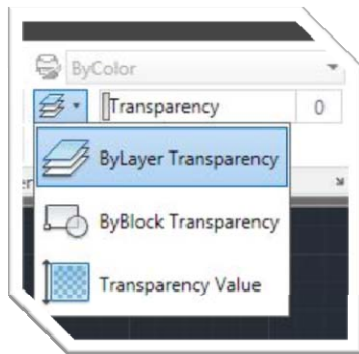
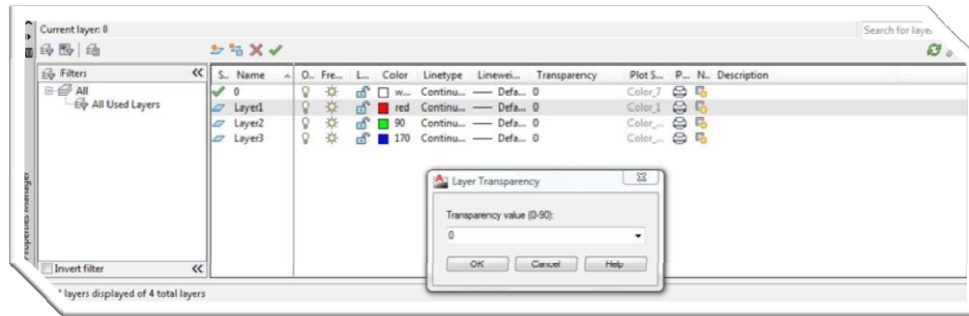


Using Transparency in AutoCAD 2011

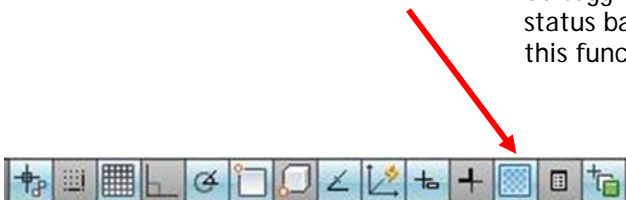
Properties can tell you everything about an object in AutoCAD. Everything from where and how big an object is, to how that object appears. With the release of AutoCAD 2011, users now have the ability to change a new property, transparency. This allows us to change the opacity of single objects, or even at a mass scale such as applying it to an entire layer.

Changing the transparency of a layer can be done from the layer property manager. It has its own column; a single pick in the corresponding layer will open another dialog box. A number from 0 to 90 can be entered, with 0 being normal and 90 being the most transparent a layer can be.



Users can also change the transparency of single objects as well. In the property over-ride panel, one can choose how the transparency of an object is decided. There are 3 choices, by layer, by block, and by the transparency value bar. If the last option is selected, users can slide the value bar up and down to see the model update dynamically.

Also, similar to line weight, transparency can be toggled on and off at a mass scale. On the status bar, there has been an icon added for this function.



By adding properties it allows users to further customize and organize their drawings. Even something so simple as allowing users to make objects transparent, can make communicating their ideas easier and more efficient.