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Both styles of import statements are valid in Python, but they are used in different contexts:

- **Absolute imports** are explicit about the paths of the modules and packages. They start from the topmost directory in the package. For example, from PROPERTY_GROUP.Datafile import PLATFORM_DataFile is an absolute import. Absolute imports are clear and straightforward, making the code easy to understand. They work well in large and complex projects with deeply nested modules.
- **Relative imports** use a dot (.) to indicate the current package or module, and two dots (..) to indicate the parent package or module. For example, from .PROPERTY_GROUP.Datafile import PLATFORM_DataFile is a relative import. Relative imports can make the code cleaner and easier to read when the package structure is simple. However, they can be confusing in large projects with many nested modules.

In your case, since all the imports are happening within the FOLDER package, you can use relative imports. This makes the code more concise and easier to refactor if the package structure changes. However, if you find that the relative imports are confusing or hard to manage, you can switch to absolute imports.

Remember that whichever style you choose, consistency is key. It's generally a good idea to stick to one style throughout your project to make the code easier to read and understand.