



# Gerber OMEGA™

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**Q: What is Gerber OMEGA software?**

A: OMEGA software is a complete suite of design and production tools for creating signs and graphics using cut vinyl, Gerber flatbed routing and finishing tables, Gerber EDGE digital images, and files for use in large format inkjet workflows.

It includes:

- ◆ Complete vector and image design capabilities.
- ◆ Plotter, router, and EDGE output including print-to-cut for the EDGE.
- ◆ Robust import and export capabilities.
- ◆ Direct hot folder support for printing to the Gerber Solara™ UV2 and other inkjets using ONYX® products and other RIPs.
- ◆ Support for print-to-cut workflows via file export to ONYX and other RIPs
- ◆ Support for spot colors to output to the EDGE, or exported named colors to ONYX products or other RIPs.

**Q: What is the current version of OMEGA?**

A: OMEGA is at version 3.0 as of February 23, 2009.

**Q: *What's New in OMEGA 3.0?***

A: OMEGA 3.0 adds dozens of enhancements designed to save time and add value to your graphics production. Some of the biggest features of OMEGA 3.0 include ReAction, Image enhancement and adjustment features, the ability to create soft shadows and convert vectors into images using the new "Convert to Image" tool, an improved Choke / Spread capability for GERBER EDGE color registration, Medial Axis and Perspective Shadow vector effects, pre-set effects templates, GSPPlot Output enhancements, 1D and 2D barcode generation, and much more!

**Q: *How and when can I get OMEGA 3.0?***

A. OMEGA 3.0 will begin shipping from Gerber on February 23, 2009. Contact your Gerber Distributor for ordering and pricing details.

**Q: *How can I learn more about OMEGA?***

A: Contact your local Gerber Distributor, or see the features of OMEGA 2.5 through 3.0 as "What's New" documents or as video presentations on Gerber's web site: [www.gspinc.com/omega](http://www.gspinc.com/omega).

**Q: *Why would I buy OMEGA 3.0?***

A. ReAction is an important new feature that makes editing of designs much simpler and faster. For example, if you have a design with text, outlines, shadows and colors assigned, you can change any of these elements and the change is automatically reflected in all of the functions. Even graphical edits such as moving and sizing designs is easier and faster.

Plus you can add value to designs very quickly and easily with the new soft shadow, perspective shadow, medial axis, and pre-made design templates.

OMEGA 3.0 includes features that make label and decal production faster and easier, including barcoding capabilities with variable date, easier finishing features, and the ability to re-use output parameters.

**Q: *Is OMEGA 3.0 easy to install?***

A: There are many installation enhancements designed to make your upgrade transition smooth and seamless. OMEGA 3.0 is included on a single DVD instead of 4 CDs, including OMEGA programs, fonts, libraries, profiles and What's New information.

**Q: *Are you Windows Vista compatible?***

A: Yes. OMEGA 2.6 and later run on Windows Vista (32 bit).

**Q: *Is OMEGA only used for Gerber devices and files?***

A. No. OMEGA drives popular vinyl cutters, and imports and exports popular file formats from many different programs. (See list on next page)

Here is a subset of files that OMEGA imports:

- ◆ AI
- ◆ PDF
- ◆ EPS
- ◆ PS
- ◆ TIF
- ◆ JPG
- ◆ BMP
- ◆ TTF
- ◆ Windows Clipboard
- ◆ More!

**Q: *I have a wide format inkjet. How can I use my OMEGA files with it?***

A: OMEGA supports an inkjet workflow by supporting the features used by RIP programs from ONYX, SAi, Wasatch, and others. Continue to design in OMEGA, then export directly to a RIP. Here are some of the features supported by OMEGA that can be imported or exported to EPS files and used directly by inkjet RIPs.

- ◆ Export GERBER EDGE Spot Colors and Gerber Vinyl Colors with named RGB colors or named CMYK colors, or without names.
- ◆ GERBER EDGE Color Lookup tables for use in 3<sup>rd</sup> party RIPs available on [www.gspinc.com](http://www.gspinc.com)
- ◆ Export Named PANTONE® Colors.
- ◆ Cut Layers for a print to cut workflow.
- ◆ CutContour Colors for a print to cut workflow.
- ◆ Import and Export TIF and JPG files.