

CAD 2

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Drawing Drawing ball and socket joint in solidworks

Steps to Drawing Drawing ball and socket joint

- **1. Create the Ball (Spherical Part)**
- **Step 1:** Open a new part document in SolidWorks.
- **Step 2:** In the top plane, start a new **Sketch**. Select the **Circle** tool and draw a circle with the desired radius (for the ball).
- **Step 3:** Exit the sketch, and on the **Features** tab, select **Revolve Boss/Base**.
- **Step 4:** Choose the vertical axis of the sketch to revolve and specify a full 360-degree revolution to create a sphere.
- **Step 5:** Save the ball part as a separate file (e.g., **Ball.sldprt**).
- **2. Create the Socket (Hollow Part)**
- **Step 1:** Create a new part document in SolidWorks.
- **Step 2:** In the top plane, start a **Sketch**. Draw a circle that is slightly larger than the radius of the ball, which will form the outside of the socket.
- **Step 3:** Draw a smaller circle concentric to the first one. This smaller circle will define the interior of the socket.
- **Step 4:** Extrude the sketch to the desired length to form a hollow cylinder.
- **Step 5:** Now, you need to create a spherical cut to make the socket part. Use the **Insert > Cut > Revolve** feature.
- **Step 6:** In the sketch for the revolve, draw a profile for the cut that is the shape of the ball, but only for one-quarter of the sphere, and revolve it to remove material.
- **Step 7:** Save the socket part as a separate file (e.g., **Socket.sldprt**).

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- **3. Assemble the Ball and Socket**
- **Step 1:** Open a new assembly document.
- **Step 2:** Insert both the ball and the socket parts into the assembly.
- **Step 3:** Apply a **Mate** to align the ball with the socket. Use the **Mate** tool to insert a **Concentric Mate** between the ball's center and the socket's interior and a **Distance Mate** to control how far the ball sits in the socket.
- **Step 4:** You can also apply a **Tangent Mate** if necessary to prevent movement along certain directions.
- **4. Finalize the Assembly**
- **Step 1:** You can add additional mates to lock the ball in position (e.g., **Limit Mate**) to restrict how much the ball can move inside the socket.
- **Step 2:** Test the assembly to ensure the ball and socket function correctly, and adjust the mates as needed.

