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INTRODUCTION

This document serves as a guide for new features, changes, and updates in TracePro 2026.3. This release has a new feature to make TracePro more convenient to use and expand its capabilities. This release also fixes several problems reported by TracePro users.

WHAT'S NEW IN TRACEPRO 2026.3?

Changes in TracePro 2026.3 consist of the new Section View as well as fixes to issues reported by our customers and found by our staff.

- New Section View
 - See a “cut-away” or section view of your model for easier identification of objects in your optical system.
 - Select any coordinate plane for sectioning.
 - Select an object in Section View and it is selected the Model Window and vice-versa.

For more details on fixes to specific problems, please refer to the Revision History on the Current Release page in the TracePro Support section at www.lambdare.com.

SECTION VIEW

The **Section View** enables you to see inside your model and select objects that may be difficult to find in the Silhouette View or Rendered View. The following sections describe the features in the Sequence Editor.

To open the Section View, select **View|Section View**. You must have a TracePro model open before opening the Section View. The Section View is a rendered view with a cutting plane. It is a rendered view as shown in Figure 1.

Mouse controls

The view is controlled using the mouse:

- Orbit the view by clicking and dragging the left button.
- Zoom the view using the mouse wheel.
- Pan the view by clicking and dragging the mouse wheel.
- Select an object with the left button and it is also selected in the Model Window.

Toolbar

Click the arrow at the top of the window  to open a toolbar with other controls as shown in Figure 2. On the left, move the section plane by dragging the slider up or down. In the middle, choose the coordinate plane for sectioning from the XZ, YZ, or XY planes. Add transparency by clicking the *Transparency* button. Finally, snap the view to an orthogonal one by selecting from the *Snap To* menu, or zoom out on the whole model using the *Zoom Extents* button.

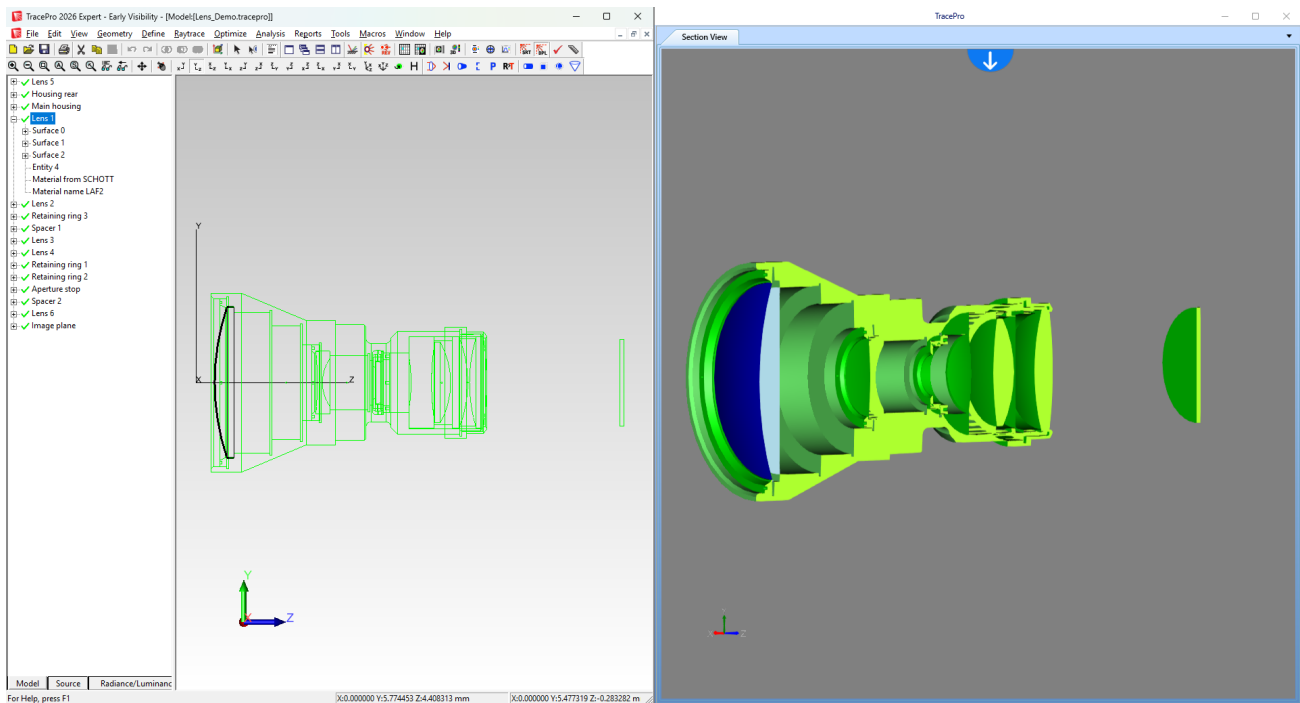


Figure 1. Lens_Demo model with Section View open in a separate window on the right.

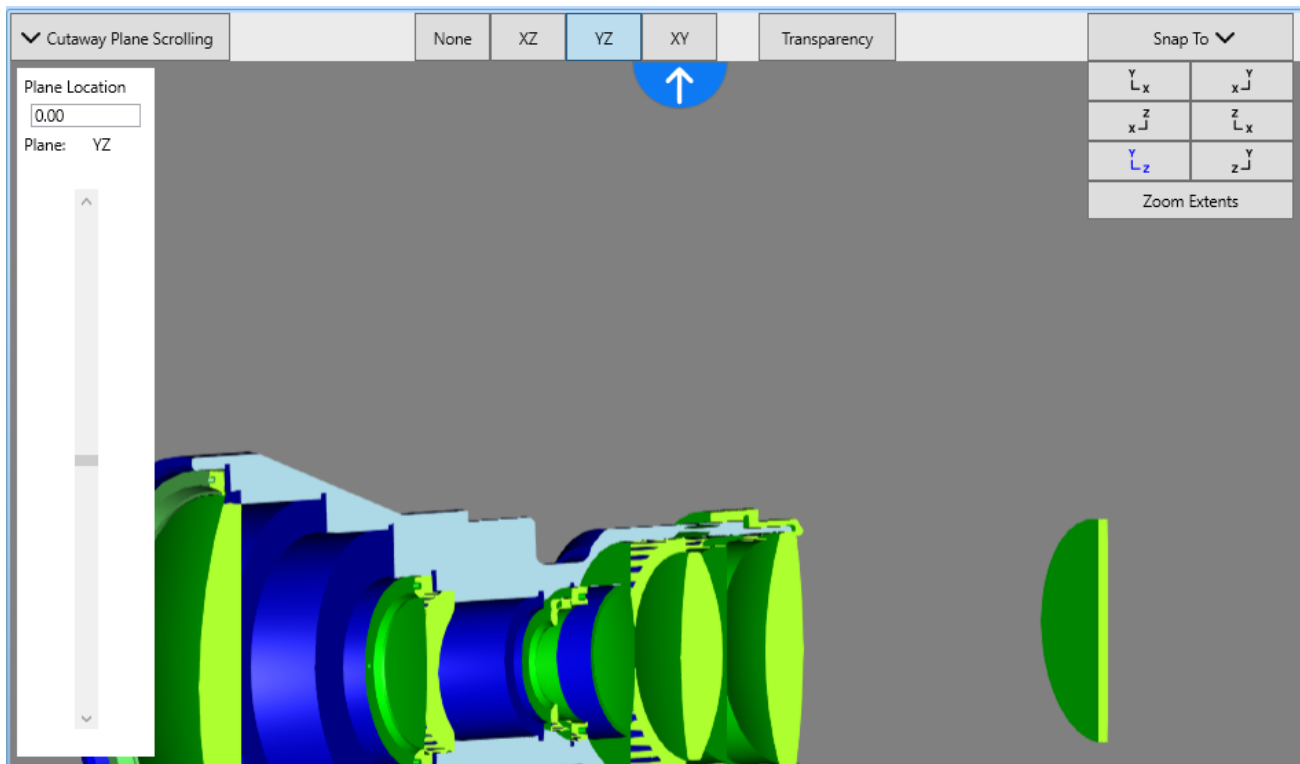


Figure 2. Opening the toolbar displays controls for adjusting the position of the section plane, the coordinate plane used for sectioning, the view direction, and transparency control.