MANUAL

Flexi_Zone_Stamp

Zone stamp and zone label in a single library part: content, order and appearance are driven by the Archicad Model View Options — individual per view, uniform across the whole project.

Chapters 01–02 are enough to get started. Everything after that is reference — the thumb index at the page edge leads the way.

VERSION	DATE	ARCHICAD	DELIVERY
0.95	29.10.2026	25+ · Win/Mac	1 LCF · 5 objects

NEW IN 0.95 Zone label: orientation settings in Archicad's label settings available again — all details in the version history, page 10.

A stamp that adapts to the drawing

Flexi_Zone_Stamp annotates Archicad zones — either as a zone stamp or as a zone label. What the stamp displays is not decided by the individual object but by the Model View Options.

Classic zone stamps are configured per instance — with a hundred rooms that means maintaining a hundred stamps. Flexi_Zone_Stamp turns this around: the **Model View Options** (a supplied MVO object) centrally define which rows the stamp shows, what they are called and how they are formatted. Every view can get its own level of detail — from a one-line label in the overview plan to the full room data table in the fit-out plan.

The object itself only keeps what truly belongs to the individual placement: position, anchor, text style, target areas and special cases.

- Usable as **zone stamp** or **label** (with arrow/leader line for small rooms)
- Content rows in any number and order: standard values, properties, headings, apartment stamp values
- 9 anchor points, spacing insertion aid, position adjustable per scale
- Text alignment left, right, centred, justified — text style per row
- Target/actual area comparison, target area divisible into up to 5 rooms
- Zone categories with individual information depth (category exceptions)
- Stamp can be split in two when space is tight
- Frame lines switchable as a whole, per row and per column

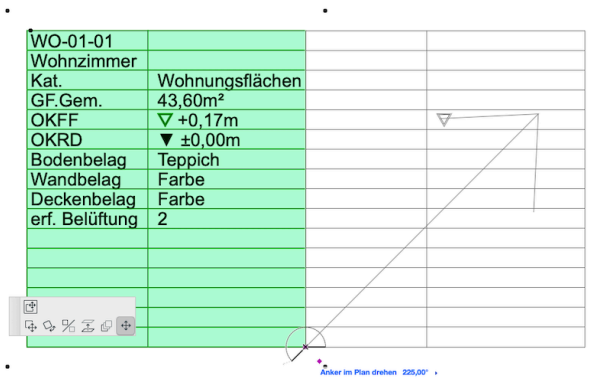

Fig. 01.1 · The zone stamp in the floor plan: the room data table on the left, the leader line to the room on the right — the rotatable anchor snap point sits on the line.

INFO The library consists of five parts: the placeable objects **Flexi_Zone_Stamp** (zone stamp) and **Flexi_Zone_Label** (label) plus the macros Flexi_Zone_MVO (Model View Options), Flexi_Zone_Macro and Flexi_Zone_Dictionary (languages). Everything comes in one LCF file.

A stamp in five steps

From an empty library to a fully configured zone stamp. The details of each step are covered in chapters 03 and 04.

1 Load the LCF file

Load the supplied LCF file into your project via File > Libraries and Objects > Library Manager.

2 Create Model View Options

Document > Model View > Model View Options — select the **Flexi_Zone_MVO** tab on the right.

3 Define the rows

In the MVO panel, define which values the stamp displays. Store with “New…” under a meaningful name and confirm with **OK** — never close with “Cancel”.

4 Assign the stamp to the zone category

In the zone category settings choose **Flexi_Zone_Stamp** as the default zone stamp for the desired zone category — or place the label Flexi_Zone_Label.

5 Assign to views

Assign one of the stored Model View Option combinations to each view. All stamps in that view follow it automatically.

6 Fine-tune at the object

Set anchor, text style, target areas and per-scale position directly at the stamp — chapters 04 and 05.

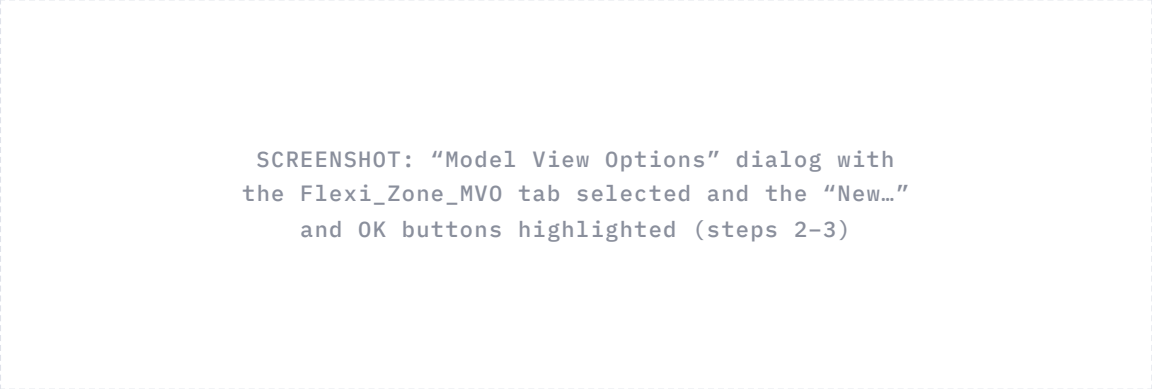

Fig. 02.1 · The Model View Options are the control centre: this is where the stamp definition is created and then assigned to any view.

> **WARNING** Always confirm changes in the Model View Options dialog with **OK** at the bottom right. Leaving the dialog via “Cancel” discards all settings — including newly created combinations.

The control centre: Flexi_Zone_MVO

All fundamental settings live in the Model View Options. This way not only every scale but every single view gets its own — yet stamp-consistent — appearance.

The header area of the MVO panel controls the global aspects of the stamp:

- **Background fill** on/off, with foreground and background colour — can also be activated independently of the zone display
- **Text size factor**: scales all text fields globally
- **Decimals for levels** and **decimals for areas**: decimal places of level and area values
- **Line break content**: allows wrapping in the content column; the maximum column width is set below it
- **Circle in row 1**: optional circle around the first row (the room number, say) with diameter, pen and line type; font and text alignment are also changeable globally
- **Warning off**: suppresses the message “stamp has been moved globally” (chapter 05)
- **uptodate?**: online version check
- **Category exceptions**: reduced information depth per zone category (next page)

Below follows the **row table**: one row in the panel = one row in the stamp. On the left are row numbers with + and – — use them to insert or remove rows at any position. The pen colour of the texts can also be overridden per row.

The panel shows space for 13 rows. If you need more: clicking a plus moves all rows up one line, and scroll arrows appear at the bottom for moving up and down.

On the far right sit the checkbox columns of the **category exceptions** — per row and category one checkmark decides whether the row appears in that zone category.

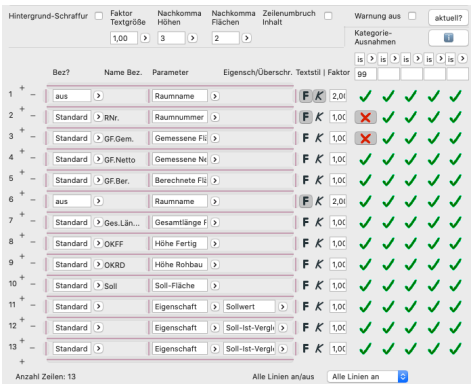

Fig. 03.1 · The MVO panel: header with global settings, below it the row table — one panel row produces one stamp row.

Rows, columns, category exceptions

THE COLUMNS OF A ROW DEFINITION · LEFT TO RIGHT

COLUMN	MEANING
Desig.?	Designator mode: **Standard** shows the fixed standard name, **off** shows none (the values shift one column to the left), **own** shows a freely editable text
Desig. name	The designator text — display only with “Standard”, editable with “own”
Parameter	The value to display: standard values, apartment stamp values, headings or properties
Property/Heading	Selection of the specific Archicad property if “Property” was chosen in column 3
Text style	B bold and/or I italic, per row
Factor	Text size factor of the individual row (in addition to the global factor)

Category exceptions

Zone categories are managed under Options > Attributes > Zone Categories; every zone belongs to exactly one — assigned via a button in the info bar or in the settings of the zone tool. If certain categories should show less — parking spaces just name and number, say — enter the category code into 1–3 fields under “Category exceptions”.

Available comparisons: **is equal, is not equal, contains, does not contain, begins with, ends with**. In the checkbox columns of the row table you then define which row does **not** appear in that category.

Frame lines

The selection field “All lines on/off” has three modes: **all lines on**, **lines individually manual** and **all lines off**. With “manual” you click the lines one by one in the settings dialog: red = visible, yellow = off — per row as well as per column.

> **TIP** First define the maximum row list for the fit-out plan, then derive reduced variants for overview and permit plans via “Save as” — order and names stay identical everywhere.

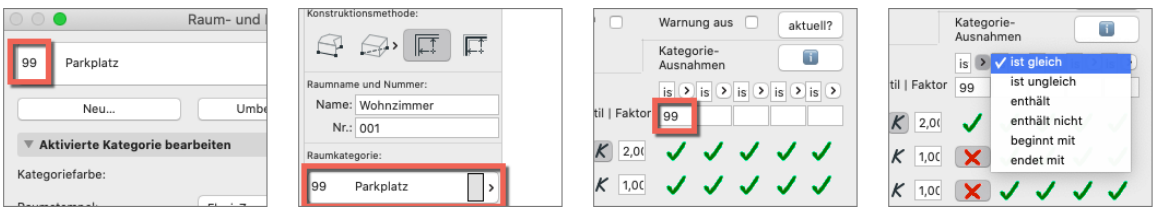

Fig. 03.2 · Category exceptions in four steps: create the category, assign it to the zone, enter the code, deselect rows.

Settings at the object

The dialogs of zone stamp and label are identical — with one exception: apartment stamp parameters are only available for the stamp. Everything else is governed by the Model View Options.

NEW 0.95 Zone label: the orientation settings in Archicad's label settings are available again — see version history, page 10.

- **Insertion aid distance** — the stamp carries a hotspot at each of its four corners at the distance set here: the insertion aid for an even offset from any room edge
- **Anchor (1–9)** — the stamp position aligns to nine anchors like a text block; in the floor plan it is also adjustable via a rotatable snap point with feedback arrows. Since 0.90 the stamp additionally carries a movable snap point at its centre
- **Mirror axis centred** — puts the insertion point into the centre of the stamp instead of on the vertical divider between designator and value. Important when mirroring whole rooms (including hotlinks): the stamp appears mirrored at the same position
- **Save space** — justified text only: pulls designator and content together and removes the middle divider
- **Number unit** — inserts a space between number and unit: “12.50 m” instead of “12.50m”
- **Split stamp on/off** — splits the stamp in two when space is tight, separated after the row entered on the right; the detached part can be moved separately
- **Frame on/off + pen and line type** — switches the frame of this placement off (it cannot be switched on if it is off in the MVO) and sets pen colour and line type of the frame activated in the MVO
- **Fill overrides MVO** — activates the background fill of this placement independently of the Model View Options
- **Circle line 1** — “OFF” overrides the MVO: the circle can be disabled per placement
- **Info row** — four buttons: **Manual** (this PDF), **uptodate?** (online version check), **Bugs** and **Wishes**

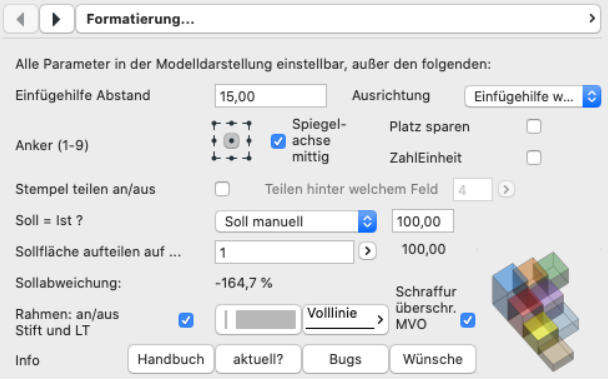

Fig. 04.1 · Dialog page “Formatting”: everything that belongs to the individual placement — the content comes from the Model View Options.

Target areas and apartment stamp

Target = actual?

Here you define whether the **target value** of the room area equals the actual value or is entered manually. With manual input the dialog shows the **deviation in percent**.

In addition, the target area can be divided into up to **5 equal partial areas** — their size is also displayed in the dialog. This lets you check, for example, whether a large space can later be split into code-compliant single offices.

Apartment stamp

On **page 2** of the settings dialog you can optionally enter the apartment stamp values for the stamp (not for the label) — an add-on object for the Archicad version in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The apartment stamp values are then available in the Model View Options as their own parameter group and can be placed in the stamp like any other row.

TIP The target/actual comparison and its calculation are also available as stamp rows — selectable under “Parameter” in the Model View Options.

INFO The **label** Flexi_Zone_Label automatically adds an arrow or leader line from the label to the room for small rooms.

SCREENSHOT: dialog area “Target = actual?” with selection “target manual”, value, target deviation in % and “divide target area into …”

Fig. 04.2 · Target area control: manual target value, percentage deviation, division into up to five partial areas.

SCREENSHOT: page 2 of the settings dialog with the apartment stamp input fields (D/A/CH)

Fig. 04.3 · Apartment stamp inputs on dialog page 2 — available for the zone stamp only.

Text style and per-scale position

Tab “Stamp text style”

This tab holds the text settings of the stamp or label: **font, text colour, text size, text alignment** (left, centred, right, justified) and **line spacing**.

The text size works together with the global factor of the Model View Options and the per-row factor — a combination that keeps the appearance consistent across the project while still allowing emphasis per row.

Position per scale

For each scale the stamp can be moved individually: grab the **purple hotspot** at the bottom right and drag it to the desired position. Important: choose the **last icon** in the pet palette — next to the hotspot the parameter names `Pos X by scale` and `Pos Y by scale` must appear, not the anchor point beside it.

If the position deviates in individual scales, the **“Reset Position”** button in the dialog (area “Reset Scale Pos.”, scale selectable) sets the per-scale movement back to zero with one click.

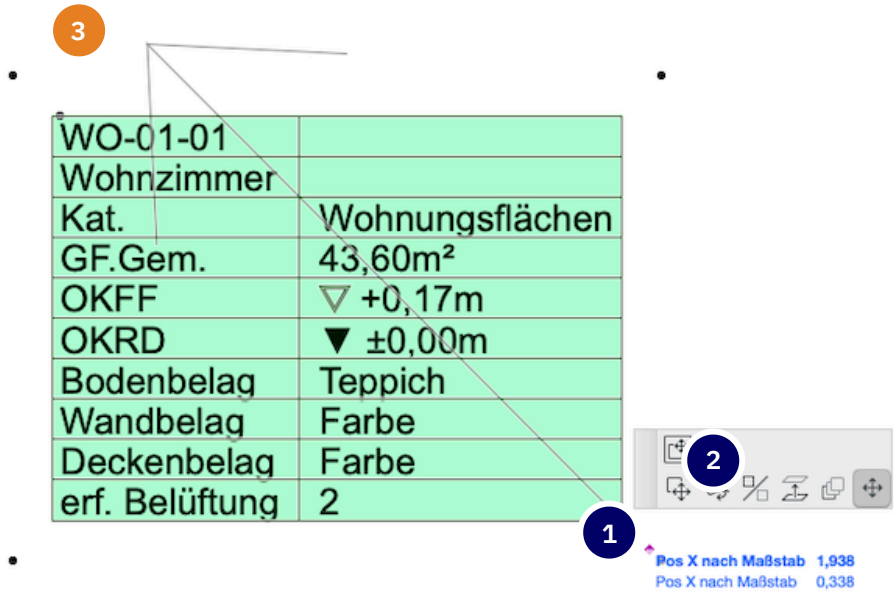

Fig. 05.1 · Per-scale movement at the purple hotspot.

1 Purple hotspot for the scale-specific position

2 Pet palette: choose the last icon

3 Black snap point — moves globally!

> **WARNING** If you accidentally grab the stamp at the **black main snap point** after a per-scale movement, you move it globally in every scale. The object then displays “**ATTENTION: Stamp has been moved globally!**”. The message disappears after opening the object settings once, after changing any parameter, or via Undo. With hotlinks it may persist — in that case disable it via **Warning off** in the Model View Options.

Flexi_Zone_Stamp at a glance

This page is meant for printing — all essentials without prose.

HOTSPOTS IN THE FLOOR PLAN

black	main snap points — move globally (all scales)
purple	position in the current scale only (Pos X/Y by scale)
corners	insertion aid at the set distance from the room edge
anchor	rotatable snap point with feedback arrows (anchor 1–9)
centre	movable snap point at the stamp centre

LIMITS

Rows visible in the MVO panel	**13**
Anchor points	**9**
Target area division	**max. 5**
Category exceptions	**1–3**
Scale positions	**15**

WHAT IS SET WHERE?

SETTING	LOCATION
Row contents, designators, order	Model View Options (Flexi_Zone_MVO)
Fill, text factor, decimals, lines	Model View Options (Flexi_Zone_MVO)
Category exceptions, warning off	Model View Options (Flexi_Zone_MVO)
Anchor, insertion aid, mirror axis, splitting	Object dialog “Formatting”
Target areas, frame pen/line type	Object dialog “Formatting”
Apartment stamp values (stamp only)	Object dialog page 2
Font, colour, size, alignment, line spacing	Tab “Stamp text style”
Position per scale	Floor plan, purple hotspot

DESIGNATOR MODES

Standard | **off** | **own**

With “off” the values of the content column shift one column to the left.

INFO BUTTONS IN THE DIALOG

Manual | **uptodate?** | **Bugs** | **Wishes**

Update check: button “uptodate?” on page 1 of the dialog.

What has changed

Every line names the affected chapter. After an update, an existing customer knows within a minute what to read.

0.95 29.10.2026 CURRENT	FIX · 04	Zone label: orientation settings in Archicad's label settings were hidden — now available again.
0.94 13.01.2025	CHG · 03	Fine-tuning of the optional circle in row 1.
0.93 12.01.2025	FIX · 03	Text position in the optional circle corrected.
0.92 10.01.2025	NEW · 05	Deviating per-scale positions resettable with one click.
0.91 10.01.2025	NEW · 05 FIX · 03	Reset button: set per-scale movements back to zero. Text placement in the circle corrected for certain setting variants.
0.90 16.12.2024	NEW · 04 NEW · 04 FIX · 03	Additional movable snap point at the centre of the zone stamp. Circle in row 1 can be switched off separately in the stamp. Text and circle position corrected for centred display.
0.89 13.12.2024	NEW · 03 NEW · 04	Model View Options: optional circle in row 1, font type changeable globally, text alignment changeable globally. Stamp/label: display “2 columns centred”, room number from ID, length format, length format for properties.

HOW TO SPOT UPDATES

NEW marker at the changed chapter or section

NEW · 03 line here, with chapter number for reference

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uptodate? online version check in the settings dialog

HIST

Delivery, licence and support

SCOPE OF DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION

Flexi_Zone_Stamp is delivered as an **LCF file** (Library Container File). It contains the complete library: the zone stamp object Flexi_Zone_Stamp, the label object Flexi_Zone_Label and the macros Flexi_Zone_MVO (Model View Options), Flexi_Zone_Macro and Flexi_Zone_Dictionary (translations).

Load the LCF file into your project via the **Library Manager** (File > Libraries and Objects > Library Manager) — everything is bundled in a single file, so nothing can get lost.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

This object works from **Archicad 25** upwards, on Windows and macOS.

LANGUAGE VERSIONS

Flexi_Zone_Stamp is delivered in a German and an English version. Further language versions can be provided on request.

UPDATE CHECK

Please use the **“uptodate?”** button on the first page of the settings dialog. It takes you to a web page that checks whether you own the current version. All updates are free of charge for verified purchasers of the object — submit the form you find there and you will receive the latest version.

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Questions and suggestions are most welcome — as a GDL programmer I like to learn how you use the object and which limitations or improvement requests you have.

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