**What's New in M-Color 9**

**Highlights**

\# **Hand-drawing effect**
\# **One-click drop shadows**
\# **Translucent raster images, bitmap textures, and gradient fills**
\# **Smooth blending of raster images into the background (8-bit alpha channels)**
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\# **Faster, higher-quality bitmap exporting**
\# **50% smaller PDF files and support for PDF 1.5, including layer data**
\# **Other improvements**

**Hand-drawing effect**

A hand-drawn looks adds a touch of personality to your drawings. You can use different effects (curve, deviate, move ends, break and vary width, multiple line segments) to make the drawing look like it was hand-drawn. This is an excellent feature for use in casting initial sketches from your designs, for example.

**One-click drop shadows**

Adding drop shadows to text or graphics gives depth and flair to your layout. You can create drop shadows simply with the click of a button, then easily adjust the angle, distance, and feathering of the shadow.

**Translucent raster images, bitmap textures, and gradient fills**

You can make raster images partially transparent so that the background still shows through. You can use the same effect also for bitmap texture fillings and gradient fills. For example, imagine the possibilities of a gradient fill transitioning gradually towards transparency.

**Smooth blending of raster images into the background (8-bit alpha channels)**

All transparent raster images are now smoothly blended into the background. With the new 8-bit alpha channel support you can add photos of trees, people, etc. that blend into your drawing perfectly.

**Improved rendering quality and more powerful handling of translucency effects**

The rendering mechanism of M-Color has been completely renewed; as a result, the on-screen graphics are smooth and exact. Also, the previewing responds much more rapidly than before, especially when you have used transparent effects.

**Faster, higher-quality bitmap exporting**

The new technology of M-Color 9 enables you to export your drawing as a raster image in just a fraction of the time used by previous versions of M-Color. In addition, the quality of the resulting image is enhanced.

**50% smaller PDF files and support for PDF 1.5, including layer data**

With M-Color 9, you can generate small, high-quality PDF files. M-Color 9 also supports PDF 1.5, including inclusion of your CFG layer information in the resulting PDF file.

**Other improvements**

M-Color 9 supports hyperlinks in PDF files. Also, you can now also save CFG and PAL files into old formats and activate your M-Color license instantly online. Another improvement providing flexibility is the integration with the AutoCAD paper frame in Paper Space.

For automated usage of the software, APIs for bitmap exporting and CFG and PAL manipulation are included in the program.