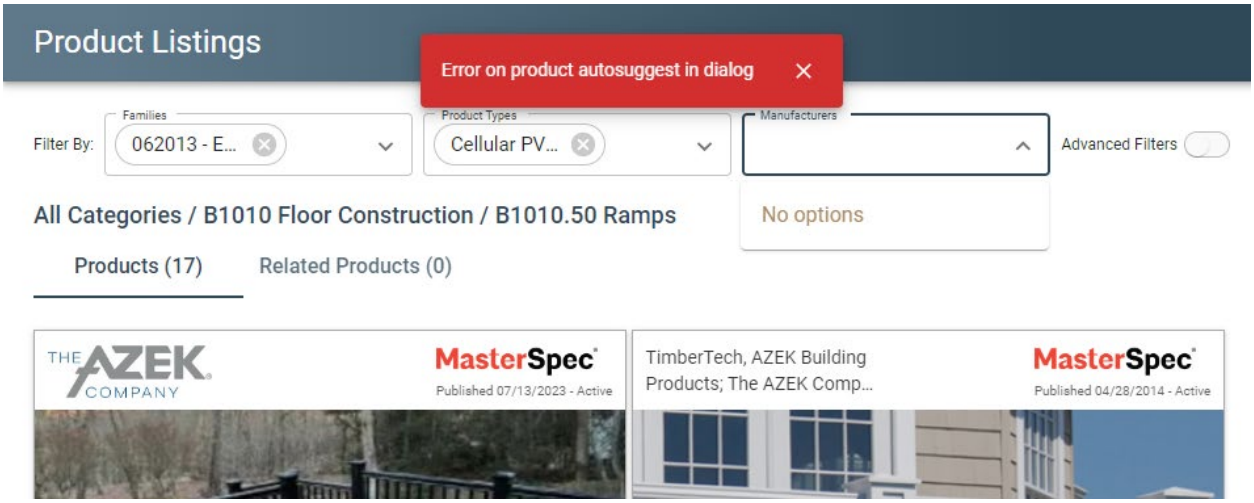


- When you added a product type element to your project and you selected options from product type property paragraphs, the Product Listings window (at the project level) did not filter the available product listings. The window should filter product listings by the listings' product properties based on your product type property selections.
- When you added a product listing for an unadded product type, the platform did not automatically add the product type element to the project.

Manufacturer Filter Error

Bug 1966946: When you attempted to select options in the **Manufacturers** filter in the Product Listings window, the **Manufacturers** filter did not display any options and the window displayed the following error message:

Error on product autosuggest in dialog



Release 1.7.1

Released: July 28, 2023

This hotfix includes general maintenance and performance adjustments throughout the platform.

Release 1.7

Released: July 24, 2023

New Features

This section includes summaries of the new features in this release.

Manufacturer Options

In Specpoint, manufacturers can now include additional options and properties in their product listings. Use these options in your selected products to specify properties that specialize or innovate beyond MasterSpec properties and fulfill unique project requirements.

Manufacturer options are available only for Premium MasterSpec listings and Premium listings. The following types of manufacturer options are available:

Type	Description
Addition to MasterSpec Properties	These are added options to existing MasterSpec properties. This allows a manufacturer to expand upon existing MasterSpec properties for its product listing. Subsequently, this option enables you to expand upon the respective MasterSpec product type properties.
New Manufacturer Property	These are added options that are part of a new product property for a product listing. This enables a manufacturer to specify a new dimension or aspect for their product listing and highlight its specialized application in construction projects.

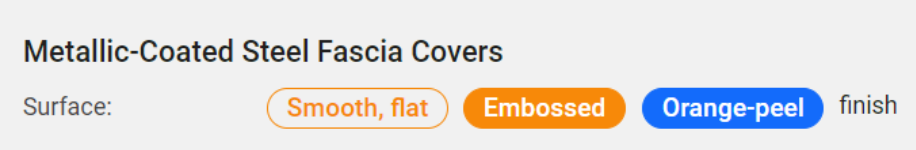
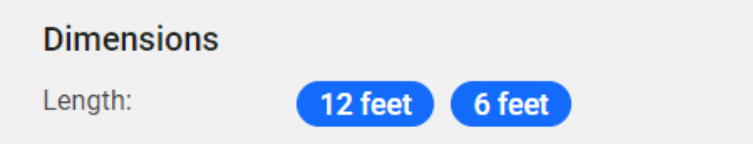
Manufacturer Options in Existing Product Listings

When manufacturers update product listings to add manufacturer options, the added manufacturer options are available for only future product selections. If your project has a given product listing selected and its manufacturer adds manufacturer options to the product listing, the project maintains the product listing information from when the product listing was added to the project. To update the product listing and include its manufacturer options in the project, remove and add the product listing back to the project.

Project Properties Tab

In the product listing details pane in the Product Listings window, the Project Properties tab includes new features for manufacturer options. On this tab, the list of product properties includes the following property types:

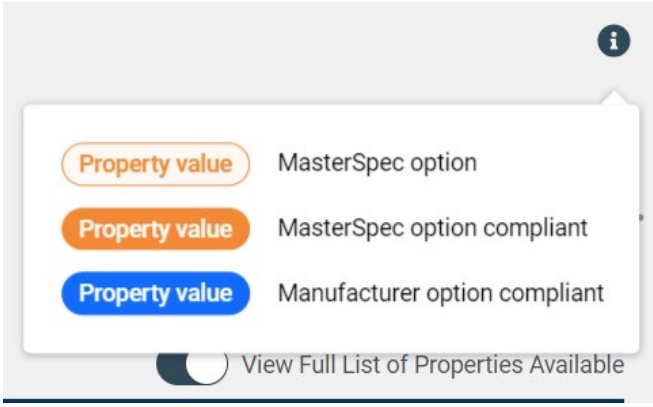
Type	Description
MasterSpec Properties	These properties are standard or baseline properties based on the product listing's MasterSpec product type. For a given product listing, its manufacturer selects options for any combination of its available MasterSpec properties.

Type	Description
	 A MasterSpec property can have options under the following option types: ▪ MasterSpec options (Orange) ▪ Manufacturer options (Blue)
Manufacturer Properties	These properties are additional properties that are specific to a manufacturer and its product listings.  A manufacturer property can have only manufacturer options.

For each product property, the following property options are available:

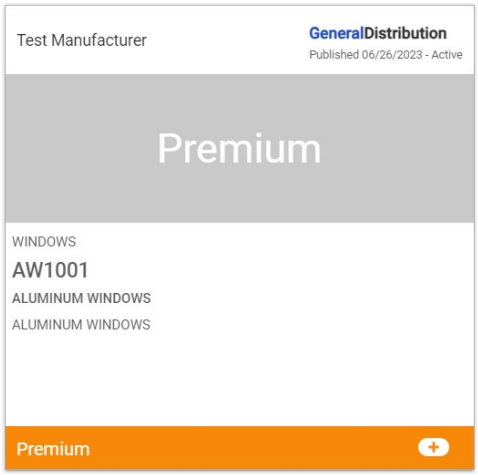
Property Option	Description
MasterSpec Options	These are standard or baseline options and are available by default for only MasterSpec properties under MasterSpec product types.
Manufacturer Options	These are custom options that are specific to a BPM company and its product listings. Manufacturer options are available for both MasterSpec properties and Premium General Distribution product properties.

In addition, the following general option is now available:

Option	Description
Info Icon	Click this icon to view the legend for the available property options. 

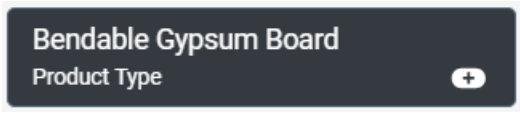
Product Listing Card

In the Product Listings window, product listing cards for product listings that include manufacturer options include a plus icon ( ). Use this icon to quickly identify product listings with additional product properties or additional property options.



Manufacturer Product Types

You can now use this element to define a product requirement in your project, under a family or section, based on a manufacturer-specific product class or product listing. In the Project Elements pane of the project workspace, manufacturer product types display with a plus icon ( ).



A manufacturer product type's availability depends on manufacturers in Specpoint that create product listings under their proprietary product types. This type of product type element contains the following content items:

- Manufacturer Basis-of-Design (BOD) Product Paragraph
- Manufacturer Property Paragraph

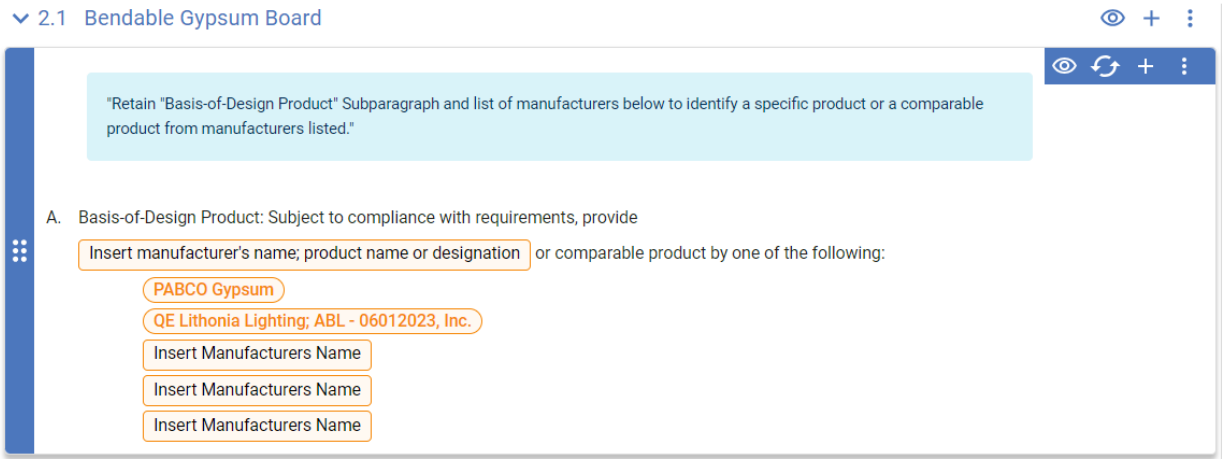
Paragraphs for Manufacturer Options

This section includes the descriptions of new types of paragraphs, which you can use to work with manufacturer options.

Manufacturer Basis-of-Design (BOD) Product Paragraph

In a manufacturer product type, use this paragraph to select a basis-of-design (BOD) product for the product type and fulfill a product requirement.

Similar to a MasterSpec BOD product paragraph, this paragraph enables you to select one product listing to use as a basis of design and select manufacturers and product listings as comparable products.



A manufacturer BOD product is available only in manufacturer product types. This enables you to select products for a proprietary or manufacturer-specific product type or class. In the project workspace, this paragraph and all its control options display in blue.

Manufacturer Property Paragraph

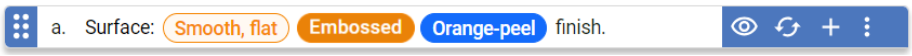
You can use this paragraph to describe a product type property that includes manufacturer options for your project specifications. This enables you to specify product requirements based on the manufacturer specifications of your selected products.

A manufacturer property paragraph is similar to a MasterSpec product type property paragraph in that both paragraphs describe a property of a product requirement in your project specification. This paragraph's key feature is its included manufacturer options. The manufacturer options in this paragraph are based on the product listings that you added for the product type. This paragraph enables you to include manufacturer-specific product properties and/or property options in your project. These manufacturer options neither filter product listings nor aid in automated product selection.

Manufacturer property paragraphs are available in the following elements:

- MasterSpec product types in which you added product listings that include manufacturer options
- Manufacturer product types

In the project workspace, the paragraph and its control options display in blue. Manufacturer property paragraphs have the following types:

Property Option	Description
MasterSpec Property with Manufacturer Options	This manufacturer property paragraph is a MasterSpec product type property paragraph with added manufacturer options.  In the paragraph's option set, the MasterSpec options display as orange pills while manufacturer options display as blue pills.
Manufacturer Property (Only Manufacturer Options)	This manufacturer property paragraph is based on an additional manufacturer property, which contains only manufacturer options.

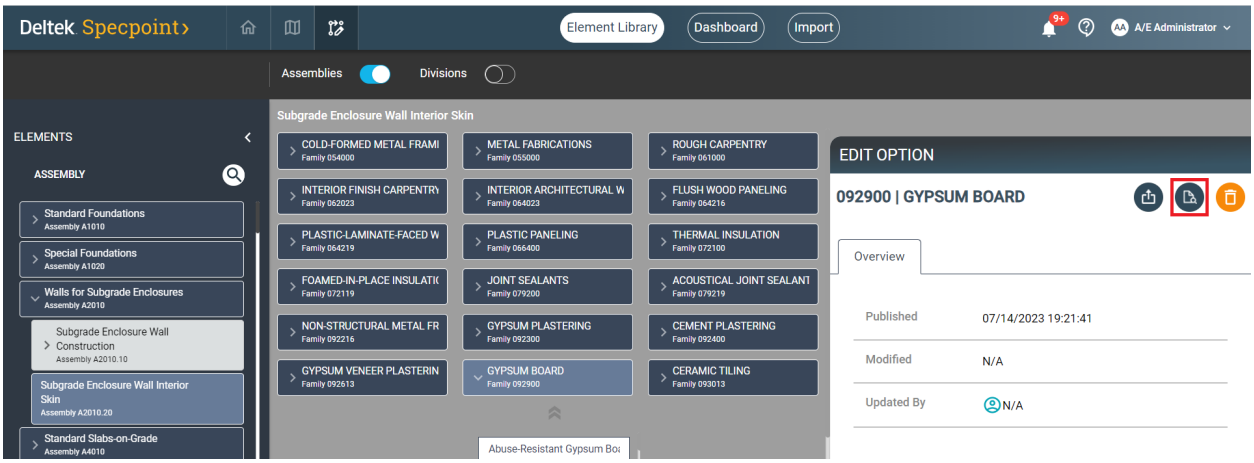
Property Option	Description
	In the paragraph's option set, the manufacturer options display as blue pills.

Enhancements

This section includes summaries of the enhancements made to existing features in this release.

Section Preview in the Element Library

In the Element Library, you can now preview families or sections in the traditional section view and in the MasterSpec style guide format. This enables you to view element content items of a family/section without leaving the element library.



To preview a family, select the family in the element library and click in the Edit Option pane.

Software Issues Resolved

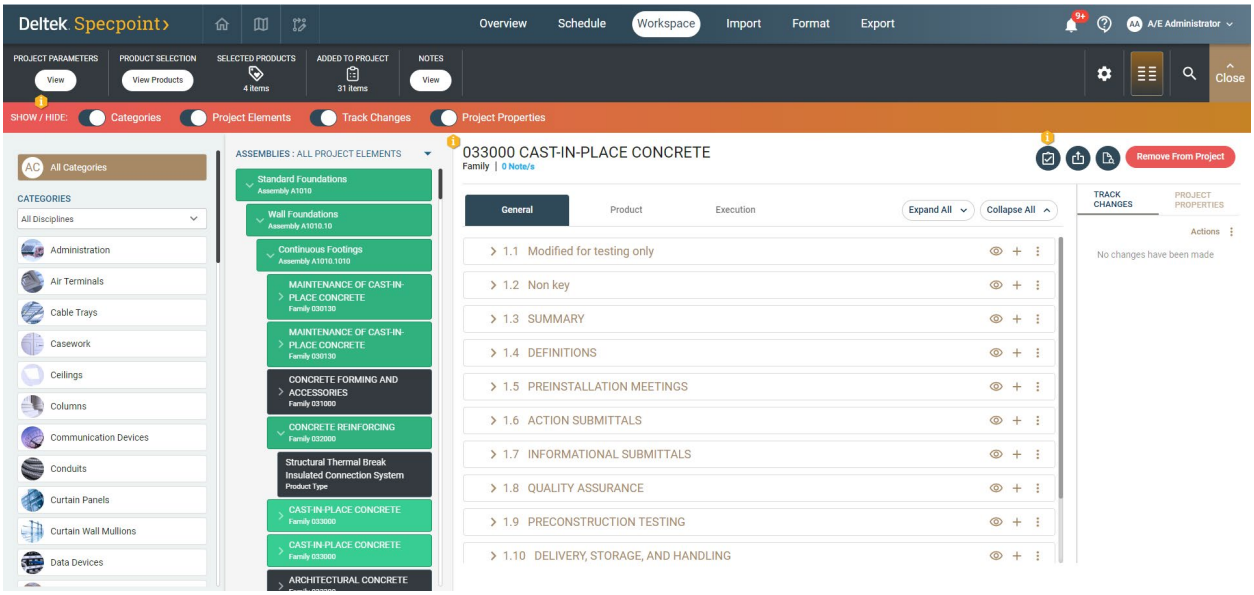
This section includes summaries of the resolved software issues in this release.

Project Workspace

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with working in the project workspace.

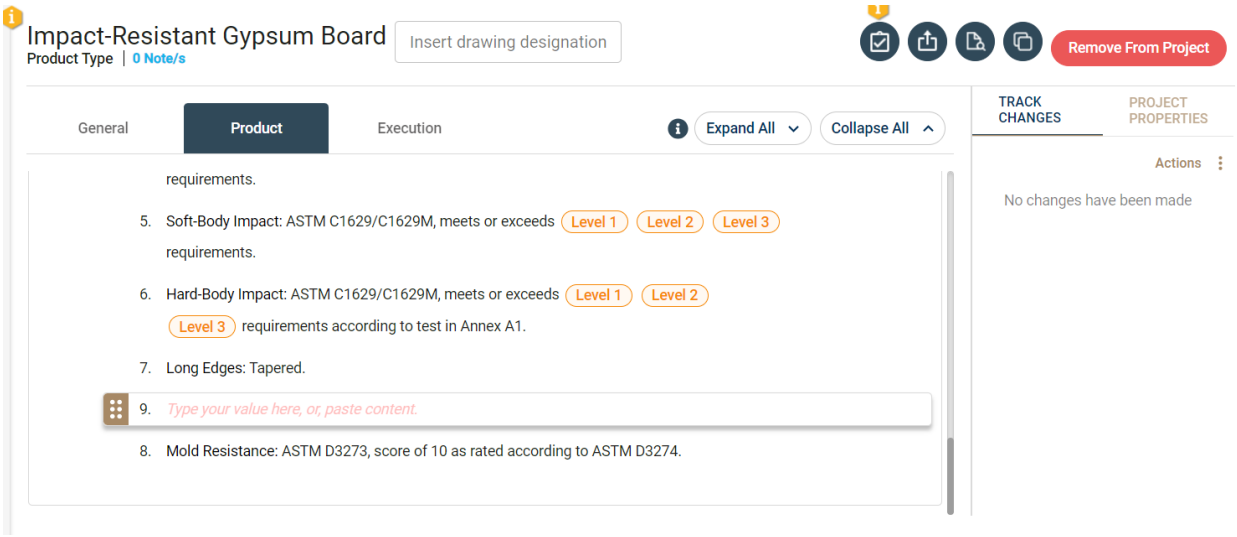
Duplicate Instances of Added Families

Bug 1960801: The Project Elements pane of the project workspace displayed duplicate instances of added families.



Canceling Paragraph Creation

Bug 1953501: In the project workspace, you were unable to cancel creating a paragraph. Pressing ESC while entering text for the paragraph content neither cancelled the editing nor deleted the new paragraph.



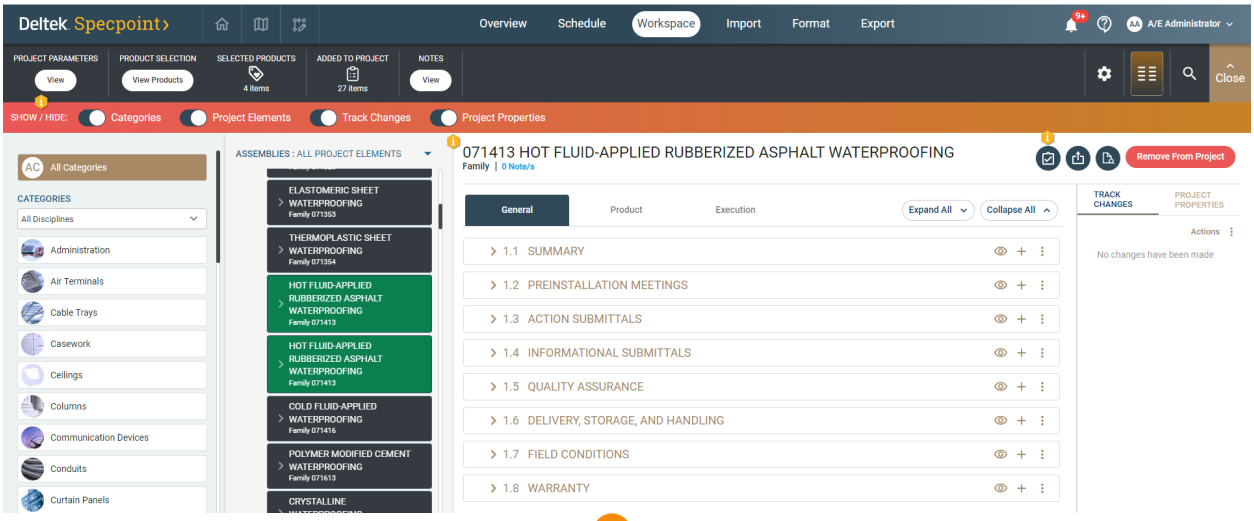
As a workaround, you needed to save the new paragraph and then delete the paragraph.

Office Master Management

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with office master families.

Duplicate Family Elements in a Project

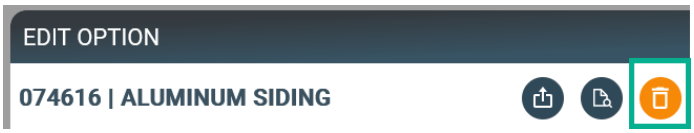
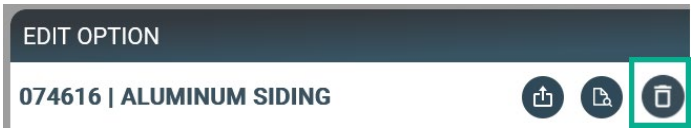
Bug 1959135: When you deleted a published office master family from the element library, the Project Elements pane of the project workspace displayed a duplicate instance of the family for all projects that added the family prior to deletion.



You can delete an office master family by clicking for the family in the element library.

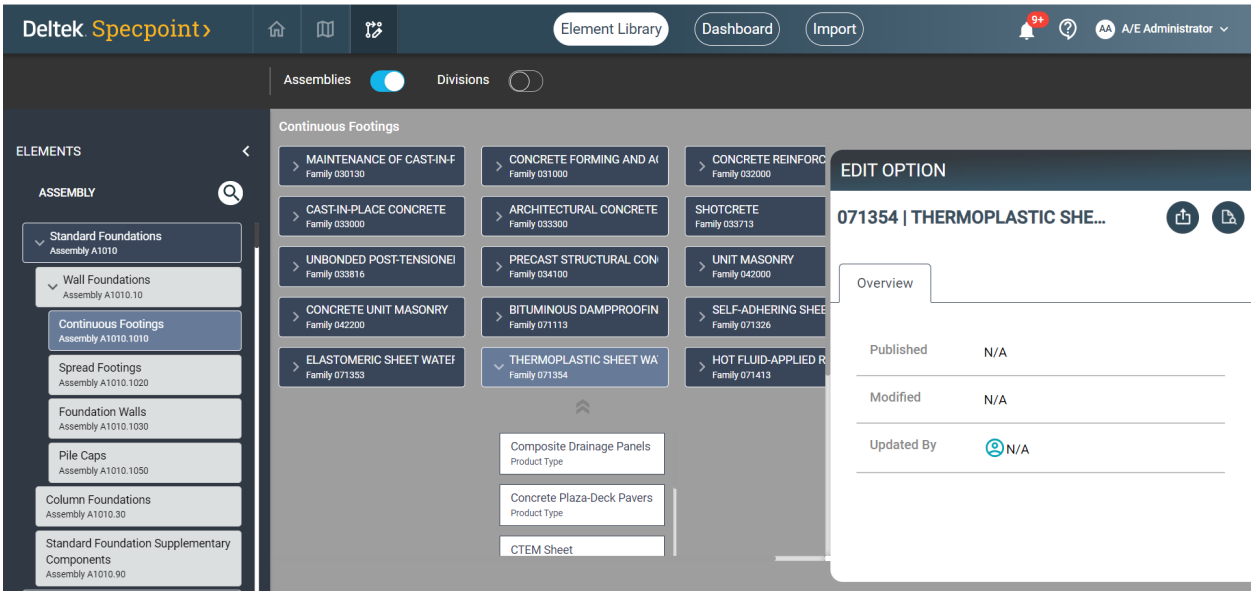
Delete Icon Color

Bug 1963700: The delete icon in the Edit Option pane for a selected family in the element library displayed in the incorrect color. Refer to the following table:

Icon Color	Description	Example
Orange	Correct	
Black	Incorrect	

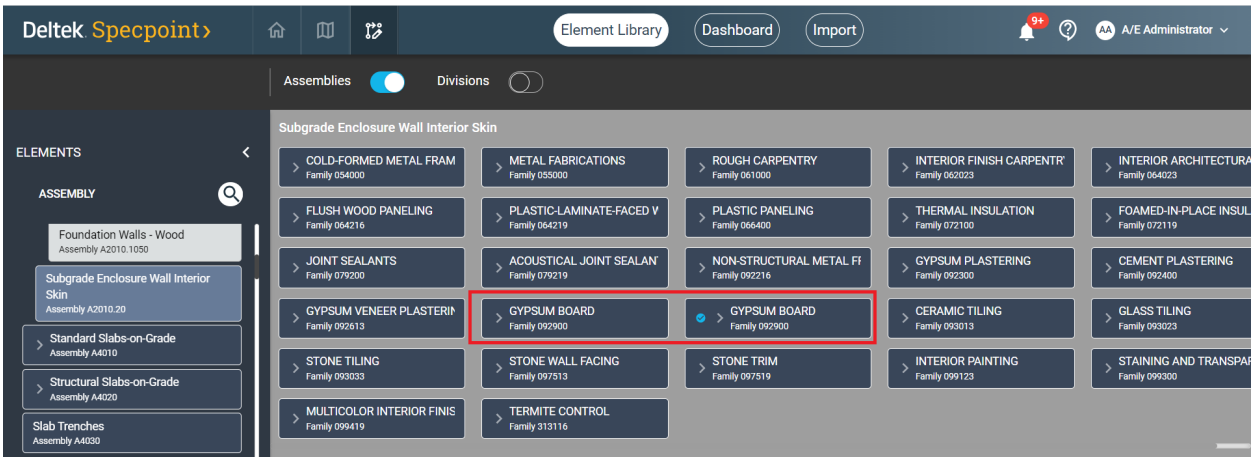
Office Master Family Data

Bug 1960588: The Edit Option pane in the element library displayed unnecessary publishing data for MasterSpec families. This pane should display only publishing data for your firm's office master families.



Missing Family Node for Existing Work Items

Bug 1960863: When you import an office master family as an update to a published office master family, the element library did not display a second family node with a check icon ( ) in the assembly view. You were unable to view the second node, which indicates a pending dashboard work item for the family.



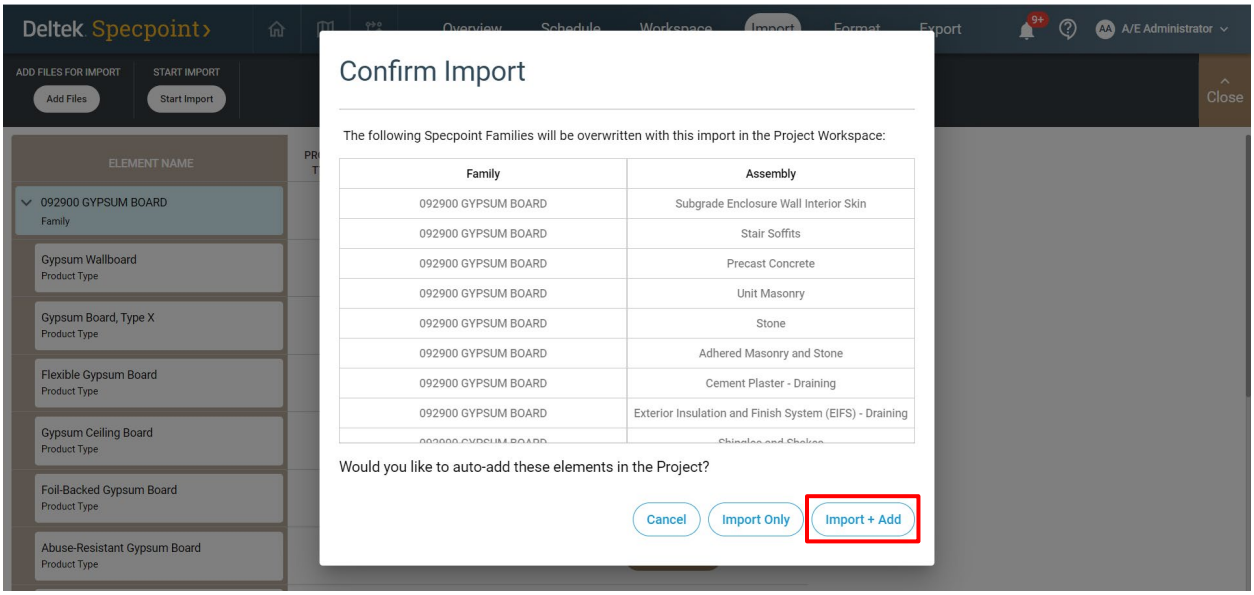
As a workaround, you needed to use divisions view to view the complete family nodes.

Family/Section Import

This section includes the descriptions of resolved software issues with project-level imports and office master imports.

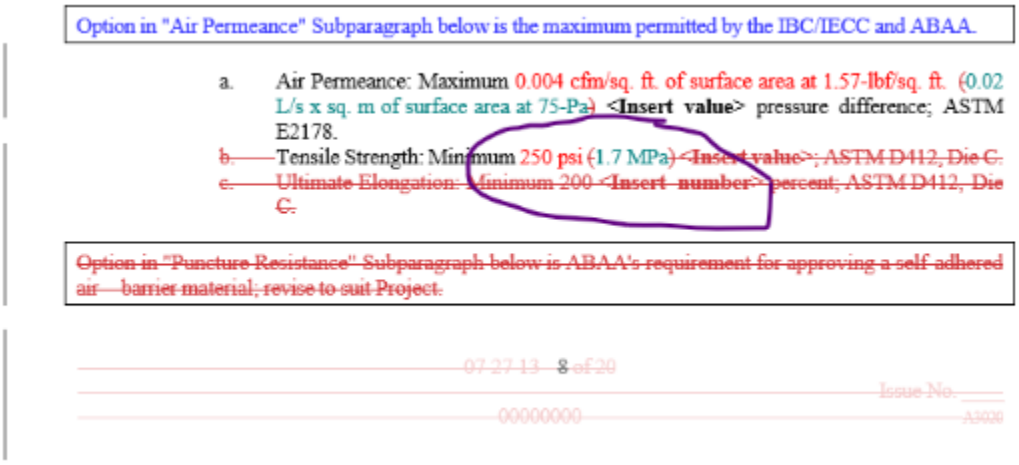
Unadded Product Types after Import

Bug 1940750: When you selected to import and add a family into your project, the platform did not automatically add product types under the imported family. On the Confirm Import dialog box on the Import page, the **Import + Add** button did not work correctly.

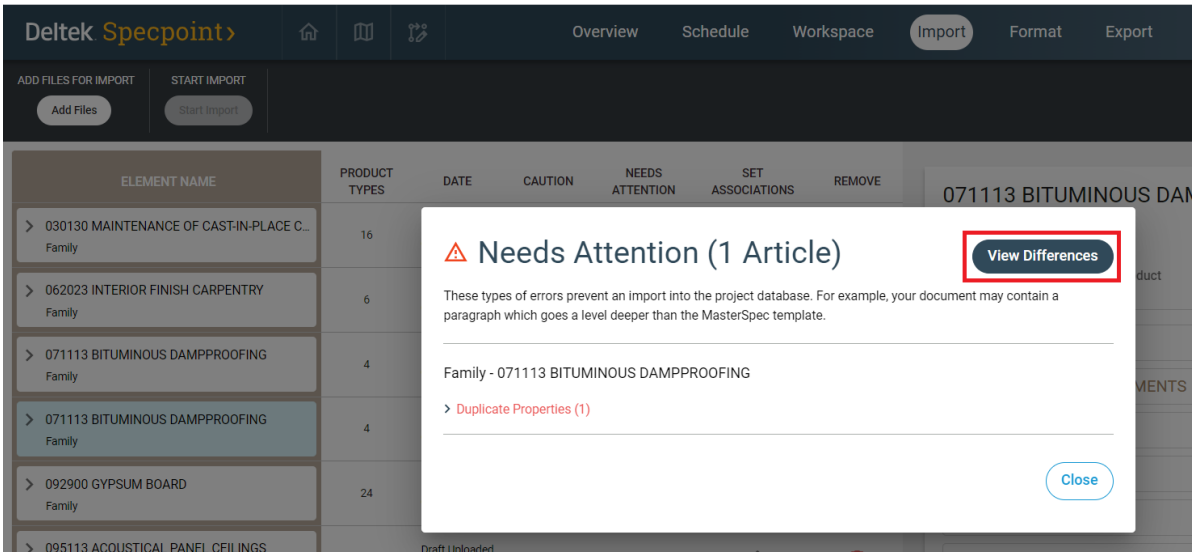


Deleted Paragraphs in View Differences File

Bug 1963616: When you imported a file with a unit of measure converted value that is enclosed in parentheses, the converter deleted the parentheses and struck out succeeding content in the View Differences file.



To view this file, click **View Differences** in the Needs Attention window for an imported family.



Incorrect Selected Options in Exported Sections

Bug 1966779: In your exported project sections, paragraphs included selected options that were different from your selections in the project workspace. This bug applied to both exporting a single section and exporting the project manual.

Appendix: For Additional Information

Specpoint Customer Assistance Program

To access Specpoint FAQ and training videos, register for the Specpoint Customer Assistance Program.

Deltek Support Center

The Deltek Support Center is a support website for Deltek customers who purchase an Ongoing Support Plan (OSP).

The following are some of the many options that the Deltek Support Center provides:

- Search for product documentation, such as release notes, install guides, technical information, online help topics, and white papers
- Ask questions, exchange ideas, and share knowledge with other Deltek customers through the Deltek Support Center Community
- Access Cloud-specific documents and forums
- Download the latest versions of your Deltek products
- Search Deltek's knowledge base
- Submit a support case and check on its progress
- Transfer requested files to a Deltek Customer Success analyst
- Subscribe to Deltek communications about your products and services
- Receive alerts of new Deltek releases and hot fixes
- Initiate a Chat to submit a question to a Deltek Customer Success analyst online

Attention: For more information regarding Deltek Support Center, refer to the online help available from the website.

Access Deltek Support Center

To access the Deltek Support Center:

1. Go to https://deltek.custhelp.com.
2. Enter your Deltek Support Center **Username** and **Password**.
3. Click **Login**.

Note: If you forget your username or password, you can click the **Need Help?** button on the login screen for help.

Available Documentation for this Release

The following table lists the Deltek documentation available for this release. Except where noted, all the user guides and quick reference guides listed in this table are available for download from the Deltek Support Center.

Document Name	Description
Deltek Specpoint 1.6 Release Notes for A/E Users	These release notes contain a summary of the new features, enhancements, and resolved software issues in an earlier release.
Deltek Specpoint 1.0 Release Notes for A/E Users	These release notes contain a summary of the key features for the first release of Specpoint.
Deltek Specpoint Help for A/E Users	This guide contains descriptions of and procedural information about features included in Specpoint. You can access this guide from Specpoint's help menu.
Deltek Specpoint SaaS Administrator Guide	This guide contains descriptions of and procedural information about features that are available for administrators who are responsible for the initial activation and ongoing management of Specpoint.
Deltek Specpoint MasterSpec Styles and Template Guide	This guide enables you to learn how to set up MasterSpec styles for your project specification sections in DOCX format through Microsoft® Word, prior to Specpoint import.

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