

Importing dies

Pandora accepts CFF2, DDES2, and DXF die files. Use CFF2 and DDES2 formats because they are specifically intended for packaging, while DXF is a CAD format intended for industrial design.

Each job can include one or more dies and the dies can have multiple die stations.

Note: To control the placement of more than one die on the layout, set the preference for [Multiple Die Align](#).

1. Select **File > Import > Die**.
2. In the Import Die dialog box, browse to the location of the die file, select the file, and then click **Open** (Macintosh) or **Import** (Windows).
3. When the die appears in the **Die** folder on the **Content** tab of the **Information** window, drag it to the **layout** view. If you have already imported a substrate to the **layout** view, the software will center the die on the substrate.
4. If necessary, select **View > Fit in Window** so you can see the whole die(s) or die stations. For other zooming options and their keyboard shortcuts, use the **View** menu.
5. If the **Geometry** palette is not currently displayed, select **Window > Show Geometry Palette**.

When you drag dies to the **layout** view or move them within the layout, the new coordinates are displayed on the **Geometry** palette.

6. On the reference point diagram on the **Geometry** palette, click the reference point that you want to use to position the object.
7. In the **X** and **Y** boxes of the **Geometry** palette, type the coordinates of the position to which you want to move the die.

You can also position dies by using one of these methods:

- Dragging them into place.
- Using the arrow keys to nudge them into place. Check the **Geometry** palette to view the coordinates of the new position.
- Positioning guides at the target location, and then dragging the selected die to that position.