

BEC Automation Tool

User Guide Document

BEC - Solid Edge Customization Project

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Scope



The scope of this document is to provide information on the functionalities of each automation tool to offer a better understanding of its purpose, functions, and user interfaces.

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Installation



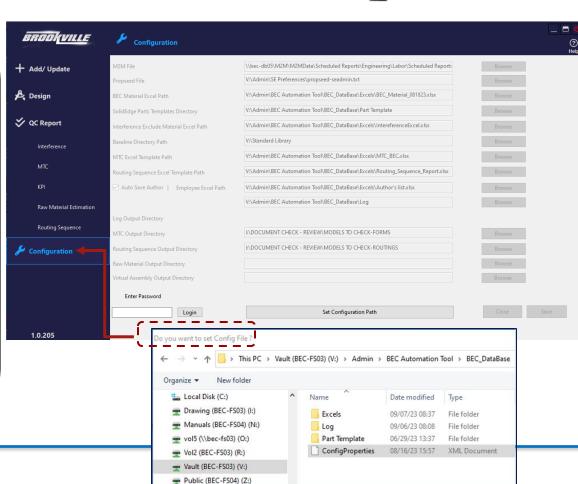
- → If the BEC Automation Tool is not automatically deployed through IT, every user intending to use the tool must manually install the "BEC Automation Tool.exe" file on their local drive.
- → Next, the user should assign appropriate file locations by accessing the "Configuration" within the tool's configuration tab.
- → Once these steps are completed, the user can commence using the tool while following the further guidelines outlined in this document.
- → Please be aware that certain tool functions may generate log files containing errors or warnings. Each log can be found in the setup folder under the "Logs" directory.
- → Users can refer to these logs to identify any part numbers causing errors and take the necessary corrective actions

File Location



- 1. When each version of the tool is automatically deployed, a prompt window will appear upon the first startup. Windows will prompt the user to locate a configuration file located at the following path:

 "V:\Admin\BEC Automation
 Tool\BEC DataBase\ConfigProperties.xml".
- 2. Selecting this file will automatically assign all the necessary paths in the configuration tab.
- The Lead User also has the option to edit individual paths by entering a password (Bec@1234). Saving these changes will override the existing configuration file



File Location



- → Refer to the below table to understand the input database which is referred by each tool to get desired outputs
- → User/Admin can only update or add the values if required.
- → Any changes in database template and alignments may cause failure in processing

Tool	Hedge Excel	Part Template	Authorlist	Bend Table	BEC Material	mederice Material	MIC Report	Propseed	Draft list	MINSheet	Routing Report
Virtual Structure											
New Part Creation											
Parts Sheetmetal Update											
Assembly File Validation											
Interference Report											
Automated Check Tool (MTC)											
KPI Report											
Raw Material Estimation											
Routing Sequence											

Virtual Structure



Purpose: Automating the creation of a top-level assembly structure (900 Level) by using BEC hedge/Excel data and incorporating reference assemblies to decrease dependence on the top-level assembly.

Functions:

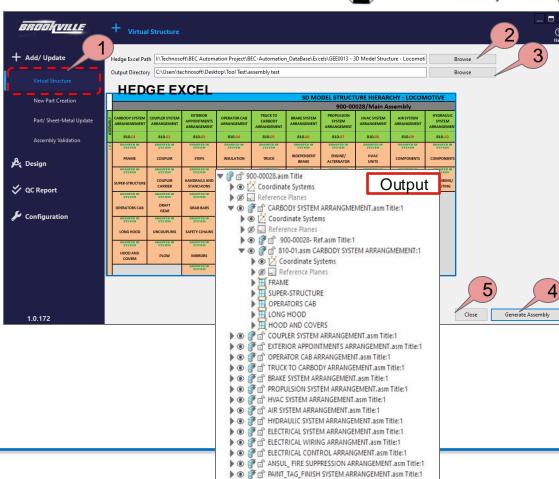
- → The tool fetches assembly titles & numbers from hedge excel
- → Generate blank assembly structure in solid edge as per hedge Excel input
- → The tool adds top-level reference assembly under each 810-level

Constraint:

→ Any changes in the Hedge documents template can cause possible failure in the tool.

Virtual Structure

- Launch the Automation tool and access the Virtual Structure tool by clicking on it.
- Click the "Browse" button next to the hedge Excel path and choose the input hedge Excel file for the structure.
- Click the "Browse" button next to the directory and designate the output folder for the assembly.
- 4. Once all paths are assigned, click the "Generate Assembly" button to initiate the process. Upon completion, the output assembly file will be available in the specified output folder.
- 5. If necessary, close the tool to use other tools.
- Subsequently, users can copy and transfer the designed components to the appropriate reference assembly



New Part Creation



Purpose: To generate new Profile/structure and sheet metal file as per BEC standard

Functions:

- → This tool generates sheet metal and structural part files using the BEC standard sizes database.
- → Users can choose the category and file properties from a dropdown menu, and these selections will be applied to the newly created part.

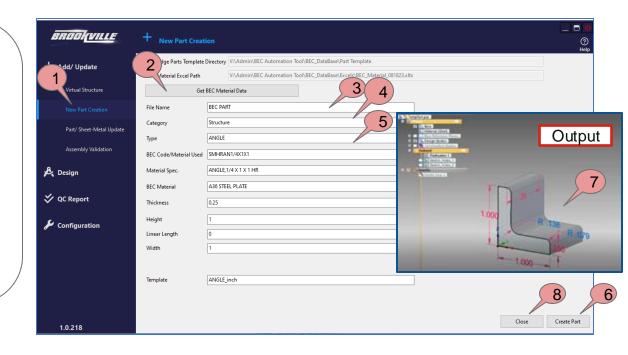
Constraint:

→ Any changes in the BEC Material Data Excel format can cause possible failure in the tool.

New Part Creation



- 1. Launch the Automation tool and access new part creation by clicking on it.
- Click on "Get BEC material data" to retrieve data from the BEC material Excel.
- Provide a preferred file name.
- Choose a category from the dropdown menu.
- From the dropdown menus, select the type and material.
- Click "create part" to generate a new file with the specified properties.
- 7. New part will be created in the solidedge.
- If necessary, close the tool feature to use other tools.



Part File Validation



Purpose: To verify and revise properties of part and sheet metal files in accordance with BEC standards.

Functions:

- → The tool will extract properties from the presently opened part and display them in the existing part details section.
- → Any variations in properties when compared to the standard BEC Material Data Excel will be brought to attention by the tool.
- → Users are provided with the choice to select new properties and apply them to their active parts or sheet metal files.

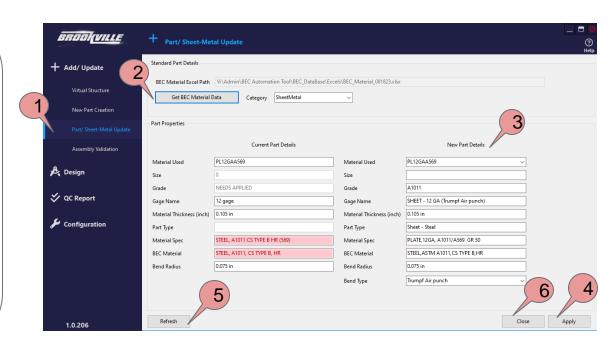
Constraint:

- → The tool will work on one part at a time.
- → The tool will only work on .psm and .part (structure) files.

Part File Validation



- Open the desired part in Solid Edge and Activate the tool by clicking on it.
- Click Get BEC material data to fetch data from BEC material Excel.
- In the event of the tool detecting any inconsistencies in the current part details, users can address these by accessing the "New Part Details" section and modifying the "Material Used", "Gage Name" or "Bend Type" accordingly.
- 4. Apply button to assign new properties to part.
- 5. Click the refresh button to reset the tool.
- Close the tool to use other tools if needed



Assembly Validation



Purpose: To validate and update multiple parts from the assembly

Functions:

- → The tool will extract properties from the presently opened assembly file and display them in the "Current details" section.
- → Any variations in properties when compared to the standard BEC Material Data Excel will be brought to attention by the tool.
- → Users are provided with the choice to select new properties and apply them to their active parts or sheet metal files.

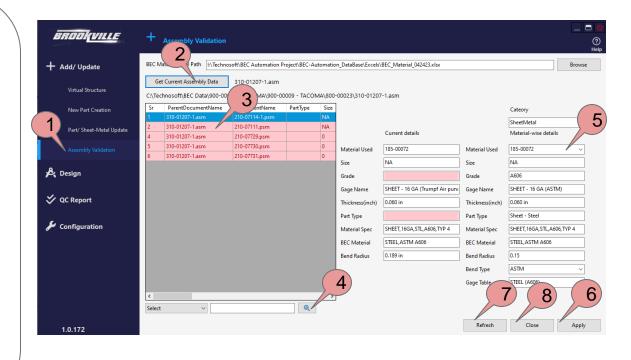
Constraint:

- → The tool will work only with assembly files.
- → The tool will read only top-level parts.

Assembly Validation



- Open the desired assembly in Solid Edge launch the Automation tool and access the Assembly validation tool by clicking on it.
- Click "Get BEC Material Data" to read BEC Material Data and fetch assembly parts
- 3. Click on part to get current properties under current details
- Users can search by part properties using the search option.
- Select material from the dropdown to assign new material user can also assign a gage table from the dropdown for sheet metal
- Click Apply button to assign new properties to part
- Click the refresh button to reset the tool.
- 8. Close the tool to use other tools if needed



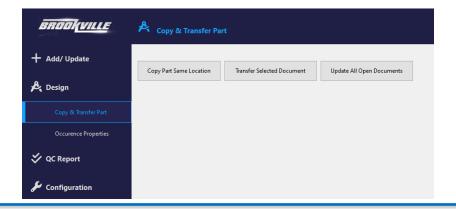
Copy and Transfer



Purpose: To conveniently transfer the desired part to another level of assembly without losing the original position of the part

Functions:

- This tool assists the user in duplicating multiple parts within the same location.
- This tool aids the user in relocating multiple parts to a different assembly.



Occurrence Properties



Purpose: To conveniently assign occurrence property for reference model in assembly

Functions:

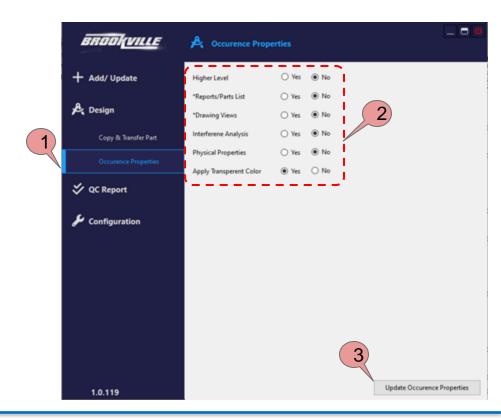
- Tool helps users to assign preset occurrence properties for reference models in assembly.
- Preset occurrence property options can be changed as per need.

Update Occurence Properties

Occurrence Properties



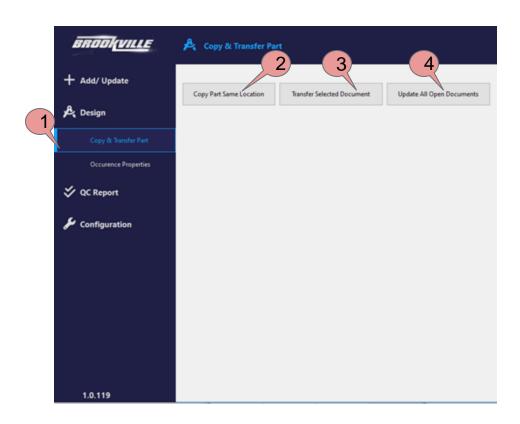
- Open the desired assembly in Solid Edge and Activate the "Occurrence Property" tool by clicking on it.
- Check desired preset setting and change it if required.
- 3. Clicking "Update Occurrence Property" will apply property on the selected part.



Copy and Transfer



- Open the desired assembly in Solid Edge and Activate the "Copy and Transfer" tool by clicking on it.
- Select part or parts in the assembly tree and press "Copy Part Same Location". Parts will copy on the same location.
- Select a part in the assembly tree and press
 Transfer Selected Document. The solid edge
 transfer menu will open and select desired
 destination assembly from the menu.
- 4. Click on Update All Open Documents if changes don't reflect in assembly.



Interference Report



Purpose: To check interference at the top level and child level by excluding specific materials and generate interference reports

Functions:

- → The tool allows users to remove specific materials from the interference report
- → Users can review child interferences.
- → Users can also review top-level interferences.
- → Finally, the tool will generate an interference report

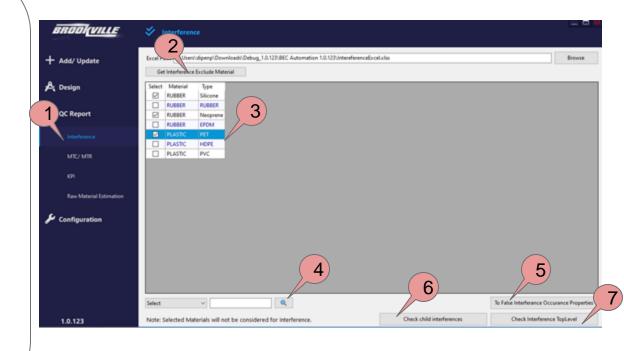
Constraint:

→ The tool will only work on assembly files

Interference Report

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- To begin, open the desired assembly in Solid Edge and activate the "Interference" tool by selecting it.
- Next, click on "get interference excludes material" to import material data from Excel.
- From the provided list, choose the materials you wish to exclude from the interference report. You can also use the search or filter function at the bottom for specific materials.
- 4. Utilize the search tool to find specific materials in the list.
- Click on "To false interference occurrence properties" to apply to exclude the selected materials.
- Subsequently, click on "Check child interference" to inspect child interference and generate a report.
- Alternatively, click on "Check interference Top-level" to examine interference and create a report.
- 8. The generated report will be saved in the assembly location in .txt format.



KPI Report



Purpose: Generate consolidated datasheets for the KPI dashboard, enabling the visualization and analysis of key performance indicators related to designers' reviews. This facilitates an understanding of how designers are meeting specific BEC standards and their overall performance.

Functions:

- → Once the user assigns the desired MTC MTR report path, The tool process all the reports of the different projects and merged them into the KPI excel data sheet in .csv format
- → Power Bi dashboard is already linked with the datasheets.
- → Refreshing the power BI dashboard will sync all the recent reports on the dashboard

Constraint:

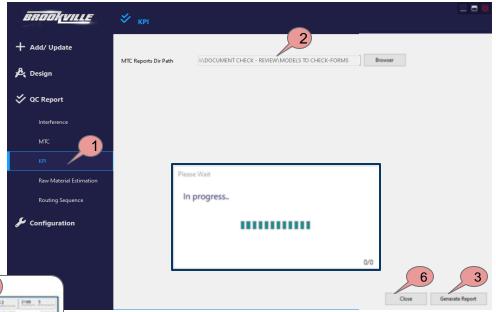
Any manual changes in the report may cause an error in the dashboard or data may not visualize properly.

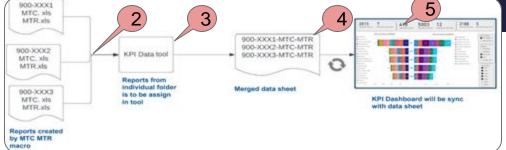
KPI Report



- Open the Automation tool and Activate the KPI tool by clicking on it.
- 2. Tool fetches MTC reports from the default paths
- 3. Clicking "Generate Report" will initiate the process.
- 4. Once the process is completed it will create a KPI_Report.csv file on the assigned destination

 Path: INDOCUMENT CHECK REVIEWMODELS TO CHECK-FORMS
- 5. Replacing the old file and refreshing the power Bl data will update the Dashboard
 - Path: V:\Admin\BEC Automation Tool\BEC-KPI REPORT.pbix
- Close the tool to use other tools if needed





Automated Check Tool



Purpose: To Automate the check and (MTC) process to reduce ECO and re-work.

Functions:

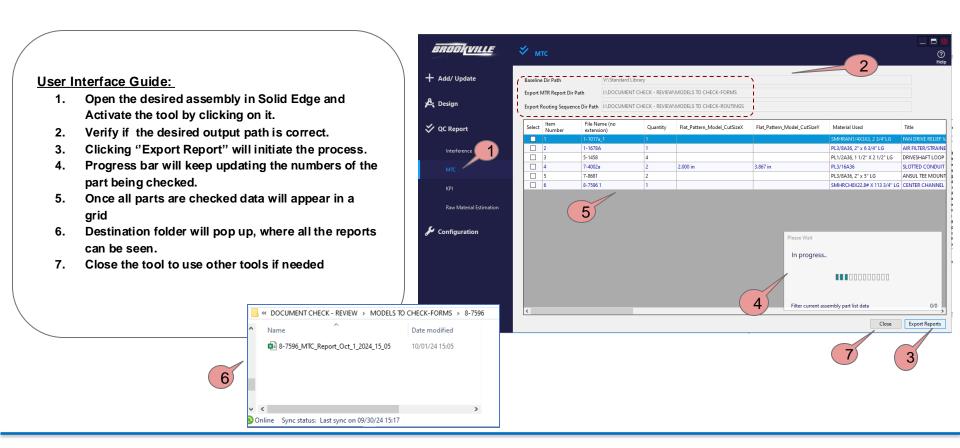
- → This tool is designed to generate reports for both assemblies and individual models.
- → The tool retrieves assembly metadata and compares these values with BEC NPM standards and M2M Data.
- → Additionally, it validates these values while providing appropriate remarks in accordance with MTC checkpoints.
- → The tool categorizes reports based on part categories such as Assembly, Sheet Metal, Part, Baseline, and Electrical.
- → Furthermore, it identifies baseline models with paths that deviate from the defined path and highlights them.
- → The tool generates one common MTC report for all users.
- → Additionally, an extra report is created specifically for the Routing Sequence Tool (RST).

Constraint:.

- → Ensure that only the desired model is open in Solid Edge; no other models should be open when using this tool.
- → Incorrect modeling practices can lead to errors in the tool's functionality.
- → The tool has the capability to identify and highlight most modeling errors that can potentially cause the tool to crash. These problematic part numbers will be indicated in the reports.
- → In the event of a tool crash, users can consult the log file to pinpoint the problematic part and proceed with necessary repairs.
- → If the tool crashes, the user can refer log file to identify the problematic part and repair it.

Automated Check Tool





Raw Material Estimation



Purpose: To generate detailed raw material estimations report of assembly.

Functions:

- → This tool consolidates metadata and produces comprehensive raw material estimation reports from it.
- → The report provides information on the total ordered area and length for similar BEC numbers.
- → Furthermore, it categorizes the report according to different categories such as plate, profile, and hardware.

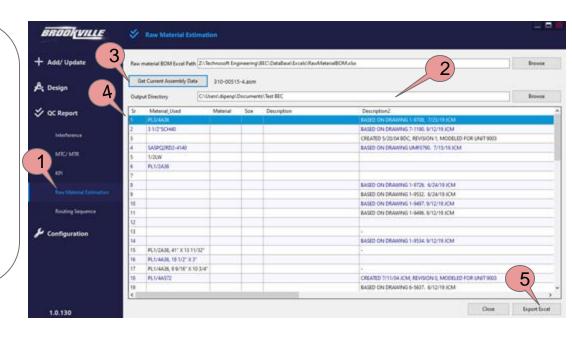
Constraint:

- → The tool cannot identify sizes if the part has been modeled incorrectly.
- → In such instances, users may need to manually input the values into the final report.
- → The tool cannot compute sizes if properties are left empty or contain spelling errors.

Raw Material Estimation



- To start, open the assembly you want in Solid Edge and then activate the "Raw Material Estimation" tool by simply clicking on it.
- 2. Next, specify where you want the report to be saved as the output destination.
- 3. Afterwards, kickstart the process by clicking on "Get Current Assembly Data."
- Once the process is finished, the report will be displayed in the grid.
- To create the report in your chosen location, click on "Export Excel."
- 6. Lastly, the folder containing the output report will automatically open in Windows Explorer.



Routing Sequence Tool



Purpose: To generate sequence report and calculate pro time and arrange WC process codes.

Functions:

- → The tool will fetch part numbers and WC process codes from input report.
- → The tool will arrange WC process code in sequence and display in grid.
- → User can add and update processes using tool.
- → The tool has pro time calculator which helps user to add pro time manually.
- → User can improvise process code logic in input excel to get desire results in tool.
- → User can modify existing properties values from tool.
- → User can approve and generate sequence report category wise.

Constraint:

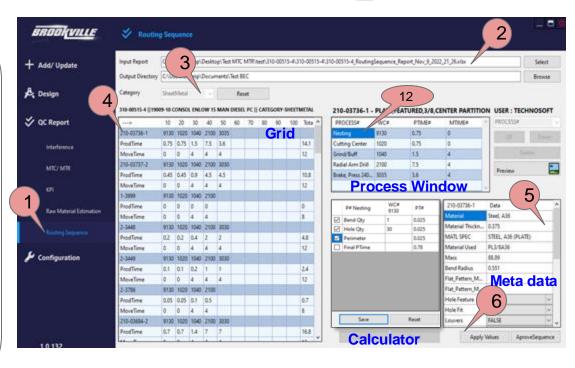
- → Tool is unable to calculate pro time or process if properties are empty in input report.
- → At present tool is process WC based on basic logics which is added in "Routing_Sequence_Report". User can modify or add logics in excel template stored on below path:

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Routing Sequence Tool

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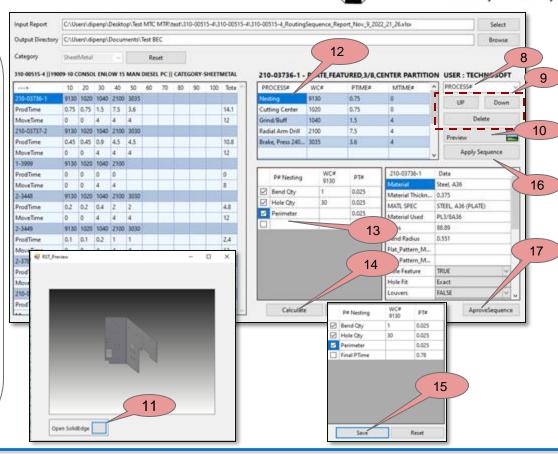
- To begin, initiate the tool by going to the QC Report tab and selecting "Routing Sequence."
- Next, pick the input routing sequence report that you generated through the review and check tool.
- Now, from the dropdown menu, choose a category and hit the "get data" button.
- After this step, the report will be shown in the grid. If you want to access the properties of a specific part number, simply click on it.
- Take a look at the properties grid located in the bottom right panel and make any necessary updates.
- To proceed to the next steps, click on "Apply Values", and you'll receive the updated sequence.
- You have the option to select a new process from the dropdown list, and it will be added in the top right panel (12).



Routing Sequence Tool

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- If needed, you can move processes up or down and delete them using the provided buttons.
- To preview a selected model, just click the preview button, and a preview window will open separately.
- 10. You also have the option to open the preview part by using the "open Solid Edge" button.
- To calculate the processing time, click on the appropriate process.
- 12. Upon clicking the process, a process calculator window will activate. Here, you can update selected parameters and add values to calculate the processing time.
- 13. Click "Calculate" to obtain the final processing time.
- Clicking "Save" will update the final processing time.
- 15. Once you've finalized the part sequence, you can apply the sequence to the report by clicking "Apply Sequence".
- After making all the required updates, click "Approve Sequence" to generate the sequence report.



Key changes

Major Changes:

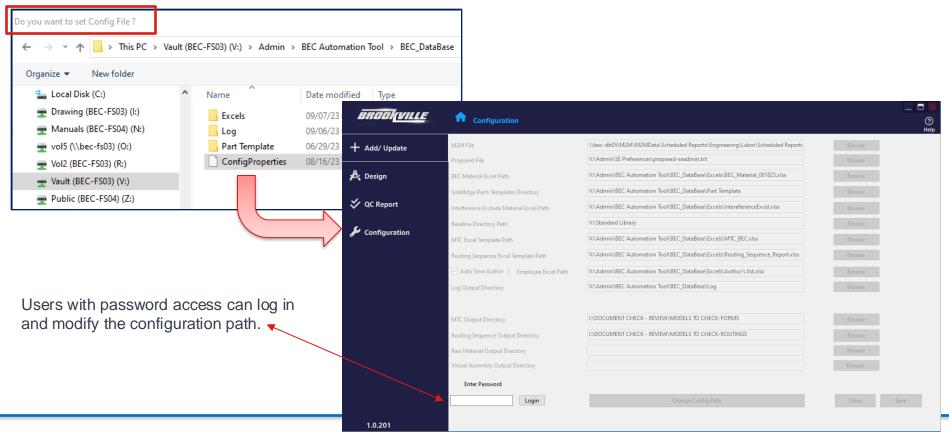
- 1. Configuration Path Setup: It now automatically populates.
- 2. Author Change: The author will now be updated to BEC Standards Author upon every "save" action.
- 3. Radius Priority: The "New part creation", "Part/sheet metal update" & "Assembly Validation" tool will suggest a default radius based on BEC priority.

Minor Changes:

- 1. MTC Report: False values will be highlighted in red.
- 2. Title Validation: Tool now validates the first 35 characters with M2M title.
- 3. Radius Validation: The tool now compares and validates the lowest value among multiple radii applied at the modeling level

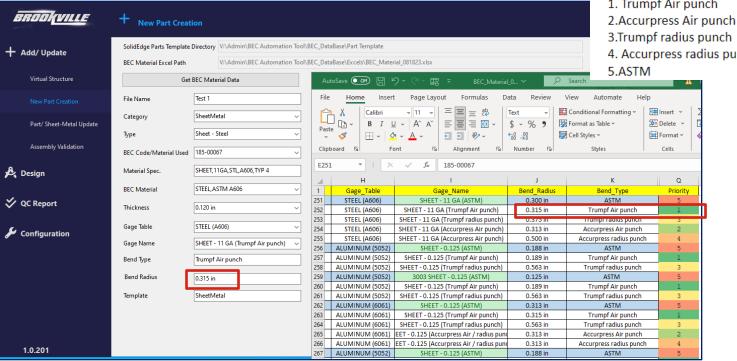


When installing the newer version, a window will pop up for configuring the file. Users need to select the appropriate ConfigProperties.xml file to assign all paths at once.





Radius Priority: The new part creation tool will apply a default radius based on BEC priority.

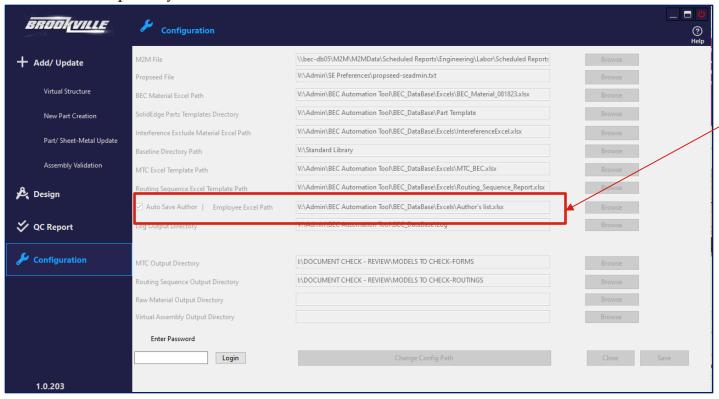


So the priority for applying default radius would be as below 1. Trumpf Air punch

- 4. Accurpress radius punch



Radius Priority: The new part creation tool will apply a default radius based on BEC priority.



Tool refer to author list on assign path to replace incorrect authors with BEC standard. Make sure to Check box for "Auto save author"