

## Question/Issue

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(Zip2Go) How do I use the Zip2Go utility?

### Using Zip2Go

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If you need to send a Zip2Go file to either CNC Software Technical Support or to your Mastercam Reseller, please follow these steps:

1. If necessary, start Mastercam and open your part file.
2. Select **Help, Zip2Go Utility**.
3. If this is your first time using Zip2Go, you will need to set the location to save the zip file. Select **Configure** and set the desired path.
4. Select the type of data to be included in the zip file.
  - o The **Machine group** types list will display all the of the machine types used in the part file. You can choose to include only the data pertaining to a certain machine type.
  - o The **File options** list displays different types of files to include. Mastercam will include a copy of the selected files in the zip file. If you do not select any file types, Mastercam will still create a zip file which contains the part file, machine and control definitions, and the reports.
5. Click **Create Zip2Go**. Mastercam creates a zipped file with a .Z2G extension in your selected folder.
6. Choose **File, Mail Archive**. Your default e-mail program will load with the Z2G file automatically attached to a blank message.

#### Notes:

- Select the **Toolpaths** option in **File options** to include the NC files referenced in the Toolpath Manager. You must have already posted and saved the NC file to use this option. Zip2Go will only include NC files whose name matches the one in the Toolpath Manager; if you save the NC file to a different name, Zip2Go will not be able to include it.

**See full instructions in the following order, under: Help, ZIP2GO, ? On the top menu bar.**

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- Zip2Go also includes many other features and functions for viewing, editing, and managing previously

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created Z2G files. Click the Help button in the Zip2Go main window to learn more about its other features.

- Zip2Go automatically creates files with a .Z2G extension. However, you can open them and extract files using other common compression utilities such as WinZip™.

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Use Mastercam's Zip2Go C-Hook utility to gather Mastercam part data into a compressed .Z2G file. This utility makes it easy to provide your Reseller or CNC Support Services with a file that contains the information they need. Zip2Go scans the machine groups in your current part file and captures information such as your Mastercam configuration, machine definition, and post files. You can choose which files to include. After creating the Zip2Go file, you can view its contents and add / delete files as necessary.

In addition to the Mastercam part file, you can optionally choose to add the following file types during the Zip2Go scan:

- Current Mastercam configuration files (includes .CONFIG, .MTB, .KMP, and .FT file types)
- Machine definitions (.MMD, LMD, RMD, WMD)
- Control definitions (.CONTROL)
- Post processors (.PST)
- Toolpath operations (.NC)
- Tool libraries (.TOOLS)
- Material libraries (.MATERIALS)

To run the Zip2Go utility, choose **Help, Zip2Go Utility**.

You can also type **Alt+C** to open to the \chooks directory. Then open the \Zip2Go folder and double-click **Zip2Go.dll**.

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Zip2Go also creates the following types of reports in a read-only .txt

format:

□ **Zip2Go\_[MCXPartFileName].txt:** Contains a collection of relevant files used by each machine group in the Mastercam part file that was scanned.

□ **Zip2Go\_SystemReport.txt:** Contains information on the computer system on which the .Z2G was created. For example:

□ The version of Microsoft Windows.

□ The amount of RAM memory on your computer.

□ A few details on the installed graphics card.

□ Registry setting data used by Mastercam (the CNC Software, Inc. registry keys under HKCU and HKLM).

□ **Zip2Go\_FileReport.txt:** Contains information on all the files for Mastercam. Only the application system folders are scanned. The Mill, Lathe, Router, and Wire folders (and any of their sub-folders) in the Mastercam install folder (MCAMX) are not scanned. Furthermore, any part files found in any folder that is scanned will not be included in this list. This is to ensure that the collection of data never includes potentially confidential information.

□ **Zip2Go\_HASP.txt:** Contains information from the Mastercam HASP on all the files for Mastercam, including the HASP Serial # and the products licensed on the HASP. It also detects if Mastercam Maintenance is enabled, and if so, the report includes the maintenance expiration date.