

Alibre Design Tutorial - Simple Revolve

Translucent Glass Lamp Globe

Part Tutorial

Exercise 2: Globe-1

In this Exercise, We will set System Parameters first. Then, in sketch mode, we will first Outline the Bowl with arcs & straight lines. Then we will use the Revolve Feature to create the Bowl.

Open a New Part workspace.

From the Home window - select **File, New, Part**.

Maximise the Part Workspace Window.

Click on the Maximize selection Box to give a full screen work area.

Set Design Properties.

Select **File, Properties**.

A) Select the Tab Marked "**General**"

- In Description: insert the information: 'Translucent Glass Lamp Globe'.

- In Curve Smoothness, Select the Radio Button marked '**Automatic**'.

B) Select the Tab Marked "**Units**"

- Check off the Box 'Show Units for Dimensions'.

- On '**Display Units**' - confirm Unit: is Inches, Format: is Decimals and Precision: is 4. Adjust if not.

- On '**Angle**' - Confirm Angle: is Degrees and Precision: is 4. Adjust to these parameters if not.

- On '**Spinner Increment**' - for 'Length:' enter .0500 " and for 'Angle:' enter 0.5000 degrees.

C) Select the Tab marked '**Physical**'

- Change '**Accuracy:**' to Low. Click on the '**Calculate**' Button.

D) Select the Tab marked "**Apply Options**"

- On '**Apply Changes to**'- Click the Radio Button beside '**The Current Document**'

- Click "**Apply**", then Click **Close**.

Set Part Options.

From Top Text Menu - Select - "Tools"> "Options:">

General > Select or confirm checked off are: **Show popup on errors**, all **Hints**. In '**Design**' - Prompt for newer versions, Snap to working plane, Prompt to edit sketch, Prompt on detecting parameters with missing external link, Reorient on extrude, Keep model in View. In '**Show as Default**' - Planes, Annotations, and Sketches.

Grid > Spacing: Make X: 0.0500 " and Y: 0.0500 ", check off (check mark in box) **Display Grid**, and **Snap to Grid**.

Color Scheme> For '**Scheme:**' - confirm - Dark Background Scheme.

Click '**OK**'.

Create the Profile Sketch.

From the Top Text Menu - Select Sketch > Activate Sketch.

From the Top Text Menu - Select Sketch > Figures > Line.

- Locate the **Origin**, click - move right 1.5" along the 'X-axis' and **double click**.
- Select - From the Top Text Menu - **View > Zoom > Zoom to Fit**.
- Click on the finishing end of this line (Still in Line mode); drag up three grid squares (0.1500") and left one Grid Square (0.0500"), **double click**.
- Select - from the Top Text Menu - **Sketch > Dimension**.
- Select the first line along its length, drag down slightly to locate the Dimension, and click, then press **Enter**.
- Select the first line, press the '**shift**' key and **hold**, select the second line. Drag the mouse slightly up and in to the center of the angular space, click. Select all the numbers in the selection box, and Type 45.0 - press **Enter**.
- Select the now 45 degree angling Line, drag up and to the right slightly, click. Edit the Numbers to 0.5000". Press **Enter**.
- Select the Annotation of the Dimension and drag it from between the dimension lines, out of the way.
- Select Zoom to Fit from the Top Row of Icons (Magnifying Glass with Document). **Click**.
- Select Zoom Mode from the top Row of Icons (Magnifying Glass with '+'). **Click**. Click in the work area near top, and drag down to zoom out. Adjust the size of the base line to allow it to be about screen center.
- From the Right Hand two columns of Icons, Select the '**Line**' Icon from the inside Column (Sketch Menu Icons).
- From the Origin, Click and Place a Vertical Line (90 Degrees) up the 'Y-Axis' 5.5000". **Double Click**.
- Place a Horizontal Line approximately mid-way up the vertical line but not touching it. Make it about 1.0".
- On the Same Column of Icons, select the fly-out triangle on the Third Icon from the Top, (Options), Select the 5th Icon from the Right - '**Midline Constraint**'.
- Select the Vertical Line, Click it, (It becomes Yellow as you move the cursor away), Hold '**Shift**' and Select the point at the end of the Horizontal line just placed. The line will move to the exact mid point of the vertical line.
- Click in open space in the work area to de-select the Vertical Line.
- From the Sketch Icons, Select '**Circular Arc - Center, Start, End**'.
- Click on the Vertical Line Mid Point, then at the Top of the Vertical Line, then Sweep an Arc down to the Right, selecting the Bottom of the Vertical Line - at the **Origin**, and **Click**.
- Select **Zoom to Fit** from the Top Row of Icons (Magnifying Glass with Document). **Click**.
- Select - from the Top Text Menu - **Sketch > Select**. (Note the Select 2nd Down Icon in the Sketch Menu Icons).
- Select the Horizontal Line at the Mid Point of the Vertical Line, Click. Press the **Delete** Key.
- Select - from the Top Text Menu - **Sketch > Trim**. (Note the Trim Icon, 6th up in the Sketch Menu Icons).
- With Trim Activated, Select the Lowest portion of the Arc between the 45-Degree Line and the **Origin**. **Click**.
- In the Top Icons, Select '**Zoom to Window**' Icon (Magnifying Glass with an Arrow).
- Select a Window area around the now bottom of the arc and the 45 Degree Line. (**Click, Drag, Release**).
- With Trim Still Activated, Select the overhanging end of the 45-Degree Line. **Click**.
- Just below the Activated 'Trim' Icon, Select '2D Fillet'. **Click** the Bottom of the Arc, and **Shift Click** the 45-Degree Line. In the Fillet Figures Popup, show '**Figures to fillet**' - Circular Arc<9> and Line<10>.
- Set the Radius at .1500 " by clicking the down arrow selection. **Click 'Apply'**. Click '**Close**'.
- Select the '**Select**' Icon in the Sketch Menu Icons.
- Click the Annotation '**R.1500** "' and re-locate the figure into clear space.
- Select '**Offset**' Icon in the Sketch Menu Icons. (3rd up from Bottom). Edit Distance to .0500 "
- Select the 45-Degree Line, the Fillet Arc, and the Upper Arc. (Remember to hold Shift for 2nd and 3rd selections). In the Figures to offset: Line<10>, Circular Arc<12>, Circular Arc<9>.
- If the Offset line is outside, **click** the Box beside '**Flip direction**'. Leave '**Gap Type**' set at 'Natural'. **Click 'OK'**. Select **Zoom to Fit**. **Click**.
- Select the Horizontal Line on the 'X-Axis'. Select Delete.
- Select the **Trim** Icon, and Trim the Vertical Line, selecting between the **Origin** and the inside Offset Line. **Click**.
- Select the **Line** Icon, Select '**Zoom to Window**', drag a window around the bottom two 45-Degree lines.
- Connect a line between the inside and outside 45-Degree Lines.
- Select - from the Top Text Menu - **Sketch > Analyse**. **Click** the '**Analyse**' Button in the '**Analyse Sketch**' Popup.
- Observe the message below the '**Analyse**' Button: 'No potential problems detected in the sketch for the current check levels...' **Click 'Close'**. Select **Zoom to Fit**. **Click**.

Create the Revolve Globe from the Profile Sketch.

- Select - from the Top Text Menu - **Feature** > **Boss** > **Revolve**. Change the 'Label:' to Globe-Revolution<1>.
- **Click** in the selection for 'Axis:', Select the Vertical Axis - the 'Y-Axis'. **Click 'OK'**. There is your Globe!
- Select **Zoom to Fit**. **Click**. This Centers the Globe in the Part Window.

Finishing Touches

Notice the Globe Has a Faceted or Flat Spot series of edges. To correct this, Adjust Curve Smoothness.

Select File > Properties.

Select the Tab Marked "General"

- In **Curve Smoothness**, Select the 'Manual' Radio Button, Change 'Minimal Circular Facets:' from 18 to 48.
- **Click Apply**. **Click 'Close.'**
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To Finish the Special Touches:

- Select from the Top Text Menu, **Edit** > **Color Properties** > Select the 0% in **Reflectivity**, and change the 0 to 10.
 - **Click** on the 'Color' Button, > Select the White Square in the lower right corner of the 'Basic Colors'. **Click 'OK'**
 - Select the Opacity 100% and change the 100 to 90, press 'Tab'. **Click 'OK'**.
- Select - **File** - **Save As**: In the 'Name:' Field - change 'New Part (1)' to Globe-1.
Create a New folder to save this file in, called 'Tutorials'. **Click 'Save'**.

To see the Globe in Different Angles, click the mouse in the work area, **Press and hold both Left and Right mouse buttons**, and move the mouse around to control the viewing position of the part.

Congratulations!
You have completed the Translucent Glass Lamp Globe

(Text Version)

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