

## **Format Note Macros [KN103]** How Can I Make Different Default Dimension and Note Formats for my Drawings? (Using a Custom Macro)

A different way to set specific font styles and sizes for drawings is to create a custom macro that changes the settings in the current file prior to placing the first detail. To do this (with any file open) click on the **RECORD MACRO** Icon.



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Type a name for the macro. (We've used "Arial24" in this example.) Then, click on the **SAVE** Button.

You'll notice that the "REC" button darkens on the Status Bar at the bottom of your screen.

Any keystrokes or mouse picks that you make from this point until you select the **RECORD MACRO** again will be saved as part of the macro.

Click on the **DETAIL OPTIONS** Icon.

A large Dialog Box appears.





Click on the Formatting Option under Dimensions.

Then select the Font Style desired and type a new Text Height. (In this illustration we've used Arial and typed 0.24 for the Height.)

This will establish the default characteristics for all dimension text in the file.



Next, click on the Formatting Option under Annotations. You can use Arial for the Font here also and type 0.24 for the Text Height.

Finally, click on the **RECORD MACRO** Icon to stop the macro recording.

Bind the macro to a Hot Key or Icon so you can easily access it in the future. (If you don't know how to do this, see lesson KC7401 (Recording and Binding Macros.)

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