

# Template and Example Data Files

The Template Data Files and Example Data Files help you to **understand and fulfill the data feed requirements**. As mentioned in the introduction of [Integrate your product data](#), this documentation is targeted towards users who want to build Product Guides with the excentos Workbench **entirely themselves**. For all other cases, excentos supports a wide variety of different data formats and structures. Contact the [excentos support team](#) to get help getting the most out of your existing data feed, no matter how complex.

## Template Data Files

If you start **creating** your Product Guide and **product data from scratch**, it is advised to **download** one of **the template files** (download below). The template data file contains all recommended data fields and helps you to fulfill the data feed requirements. This helps you to create a clean and nice structure for your product data. Additionally, you can add further data attributes as *columns* and create the product information per product as *rows*.

To download one file, just click on the file link below and your web browser will save the file to your default download folder. Template files are available in the **CSV** and **ODS** (LibreOffice) format.

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File template_file.ods	Feb 05, 2020 by Julius Höfler
File template_file.csv	Feb 05, 2020 by Julius Höfler

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If you want to learn more on what is suitable, recommended, allowed and not possible, see our [Example Data Files](#) below.

## Example Data Files

If you are not sure how to build up your product data in order to make it work with the excentos Product Guides, you can take a look at the *Example Data Files*.

The **bike\_data\_example.ods** file contains some **Do's** (green highlighted cells) and **bike\_data\_example\_donts.ods** includes some **Don'ts** (red highlighted cells). All highlighted examples contain a short description to get you a better understanding which kind of data preparation is needed and suitable and which data should not be included in your data feed.



### Info

Don't forget to convert the **bike\_data\_example** file from **ODS to CSV** before you upload this file into the workbench (see [Export the Product Data File into CSV](#)) or directly use our **bike\_data\_example.csv**.

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File bike_data_example.csv	Jan 20, 2020 by Sören Zach
File bike_data_example_donts.ods	Jan 20, 2020 by Sören Zach
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### Warning

Please **don't use** the **bike\_data\_example\_donts** file to build up your product data. Instead, use the [Template Data File](#) since it guarantees a clean and fresh start and structure.

**Read on: Learn how to [Export the Product Data File into CSV](#)**

