

Current Attractions: Get in the Know on Sage Business Vision v7.2

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Description

Sage BusinessVision v7.2 is here! Attending this session will ensure that you have the information needed to sell and support the new version of Sage BusinessVision. Join us as we take you through system requirements and the "nuts and bolts" of setting up the new product. Then explore the feature enhancements and discover how you can put this new functionality to work for your clients. With a lot of new enhancements, such as the ability to maintain and view unlimited years of General Ledger history, multiple units of measure, new system configuration options and more, you will not want to miss this opportunity to get "in the know".

Initial Installation and Configuration of v7.2

Overview

The installation of Sage BusinessVision v7.2 follows the same process as v7.1. During the installation, you will be prompted to enter the Product ID/Serial number, and Activation code for each product or add-on that you are installing.



NOTE: It is not necessary to reinstall CustomPack, e-BusinessVision, LAN Packs or Multiple Currency Manager if they have already been installed with v7.1. The existing licenses will continue to be honoured.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: For general information for clients upgrading from previous versions, refer to "Readme.rtf" which is located in the \Readme folder on the Sage BusinessVision CD.

Data File Conversion

Existing sets of Sage BusinessVision data will be converted to v7.2 format when logging in for the first time.



NOTE: Once your data has been converted to be compatible with 7.2, it will no longer be compatible with prior versions.



NOTE: During the file conversion to v7.2, unprocessed entries in the Auto-generate Purchase Orders function will be removed. Please ensure that Purchase Orders are generated for all required entries prior to converting your data.

Files converted

The following table lists data files that are converted, created, or reorganized during the v7.2 file conversion process.

CONVERSION/NEW/REORGANIZATION
Conversion – uppercase Ship-to ID's
Reorganization – index maintenance
Reorganization – index maintenance
Conversion – support for multiple unit of measure
Conversion – support for new system settings
Conversion – update country list
Reorganization – uppercase Ship-to ID's
Conversion – support for multiple unit of measure
Conversion – addition of new field
Conversion – uppercase Ship-to ID's
Conversion – support for multiple unit of measure
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New – support for multiple unit of measure
Conversion – support for multiple unit of measure
Conversion – support for order required date
Conversion – support for multiple unit of measure
Conversion – support for order required date
Conversion – support for multiple unit of measure
Reorganization – index maintenance
New – support for multiple unit of measure
Conversion – support for new user settings
New – support for user log
Conversion – support for new user browse settings
Conversion – uppercase Ship-to ID's
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Using Existing Customized Reports

If you are currently using Sage BusinessVision 7.2 and wish to re-use customized forms previously created for 7.1, they will need to be updated in order to be compatible with 7.2. If you do not use customized forms (i.e. you use the forms supplied with Sage BusinessVision) then you will not need to update your forms. The forms that require updating in order to be compatible with Sage BusinessVision 7.2 are:

- Invoice Order Entry
- Invoice Point of Sale
- Order Confirmation
- Packing Slip
- Purchase Order
- Quote

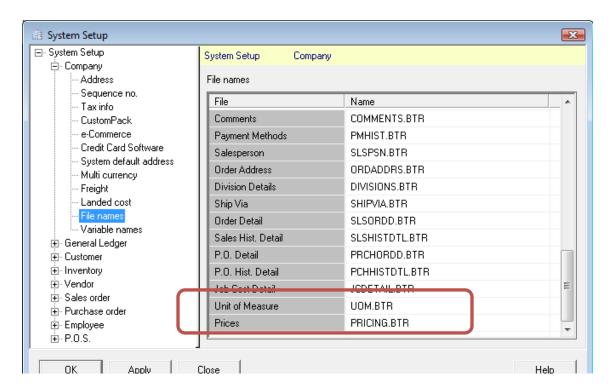
For details on how to update existing customized forms, refer to "BV72_Customized_forms.pdf" which is located in the \Readme folder on the Sage BusinessVision CD, and in the \BusinessVision folder on any workstations with 7.2 installed.

System Setup Additions and Changes

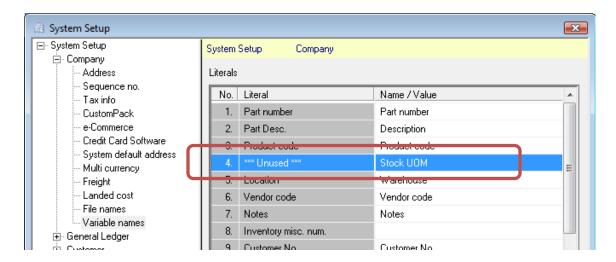
A number of changes and additions have been made to System Setup in order to activate and control some of the new features in version 7.2.

Company

In File names, entries were added for "Unit of measure" and "Prices".

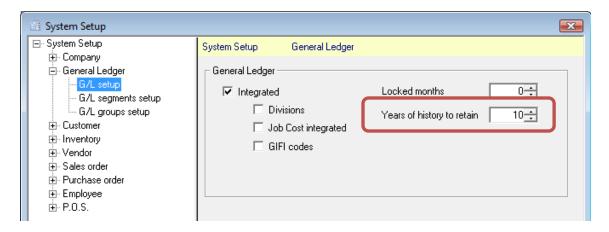


In Variable names, the entry for variable 4 is no longer in use.



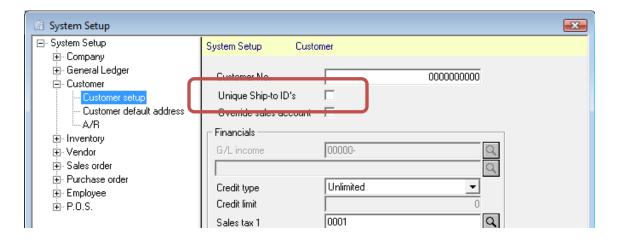
General Ledger

In G/L Setup, an entry was added for "Years of history to retain".



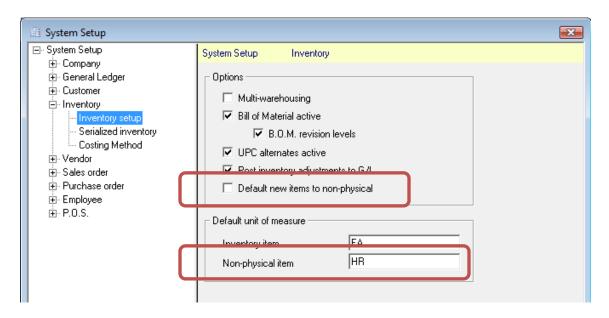
Customer

In Customer setup, a check box was added for "Unique Ship-to ID's".



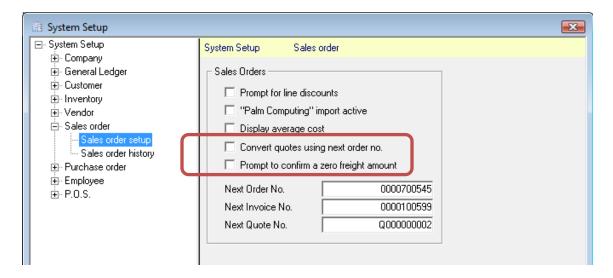
Inventory

In Inventory Setup, a check box was added for "Default new items to non-physical", and an entry was added for "Default unit of measure – Non-physical item".



Sales Order

In Sales order setup, check boxes were added for "Convert quotes using next order no." and "Prompt to confirm a zero freight amount".

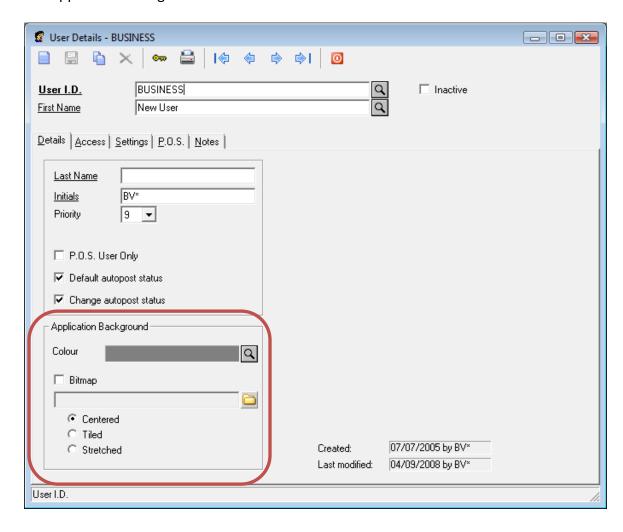


User Details Additions

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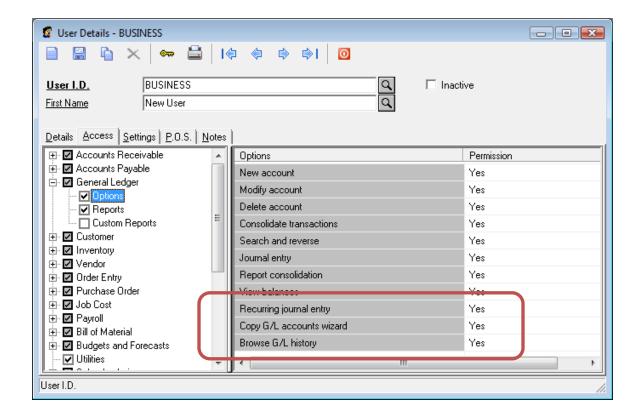
Details

The Application Background section was added to the Details tab.



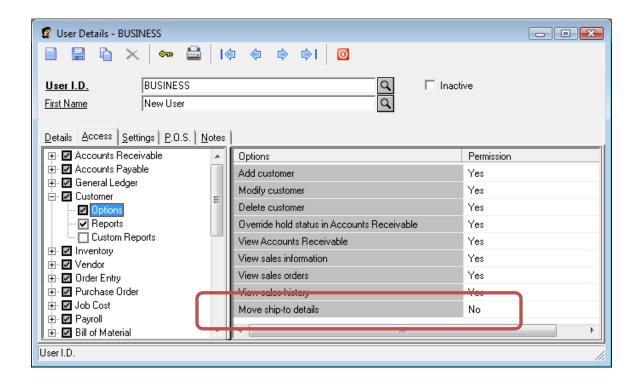
Access - General Ledger

In General Ledger > Options, entries were added for "Recurring journal entry", "Copy G/L accounts wizard", and "Browse G/L history".



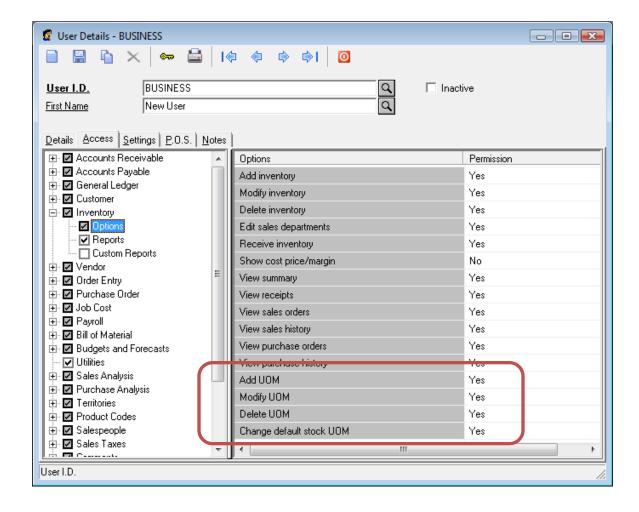
Access - Customer

In Customer > Options, a new entry was added for "Move ship-to details".



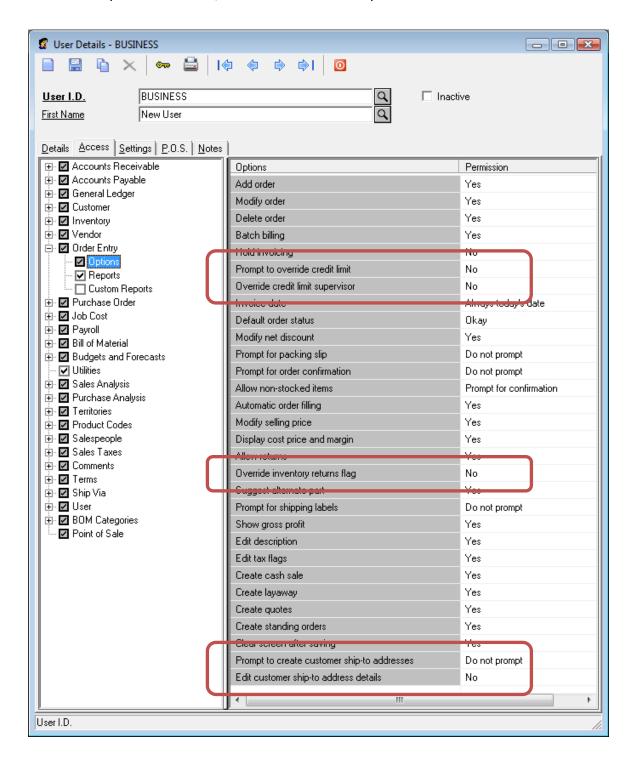
Access - Inventory

In Inventory > Options, entries were added for "Add UOM", "Modify UOM", "Delete UOM", and "Change default stock UOM".



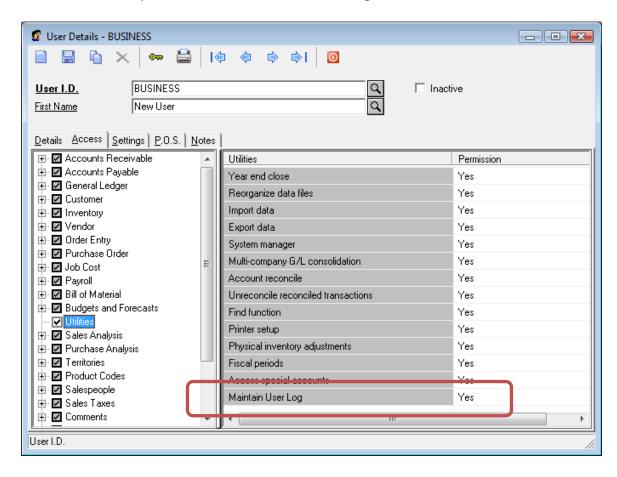
Access - Order Entry

In Order Entry > Options, entries were added for "Prompt to override credit limit", "Override credit limit supervisor", "Override inventory returns flag", "Prompt to create customer ship-to addresses ", and "Edit customer ship-to address details".



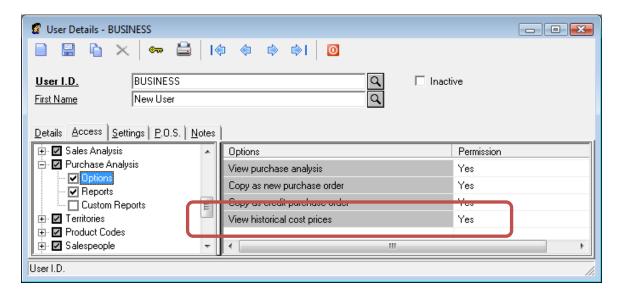
Access - Utilities

In Utilities, an entry was added for "Maintain User Log".



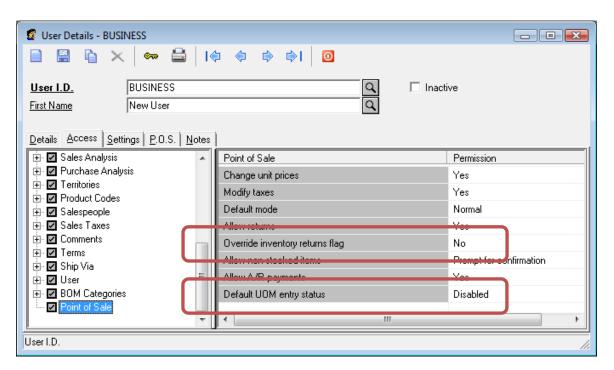
Access - Purchase Analysis

In Purchase Analysis > Options, an entry was added for "View historical cost prices".



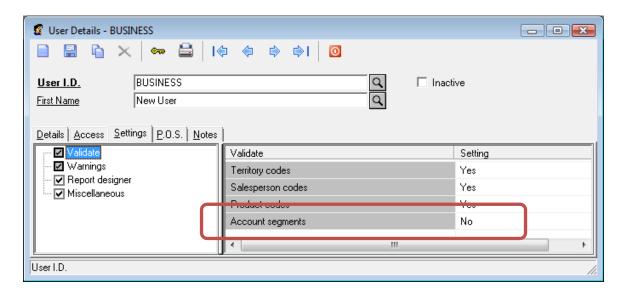
Access - Point of Sale

In Point of Sale > Options, entries were added for "Override inventory returns flag", and "Default UOM entry status".



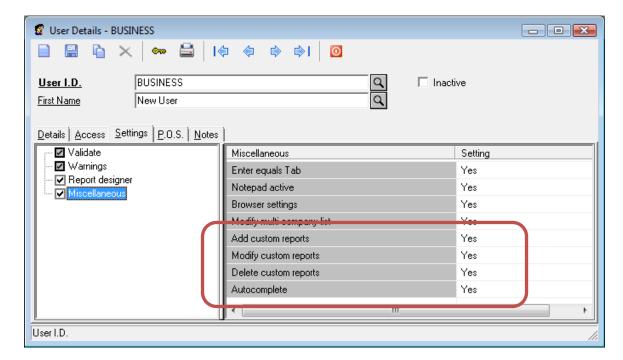
Settings - Validate

In Validate, an entry was added for "Account segments".



Settings - Miscellaneous

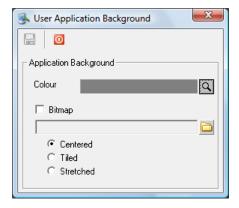
In Miscellaneous, entries were added for "Add custom reports", "Modify custom reports", "Delete custom reports", and "Autocomplete".



Desktop Enhancements

Application Background

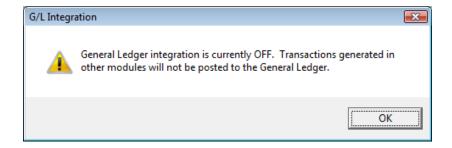
The application background can be customized by each user to display a different colour or image. This feature can be accessed by selecting **Options > Application Background** from the menu. This can also be performed from the User Details window using the Application background section of the Details tab.



General Ledger Enhancements

Integration Off Warning

A warning message appears during logon when General Ledger integration is turned off in System Setup.



Validate Account Segment Values

Whenever a new account is created in the General Ledger module, the system can optionally check that all segment values entered by the user already exist in the segments file.

If this option is set to Yes and the General Ledger uses only one segment, the system will automatically add any segments that do not already exist. Also, when an account name

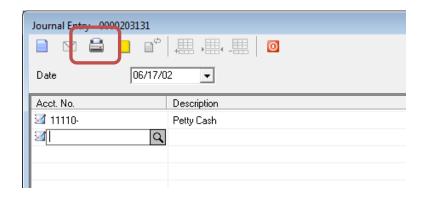
is changed, the system will automatically modify the description for the affected segment.

If this option is set to Yes and the General Ledger uses more than one segment, the user will be prompted to add any segments that do not already exist.

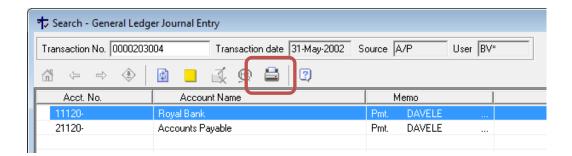
If this option is set to No, the user will not be prompted to add the new account to the segments file.

Printing Journal Entries

Journal entries that have not been posted can be printed using the print button in Journal Entry window.



Journal entries that have been posted can be printed using the print button in Search and Reverse window.



Import Depreciation Entries from Sage FAS 50 Fixed Assets

Sage FAS 50 Asset Accounting is a fixed asset management system. Starting with version 2008.1, it includes Sage BusinessVision in its list of supported accounting system links. The link allows Sage FAS 50 to export general ledger entries for depreciation that can be imported into the Sage BusinessVision G/L.

To import FAS Fixed Asset files:

Select File > Import > Sage FAS Import to display the FAS Import window.

Enter or browse to the location of the FAS file, which must be in standard data format (an .sdf file extension).

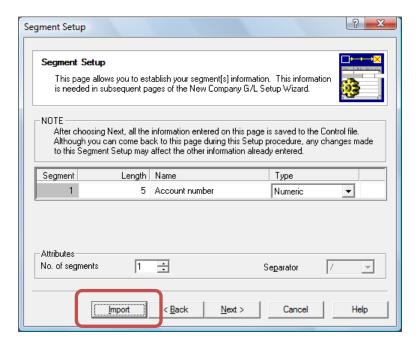
Click Import to start the process.

Confirmation appears after the process is complete for both successful and unsuccessful imports. Click View log in the FAS Import window to see a list of problems encountered with a failed import attempt.

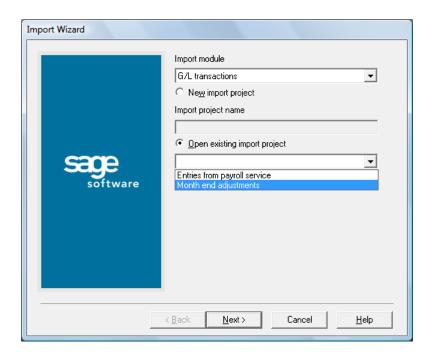
Import G/L Chart of Accounts and Transactions

The G/L Import Wizard allows you to import a chart of accounts or G/L transactions. In either case, the Import Wizard can append to an existing file (add new records) but cannot modify records that already exist.

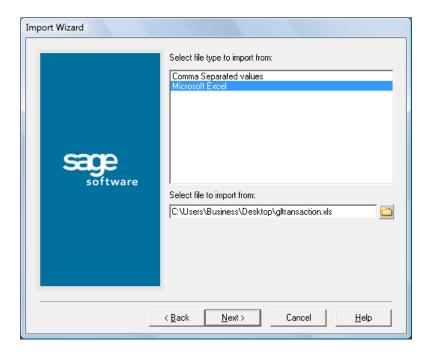
The Import Wizard can be accessed from the File > Import menu. Alternatively, the Chart of Accounts import can also be accessed during the Segment Setup stage of the New Company G/L Wizard. This will allow you to import a chart of accounts into a set of data with no pre-existing accounts. Once the import is complete, you can then proceed to define your special accounts from the list of imported accounts.



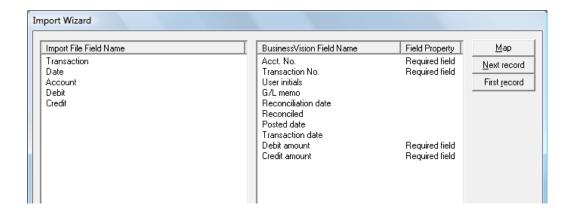
The Import Wizard allows to you define multiple import projects as templates that can be saved and then used when needed. This is particularly useful for importing transactions repeatedly over time, such as for month end entries.



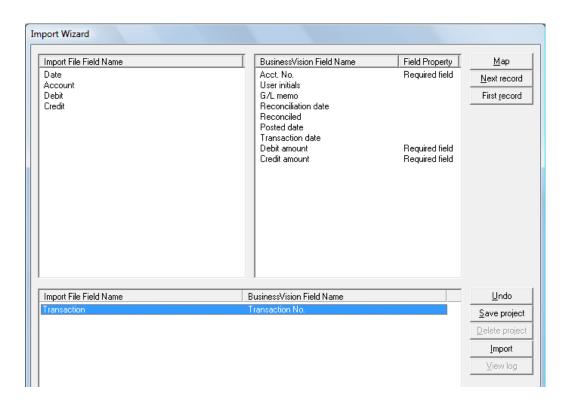
The Import Wizard recognizes Comma Separated Value text files, as well as Microsoft Excel files as input.



During the mapping stage of the Wizard, fields from the file to be imported are displayed in the left list view, and available fields from the BusinessVision data are listed in the right list view. BusinessVision fields that must be mapped are indicated as "Required field".



To map a field from the import file to a BusinessVision field, first select the import field. Then, select the destination field in the BusinessVision field list. Finally, click the Map button. When a field has been mapped successfully, it will appear in the bottom list view.



Once you have completed mapping all desired fields, click Import to proceed with the import.



NOTE: If for any reason one or more records do not pass validation, the entire import will be halted without any changes being made to the BusinessVision data.



NOTE: When G/L Integration is enabled, you will not be able to import transactions into any G/L accounts in the Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable groups. When G/L integration is disabled, transactions may be posted to accounts in any G/L group.



TIP: When importing a CSV file that has a header record, select the "Skip the first record" option before clicking Import.

Retain up to 99 Year of General Ledger History

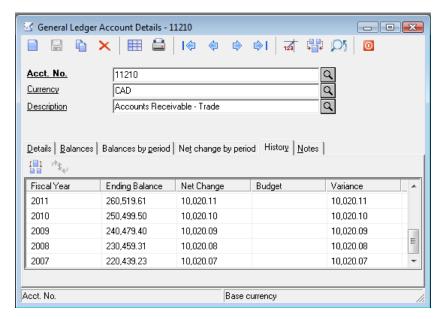
During the year-end process, general ledger transactions from last fiscal year can optionally be archived into G/L history files for later review and reporting. To enable this option, set the number of years of history to retain prior to last fiscal year in the "Years of history to retain" field in System Setup.

Once a fiscal year has been moved to history, no further transactions may be posted to that timeframe.

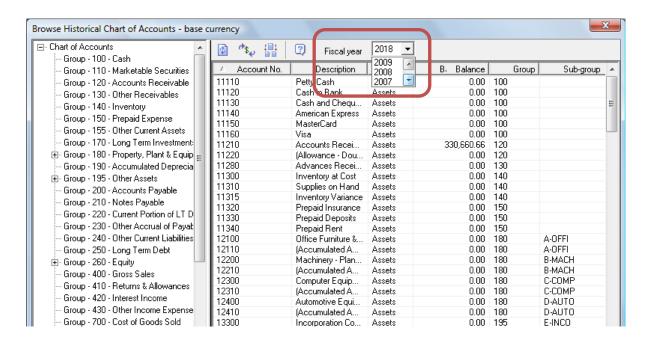


NOTE: Once a fiscal year has been moved to history, no further transactions may be posted to that timeframe. Additionally, Account Reconciliation and Multi-Company G/L Consolidation operate only on current files, not on history files.

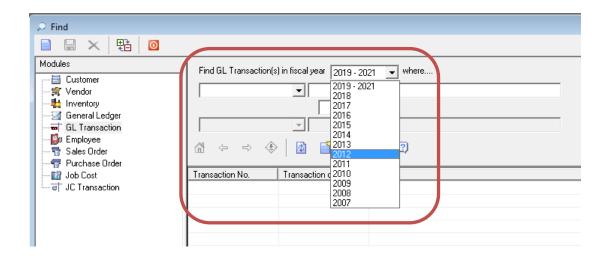
G/L history can be viewed in several ways. First, the History tab of General Ledger Account Details displays one entry for each year of history that is available for an account. The list allows you to drill down to period by period summaries, to transactions, and to journal entries.



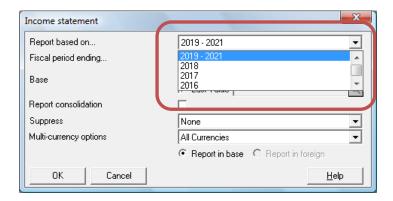
The Historical Chart of Accounts Browse lets you view the entire chart of accounts with balances for the historical fiscal year chosen. The browse allows you to drill down to period by period summaries, to transactions, and to journal entries. To access this browse, select **General Ledger > Browse G/L History** from the menu.



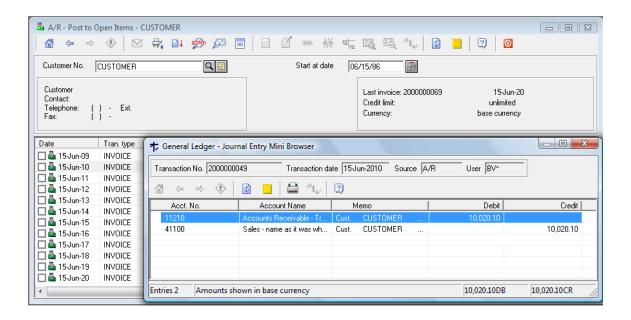
When general ledger history prior to last fiscal year is present, the Find module allows you to specify the fiscal year that you want to find information in. The first entry represents last, current and next fiscal years.



When general ledger history prior to last fiscal year is present, the Reporting Suite allows you to specify the fiscal year that you want to run general ledger reports for. The first entry represents last, current and next fiscal years.



Journal entries for transactions that are in general ledger history can be viewed from within Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Employee Details, Job Cost, Purchase Analysis, and Sales Analysis.



Customer Details Enhancements

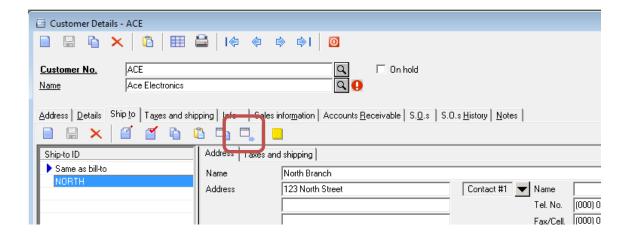
The enhancements made to the Customer Details module are centered around Ship-to addresses.

Unique Ship-to ID's

A new System Setup option can be used to require that Ship-to ID's are unique across all customers. This new option is similar in behaviour to the requirement in versions prior to 7.0 that Ship-to ID's be unique.

Move Ship-to ID to Customer

In Customer Details, on the Ship to tab, there is a new utility that allows a Ship-to address to be moved to another customer. The ability to use this utility is controlled by a User Details option.

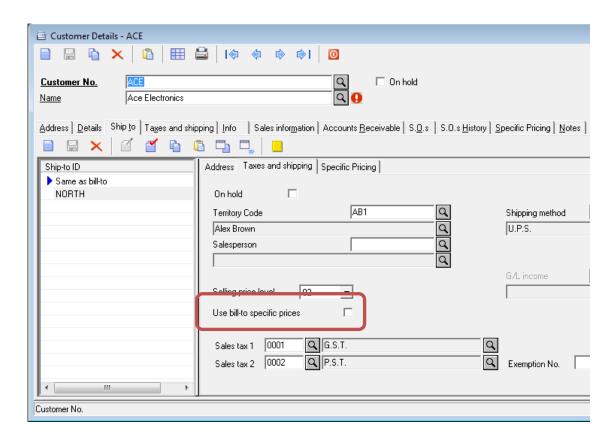




NOTE: Any existing invoices and open orders are unaffected when a Ship-to ID is moved from one customer to another. Only future orders and invoices posted from them will be based on the new parent/child relationship.

Use Bill-to Specific Prices

In Customer Details, on the Ship to tab, on the Taxes and Shipping tab, there is a new option that controls the source of customer specific prices for each Ship-to address. If the new option is enabled, the parent customer's specific prices will be applied to orders created for this ship-to address. If this option is disabled, you will be able to enter customer specific prices against this ship-to address.

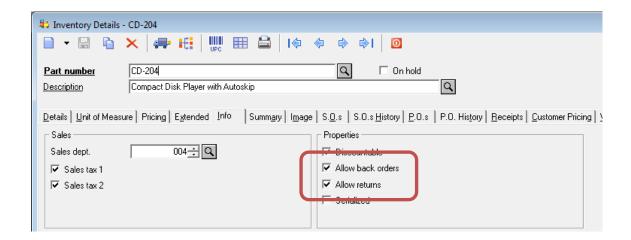


Inventory Enhancements

Allow Back Orders and Allow Returns

In Inventory Details, on the Info tab, two new options have been added. The "Allow back orders" setting controls whether or not an item can be back ordered in Order Entry. This option cannot be overridden.

The "Allow returns" setting controls whether or not an item can be returned in Order Entry or Point of Sale. This "Allow returns" setting is affected by two options in User Details. Depending on the user's "Allow returns" and "Override inventory returns flag" options, the user may or may not be able to process returns, and may be prompted to override the inventory setting.



Non-Physical Inventory Items

A non-physical inventory item is one that can not be warehoused and shipped like regular, tangible items. A service that is provided for an hourly cost can be considered a non-physical inventory item. Unlike normal inventory items, quantities for non-physical items are not tracked in the Inventory module. Additionally, the "Serialized" and "Allow back orders" flags cannot be set for non-physical inventory items.

The differences between a normal item and a non-physical item are:

- Quantities are not tracked for non-physical items
- Non-physical items can be assigned standard costs, rather than current or average costs
- Serialization cannot be enabled for non-physical items
- Non-physical items cannot be received using the "Receive Inventory" function
- Non-physical items cannot be transferred between warehouses using the "Warehouse Transfer" function
- Non-physical items are ignored by the "Physical Inventory" utility
- Non-physical items are ignored by stock status reports

All other attributes are shared between regular inventory items and non-physical items.

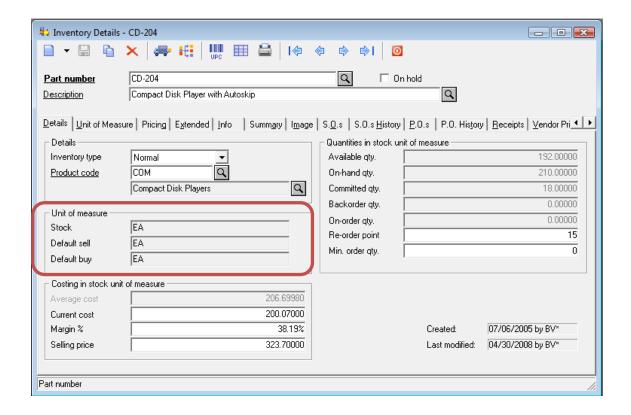
When creating a new item in the inventory module, press Ctrl + H to specify it is a non-physical item. The system will change or hide fields that only apply to physical items. You can use System Setup to default all new inventory items to non-physical, and to define the default unit of measure for new non-physical inventory items.

Multiple Units of Measure

Multiple units of measure can be assigned to each inventory item. Unit of measure codes and quantity factors are defined at the item level, which means that several items may use the same unit of measure code, which have different attributes. (i.e. a BOX of golf balls may have 6 EACH's, while a BOX of socks may contain 10 PAIR's).

When creating a new inventory item, the stock unit of measure should be established. Note that once the item is saved, the unit of measure code cannot be modified.

Each item has a stock, default buy, and default sell unit of measure.





NOTE: The Inventory Details module stores quantities ONLY in stock unit of measure. Any inventory transaction processed using a different unit of measure is converted to stock unit of measure.

Units of measure have the following important attributes:

Quantity factor – used to determine the relationship between the current unit of measure and the stock unit of measure. This factor could be stated in a direct or indirect manner. (i.e. "2 HALF per EACH", or "0.5 EACH per HALF")

Buy unit of measure – whether or not this unit of measure should be available for use in the Purchase Order module

Sell unit of measure – whether or not this unit of measure should be available for use in the Order Entry and Point of Sale modules

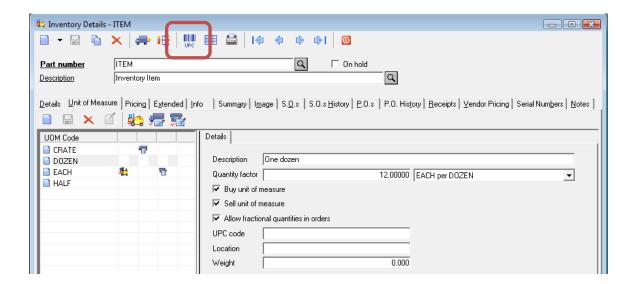
Allow fractional quantities in orders – whether or not this unit of measure should allow entry of decimal quantities in Order Entry, Point of Sale, and Purchase Order

UPC code – UPC codes have been moved from the item level, to the unit of measure level. Therefore more than one UPC code can be used with each item.



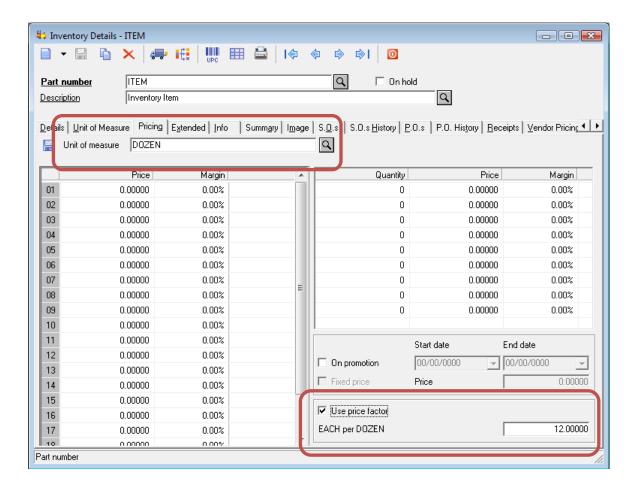
NOTE: Changing the quantity factor may cause unexpected results when open orders for that item/unit of measure exist. Any open orders should be reviewed after changing a quantity factor.

Due to the fact that UPC codes have been moved to the unit of measure from the item, UPC codes are no longer a navigation key. In order to find an item quickly by UPC code, use the UPC code mini-browser, which can be accessed via the UPC button in the Inventory Details toolbar.

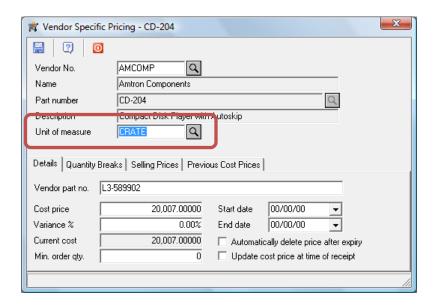


Pricing information is no longer attached directly to the inventory item, but instead is now attached to the unit of measure. Each unit of measure has its own list of twenty selling prices, quantity breaks, and promotional price that is independent of the prices of other units of measure.

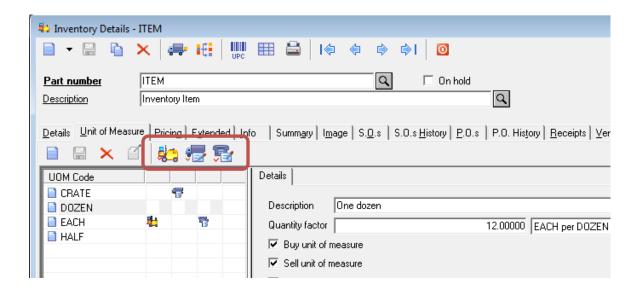
As an alternative to entering prices for each unit of measure, a price factor can be used. When the "Use price factor" check box is checked for a unit of measure, its price will be based on the price for the stock unit of measure, multiplied by the price factor entered. In the example below, once DOZEN will be sold for 12 times the price of an EACH.



Customer Specific Prices and Vendor Specific prices are also established at the unit of measure level.



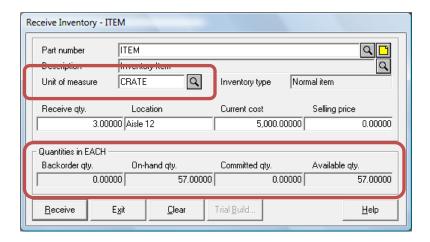
The default stock, buy and sell unit of measure can be reassigned using the buttons on the Unit of Measure tab toolbar in Inventory Details. For example, in order to change the default buy unit of measure, select a UOM code that has "Buy unit of measure" enabled, and then click the "Set default buy unit of measure button".



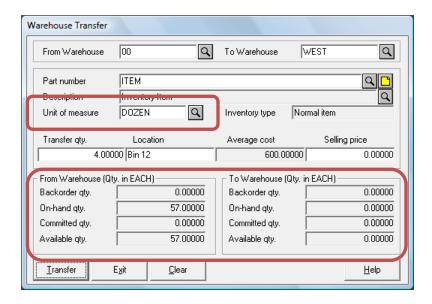


NOTE: The stock unit of measure can only be changed when the on-hand quantity is zero. If the stock unit of measure is changed, the quantity factors and prices of all units of measure for the item should be reviewed, as well as any open purchase orders and sales orders.

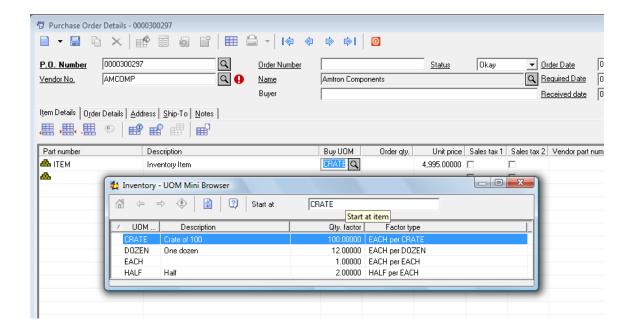
The Receive Inventory function allows you to specify the unit of measure in which the receipt is being made. Note that the backorder, on-hand, committed and available quantities are displayed in stock unit of measure only, just as they are on the Details tab of Inventory Details.



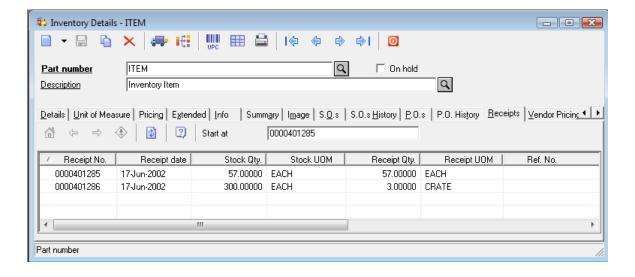
The Warehouse Transfer function allows you to specify the unit of measure in which the transfer is being made. Note that the backorder, on-hand, committed and available quantities are displayed in stock unit of measure only, just as they are on the Details tab of Inventory Details.



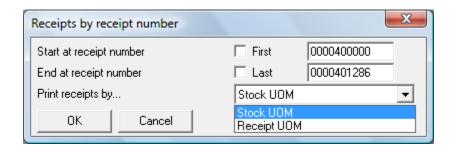
Purchase Order Details allows entry of any valid unit of measure that has the "Buy unit of measure" setting enabled. Unit prices are based on either the vendor specific price for that item/unit of measure or are calculated based on the quantity factor and the current cost of the item in stock unit of measure. Purchase Analysis reports display the selected buy unit of measure.



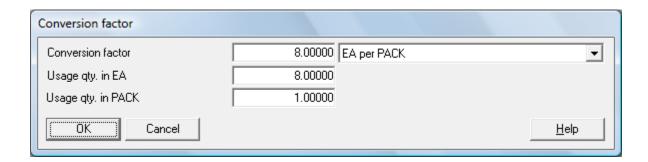
When Receipts records get created by the Receive Inventory function, the Warehouse Transfer function, or the Purchase Order Details module, the quantities received are recorded in both stock unit of measure and receipt unit of measure.



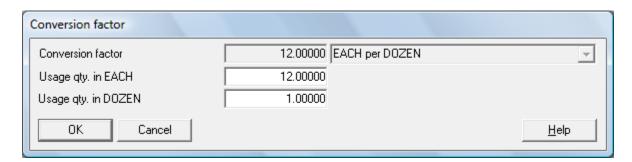
Receipts reports can be run for either stock unit of measure, or receipt unit of measure. Other inventory reports are run for stock unit of measure.



Bill of Materials support the units of measure established in inventory, and also the units of measure established within Bill of Materials itself. When entering a line on a bill of materials, if an unrecognized unit of measure is entered, you will be able to establish the conversion factor and usage quantities as in previous versions.



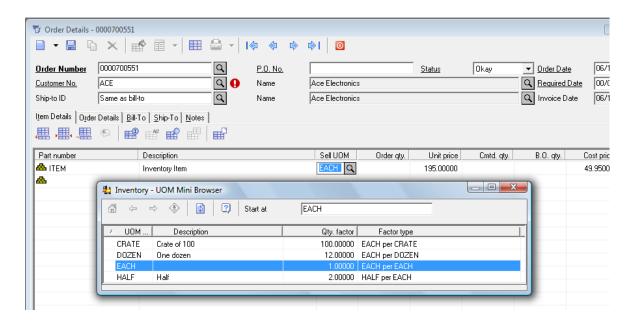
When entering a line on a bill of materials, if a unit of measure is entered that has already been established for that item in inventory, you will be able to establish the usage quantities, but the conversion factor will be drawn from inventory.



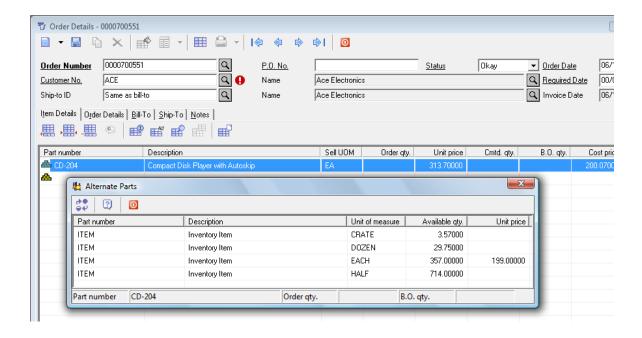


NOTE: If a line item on a bill of materials uses a unit of measure whose conversion factor is drawn from inventory, future changes to the quantity factor in inventory will NOT be reflected on the bill of materials.

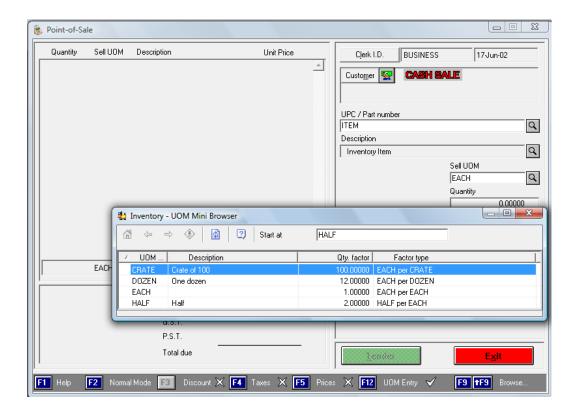
Order Entry allows entry of any valid unit of measure that has the "Sell unit of measure" setting enabled. Sales Analysis reports display the selected sell unit of measure.



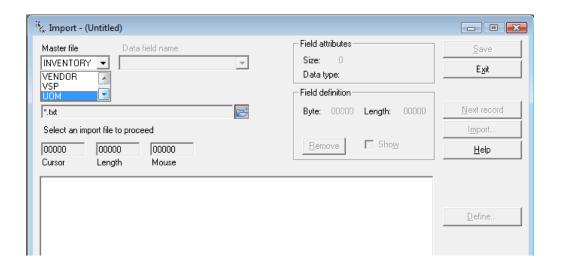
The Alternates browse in Order Entry displays all available units of measure for an alternate item. The available quantities listed in the browse have been calculated based on the actual available quantity in inventory, which is stated in stock unit of measure.



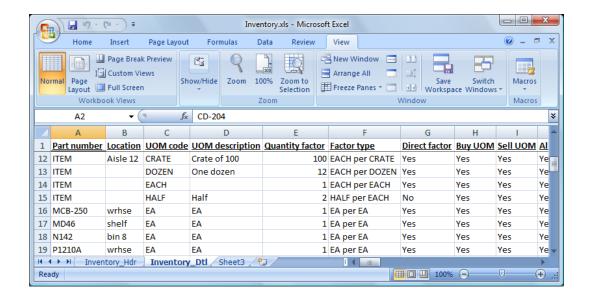
Point of sale allows entry of any valid unit of measure that has the "Sell unit of measure" setting enabled. "F12" is used as a hotkey to enable/disable entry in the Sell UOM field.



The standard Import utility allows units of measure to be imported for existing items.



The standard Export utility includes unit of measure information in the Inventory export. Unit of measure information is found on the "Inventory_Dtl" tab in Excel, or in "Inventory_dtl.txt" when exported to a text format.



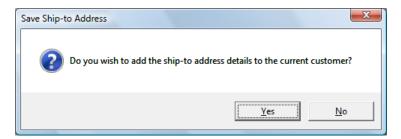
E-BusinessVision uploads only the stock unit of measure far any inventory item. An item may have a default sell unit of measure that differs from its stock unit of measure. In that case, the unit of measure uploaded to the web store is the stock unit of measure as long as it is flagged as a sell unit of measure. If the stock unit of measure is not flagged as a sell unit of measure, then the inventory item will not be uploaded to the web store.

External orders created in Sage BusinessVision and uploaded to the web store may contain units of measure other than the stock unit of measure. If the external order is then added to the shopping cart on the web store the item will be ordered and processed in the unit of measure of the web store.

Order Entry Enhancements

Prompt to Create Customer Ship-To Addresses

Whenever a new ship to address is created in Order Entry, the system can optionally prompt the user to add the ship-to address to the customer file. This option is controlled by the "Prompt to create customer ship-to addresses" setting in User Details.

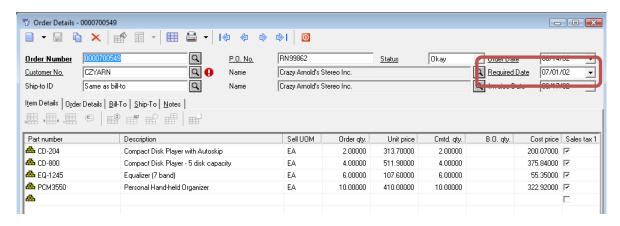


Edit Customer Ship-To Address Details

The address fields on the Ship-To tab in Order Entry can optionally be open for input even when a ship-to address has been selected from the customer file. This option is controlled by the "Edit customer ship-to address details" setting in User Details.

Required Date

Orders now have a "Required Date" field. This label for this field is underlined, which indicates that it can be used as a sort key to navigate through the order file. The required date has been added to existing reports. Also, "Order List – Detailed – By Required Date" and "Order List – Summary – By Required Date" have been added to the Report Suite.



Confirm Orders with Zero Freight Charges

Whenever an order is created in Order Entry, the system can optionally prompt if the freight amount for the order is zero. This option is controlled by the "Prompt to confirm a zero freight amount" setting in System Setup.

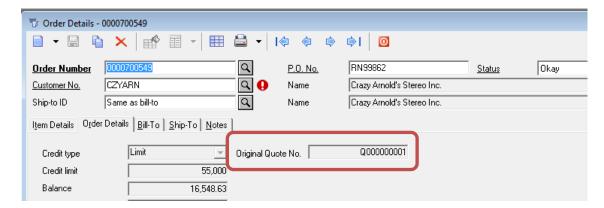




NOTE: This option only applies to shipping methods that use the "Prompt" calculation method. It does not apply to shipping methods that use the "Fixed" or "Rate" calculation methods.

Quotes Converted to Orders use Next Order Number

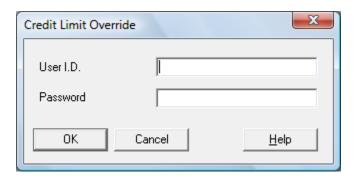
Whenever a quote is converted to an order in Order Entry, the system can optionally use the next available order number, rather than retaining the original quote number. This option is controlled by the "Convert quotes using next order no." setting in System Setup. When this option is enabled, the original quote number is still retained on the order, can be viewed on the Order Details tab in Order Entry, and can be used in search criteria in Find and Sales Analysis.



Credit Hold Override

When an Order Entry user encounters an order for a customer who has a credit problem, the system can now optionally allow a supervisor to override the credit hold so that the order can be invoiced. Users who should be prompted to allow a supervisor to override the credit hold must have the "Hold invoicing" option in User Details set to "Over limit", and the "Prompt to override credit limit" option set to "Yes". Users who

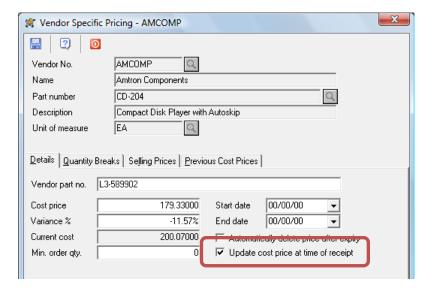
are supervisors capable of overriding a credit hold must have the "Override credit limit supervisor" option in User Details set to "Yes".



Purchase Order Enhancements

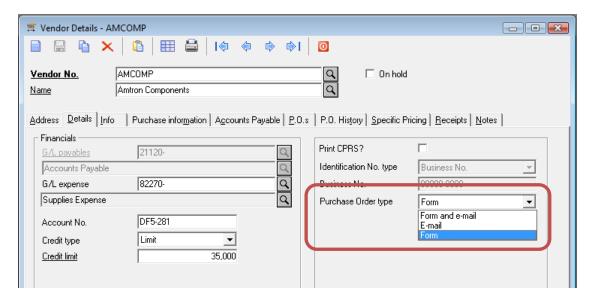
Update Vendor Cost based on Purchase Order Receipt

Whenever an item is received on a Purchase Order, the system can optionally update the vendor specific cost for that item. This option is controlled by the "Update cost price at time of receipt" setting in Vendor Specific Pricing and is set on each specific price independently.



Purchase Order Type

Purchase Orders can be printed and e-mailed (Form and e-mail), e-mailed only (E-mail) or printed only (Form). This option is defined at the vendor level, using the "Purchase Order Type" list on the Details tab of Vendor Details.



Point of Sale Enhancements

Enter Customer Number

The Customer Details dialog allows entry of the customer number when the "Enter Customer No." check box is checked.

