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User Manual

Parts & Vendors™

**Personal Parts List Manager
& Vendor Database**





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and Vendor Database*

User Manual

SE (Special Edition)

EX (Extended Edition)

ECO (Engineering Change Order)

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Introduction

Parts&Vendors™ provides a comprehensive database for engineering parts information and planning. Like all databases, Parts&Vendors tracks information and allows you to look at data in different ways by relating key elements. You can find parts or assemblies quickly, group and analyze costs and quantities, get summaries, have calculations performed automatically, generate Request For Quotations (RFQs) and Purchase Orders (POs), and then print your results. You can even print labels for the items used in desired assemblies so you can track the physical parts themselves.

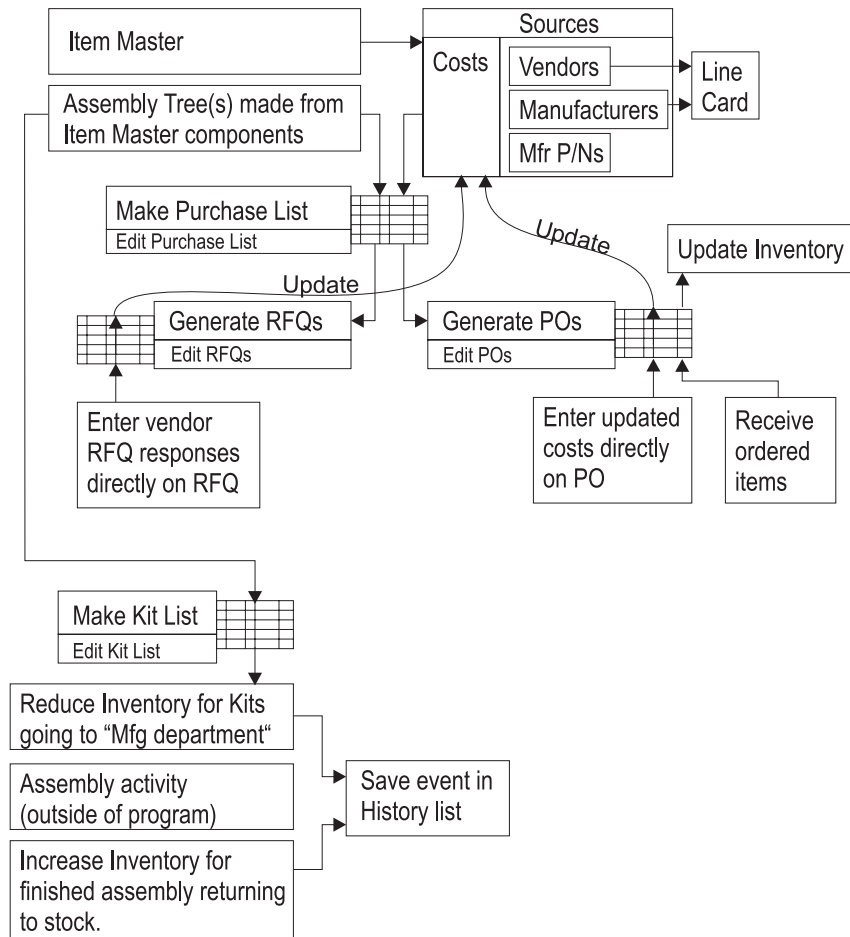
Manufacturing software, like MRP (*Materials, Resources and Planning*), is a necessary tool for managing the flow of production in a large company, but falls short as a tool for engineering groups. P&V fills this gap by allowing engineers and engineering document control personnel to manage the information they need for real world prototyping, kit building and getting products to market in a cost and time efficient manner. Please note, however, that P&V does not allocate inventory for future builds, schedule labor resources, or provide in-depth inventory control. For those functions you may want to use conventional MRP software.

Since P&V is a database, albeit a very specialized one, it shares the usual data organizations that databases have. Your data *file* contains *tables* that contain *records* that contain *fields* which contain the data you enter. In between these data groupings you can relate key fields that are shared among one another; for example a part defined once can be used on many assemblies. Due to its specialized capabilities, P&V has its own terminology and simplified way of tracking information; one that mirrors the way engineering groups work. These terms are defined as they are introduced throughout this manual, and you can also check the glossary at the back

of the manual for an alphabetized comprehensive listing of terms.

If you already have data in spreadsheets, you can easily convert it to P&V format by importing it as comma or tab delimited text. See Importing later in this manual for more information.

In engineering, we often relate items by projects, assemblies and subassemblies, by part descriptions and the vendors that make those parts. We concern ourselves with how all these items affect the bottom line since cost-of-sale and time-to-market are important issues. P&V allows you to analyze these factors by tracking the effects of differing parts costs when ordered in various quantity levels, by tracking lead times and generating purchase lists that take into account what you have in stock and how it's bought. And best of all, P&V delivers these tools directly to the engineer, which is much more effective than having to derive such information from purchasing groups, MRP systems, and a variety of spreadsheets and custom databases.



Parts&Vendors Simplified Block Diagram

Software Editions

There are three editions of Parts&Vendors:

ECO Edition—full featured, including file security and permission groups, plus Revision Control (ECO) features

EX Edition—full featured, including file security and permission groups

SE Edition—Basic features, no file security or permission groups, and with the following features disabled:

- n Purchase Orders
- n Auto-generation of RFQ's
- n Made-from
- n Compare Parts Lists
- n Minimum Stock Qty/Order to Maintain Minimum
- n Report Layout Editor and printing of modified reports
- n QuickBooks connection
- n Client and Job databases.

This manual covers features for all editions of Parts&Vendors. Features that are disabled in the entry-level SE Edition are marked in this manual with the following icon:



Features that are only in the ECO Edition are marked in this manual with this icon:



If you purchased a license for a lower Edition and later wish to upgrade, you can contact Trilogy Design for information on how to get the edition you need. Your original purchase can be credited toward the upgrade (within a particular major version number).

Multiple Users and Networks

Users can work independently with their own Parts&Vendors data file, or multiple users can access a shared database file, provided each has a licensed copy of the P&V software. Refer to the section in this manual that addresses use and limitations.

Where To Go For Information

This manual and the on-line help system should answer most of your questions and teach you the fundamentals of operating P&V. If you need further help, there are other sources of information available. Frequently-Asked-Questions (FAQ's) lists are available on the Trilogy Design website, in addition to other resources you'll find there. To look us up, simply point your browser to www.trilogydesign.com

Online, in the User Area (this address is on the back side of the gray card in the front of the manual), you'll find free program updates, a technical support database, and a discussion news group.

You can also e-mail questions to Trilogy Design at the following address:

support@trilogydesign.com

If you need additional assistance, you can call Trilogy Design for technical support. Phone: 530-273-1985

Phone support hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, Pacific time. Send faxes to:

Fax: 530-477-9106

To use the on-line help system or take a tour of the software and see some of its key features, go to the Help menu and select one of the items.

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Installation

In order to properly run Parts&Vendors, your system must meet these basic hardware and software prerequisites:

- n Pentium class PC compatible computer
- n Windows 98, NT, Me, 2000 or XP
- n Minimum of 96 MB RAM recommended
- n CD ROM drive
- n 1024 x 768 or greater screen resolution

To install the software, follow these steps:

1. Insert the Parts&Vendors CD into your CD drive.
2. Closing the CD tray should automatically load and start the Setup program. If it does, skip to step 3.
3. From the Windows task bar **Start** button click **Start...** and then **Run...**
4. Type <CD drive letter>:\Pv6setup and Click **OK**. For example, if E: is your CD-ROM drive, type: **e:\Pv6setup**.
5. You will be prompted for what to do. Enter any information requested and follow all Setup program instructions.

When you install the program you will be prompted to enter your license number. If you do not enter a license the program will start in DEMO mode. To unlock the full features of the software, simply register the software from the main menu. To do this, select **Help...** and then **Register**.

Enter your License number as requested to enable full functionality (SE, EX or ECO Edition, as purchased).

Software Setup

Once you install Parts&Vendors, you should define as much information as possible under the **Edit...Settings**

menu item. Settings related to specific “activities” are discussed in that corresponding section.

Settings

Press F3 or, from the menu, choose Edit...Settings...

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Organization Billing Address settings". It features a menu bar at the top with the following items: Preferences, P/L, Viewers/Path, P/N, Copy P/N, Purch/Kit Lists, RFQ/PO, Taxes, User Fields, Organization (highlighted), Addresses, and Telephone. The main area contains several input fields: "Name" with the value "North Hills Engineering", "Billing Location" with the value "456 Ridge Road", "Address" with the value "Nevada City, CA 95959", "Phone" with the value "530-555-9114", and "Fax" with the value "530-555-8831".

Organization Billing Address settings

This screen supplies the Billing Address for RFQ’s and Purchase Orders and also shows on the page footer of Parts List reports.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Preferences". It features a menu bar at the top with the following items: RFQ/PO, Taxes, User Fields, Organization, Addresses, Telephone, Preferences (highlighted), P/L, Viewers/Path, P/N, Copy P/N, and Purch/Kit Lists. The main area contains three sections: "Customer Caption" with a text box containing "Client", "Currency decimal places" with two sub-sections: "Cost Each" with a value of 3 and "Extended Cost" with a value of 2, and "Shared Data File" with a checkbox labeled "Auto refresh data at" followed by a value of 30 and the text "second interval".

Preferences

Currency decimal places, as the name implies, refers to where the decimal point occurs right-to-left in a data field that shows currency.

Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists
RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone

Telephone

Local Area Code

Dialing COM Port

☐ Use Dialing Prefix

Local Area Codes for 10 Digit Dialing

When dialing or faxing RFQs/POs to Vendors that have an Area Code that matches one here, the fax number is sent to the fax software as-is (no 1 prefix).

- n *Local Area Code* refers to the area code where your computer resides.
- n *Dialing COM Port* refers to the port where your modem is plugged in.
- n You can specify a *Prefix* to be dialed before phone numbers, which is useful for business phone systems requiring a digit to access an outside line (often "9"). Including a comma (" , ") adds a 1/2 second delay, which may be helpful in allowing the phone line to properly decode the number.
- n Some areas (USA) have 10 digit dialing. Enter area codes that will be dialed without a "1" prefix.

Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists
RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone

PO Shipping and RFQ Addresses (+ phone, fax, email, etc.)

Address	Default PO	Default RFQ
North Hills Engineering 45601 Ridge Rd. Nevada City, CA 95959	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▶ North Hills Engineering 11757 Loma Rica Drive Grass Valley, CA 95945	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When printing

☒ Prompt for PO shipping address ☒ Prompt for RFQ address

Shipping and RFQ Addresses

This page allows you to set up the defaults for addresses referenced in PO's and RFQ's. You can enter any number of addresses and simply check those that you want as your current defaults. You can also control whether you want P&V to prompt you for a PO shipping address when printing, or instead use the default. Similarly, you can set whether an RFQ response address will be prompted or default to your selected one. To move addresses up or down on the list, select one row and click the arrow buttons.

RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone
Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists

Include On Report

☒ Notes for Assembly

☒ Notes for each item--
2 and 3 line P/L only
(Notes on 1-line P/L are in
normal column.)

Include On 3-line Parts List

Vendor

Vendor P/N

Mfr Name

Mfr P/N

Parts List Options for the 3-lines-per-item grid listing.

Under P/L Options, define (for the 3-line Parts List) whether or not you want information from the Item Master included on parts list reports (Include On Report) and the grid (Include On Grid and Report). (The *grid* is the right side of the P&V main window display.) The latter items are selectable from drop down menus.

Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists
RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone

Items on RFQ's and PO's begin with (in order of available data)

☒ Mfr P/N
 ☐ Vendor P/N
 ☐ In-house P/N

☒ Prompt when Adding Duplicate Item

☒ Update linked Source Cost when edited on a PO

☒ Show when a negative value is entered in Cost:

☐ Default PO Notes from text file: ...

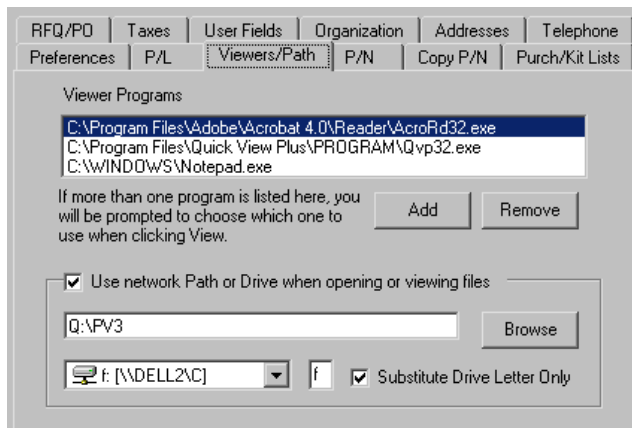
Date Required:
 FOB:
 Shipping Acct:

RFQ and PO Options

The top items allow you to specify which P/N (Manufacturer, Vendor or in-house) is on the first line of

RFQ's and PO's. The lower fields allow you to define several behaviors in RFQ's and PO's as follows:

- n *Update an Item's Cost when edited on a PO* causes a cost to be updated in the main database when it has been modified on a purchase order.
- n *Default PO Notes from text file*—if checked, the field on the right should be used to specify a text file that contains default notes text and an approved signature line.
- n *Date Required, FOB, Shipping Acct*—here you can enter default values for these fields.



Viewer and Net Path settings

This page allows you to specify one or more utility applications for use when opening files from P&V. For example, you might enter file viewers, text editors, or drawing programs.

The fields on the lower half of the page are used when your linked supporting drawing files are on a network drive, and the path (from your computer) to these files differs from that of the other user who added them to the database.

Purch/Kit Lists	RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses
Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	

For Tabulated Details of a Parent P/N

Item Revision

☒ Copy from Parent P/N

☐ Leave Independent

Units of Measure

☐ Copy from Parent P/N

☒ Leave Independent

☒ Enforce Upper Case Text in P/N's

Part Number Option settings

Defaults related to how parent part numbers are handled can be defined on this screen.

- n *Copy Revision from Parent P/N*—selecting this option causes P&V to automatically set the revision field of all Detail (child) items to the same revision as their Parent P/N (when saving any edits to the Parent P/N record).
- n *Revision is independent*—causes the revision field of detail items (child items) to remain unchanged (even when the Parent P/N revision changes).
- n *Copy Unit of Measure*—causes the Unit of Measure of Detail items to match that of their Parent P/N (when saving any edits to the Parent P/N record).
- n *Units are independent*—Units for each Detail item can be set independently.
- n *Enforce Upper Case Text in P/N's*—when checked, text in part numbers is entered as upper case without regard to the setting of the Shift or Caps Lock keys.

RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone
Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists

When Copying an Item

☒ Prompt to Copy Source(s)

☐ Do Not Copy Source(s)

When Copying a Family of Detail Items

Separator character for P/N Suffix: .

☒ Prompt to Copy (all) Details' Source(s)

☐ Do Not Copy Details' Source(s)

Sources to Copy

☒ Prompt When Copying

☐ Primary Only ☐ All

Preserve in Copy

☒ Vendor

☒ Vendor P/N, Desc

☒ Mfr Name, Mfr P/N

☒ Cost(s), Level(s)

☒ Units

☐ Primary Setting

☐ Buy in Multiples Of

☐ RFQDate, Leadtime

☐ Choice

Options to copy Sources when copying a Part Number

Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists
RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone

Field	Caption	
User 1	Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Link to Parent
User 2	Profile	<input type="checkbox"/> Link to Parent
User 3	Tooling	Data in field can be defined by Parent P/N (if any). Link to always copy to all Details.
User 4	Artwork	
User 5	Stock Bin	
User 6	Buyer Note	
User 7	User 7	
User 8	User 8	
User 9	User 9	
User 10	User 10	

User Field settings

The User fields are part of the Item Master record for each item. These ten text fields (100 characters each) can be used to hold any additional information about an item and can be captioned to identify the data. The caption text will appear on all corresponding column headings on screen and also on printed reports.

Caption text is saved in the main data file so all users of a shared data file will see the same column headings.

The User1 and User2 fields have the additional feature that they can be linked to the item's Parent P/N (if any). When linked by selecting the checkbox, the contents of the field on the Parent P/N will be copied into that field on each Detail (child) item (when saving any changes to the parent P/N record).

Multi-User Issues

The **P&V software** does not run from across a network. It is always installed separately on each workstation where a user will require it.

The **data file** where information resides can, however, be on a networked computer for sharing with other users of Parts&Vendors. Each user must have a separately licensed copy of the program.

Sharing a Data File

The Parts&Vendors data file can be shared by multiple users within certain limitations. Unlike larger client-server systems (which are more expensive), P&V does not implement record-caching and multi-user change collection. Therefore, you should observe and understand the limitations inherent in data sharing under Parts&Vendors so that it's used properly and data is protected.

Limitations

Parts&Vendors uses record locking, which means that more than one user can be doing different things at the same time. Record locking means that if one user is editing or saving a record, then others will not be able to write to the same record until it is saved by the first user.

Record locking works in "paragraphs." This means that one or more records might also be locked if it is adjacent to the record being edited. Unfortunately, newly created

entries (P/N's, vendors, manufacturers, whatever) are always at the "end of the list," so are inherently adjacent.

The above limitations are typical of simple file-sharing systems.

Parts&Vendors minimizes these limitations by operating most of its data views and listings in an "unbound" mode. This means that the displayed data is detached from the main data file until the edits are saved to disk. The writes to the data file are "hit-and-run," (transactions) and since they occur quickly, there is less chance of a "collision" with another user. If the write is unsuccessful, the program waits for 1/2 second and tries again. Occasionally you may get a message that prompts you to save again.

Refreshing Data

As you move around in the program, it will always automatically retrieve the latest data.

However, because the displayed information is detached from the main file, your screen may not immediately reflect a change that was made in the data file by another user (if you are continuously viewing a listing).

- n You can manually refresh the data at any time by clicking the Refresh button on the tool bar. (It has the snowflake icon). The menu View...Refresh also does the same thing.
- n The program can also be set to automatically update the screen with the latest data as long as there is not an edit in progress and the main window is in its default Control-Pane-drives-List-Pane condition. (See *Getting Started* for a complete description of the window basics.)

In the Settings—Press F3 or choose *Edit...Settings...Preferences* to set an automatic refresh interval. (Since your own navigation will also refresh your screen, we suggest making this interval fairly long. The default is 300 seconds; minimum is 30 seconds).

Global and Local Settings for Multiple Users

Most settings are local to each copy of the program; only a few settings are Global (common to the main data file).

Global settings include:

- n User 1-10 field captions
- n User 1-2 options for being linked/not linked to Parent P/N.
- n Organization information and shipping addresses
- n P/N options for tabulated details of a Parent P/N
- n Enforcing uppercase of text in P/N
- n Date/Text field types for PO Date Req'd.

File Paths

Use Network Path

(Edit...Settings...Viewers/Paths)—This applies to document files linked to P/N's (Files/URLs grid when on Item Master page). The files linked to items in the database may not reside on your computer. The path to them from your computer may differ from the path to them from the user that added them to the database. If so, make an entry that is a path to substitute for the one in the database entry, so you can open or view the files. This setting is used when all document files are in a common directory.

Use Drive Letter Only

(Edit...Settings...Viewers/Paths)—The files linked to items in the database may not reside on your computer.

The path to them from your computer may be the same as the database entry, but that network drive may be logged onto your machine as a different drive letter from the user that added those paths and filenames to the database. If so, make an entry that is a drive letter to substitute for the one in the database entry, so you can open or view the files.

Multi-User Disclaimer

If you administrate a P&V workgroup—please READ THIS.

Parts&Vendors uses the Microsoft® JET® Database Engine to open and manipulate its data files. This program "back end" has proven itself by being part of Microsoft's own Access® database program, as well as part of thousands of independently developed data applications. Over a period of years, JET has shown itself to be reliable and robust.

Like many other programs, multiple copies of P&V can open a single data file in shared mode. It is to the credit of the operating system programmers that this can be done in Windows and DOS, and is almost like getting multi-user operation for "free."

However, unlike larger (more expensive) client/server systems, JET does not just retrieve the records of interest. Rather, each copy of JET (on each P&V workstation) opens the WHOLE database and brings the entire file across the network to work with it.

At any moment, your workgroup P&V data can be scattered across the network, in memory at several P&V workstations.

The integrity of the data file is therefore dependent upon "well behaved" operation of the network and its associated P&V workstations.

Ultimately, a "well behaved" system is defined as—
One that does not corrupt your data file.

Most multi-user installations work just fine—as
evidenced by a multitude of installations on all kinds of networks used by our customers. At Trilogy Design we

use large (10-20meg), shared databases on a mixed Windows platform network and have not had a multi-user induced data file failure --ever (or, should we say, yet). Time will tell whether your own system meets the above criteria.

The final analysis of all this points to one important act of self-defense and common sense —Back up your data file **EVERY SINGLE DAY!** (Answer this question: What other file do you have that holds data from ALL of your projects?)

Backing up is easily done from within P&V. When all other users have exited the file, choose File...Copy (Backup) and pick a location on another computer on your network, or on a removable-media drive. You could also create a shortcut on your Desktop to copy the file from outside of P&V. Or, create a scheduled event (using Windows facilities for this) to run a batch file to copy the file at a particular time each day.

Please do not call Tech Support with a tear in your eye and a story about how your data file is corrupted and your most recent backup is months old. While we will do our best to help, please be advised that Trilogy Design is not a data recovery service.

QuickStart

This section of the manual is neither a tutorial nor a how-to. This information is provided for users who prefer to learn the program by jumping right in and “clicking around” rather than reading the entire manual. Here are the key concepts you need to understand and use the software.

Essential Concepts

- n P/N (part number) is one of an item’s key fields. P/N’s in the Item Master (the repository of all items) can be reused on any number of parts lists (assemblies). Editing an item’s specifications, including changing its P/N, affects everywhere that item is used throughout the database.
- n An item’s Type: CAT, PL, DWG, PS, AW, DOC sets whether it is a list of items or an individual component. Type also tells the user what kind of specifying document it has (if any): i.e. whether an order for an item must be accompanied by a drawing.
- n An assembly tree (a top level assembly plus subassemblies) is created by adding an assembly to a parts list in the same manner that you add an individual component to a parts list. You can build assembly trees any number of levels deep, and see them all on the Tree.
- n Each source for an item is represented by a record on the Sources grid. Each source can have separate costs for any number of buy-levels (the vendor’s price breaks). You can have as many sources for each item as desired, but check the “Primary” check box for the one that the program will use for automated compiling of Purchase Lists.

Sequence of Activities

The following instructions present the basic steps for using this program. Refer to the rest of the manual if you need more detailed information.

1. **Create a new (empty) data file** (choose File...New) or open an existing one. If you are opening a previous version data file, P&V will automatically start the conversion routine.
2. **Enter Item Specifications.** Create P/N's for some of your items, and at least one P/N for an assembly. Go to the Item Master tab (called a page) on the left side of the P&V main window.
3. **Make a Parts List.** Add items to a Parts List to document the assembly. On the Item Master page, Parts List grid, click on the Add button (above the grid).
4. **Enter Vendor Information.** Create some vendor entries to serve as sources for the items. This is done on the Vendor page.
5. **Specify Sources for Items.** Vendors can be linked to items on the Vendor page, Items Supplied grid *or* Items can be linked to Vendors on the Item Master page, Sources grid. Either approach results in the same item/source relationship.

Enter other supporting information such as manufacturer, manufacturer P/N, lead time, etc.

6. **Set Costs for Parts.** Fill in costs on the Sources or Items Supplied grids *or* the costs can be entered directly on an RFQ that has been auto-generated on the Buy page (see appropriate sections in this manual).
7. **Calculate the Cost of Your Product.** Set the various cost options on the Item Master page and on the Buy page. Make a new Purchase List. Costs are shown on the Cost Summary Tree.

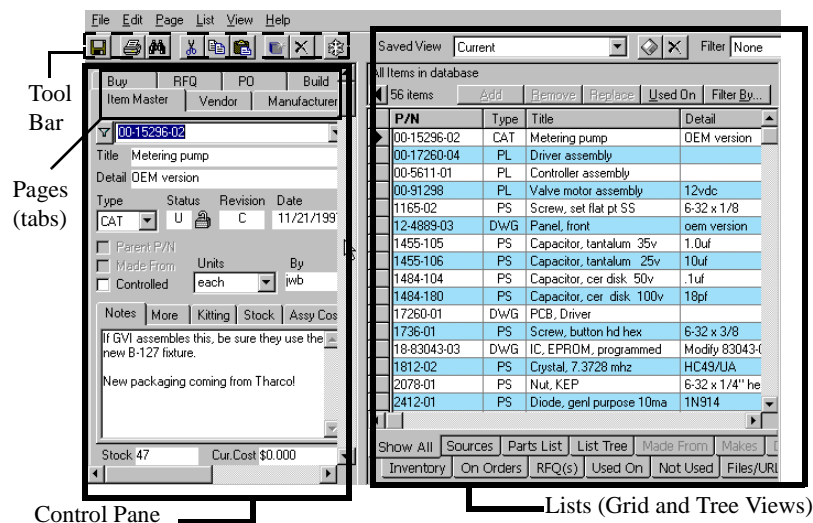
8. **Generate an Extended BOM (a Purchase List).** This is a list of all items with one line per part number. Extended quantities (based on number of units to be built) of multiple-use items (items on more than one subassembly) are consolidated onto that line. The calculations are affected by the settings of the Quantity options on the Buy page and Stock options on the Item Master page.
9. **Order Items.** PO's can be auto-generated from the Purchase List (on the Buy page) or created on the PO page one at a time. Entering the quantities received on the Purchase Order as items are received will automatically update inventory.
10. **Make Kit List.** This is the pick list to identify items to be removed from stock. On the Build page, make a Kit List. Calculations are affected by the kitting option settings available on the Item Master page.
11. **Adjust Inventory.** Reduce the inventory to reflect removing the kits from stock. Increase inventory when putting the finished units into stock. (These are done on the Build page.)
12. **Back up your data file DAILY.** Your P&V data file may eventually hold important data from ALL of your projects. Don't risk information loss due to an untimely power glitch, hard disk crash or any other technical problem. See the Data file Operations section at the back of the manual for more suggestions on protecting your data file.

Main Window

Getting Started

Parts&Vendors is a powerful, flexible tool for creating, manipulating and storing information about items used to build assemblies and manufactured products. Once you make parts lists for the assemblies that comprise a product, the program can gather and display information about the items on those lists for purchasing and manufacturing activities.

To use Parts&Vendors, you'll primarily be working in the Main Window. The Main Window allows you to view and edit information in a variety of ways, allowing you to choose the way you want to work. Two key areas comprise the Main Window: the Control Pane on the left of the window and the List Pane on the right. In its normal mode, the Control (left) Pane drives the List (right) Pane. However, you can also reverse the control direction and look at any item from the list.



Parts&Vendors Main Window

Control Pane

The Control Pane at the left side of the main program window is separated into “pages” selected by clicking on the tabs at the top. On these pages the user sets options, edits data, selects data to view, or initiates operations, including making a Purchase List and dialing a vendor.

In normal operation, the Control Pane selections determine what data will be shown on the various grids of the List Pane (the right-hand part of the main program window).

Saving Changes

Changes you make to Control Pane data are saved automatically as you move around in the program. If, however, you aren’t “going anywhere” after editing something, you can also:

- n Click the Save button on the tool bar
- n Press Ctrl+S on the keyboard
- n Choose File...Save from the menu
- n Right-click and choose Save from the Popup menu.

Popup Menu

Right-clicking on the mouse while the focus is in a Control Pane text box or dropdown box brings up the following menu. Most of the options should be familiar to the user.

C <u>u</u> t	Ctrl+X
<u>C</u> opy	Ctrl+C
<u>P</u> aste	Ctrl+V
<hr/>	
<u>F</u> ind	Ctrl+F
<u>S</u> ave	Ctrl+S
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<u>A</u> lternate Line Color	
Font	
Dropdown Column Widths	

Alternate Line Color—Alternate line colors can be set to make readability across long rows easier. This option controls the appearance of the dropdown box records, by alternating (or not) the color of each row.

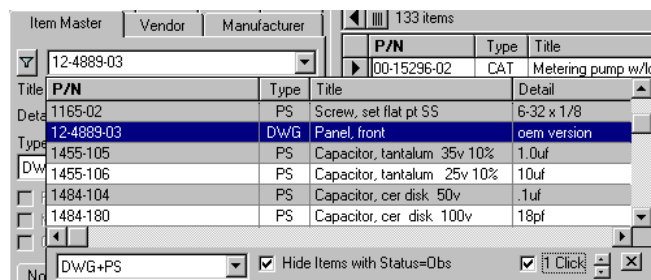
Dropdown Column Widths—Column widths can be set on the Item Master page Part Number dropdown box, which shows the part's Type, Title, and Detail in addition to the P/N. The width of the Title and Detail columns matches the widths of those columns on the ShowAll list. Widen or narrow the width of those columns on the list to adjust the column width on the dropdown.

Enhanced dropdown lists

From the menu choose Page...Enhanced Dropdown Lists.

The enhanced dropdowns take just a bit longer to open, but offer more features, including

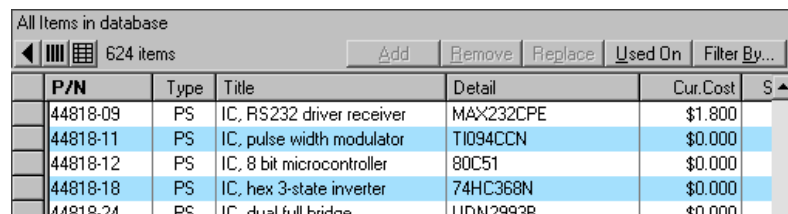
- n mouse scroll wheel support
- n additional filtering (depending on page)
- n column sorting
- n adjustable column widths
- n adjustable column order
- n single or double click action



Enhanced dropdown on the Item Master page

List Pane

The List Pane is the right-side area on the Main Parts&Vendors window. When you wish to view data in a list or tree format, you use the List Pane side of the window. The view you actually see is dependent on which page tab you've selected at the bottom of the screen (Show All, Assy Tree, Parts List, etc.). Select the ShowAll page, where you'll see a flat listing of items.



P/N	Type	Title	Detail	Cur. Cost	S
44818-09	PS	IC, RS232 driver receiver	MAX232CPE	\$1.800	
44818-11	PS	IC, pulse width modulator	T1094CCN	\$0.000	
44818-12	PS	IC, 8 bit microcontroller	80C51	\$0.000	
44818-18	PS	IC, hex 3-state inverter	74HC368N	\$0.000	
44818-24	PS	IC, dual full bridge	11DK12993B	\$0.000	

The List Pane

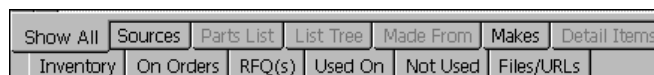
Records

Records are the rows of information that define items.

Viewing Information

At the bottom of the List Pane are a group of list tabs that allow you to look at data on the List in different ways. To select a different view, simply click on a Tab. A selected view is always indicated by the front-most tab. The sets of tabs differ depending on which Control Pane Page is currently selected. The tabs for the Item Master Page are shown in the following figure.

List Pane Tabs for Item Master



Show All	Sources	Parts List	List Tree	Made From	Makes	Detail Items
Inventory	On Orders	RFQ(s)	Used On	Not Used	Files/URLs	

The types of information displayed for the Item Master Grid tabs are as follows:

Show All—Allows you to see all records for all part numbers in the database.

Sources—Shows the sources (if any) for the currently displayed P/N on the Control Pane.

Parts Lists—Shows a complete numbered parts list for the currently selected item, including quantities and reference designators.

List Tree—Shows a complete product structure tree listing for the currently selected item on the control pane. The Tree shows hierarchical relationships between assemblies and subassemblies/items.

Made From—A list view optimized for showing “Made From” items. Made From items are items manufactured out of house, but modified in-house. (These are defined in depth later in the manual.)

Makes—A list view optimized for showing items made into other “made from” items.

Detail Items—A list view optimized for showing Detail Items (child items) of a Parent part number.

Inventory—This list format provides a complete inventory summary, showing fields such as stock on hand, stock on order, minimum reorder levels, primary source information, etc.

On Orders—A list showing purchase orders that include the current P/N on the Item Master.

RFQ(s)—Shows all Requests for Quotation that reference the current P/N on the Item Master.

Used On—Shows all assemblies that use the current P/N on the Item Master.

Not Used—Shows which items in the database are currently not assigned to any assemblies.

Files/URLs—Shows the files or web links associated with the P/N on the Item Master.

Adjusting Column Width and Position

You can adjust column width on the grid or tree by clicking and dragging with the mouse:

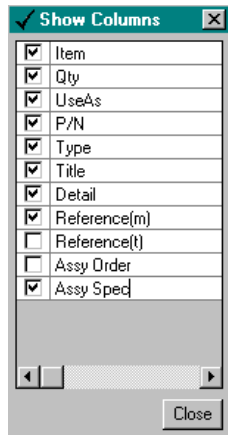
- n Use the mouse to drag between column headings to adjust column width.
- n Use the mouse to drag the column headings to rearrange the column order.

Columns in Reports

The grid column heading text color shows what columns will fit on a printed page. Columns with black headings will be printed, those that are grayed won't be. The printed report can be set to Truncate Columns or Tile Pages to fit all the columns. Make this setting from File...Page Setup.

Choosing Columns to show

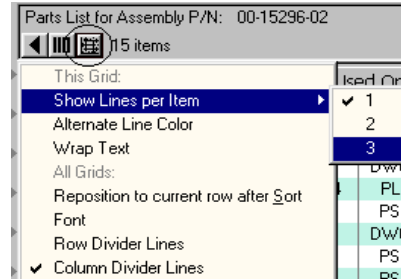
Initially you'll see many columns in list view, perhaps more than you need to see. You can narrow the view to see only desired columns by going to the List menu and choosing *Columns to Show* and then checking only those columns you want to see from the Show Columns window.



Click the small button above the grid to open the Columns dialog.

Show Columns Dialog

Some Grid settings are available from the Grid menu. This one is for the parts list grid.



Tree View

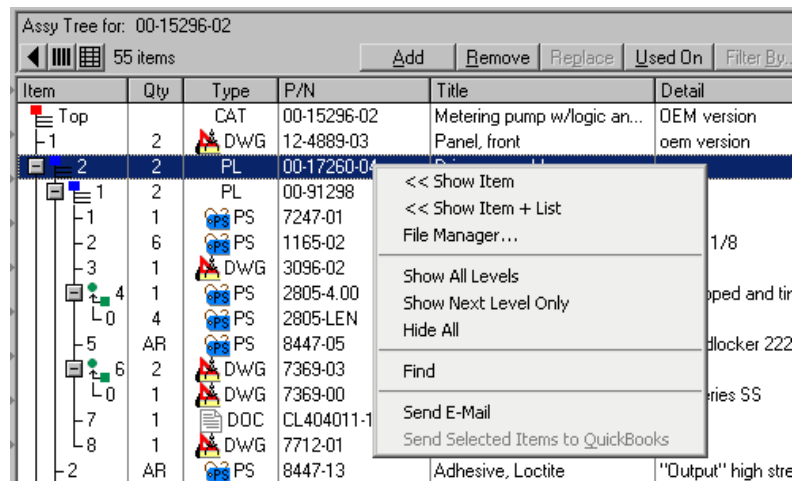
A whole product can be shown in a Tree View that visually shows the relationships between the top level and lower level subassemblies.

Viewing Items in a Tree View—To see a tree view:

1. Choose a top level (or any) assembly on the Item Master page.

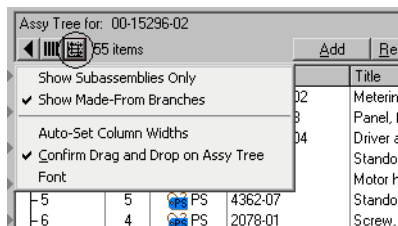
- Click the List Tree tab at the bottom of the List Pane.

The assembly tree will always be shown in Item Number order. Icons visually separate the different types of items on the tree.



The popup menu (right click on the tree) provides quick selections of actions on the tree.

Some tree settings are available from the Tree menu:



Auto-set or Save column widths—From the popup menu, check (or uncheck) the menu item. With the menu item unchecked, user adjustments to column widths are saved and restored when the tree is refreshed.

Show Subassemblies Only —Each assembly on the Tree can be expanded or collapsed to show or hide its contents.

Use the small buttons in the left column of the tree to Show (expand) or Hide (collapse) the branch.

Or, after highlighting an item on the tree, use the right-click popup menu to set the visibility of any branch.

When printing, only the visible branches will show on the report.



Made From branches—Made From branches can also be shown (or hidden) on the Tree view of an assembly.

On the Tree Settings menu, choose Show Made From Branches and check or uncheck the menu entry.

The setting will take effect the next time the tree is refreshed

Dragging and Dropping Items on the Tree—You can move single items or entire branches in the tree view and place them in one of two ways:

1. Click on a desired item that you want to move. The row will be highlighted.
2. While holding the mouse button down, drag to a desired position to insert the rows.
3. You'll see a page icon and a moving line next to the cursor as you drag it to where you want the insertion to take place (inserts before).

Or, if you also hold the **shift key** as you drag, you'll see a page icon and a box that moves over items as you drag; when you release the mouse in this mode, it inserts the moved item into a PL or after an item (other than a PL) where you release.

If the target of the drag & drop is a PL or CAT, the dragged item will be inserted as the last item on that subassembly.

Set the Tree Settings option *View...Confirm Drag&Drop on Assy Tree* to have the program prompt for confirmation.

When confirmed, items on the “dragged-from branch” and items on the “dropped-onto” branch will be renumbered sequentially.

Note: Released PL’s and CAT’s, or MadeFrom or Makes items cannot have items added or removed (dropped onto or dragged from).

Double Click Action Options—The *View...List Dbl-Click Action > Tree* has three options for setting Double Click action: Expand/Collapse, Show Item, Show Items + List.

Qty and Reference columns can be edited on the tree view.

To end the edit, press ENTER or TAB. Just clicking off the cell will not save the changes.

Title	Detail	Ref(m)	Vend
Resistor, carbon 1/4w 5%	3.3 k	R6	Digi-K
Resistor, carbon 1/4w 5%	6.8 k	R1	Digi-K
Resistor, carbon 1/4w 5%	10 k	R2, R4, R12	Digi-K
Resistor, carbon 1/4w 5%	47 k	R7, R9, R10, R11	Digi-K
Resistor, carbon 1/4w 5%	4.7 k	R13	Digi-K

Grid

How to Select Items on the Grid—Click on the record selector at the left of the Grid to select a single item (for removing, deleting, replacing, exporting, etc.). Or:

- n Shift+click another to select more than one item. (a group of rows).

- n Press Control+click to select individual rows, not necessarily in a contiguous group.

Making Rows More Readable—Alternate line colors can be set to make readability across long rows easier. Each grid can have its own color scheme. Set alternate row colors from the Grid Settings menu.

How to Sort Lists—You can sort lists on the grid by clicking on a desired column heading.

- n To sort in descending order, hold the control key down when clicking or just click again.
- n A secondary sort column is set by holding the shift key down when clicking on the column heading.

Double Click Action Options—The *View...List DbClick Action > Grid* has three options for setting Double Click action: Select text, Show Item, Show Item + List.

Single-click Action—The user can set the single-click action to either position the cursor in a grid cell or to select all text. *List...Select* text when clicking in a cell.

Entering and Editing Information

Editing information on either the Control Pane or List Pane follows most standard editing procedures. In addition, Parts& Vendors has several unique operations.

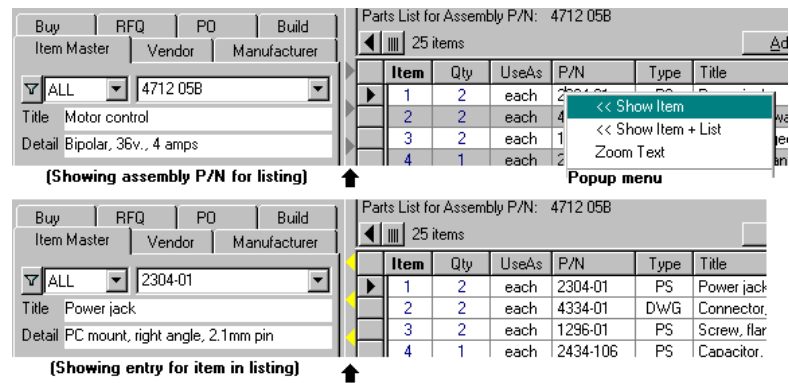
1. Text color on the grid indicates whether text is editable or not:
 - n Non-editable fields are black text.
 - n Editable fields are dark blue text. (This color can be set from View...Grid Colors...Set Editable Text Color.)
2. To edit on Show All grids, check the menu item *View...Allow Editing on Show All Grid*.
3. Dates can be entered in several formats: Jan. 2, 2002 or 1/2/2002 or 1/2/2002 or 2 Jan 2002.

4. Ctrl+; (hold the Ctrl key while pressing the semi-colon) inserts the date.
5. Ctrl+Shift+' (hold the Ctrl and Shift keys while pressing the single-quote key) on the grid copies the contents from the cell above the cursor into the cell with the cursor.

Control Pane vs. List Pane: Setting Control Direction

Control direction refers to how the Main Window behaves when you're editing. Although the default is for the Control Pane (left side of the main window) to drive the List Pane (the right side of the main window), you can easily change it. To reverse control direction, right click on an item of interest on the grid (or tree) and choose *Show Item* from the popup menu.

Show a listed item's specification



Direction Indicator

You can tell at a glance which direction P&V is currently in by viewing the main window's Splitter Bar.

Some listings are non-directional, including the Show All and Inventory listings. The splitter bar shows no direction when you're viewing these listings.

Restore the left-to-right control direction by:—

1. Clicking the Refresh button on the Tool Bar restores the left-to-right control, and the currently displayed Control Pane record becomes the new driving record.
2. Double clicking the Splitter Bar restores the left-to-right control direction, returning to the original driving record for the displayed listing.
3. Right-clicking on the List Pane and selecting Reset Control Direction from the popup menu does the same.
4. Selecting another item or vendor from the Control Pane.
5. Selecting another Control Pane page.

Show a listed item's List

On the popup menu for any grid, you can select *Show Item + List* to show that item and its associated list. For example, if you currently have a part number of an assembly selected in the list and then select *Show Item + List* from the popup, you'll next see that assembly item show up in the control pane and you'll see the list view change to a detailed parts list of the assembly.

Tool Bar

Most of the buttons on the tool bar are conventional Windows icons and have obvious functions (print, cut, paste, save file, delete, etc.). To find the function of any button, place your cursor over the button without clicking and the program will show the button function in a tool tip under the button.

Other functions on the tool bar that are unique to P&V are as follows:

Refresh Button



Reloads the currently displayed records from the data file to the display screen. Pressing this button

also restores the window splitter's control direction to the default left-to-right mode.

View History

The program saves the last 50 views of data. Press Alt+Left Arrow or Alt+Right Arrow to go back and forward, or choose the previous view from the View History dropdown list on the toolbar.

Saved Views

Any combination of data and main window layout can be saved under a user-specified name. This handy feature is a time-saving device that allows you to make a particular data view immediately retrievable from the dropdown list on the Tool Bar.

Typical uses include saving the Parts List view of a few assemblies you are currently working on, or perhaps the Items Supplied view of a recently troublesome vendor. (If you're on the phone and have to leave a view, it's really nice to be able to return easily without having to retrace your steps.)



Creating and Deleting Saved Views—On the main window toolbar, you can also save the currently displayed item and window layout as a user-specified name.



Save View Delete View

Toolbar Save and Delete View buttons

These buttons are provided to make it quick to return to a particular area of work, such as an assembly in development or a problematic order that needs repeated attention, etc.

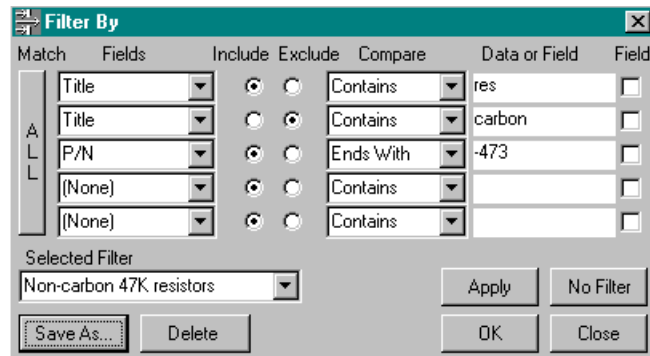
On the toolbar, click the Delete Saved View to remove the name of the currently displayed view from the list.

Note: This does not delete the data.

Do this when immediate retrieval of this view is not necessary and you want to keep the length of the list to a minimum (for less clutter).

Filter

You can create and save filters for any listing of data by going to the List menu and selecting the *Filter By...* menu item, by clicking the *Filter By...* button above the grid menu item, or by pressing the *F9* key. The dropdown list on the toolbar makes all saved filters *for the currently displayed grid* accessible.



Dropdown
filter list on toolbar



Filter By dialog and Toolbar dropdown list

Status Bar

Shows the status of current operation—or, if no operation is in progress—it shows the operations the user can select depending on where the focus is.

Shortcut Keys	Select All (Esc to cancel)	Ctrl+A
	Adjust Stock	Ctrl+K
	Change	Ctrl+G
	Copy from grid cell above	Ctrl+Shift+'
	Insert Date	Ctrl+;
	Delete	Ctrl+D
	Find	Ctrl+F
	New	Ctrl+N
	Print	Ctrl+P
	Refresh screen data	Ctrl+R
	Reduce Stock	Ctrl+T
	Save	Ctrl+S
	Copy (to clipboard)	Ctrl+C
	Cut (to clipboard)	Ctrl+X
	Paste (from clipboard)	Ctrl+V
	Undo	Ctrl+Z
	Last View	Alt+Left Arrow
	Next View	Alt+Right Arrow

Activities

Managing Items and P/N's

This section introduces some important concepts about items and assemblies that you should understand when working in Parts&Vendors. After introducing these concepts, we'll then discuss how to use the Control Pane pages to edit and enter item/assembly information.

Everything you track in your inventory is usually a *part* or is made from parts (an *assembly*). Within Parts&Vendors, each item must have a unique part number.

You can think of parts as the basic building blocks. Once you have a parts list you can then add parts or entire parts lists to other parts lists, building assembly/subassembly trees any number of levels deep.

Parent Part Numbers identify families of related items.

Made-From links tie finished items to intermediate or raw materials used to make an item.



Part Numbering

You enter Part Numbers into the system as text, and they can be made up of any combination of alpha, numeric, and punctuation characters.

Why Assign Your Own Part Numbers—

For Purchased Items—Chances are that sometime during the development or manufactured life of your product you will choose another source for various items. This may happen because the item is no longer available or because you find a better source for it. When this happens you don't want to have to update the basic documentation for your product. By assigning your own part numbers you can:

- n Maintain a beneficial separation between your product's documentation and the whims of your suppliers.
- n Maintain a uniform system in your database so you can sort and select by information contained in your part numbering system. And, depending on the system you use, you can make a wide range of items easily recognizable by P/N only, without a lot of descriptive text. This can be very helpful to other people in your organization who have to use the information.

For Custom Fabricated Items—Even if you have only a few fabricated parts, it's still helpful to have some way of tracking them. Part numbering is the best way of specifying an item, because that P/N refers back to your database, which can then refer to other drawings and documents that add detail.

Tips For Better Part Numbering Systems—There are almost as many numbering systems as there are manufacturing companies and while the complete topic of numbering could take an entire volume, the basics are pretty simple. Always remember to:

- n Keep your system simple so it's easy to maintain
- n Have the part number definition contain only information that is really useful to the people who will use it.

A part number is not really a “number” at all. It's text, and can consist of combinations of letters, punctuation and numbers.

At some companies, “Document Control Experts” have favored simple, sequential, numerical part numbers that are issued sequentially and carry no meaning other than as an identifier for the item. Their argument is that this system is easiest to maintain and won't have any particular limitations on representing items, particularly as the number and item diversity grows.

However, most people who actually use part and assembly information usually favor an approach where they can tell what they are looking at just by seeing the part number on a list, a label, a packing slip, or an order. Such an approach is sometimes referred to as a *smart numbering system*, and has the distinction of the part number's letters and numbers—and sometimes their location—as meaning something. Choosing exactly which information should be carried within the P/N often depends on the nature of the business activity, and what is important about the range of items encountered.

What to Leave Out—Generally, it's a good idea to keep any vendor-specific information out of the P/N. If you change vendors, you'd have to change the part number.

Also, leave out anything that specifies how the item is fabricated. If you decide to make your lathe-produced item on an automatic screw machine, or refine it to be an upset forging, you might want to have the flexibility to call it by the same part number (presuming it's still a direct replacement).

If it's a finished part (and not a raw material) it's probably a good idea to leave out anything that says what kind of material it's made of.

Leave out any customer-related job number, unless everything your organization makes is custom built and you never have any overlap in the components you use (which is rather unlikely).

What To Include: —Things you can include are codes that indicate the general category of the item (fastener, bracket, spacer, wire, circuit board, IC, resistor, coil, piece of paper), and its function. You might also define what variations are possible: value, color, and size.

Part Number Examples—here are some sections (prefixes and suffixes) that often occur in part numbers:

- n a prefix (PPP) to identify the general category of the item
- n a root portion (RRRR) (numerical) to identify the specific item
- n a suffix (SSS) to identify variations

Following these guidelines, one possible part number might use the form: PPP-RRRR-SSS

Examples:

400-1007-GRN

400=wire, GRN=green (probably a bad idea)

400-1007-005 (probably a better idea)


400-1007-145 green with yellow stripe

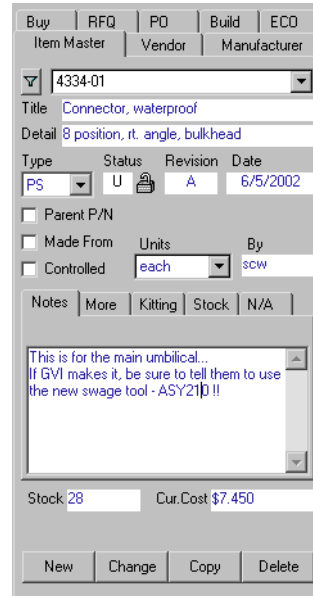
Depending on the nature of your business, you may have additional sections to your P/N specific to your needs. Fortunately, Parts&Vendors will let you change the part number for an item after-the-fact, and the change will be effective wherever the item is used.

There is a utility that will make bulk changes to part numbers should you find that a modification is necessary after entering hundreds or more items. From the menu choose File...File Utilities...Maintenance...Replace Certain String Data. We strongly suggest making a backup copy of your data file before using this utility.

Creating and Viewing Item Records

The Item Master page is viewed by clicking on the tab on the Control Pane. On this page you can create Item Records and enter part specifications. The Part Number dropdown on the Item Master page shows all items in the database. To make it easier to locate items when browsing this list, limit the types of items by *filtering*.

To display the filters available for the P/N dropdown, click the small button with the funnel icon .



The screenshot shows the 'Item Master' form with the following fields and values:

- Part Number: 4334-01
- Title: Connector, waterproof
- Detail: 8 position, rt. angle, bulkhead
- Type: PS
- Status: U
- Revision: A
- Date: 6/5/2002
- Units: each
- By: scw
- Stock: 28
- Cur. Cost: \$7.450

Buttons at the bottom: New, Change, Copy, Delete.

Click the down arrow button to open the filter list, and then choose a filter.

When hiding the filter dropdown (by clicking the funnel button again), the filter will revert to ALL items.

In addition to the obvious text descriptions of an item, all items in the database have a:

Part Number—This is text that uniquely identifies the item. Care should be taken to develop a useful part numbering system.

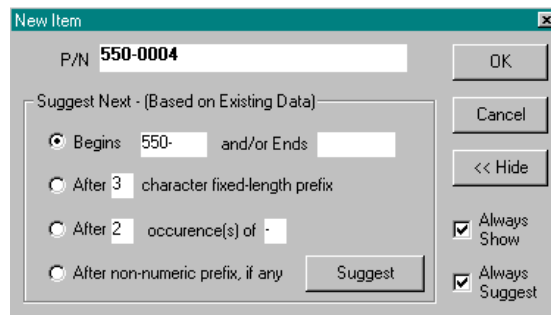
Enforcing Uppercase Text in P/N's

Ensure part numbers have all uppercase characters by going to *Edit...Settings...P/N Options* and setting *Enforce Upper Case Text in P/N's*.

Automating Part Number Creation

Parts&Vendors can suggest the next available Part Number, based on existing Part Numbers in the current data file:

1. Go to the Item Master page
2. Click on the New P/N command button at the bottom.
3. Choose the method that the program will use to evaluate the existing data, then click Suggest. For more information, see “Suggest Next Number Dialog” on page 144





The Suggest Next options are saved, so the dialog opens the way you last left it.

Type—DWG, PS, PL, CAT, AW, DOC. The Type indicates the nature of the item, whether or not a document is associated with it, and the type of document if one is indicated.



There are six Types: two to identify assemblies, two to identify components, and two to identify non-inventory items.

Assemblies:

-  **CAT**—Catalog Number: a top level assembly; your company's Catalog number for the product as presented to your customers.
-  **PL**—Parts List: any other assembly; any level of sub assembly.



Within the program, the CAT and PL Types function identically. If you follow the suggestion of making only top level assemblies "CAT", then you will be able to filter listings to show only those top levels without the clutter of other assemblies.

Components:

-  **DWG**—Drawing: an item that has some kind of drawing or document that defines its specifications.
-  **PS**—Purchase Spec.: an item that does not have a drawing or document (in your organization) necessary to define its specifications. PS items are defined entirely by the Vendor or Manufacturer's part number for the item.

Note: When ordering an item, its Type tells the buyer whether he should be looking for a drawing to accompany the order.

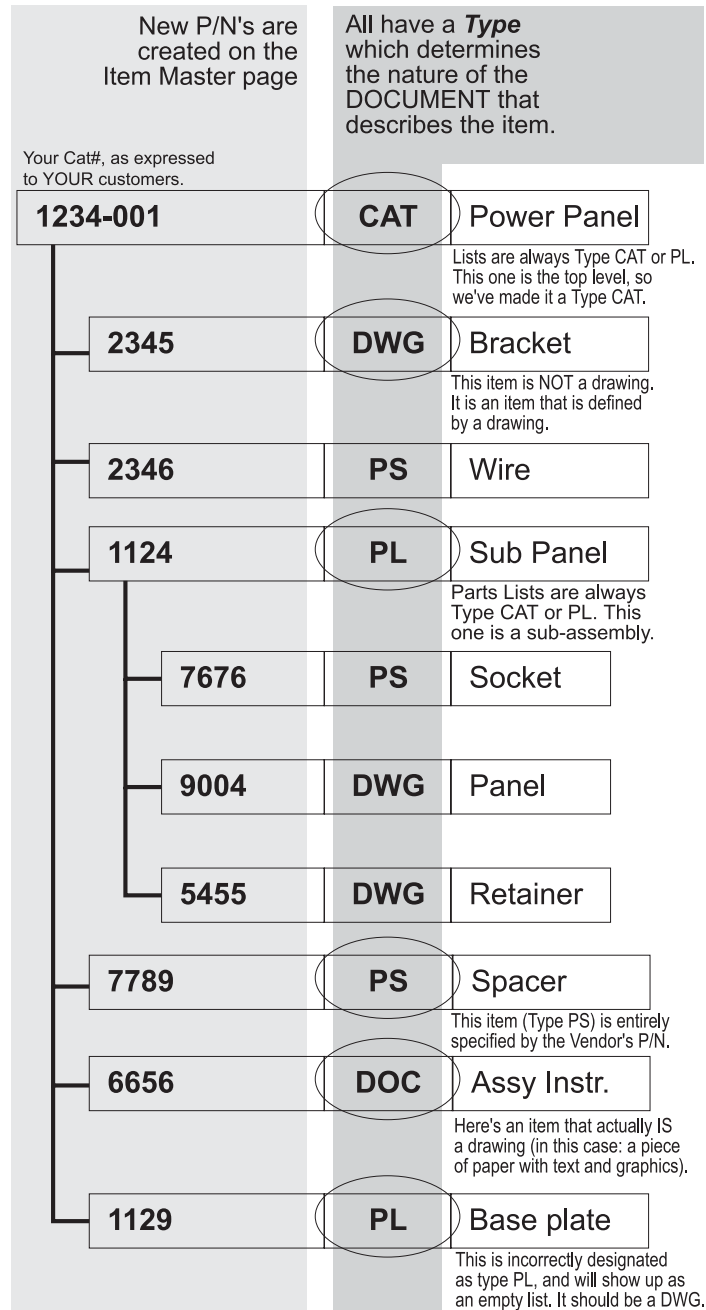
Non-inventory items:

-  **AW**—Artwork: An item such as hard-copy camera-ready art, a piece of film, or diskette-carried image or data that is required to make another item. This is a non-inventory item and is not a part of the final component or assembly on which it is listed.
-  **DOC**—Document: A drawing or text document used to make another item or assembly, including instructions, inspection checklists, etc. It is particularly used for hard copy printouts that

accompany a kit of parts to the manufacturing area. This is a non-inventory item and is not a part of the final component or assembly on which it is listed.

AW and DOC items can have sources and costs like any other items, but are **not included in the calculated cost of an assembly**.

Understanding Types



Parent P/N—When a family of items has a common basic description, it is sometimes convenient to link the items together under a parent part number. This is often done so that you can:

- n Make one cost entry for the whole family of items
- n Consolidate references to documentation into one place.

(These families are sometimes referred to as being “tabulated,” since they are often represented on drawings and spec sheets displayed in a “tabular” format.)

In Parts&Vendors, the Title, Type, and Status are common to all of the items. The User 1 and User 2 and Revision fields can be common to all items or set independently for each item.

The Detail field (the 2nd level description) identifies the basic difference between the items. In the context of P&V, we refer to the Parent number and the Detail items.

Note: The Parent number is never a physical item. It is only a reference part number. It cannot be added to a parts list or purchased.

Usually, most of the part number is the same for the whole family, with a different suffix to identify each member of the family.

Examples:

The parent part number might look like 12345-XXX
and the detail fills in the suffix part, like 12345-001
12345-002
.
12345-999,
etc.

Creating Parent and Detail Items

To link already existing part numbers to the Parent:

1. Show the Parent part on the Control Pane.
2. Click on the Detail Items tab of the List Pane.
3. Above the Details grid click the Add button.
4. On the Add dialog, select the item(s) to be linked to the Parent number and click Add.

Note: Use the Filter on the Add dialog to narrow the range of displayed items, if desired.

To create new Detail Items under this Parent:

1. Above the Details grid click the New button.
2. Enter the (entire) new P/N and click OK.

Note: To create a whole series of new Detail items, set up the suggest-next criteria to match the format of the Parent P/N.

Copy Family of Items Under a New Root P/N

If the format of the Parent P/N includes a separator character and a suffix, the program can copy the family under a new root number and retain suffixes for all the Detail items. To do so:

Make sure that on the Edit....Settings dialog, under the Copy P/N tab, the separator character entered matches that used in the P/N family.

RFQ/PD	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone
Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists

When Copying an Item

☒ Prompt to Copy Source(s)
☐ Do Not Copy Source(s)

When Copying a Family of Detail Items

Separator character for P/N Suffix: .

☒ Prompt to Copy (all) Details' Source(s)
☐ Do Not Copy Details' Source(s)

Sources to Copy

☒ Prompt When Copying
☐ Primary Only ☐ All

Preserve in Copy

☒ Vendor
☒ Vendor P/N, Desc
☒ Mfr Name, Mfr P/N
☒ Cost(s), Level(s)
☒ Units
☐ Primary Setting
☐ Buy in Multiples Of
☐ RFQDate, Leadtime
☐ Choice

Close the Settings dialog. Then, with the parent P/N on the Item Master, click the Copy button, provide a new root portion for the P/N, and click OK on the Copy Item dialog.

Linking Detail Items to Sources

If the cost of all the Detail items is the same, (i.e., resistors are of the same specification but have different values, or wire is of the same size but comes in different colors):

1. Link a source to the Parent number.
2. For each (child) Detail item, check the “Use Parent Cost” checkbox. This can also be done on the “Detail Items” grid.

If the cost of the Detail parts varies (e.g., screws of different lengths):

1. Link a source to each of the Detail items and enter a cost.
2. Uncheck the “Use Parent Cost” checkbox.

If the currently displayed item is a Parent P/N, this provides a way to set the Minimum Stock Qty for all of the (child) Detail items at once.

(A Parent P/N is not a physical item, so the Minimum Stock Qty doesn't actually apply to that P/N itself).

To Display the Whole Family of Items

1. On the Item Master page of the Control Pane, choose the Parent number.
2. On the List Pane, click on the Details tab.

Setting Parent Part Number Options

Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists
RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone

Field	Caption	
User 1	Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Link to Parent
User 2	Profile	<input type="checkbox"/> Link to Parent
User 3	Tooling	Data in field can be defined by Parent P/N (if any). Link to always copy to all Details.
User 4	Artwork	
User 5	Stock Bin	
User 6	Buyer Note	
User 7	User 7	
User 8	User 8	
User 9	User 9	
User 10	User 10	

User Field caption settings

The User fields are part of the Item Master record for each item. The User1 and User2 fields can be linked to the item's Parent P/N (if any). When linked (click in the checkbox), the contents of the field on the Parent P/N will be copied into that field on each Detail (child) item (when saving any changes to the Parent P/N record).



Made From—A list view optimized for showing “Made From” items. Made From

items are modified in-house from purchased items manufactured out-of-house.

Many purchased components are used as-is in their final assemblies. This includes fasteners, many electrical and electronic components, and pre-built assemblies such as motors, power supplies, etc.

Even custom components from outside fabricators are often received complete and ready-to-use in their final assemblies.

However, many other items finally get to their ready-to-use state by going through additional processing. These parts are “*made from*” other items.

Typical scenarios are:

- n A standard item is brought in-house and has custom modifications made to it before being used in an assembly.
- n A custom-made item has several finished variations. It is taken to a state of partial completion and put into stock. When a determination is made of its final configuration, it is pulled from stock and finished to version A, B or C, depending on what is required.

Examples:

Wire and Tubing

An assembly uses one 7.5 inch piece of wire, which is cut from a roll prior to being put into the kit of parts for the assembly. The wire is cut based on Inches and is bought on a per Foot basis.

- n P/N for the piece: 1234-7.5
(7.5 indicates the cut length)
- n P/N for the wire on the roll: 1234

- n 1234-7.5 (U/M*=Each/Each) is Made From Qty 7.5 of P/N 1234 (U/M: UseAs=Inches; BuyAs=Feet)

*U/M = Units of Measure.

When Parts&Vendors compiles the materials requirements for the assembly where the wire is used, it will include 7.5/12 or 0.625 feet of the uncut wire on the Purchase List for each of the assemblies to be built.

If compiling for shortages only, the program will first look to see if there is any stock of the already cut pieces, based on its part number.

A fabricated item

Used as one each in the assembly, an item is machined from a 3 inch length of 1 inch diameter steel bar.

- n P/N for the finished item: 5678-001
- n P/N for the material it is made from: 9999-1
- n 5678-001 (U/M=Each/Each) is Made From Qty 3 of 9999-1 (U/M UseAs = Inches; Conv = 4.494; BuyAs=Pounds)

The U/M for the steel bar was determined by calculating that 1 inch dia. steel bar weighs 0.2225 lbs. per inch of length.

Therefore, there are 4.494 inches of bar per pound. The Conversion part of the U/M is the *How Many In* part.

When Parts&Vendors compiles the materials requirements for the assembly where the item is used, it will include 3/(4.494) or 0.67 pounds of P/N 9999-1 one inch round steel bar.

To cascade the Made From calculation using the above example:

Consider a fabricated item, used as one each in the assembly. It is a modification of P/N 5678-001.

- n P/N for the finished item: 5678-002
- n P/N for the intermediate item: 5678-001
- n P/N for the material P/N 5678-001 is made from 9999-1.
- n 5678-002 (U/M=Each/Each) is Made From Qty 1 of 5678-001 (U/M=Each/Each is Made From Qty 3 of 9999-1(U/M UseAs = Inches; Conv = 4.494 BuyAs = Pounds)

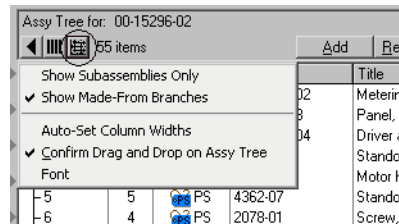
When Parts&Vendors compiles the materials requirements for the assembly that the item is used on, it will include 3/(4.494) or 0.67 pounds of P/N 9999-1 one inch round steel bar.

If the BUY page options are set to calculate for shortages only when compiling the Purchase List, the program will first look for stock of 5678-001 and, if short, will then include the necessary amount of 9999-1.

In summary, from the previous examples:

- n P/N 1234-7.5 is Made From.
- n P/N 1234 is a Make item.
- n P/N 5678-002 is Made From.
- n P/N 5678-001 is both Made From and a Make item.
- n P/N 9999-1 is a Make item.

You can optionally show Made-From branches on the Tree view of an assembly:



Tree Settings menu

The next time the tree is refreshed the setting will take effect.

Note: Items (P/N's) that *make* a Made From item cannot be deleted from the database.

Note: To see what an item makes, click the *Makes* tab at the bottom of the List Pane.

Creating a Made From Item—On a part to be designated as a Made From item, click in the Made From checkbox on the Control Pane. Then click on the Made From tab of the List Pane. Add (press the Add button above the List Pane) the appropriate item(s) from the Add Item dialog box.

Units of Measure—User defined *Use As* and *Buy As* units are used to convert item quantities to appropriate numbers when creating orders.

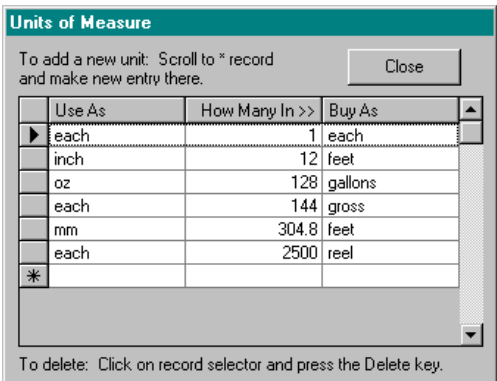
For example, wire and tubing may be used as inches in a product. When purchased, it is bought in increments of feet. Other material may be used as *each* and bought as a *bag of 1000*.

- n The Units specified on the Item page is the default for new links to vendors.
- n The Units of Measure specified on a Source may be changed after-the-fact (and it will change for this Source only).

If you type in a Unit that is not yet defined in the current data file, the program will automatically prompt you to define the new unit.

Adding New Units of Measure

From the main menu choose *View...Units of Measure*.



Units of Measure

How Many In>> is the conversion factor needed to calculate *BuyAs* units from *UseAs* units when building the purchase list. As is evident from the snapshot of the Units of Measure dialog box, $Qty(UseAs) / HowManyIn>> = Qty(BuyAs)$.

To handle resulting fractions, the Adjust Fractional Quantity dialog queries whether the user wants to increase the order quantity to the next whole number.

After entering the new information and closing the Units dialog box, be sure to select it when returning to the specific record in question, as it is not automatically entered.

Note: Inventory quantities, required quantities and shortages are saved and displayed at *Use As* units.

Only order quantities are converted to *Buy As* units.

User Fields—The User fields are part of the Item Master record for each item. These ten text fields (100 characters each) can be used to hold any additional information about an item and can be captioned to identify the data. These fields are available to display on various single-line grids and reports by selecting them from the *List...Columns to Show...* dialog.

Kitting	Stock	N/A
Notes		More
Profile	D047	
Size	A	
Footprint	1115-P	
Weight		
Stock Bin	E41	
User 1-5 (above): Part of Item Spec, Locked by Status; User 6-10 (below):		
Buyer Note	Panasonic	
OEM Tag	no	
User8		
User9		
User10		

Custom User fields can be used for any purpose

User fields User6-10 are available that can be included on many listings like User1-5.

These 100 character wide text fields are part of the item master record, but differ from User1-5 in several regards:

These fields are not locked by the item's Status=Released or Status=Obsolete.

Permission to edit these fields (in the EX and ECO Editions) can be set separately from Item Spec permission. For example, a user with 'Buyer' permission or 'Stock' permission can be set to edit the data in these fields.

User6-10 are not part of the controlled item specification that is under ECO control (in that program edition).

Setting User Field Captions

The User labeled fields can be used for any supplemental data describing an item in the database. These captions are saved in the main data file.

Caption text is saved in the main data file so all users of a shared data file will see the same column headings.

The User1 and User2 fields additionally can be linked to the item's Parent P/N (if any). When linked by selecting the checkbox, the Parent P/N data will be copied into that field on each Detail (child) item (when saving any changes to the Parent P/N record).

Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists
RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone
Field	Caption				
User 1	Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Link to Parent			
User 2	Profile	<input type="checkbox"/> Link to Parent			
User 3	Tooling	Data in field can be defined by Parent P/N (if any). Link to always copy to all Details.			
User 4	Artwork				
User 5	Stock Bin				
User 6	Buyer Note				
User 7	User 7				
User 8	User 8				
User 9	User 9				
User 10	User 10				

User Field settings

Other Supporting Specifications—

Title—The topmost level description of any item. This is the same brief description that would appear in the title block of an item's drawing.

Detail—The second level description (under Title) of an item. This is typically used to describe a value, size, etc. Also, it can apply to the individual items in a family of items under a Parent part number. (This is not the same as the Detail item of a Parent part.)

Status—a single character describing the design state of an item. This state can be:

- n **Unreleased**—New item whose specification is unresolved (or will remain immediately editable).
- n **Released**—Item whose specifications are set; changes require consideration.
- n **Obsolete**—Item not to be used for new designs, but will be kept in the database for reference.

Revision—4 characters. Typically, numbered revisions are pre-release and lettered revisions are assigned after an item is released.

Date —The date the part number was created or assigned.

Controlled—indicates that the specifications of the item may not be changed without first getting the approval of a product safety agency.

When U.S., Canadian and international safety agencies (such as Underwriters Laboratories, Canadian Standards Association—CSA, TUV, IEC, etc.) list a product, they do not permit the manufacturer to make changes to certain components without prior approval. In electrical equipment, these components typically include AC-line-voltage components, transformers, motors, and wire

types. In many cases mechanical components, types of plastic and other parts may be included too.

This is informational only and is available to display on the List Pane (List...Columns to Show) and corresponding reports.

By— Initials or a name of the person who created or requested the item.

Notes—Any information you want to enter about the part or vendor, or for general comments.

Notes for Purchase Orders can be automatically entered from a file by checking the box and specifying the name of that file: *Edit...Settings...RFQ/PO Option: Default PO Notes from text.*

Copy Item

Used to copy the currently selected item (in the Control Pane) with all its supporting data as a new part number. Copy is useful for entering new items that are similar to existing items; you only have to make minimal editing of specifications and don't have to type all the information.

Specify a new part number on the Copy As dialog, and click OK.

If the item is a Parent P/N, the program prompts you to copy all of the Detail items as well.

If the item is an assembly (Type=CAT or PL), the program prompts you to copy the parts list as well.

Copy Sources when Copying an Item

In Edit...Settings...Copy P/N set options for prompting to copy source records when copying an item.

Changing a Part Number (on the Item Master page)

When a part number for any item is edited from the Item Master page, the change will be effective wherever the item is used.

Deleting Item Records

From the Control Pane—Choose the item of (expired) interest.

- n Click the Delete button, or
- n From the menu, choose Edit...Delete, or
- n On the keyboard, press Ctrl+D, or
- n Click the Delete button on the Tool Bar.

From the ShowAll grid tab—

1. From the main menu, choose *View...Allow Editing on ShowAll Grids*.

2. Click the record selector(s) on the grid for items to be deleted. *Shift+click* to select a continuous group or *Ctrl+click* to make non-contiguous selections.
3. On the keyboard press *Delete*.

Note: Items (P/N's) that are used on an assembly cannot be deleted from the database.

Linking Files to Items

Each item can have any number of files or web addresses associated with it. These may be CAD drawings, spec sheets or any related information. When viewing the Item Master page, click the Files/URL list tab at the bottom of the List Pane. Then click the Add button to select associated files.

Paths for viewers to display these files can be set on the Viewers/Path page of the Settings (*Edit... Settings*) dialog box.

Making Parts Lists

The item part number (P/N) that identifies a Parts List also represents the finished assembly.

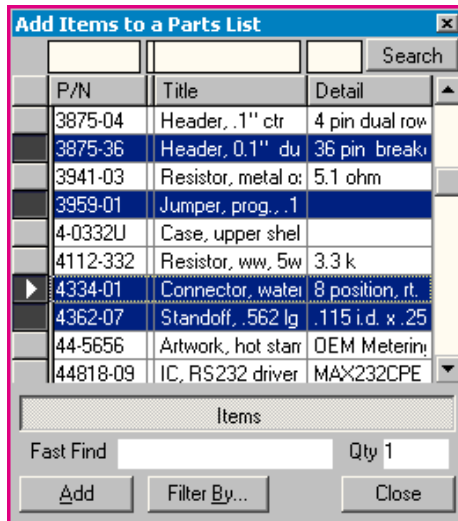
Parts Lists can be configured any number of levels deep, simply by adding the P/N for an assembly to the parts list of another assembly.

Creating A New Parts List

1. On the Item Master page, click the New button, or press Ctrl+N, or from the menu choose *Edit...New*.
2. On the New Item dialog that pops up, specify the new Part Number and click OK.
3. Enter a Title, Detail, and set its Type to PL or CAT. Enter other pertinent information and settings.

Adding Items to Parts Lists

1. On the bottom of the List Pane, click the Parts List tab.
2. At the top of the List Pane, click Add.
3. From the Add Item dialog box, select 1 or more items to add to the Parts List, and click Add.
Note: Begin to type the text of any item in the Fast Find box and the grid will scroll to items that begin with that text.
4. On the Parts List grid, edit the quantities for each item, and enter any other information about each item's use in the Reference field.
5. If you want the list sorted by any particular column such as P/N, click on that column heading on the grid.



Add Items Dialog

The dialog box is shown with several items selected, ready to be added to a parts list.

Adding an item to a list (parts list, line card, sources, items supplied, and so on) does not make a new copy of the item for that list. Instead, the program links the already-existing item.

Renumbering Items

As a result of adding and deleting items, item numbers can get out of sequence. You can renumber the item numbers for items on the list, sequencing the items continuously from 1 to N.

Note: Renumber only if no drawings or related documents refer to these item numbers.

1. Choose the assembly on the Item Master page.
2. Click the Parts List tab on the List Pane.
3. Set the desired sort order for the list by clicking on the heading above the column to sort.

4. From the main menu, choose *List...Renumber Items*. The Item Numbers will be renumbered from 1 to N.

Item Numbers can also be re-ordered on the List Tree tab by dragging items to the desired location.

Renumber Assy Order

Renumbering the Assembly Order can be a useful step in renumbering the parts list items in a desired sequence.

The Assembly Order field is a decimal field. This allows items to be inserted in between two consecutively numbered items. For example, an parts list is organized by part Type (on the Parts List list pane, showing records on a single line). A new item is inserted at the end of the list. To make that item appear adjacent to the others of its type, whose Assembly Order is 5, the Assembly Order of the new part can be set to 5.5 (assuming some other part is numbered 6).

To renumber the Assembly Order:

1. Sort by the Assy Order column (click on the column header).
2. On the main menu, choose *List...Renumber Assy Order*.

Parts List Quantities

The Quantity field (Qty) on parts lists accepts integer, decimal and non-numeric entries.

Non-numeric entries are for specifying conditions such as AR or “As Required” for non-measured things like lubricants, adhesives, fluxes, solder, and thread sealant.

Items with non-numeric quantities will not be included on Purchase Lists, since these items are considered to be supplies or supplemental materials, and not components.

Reference Field

Parts Lists include a Reference field for information about an item's use on that assembly. Component Reference Designators are entered in that field. For electronic assemblies, this usually means R1, R2, C104, and so on, as labelled on schematics.

Text Versus Memo Field—There are actually two Reference fields on all parts lists:

- n A memo field, which is large at approximately 64K. A list cannot be sorted by the data in a memo type field.
- n A text field, which is 255 characters wide. A list of records can be viewed sorted by the data in a text type field.

Separate With Spaces—Parts List reference field data with entries separated only by commas or other non-whitespace characters may result in text wrapping in unexpected ways on the screen and on the printed parts list. This may also result in the printed report not expanding to show all the text in these fields.

- n From the main menu choose
List...ReferenceDesignators...Separate with Spaces...

Use this utility to prevent such problems. It inserts a space after each comma (or other non-whitespace characters) not already followed by a space, for both the text and memo reference fields throughout the database.

Show Count—For an accurate count, reference designators (C1, C2, R14, etc.) must be separated by commas. If other non-whitespace characters separate reference designators, you must then insert a space after each of these characters (refer to Separate with Spaces section). The reference designator itself should contain no embedded commas or spaces. For example C 1, C 2 would count as four reference designators, where C1,C2

or C1, C2 or C1; C2 would count as two. C1;C2 would count as 1.

- n *Popup Menu>Count Ref. Designators* **or**
- n *List...Reference Designators > Show Count > Current item*

Set which reference field to use from the List menu.
(Memo allows a large quantity of text, text is smaller but sortable.)

Set Quantity Equal to Reference Designator Count—

Each instance of use of an electronic component in an assembly has its own distinct reference designator (R1, R2, C1, etc.). P&V can make sure that each designator is accounted for by setting the list quantity equal to the count of reference designators. It can do this for selected items on a Parts List or for the whole list.

Note: Be sure to make the menu setting that tells which (RefMemo or RefText) field you wish to use for the count.

From the main menu, choose:

- n *List...Reference Designator...Set Qty Equal to Count*
For Selected Item(s)
For the Entire List

Note: Items that have a blank Reference field (count = 0) will not have their quantity adjusted.

Count Reference Designators (Parts Lists)—

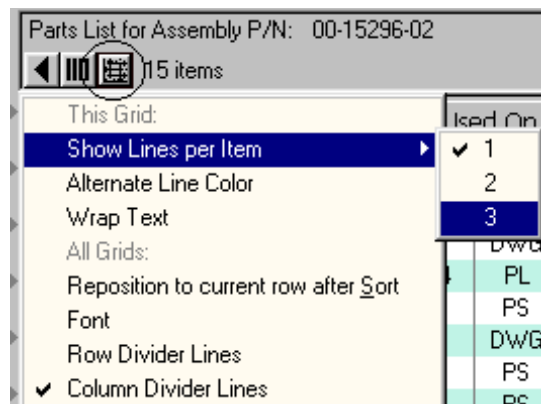
For single items, right click on the item on the grid. From the popup menu, choose Count Reference Designators. This lets you confirm that the Qty column accounts for all items.

Sort Reference Designators—First select rows on a parts list. Then, from the menu choose List...Reference Designators...Sort on Selected Rows.

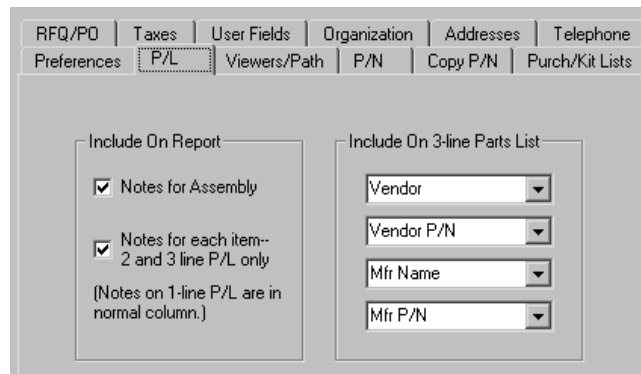
Parts List Options

Information on the Parts List grid can be arranged in several configurations.

1, 2 or 3 lines per item—Open the Grid Settings menu and choose Show Lines...1, 2 or 3.



Popup menu for the Parts List Grid



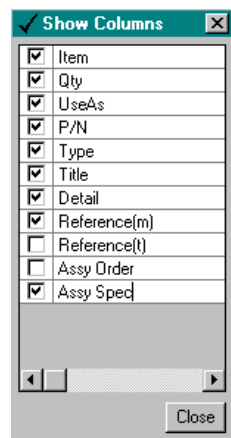
Parts List Options for the 3-lines-per-item grid listing.

Additional 3-line per item columns—When the grid is shown with 3 lines per item, you can specify up to four columns of related information to show on screen and on the printed report.

On the *Edit...Settings* P/L Options Page, select the information from the Item Master you want included on parts list reports (Include On Report) and the grid (Include On Grid and Report).

Refresh the List Pane data after changing this selection. This can be done by clicking on the Refresh button on the tool bar (snowflake icon) or from the *View...Refresh* menu option.

Additional 1-line per item columns—add or subtract columns by going to the List menu and choosing *Columns to Show* and then checking only those columns you want to see from the Show Columns window.



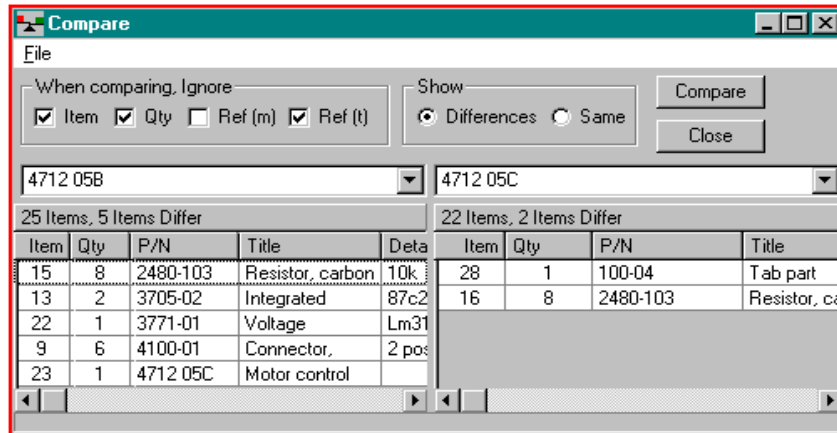
Show Columns Dialog

Comparing Parts Lists



The Compare tool is useful when you have similar assemblies and you want to see the differences (or commonalities).

1. From the main menu, choose *List...Compare Parts Lists*.



Compare Parts List Window

2. Select the parts lists to compare and set the comparison options.
3. Click the Compare button.
4. Double click on any of the resulting line items to jump to that item on its Parts List on the main window grid.

Managing Parts Lists on the Tree View

Rearranging Items in subassemblies—You can move single items or entire branches in the tree view as described in the section “Dragging and Dropping Items on the Tree” on page 38.

Adding Items—Click the assembly to add items to, then click the *Add button* to bring up a dialog box. Refer to *Adding Items to a List* in this manual for further information.

Specifying Sources for Items

Definitions of Vendor and Manufacturer

A *vendor* is a source of different *manufacturer's* items.

A vendor may have a part numbering scheme for an item that is different from the manufacturer.

Creating Vendor Records

On the Vendor page—On the Vendor page, click New. Fill in the Vendor name and other information on the page.

Note: When ordering directly from the manufacturer, include the manufacturer in the Vendor list (that is, create a Vendor record for that manufacturer).

On-the-fly—Vendor records can also be created on the Item Master, Sources grid by entering a vendor name in the Vendor cell. The new name will be entered into the database and its supporting information can be filled in later on the Vendor page.

Go To Web—On the Vendor or Manufacturer page of the Control Pane, right-click to open the popup menu and choose Go To Web Page. The program will launch your computer's default web browser with the URL (web address) for the currently displayed vendor or manufacturer.

The screenshot shows a software window for managing vendors. At the top, there are tabs: Buy, RFQ, PO, Build, ECO, Item Master, Vendor, and Manufacturer. The 'Vendor' tab is selected. The main form displays the following information for 'Foothill Contract Assemblers':
- Address: 10001 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945
- Web: www.fca-west.com
- Below this is a sub-section with tabs: Notes, Contacts, Account, and Currency. The 'Contacts' tab is active.
- Under 'Contacts', there are two contact entries:
 - Contact 1: Bob Strombrowski, Phone 1: 530-555-4379, Email 1: bob@fca.com
 - Contact 2: Cathy, Phone 2: 530-555-4380, Email 2: cathy@fca.com
 - Fax: 530-555-4390
- At the bottom, there is a 'Followup' section with a checkbox, a 'Followups...' button, a 'Today' button, and a 'Last Contact' field.
- At the very bottom, there are buttons: New, Change, Notes, and Delete.

Dial Buttons—Clicking on these opens a dialog box in preparation for dialing this phone number via a modem installed on your computer.

You may find this feature useful when you have to make a lot of phone calls. One requirement is that the modem must be able to connect to the same phone line used for voice.

Account—This is the vendor's customer number for your organization.

Followup—Opens a list box showing all vendors that have *Followup* checked (next to the account field). Double click on a vendor name to jump to that Vendor page entry.

Creating Manufacturer Records

On the Mfr page—On the Manufacturer page, click New. Fill in the Manufacturer name and related information on the page.

See *Go To Web* and *Dial Buttons* (discussed previously) for information on those functions.

On-the-fly—Manufacturer records can also be created on the Item Master, Sources grid or Vendor, Items Supplied grid by entering a manufacturer name in the Mfr cell. The new name will be entered into the database and its supporting information can be filled in on the Manufacturer page.

Creating Sources

A *Source* can be a Vendor and/or a Manufacturer that supplies an item. When specifying sources for your parts, remember these considerations:

- n Items can have as many Sources as desired.
- n The Source linked to an item can be either a vendor or manufacturer.

Linking Vendors to Items

To create a source record for an item:

1. With the item displayed on the Item Master page, click the Sources tab at the bottom of the List Pane.
2. Click the Add button at the top of the List Pane. Choose one or more vendors (or manufacturers) and click Add. Close the dialog

The first source entered for an item will be set as Primary. The primary source will be the one used by the program when generating a purchase list. If you add more than one source for an item, be sure to set the desired Primary Source by clicking the checkbox for that row.

All Sources for P/N: 41-1218-36

1 item Add Remove Replace Used On Filter By...

Vendor	Mfr	Cost	Primary
Vendor P/N	Mfr P/N	BuyAs	Choice
Description		AtLevel	MultiplesOf
Digi-Key Corporation		\$0.000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vendor		each	1
Altec Packaging, Inc.		0	0
Anthem Electronics			
Bay Area Labels			
Berrien Metal Products			
Cedarhurst Engrg Assoc.			
Contractor's Computer			
Digi-Key Corporation			
Electro-Flex Heat, Inc.			
Foothill Contract Assemblers			
Grass Valley Instruments			

Vendor dropdown shows all available (while Mfr is still blank). Choose one.

The Sources grid showing the Vendor dropdown where the Vendor selection can be changed after having created the Source record.

Choose a manufacturer, if desired, from the Mfr drop-down list. Additional manufacturers can be added to the database on-the-fly, by typing the name on the Mfr line.

All Sources for P/N: 41-1218-36

1 item Add Remove Replace Used On Filter By...

Vendor	Mfr	Cost	Primary
Vendor P/N	Mfr P/N	BuyAs	Choice
Description		AtLevel	MultiplesOf
Digi-Key Corporation	3M	\$0.000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Mfr	each	1
	3M	0	0
	AMP		
	CTS		
	Intel		
	Motorola		
	National Semiconductor		
	Panasonic		

Mfr dropdown shows manufacturers linked to that vendor. Choose one.

Drop-down List of Manufacturers

Note: Dropping open the list will force one of the manufacturers to be selected.

Choose a manufacturer P/N that is already in the database, or type in a new one on-the-fly. Typing a new one will automatically link the manufacturer part number to the manufacturer showing in the Mfr cell.

To remove a manufacturer from this source link:

1. Highlight the Mfr name text.
2. Press the Delete key on the keyboard.

All Sources for P/N: 41-1218-36

1 item Add Remove Replace Used On Filter By...

Vendor	Mfr	Cost	Primary
Vendor P/N	Mfr P/N	BuyAs	Choice
Description		AtLevel	MultiplesOf
Digi-Key Corporation	3M	\$0.000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	929836-03-36	each	1
	Mfr P/N	0	0
	929834-03-36		
	929836-03-36		
	929838-03-36		

Typing in a new P/N adds it to the list for this Manufacturer.

Choosing a Manufacturer P/N

Each Source link has its own set of Costs At Level (vendor price breaks) for each item.

Linking Items to Vendors

The same links can be made from the perspective of any single Vendor.

When you have the vendor displayed in the control pane and you wish to specify one or more items available from them:

- n Click on the Items Supplied tab at the bottom of the grid view. If there are any items currently supplied from that vendor, you'll see them listed.

To define a new source:

1. Click on the Add button at the top of the grid. A Link Items to Vendor dialog will appear, listing the P/N's in your database.
2. Double-click on an item to link it to the vendor. A new entry will appear in the Items Supplied grid listing with fields that allow you to enter costs and other information as it pertains to the vendor:

Items supplied by: Northstar Fasteners					
12 items		Add	Remove	Replace	Used On
P/N	Title	Detail	Cost	Primary	
Mfr P/N	Manufacturer		BuyAs	Leadtime	
VendorP/N	VendorDesc	RFQDate	AtLevel	MultiplesOf	
2078-01	Screw, button h	6-32 x 0.25"	\$0.035		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			each		
	6-32x25HSB		1000		0

Entering Item Information for this Vendor

Primary Source—Items can have as many sources as needed, but only one of them is marked as the Primary source.

The Primary source will be used by the program when automatically compiling a Purchase List from the assembly tree on the Buy page.

The first source for any item is automatically set as Primary.

All Sources for P/N: 41-1218-36

2 items Add Remove Replace Used On Filter By...

Vendor	Mfr	Cost	Primary
Vendor P/N	Mfr P/N	BuyAs	Choice
Description		AtLevel	MultiplesOf
Digi-Key Corporation	3M	\$2.880	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
929836-04-36-ND	929836-03-36	each	1
		1	0
Mouser Electronics	3M		
517-836-04-36	929836-03-36		

Price Breaks

Cost	At Level
\$2.900	1
\$2.210	100
\$2.000	500
\$1.790	1000

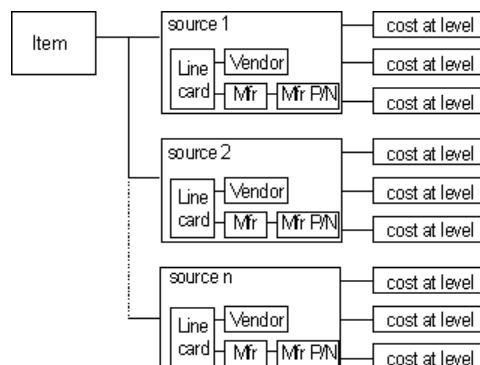
* Program will use best price break for specified order quantity.

Open the Cost dropdown and enter costs for as many buy-levels as desired.

Source Costs

Items Can Have Multiple Sources—Each item in the database can have any number of sources. A source can be a vendor, manufacturer—or both.

If costs are entered for more than one Buy-Level (vendor price break), the program automatically uses the appropriate one when compiling Purchase Lists and generating Orders (if the user has selected on the Buy page: *Use Source Costs; Use Cost for Nearest Break*).



Block Diagram of Items Having Multiple Sources

Choice—This is an informational field which can be used to sort the sources for an item or to assign order of preference for linked vendors. It is entered as a number.

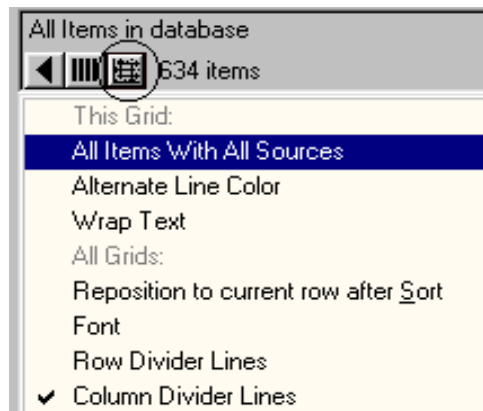
Manufacturer Part Number

You must specify a Mfr P/N on the Item Master Sources list for that part to show up on the Manufacturer lists.

Listing All Items with All Sources

The Item Master ShowAll grid has a special option to list all items with all Sources. Each item is repeated in the list for as many sources (links to vendor/mfr records) as it has.

When viewing the Item Master ShowAll grid, open the popup (right-click) menu and choose the item 'Show All with All Sources.'

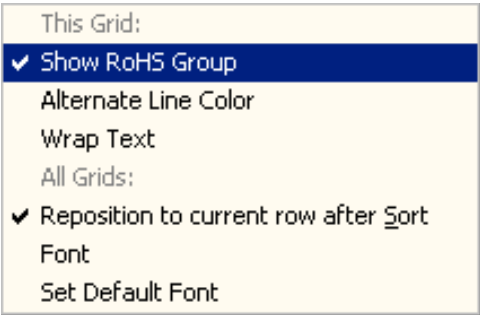


Grid Settings menu

RoHS features

The European Union has recently introduced legislation to limit hazardous substances used in the manufacture of electrical and electronic devices. Initially and primarily directed at reduction of the use of lead (Pb), the whole subject area is generally referred to as "RoHS" (restriction of hazardous substances).

To help keep track of items where this restriction applies, an extra column in the Sources and Items Supplied listings is available. From the Grid Settings (button) menu, choose 'Show RoHS group.'



Notice that when this menu item is checked, the rightmost column of the Item Master...Sources grid and the Vendor...Items Supplied grid have the cells:

- n RoHS (checkbox to indicate that RoHS applies to the item)
- n Doc (a text field of 50 characters to enter an RoHS compliance Document number)
- n Note (a text field of 255 characters to enter Notes about compliance)

Save	Replace	Used On	Filter By
Cost	Primary	RoHS	
BuyAs	Choice	Doc	
AtLevel	MultiplesOf	Note	
\$1.400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
each		E471	
100	0	Available	

The contents of these fields is available to various listings elsewhere in the program, and will appear on the reports printed from those lists:

ShowAll+Sources, Inventory, Assy Tree,
Purchase List, Kit List

Setting Costs for Parts

The process of obtaining and setting costs in Parts&Vendors involves:

1. Generating a “Request for Quotation” which can be sent to each source of an item.
2. Entering the cost information for each item, which will be used for determining the cost when generating the purchase list and purchase orders.

Creating RFQ's


A Request for Quotation (RFQ) can be auto-generated for all vendors with links to items in a Purchase List, or created manually for a selected vendor.



To Auto-generate RFQ's from a Purchase List—

1. Make the purchase list. See “Generating An Extended BOM (Purchase List)” on page 95.
2. On the bottom of the Buy page, select *RFQ(s)* and set the desired *Prompt to Exclude Vendor* option.
3. Click the Begin button.
4. On the Starting RFQ Number dialog, modify, if necessary, the Suggest Next numbering scheme. Then click OK. (For more information, see “Suggest Next Number Dialog” on page 144.)
5. Enter the buyer, engineering contact, and job number when prompted.
6. View a list of the new RFQ's on the *Pending RFQ(s)* grid.
7. To view the specific items on the RFQ, bring up the popup menu (right-click on the List Pane) and select *Show Item + List*.

You can print individual RFQ's by selecting them (on the *Pending RFQ(s)* list), and then clicking on the *File...Print>RFQ(s) for Selected Rows* option.

Item Master	Vendor	Manufacturer
Buy	RFQ	PO
Build		
<div>  <div>Northstar Fasteners, Inc.</div> </div>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show RFQ's for this vendor only		
RFQ# <div>RFQ16983</div>		
Date Issued		1/25/2000
Date Req'd		
<div> <div>Respond To</div> <div>Names</div> <div>Notes</div> </div>		
<div>Convert to PO</div>		
<div> <div>New</div> <div>Change</div> <div>Copy</div> <div>Delete</div> </div>		

RFQ Page

To Manually Generate RFQ's—On the RFQ page, choose a vendor from the dropdown list.

Note: When the Show RFQ's for this Vendor Only option is selected, the dropdown list for RFQ's is limited to the vendor shown. When deselected, the dropdown list for RFQ's shows all RFQ's in the current data file.

1. Click the New button at the bottom of the page, or
 - n From the Keyboard, press Ctrl+N, or
 - n From the menu, choose Edit...New, or
 - n Click the New button on the tool bar.
2. On the *New RFQ* dialog, specify a new RFQ number and click OK.

3. At the bottom of the List Pane, click the *Line Items* tab.
4. At the top of the List Pane, click the Add button.
5. On the Add Items to RFQ dialog, select one or more items, and click Add.
6. On the grid, edit the Quote Quantities and other information as desired.

Note: The Description and QuoteQty cells are multi-line. Pressing <enter> will insert a new line of text.

From the menu, choose *File...Print* or *Preview*. Today's date is automatically entered when printing or previewing.

Renumbering Items—Sorting items on an RFQ, or deleting and adding items, can result in non-sequential item numbers. These can be renumbered. See “Renumber Items” on page 143.

Setting RFQ Options

RFQ Printing Options—You will be prompted, if that option is set, to select the shipping address (entered on the Settings dialog) to appear on the RFQ. Other selections from the Settings dialog box affect the content of the RFQ.

:

Address	Default PO	Default RFQ
North Hills Engineering 45601 Ridge Rd. Nevada City, CA 95959	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Hills Engineering 11757 Loma Rica Drive Grass Valley, CA 95945	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When printing

☒ Prompt for PO shipping address ☒ Prompt for RFQ address

Shipping and RFQ Addresses

Default shipping addresses are specified on the Settings dialog, Addresses page. On this dialog, enter the address (or addresses) and check the appropriate box to indicate which address is to be the default shipping address for Purchase Orders, and which line is to be the default Request For Quotation address.

You can also, depending on the option you choose, be prompted to select an alternate address.

The Settings dialog RFQ/PO page option for Items on RFQ's and PO's Begin With determines what data is most prominent on RFQ's and PO's.

- n Choosing **In-House P/N** puts that P/N into the first entry of each line, followed by (in the Description) Vendor P/N (if any) and Mfr P/N (if any).
- n Choosing **Vendor P/N** puts that P/N into the first entry of each line (if there is one) or In-House P/N, with Mfr P/N (if there is one) in the Description.
- n Choosing **Mfr P/N** puts that P/N into the first entry of each line (if there is one) or Vendor P/N

(if there is one) or In-House P/N (there always is one).

Entering Costs

On the RFQ Grid—When the vendor responds to your RFQ, the information received can be entered directly on the line item of the RFQ. Click the cell labeled “Enter Costs.” It will turn into a button. Click the button to open the Cost entry box.

Cost Entry at Levels

Add
Remove
Replace
Used On
Filter By...

	Rev	QuoteQty	BuyAs
		Job #	EnterCosts
	A	250	box 100
		500	
10db @ 12vdc			
10uF			

Price Breaks

Close

Cost	At Level
\$426.130	100
\$376.400	250
\$325.900	500
*	

Program will use best price break for specified order quantity.

On the Sources Grid—Each Source link has its own set of Costs At Level (vendor price breaks).

All Sources for P/N: 41-1218-36

2 items

Add
Remove
Replace
Used On
Filter By...

Vendor	Mfr	Cost	Primary
Vendor P/N	Mfr P/N	BuyAs	Choice
Description		AtLevel	MultiplesOf
Digi-Key Corporation	3M	\$2.880	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
929836-04-36-ND	929836-03-36	each	1
			0
Mouser Electronics	3M		
517-836-04-36	929836-03-36		

Price Breaks

Close

Cost	At Level
\$2.900	1
\$2.210	100
\$2.000	500
\$1.790	1000
*	

Program will use best price break for specified order quantity.

Open the Cost dropdown and enter costs for as many buy-levels as desired.

Source Costs

HINT: Click in the Vendor, Manufacturer, Mfr P/N, and Cost columns of the Sources grid. The dropdown buttons become visible when the focus is in the text box.

Costs for Items Without Sources—It is possible for items to have no sources but still have a cost. The cost is filled directly into the Cur.Cost field on the Item Master page.

Cost At Level (vendor price breaks)—Enter Costs for as many buy-levels as you have information for.

When making a Purchase List, the program will, if the Use Source Costs and Use Cost for Nearest Break options are set, automatically choose the best price break, regardless of the one you select to show on this Source link.

Note: To show a particular cost entry on this link, click on the cost (the record selector will show an arrow), click on the 3-dot button that appears in the cell. Click the Close button or press <enter> when done.

To delete a cost entry, click on the record selector in the Price Breaks dialog and press the Delete key on the keyboard.

Note: The vendors' Items Supplied grid works the same way as Sources, except it is from the perspective of Vendor. The same links are viewable from either grid.

Calculating the Cost of Your Product

The cost of your product is calculated when you generate the Extended BOM (Purchase List).

- n On the Buy page, set the desired Number of Units and the Quantity, Cost and Update options.
- n Click on the Make Purchase List button.

View the cost information for the product on the Cost Summary Tree list pane.

Cost Summary Tree

The Cost Summary Tree is built when a Purchase List is built. This tree reflects the cost of a single unit of the top level item. Costs of items and subassemblies used in the calculations are related to the quantity being built. These costs are determined by the various cost options, cost breaks, and units of measure, as well as by quantity options.

Note: If the user changes the list to look at the List Tree, the Cost Summary Tree will be erased. Make a new Purchase List in order to view the Cost Summary Tree.

Cost Summary Tree for Assy: 00-15296-02 ; Based on 250 Units								
66 Items								
Item	Qty	P/N	Type	Title	Detail	ExtCostEach	ExtSumOfItems	ExtTotalAtLevel
Top		00-15296-02	CAT	Met...	OEM...	\$0.000	\$142.958	\$142.958
1	1	12-4889-03	DWG	Pan...	oem...	\$9.830		
2	1	00-17260-04	PL	Driv...		\$9.400	\$88.821	\$98.221
1	2	00-91298	PL	Valv...	12vdc	\$16.800	\$27.584	\$44.384
1	1	7247-01	PS	Moto...	12vdc	\$20.500		
2	1	3096-02	DWG	Lock...	Black	\$6.920		
3	1	1165-02	PS	Scre...	6-32...	\$0.150		
4	1	2805-4.00	PS	Wire...	4" st...	\$0.000		\$0.014
0	4	2805-LEN	PS	Wire...		\$0.015		
5	1	7369-03	DWG	Collet	3 sl...	\$0.000		\$0.000
6	1	CL404011-1	DOC	Ass...		\$0.000		
7	AR	8447-05	PS	Adh...	Thre...	\$0.000		
2	AR	8447-13	PS	Adh...	"Out...	\$0.000		
3	1	7878-01	DWG	Bus		\$1.850		

Some of the Cost Summary Tree columns

The following define the essential (calculated) columns in the Cost Summary Tree:

CostEach—displays the linked vendor (source) cost for a single part. It is subject to Cost Options on the Buy page.

ExtCostEach—displays the linked vendor cost multiplied by the quantity of that item used on a single top level item. Calculating the number of parts can be a complex operation.

For example, the quantity of an item used four times on a subassembly and used four times on the top level item *is sixteen*. The cost, as determined by the Cost Options, will be multiplied by sixteen to get the extended cost of the item.

SumOfItems—shows the sum of the cost of all items on each subassembly.

The quantity of each item in the subassembly is figured into this sum. This calculation can become complex quickly. For example, if there are two subassembly B's on subassembly A, and three subassembly C's on B and eight item D's on C, the sum for B will include 3 times 8 item D costs, and the sum for A will include 2 times 3 times 8 item D costs (plus the cost of its other parts).

The SumOfItems doesn't include the linked vendor cost for a single unit (CostEach) of the subassembly itself, only the cost of the items in its parts list.

ExtSumOfItems—the cost of all items on a subassembly (SumOfItems) multiplied by the quantity of that subassembly used on the subassembly or top level item it is part of. The ExtSumOfItems of the top level item is not different from the SumOfItems, as the quantities were already calculated for a single top level item.

TotalAtLevel—the cost of all items on a single subassembly (SumOfItems) plus the linked vendor cost for a single part (CostEach) of the subassembly. The CostEach of the subassembly is determined by the Cost Options.

A total is listed for each subassembly, and the top level item is the total of the cost of each subassembly total multiplied by the number of each subassembly on the top level item, *plus* the linked vendor cost for a single part (CostEach) of the top level item.

ExtTotalAtLevel—shows the total cost of each subassembly (TotalAtLevel) multiplied by the quantity of that subassembly used on the top level item. The calculation of the quantity of a subassembly must take into account the quantity of the subassemblies it is used on and the quantity of the subassemblies that subassembly is used on, all the way to the top level item.

Note: There is only a single top level item, so the TotalAtLevel and ExtTotalAtLevel of the top level item are the same.

Use Current Cost for Items with no Source—It is possible for items to have no sources but still have a cost. This option uses the cost filled directly into the cost field on the Item Master.

Generating An Extended BOM (Purchase List)

Generation of the Purchase List is one of the primary functions of Parts&Vendors. The Purchase List can be used as a simple materials requisition, or it can be used to auto-generate RFQ's **EX-ECO ONLY** and Purchase Orders **EX-ECO ONLY**. It is the extended bill of materials (the shopping list) for all of the items in the assembly tree.

To generate the purchase list:

1. On the Buy page of the Control Pane, choose the assembly P/N from the drop down list.
2. Enter a value for the Number of Units.
3. Set the Cost, Quantity, and Update options.
4. Click the button: Make Purchase List.

Cost information, based on cost and quantity settings, is gathered as the Purchase List is being compiled. When the program finishes gathering the information about all the items used in the assembly, the list is shown on the Purchase List grid.

Each item used in the assembly tree is shown only once. Its quantity requirements are consolidated into one record, even when the item is used in several places within that tree.

For the Entire Product

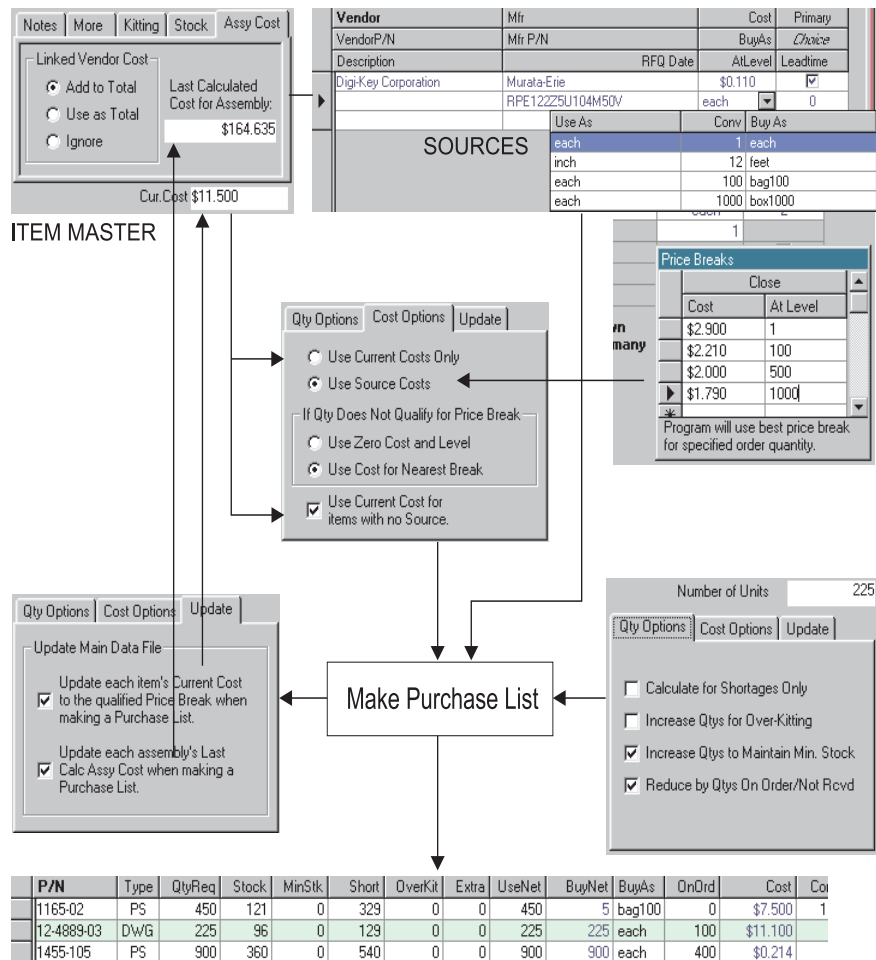
Purchase lists can be generated for all items and subassemblies in your product. Select the part number corresponding to your product in the dropdown list (For Top Assembly) and make the purchase list for it.

For an Assembly

A purchase list can be generated for any subassembly. It is not necessary to generate it for the whole product. Choose the part number of the assembly of interest, set the options and make the purchase list.

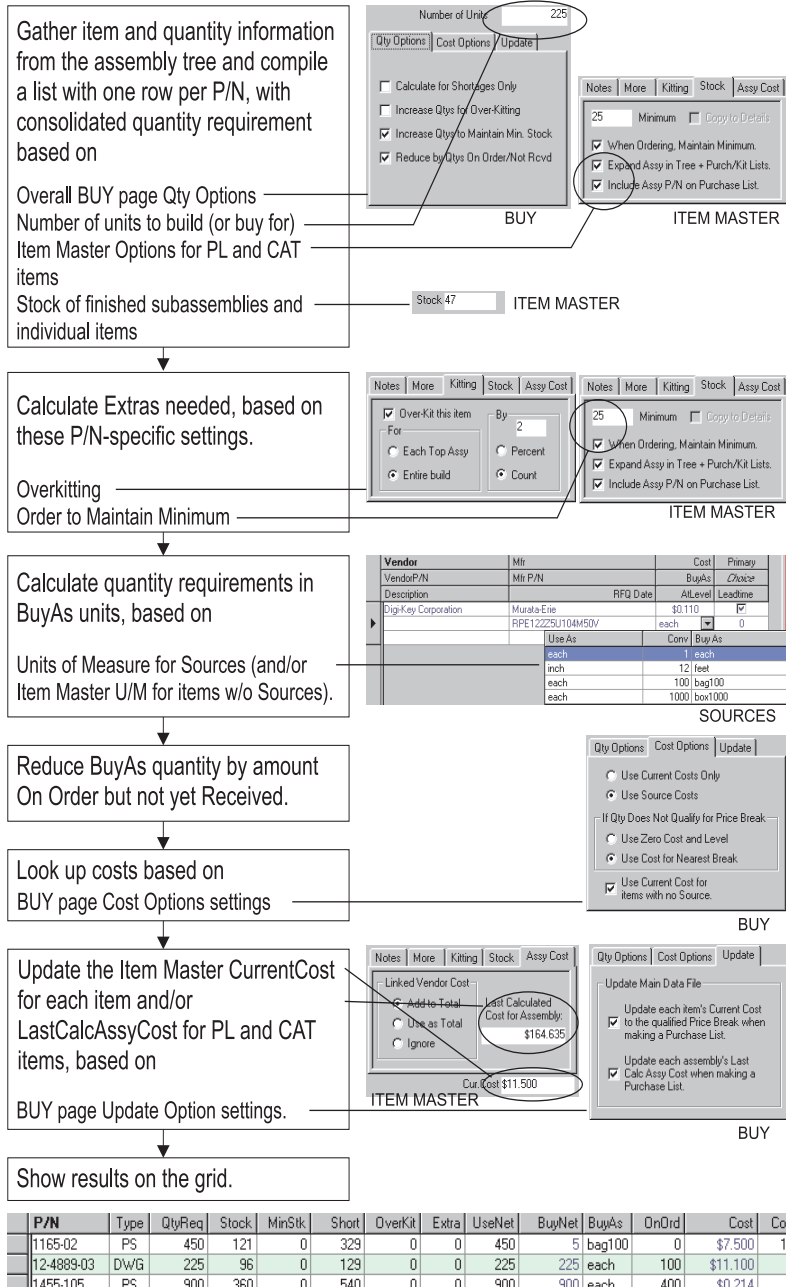
Purchase List Generation

Purchase list generation is described in the next two diagrams. The first shows the flow of the cost data in this process. The second shows the steps of building a purchase list.



Data and options used to build the Purchase List

Purchase List Sequence of Calculations



Purchase List columns

P/N	Type	QtyReq	Stock	MinStk	Short	OverKit	Extra	UseNet	BuyNet	BuyAs	OnOrd	Cost
3875-36	PS	11	0	0	11	0	0	11	11	each	11	\$2,790
29411-02	PS	0	.95	0	0	0	0	0	0	each	0	\$0.270

The data can be viewed and printed in varying formats.
 The three List Pane tabs: Purchase List, By Vendor, and By Item, all show the same data, but with different formats.

Cost Options

Cost information is gathered as the Purchase List is being compiled, and the program will use the appropriate Cost At Level (vendor price break) for items with that information in their Sources links.

These options are set on both the Buy page and the Item Master page.

Buy Page Options

Buy Page Cost Options

Use Current Costs Only—Only the Current Cost on the Item Master is used for determining CostEach. Price breaks at varying purchase levels are ignored.

Use Source Costs—use costs as entered via the Sources definitions for one or more vendors. If this option is selected, then the following options are enabled.

If Quantity Does Not Qualify for Price Break—The price break is determined by the correspondence among *quantity needed*, the *Cost At Level*, and the *Units of Measure*. When the BuyAs quantity is determined, there may not be a price break listed for that quantity. If that is the case, there are two options to choose from:

- n **Use Zero Cost and Level:** If the item does not qualify for a price break, the CostEach cost will be set to \$0.00 to indicate there is not a valid cost at this buy level.
- n **Use Cost for Nearest Break:** this option, if the item does not qualify for a price break, will set the CostEach to the price break at the level closest (higher) than the purchase quantity.

Item Master Page Assembly Cost Option

This setting tells the program whether or not to add to the cost of an assembly the cost of the Vendor (source) linked to that assembly.

Assembly costs - (when the currently displayed item is an assembly: Type = CAT or PL).

Add to Total—The linked source cost of an assembly is included in the calculation of the total cost of the assembly (in addition to the cost of the items within that assembly).

Use as Total—The linked source cost is used as the total assembly cost. This is useful when the assembly was designed in-house, but acquired as a finished item from an outside supplier.

Ignore—The linked source cost of the subassembly is not added to the assembly cost total.

Last Calculated Cost for Assembly—This field is refreshed after making a Purchase List that includes this assembly.

Quantity Options

Costs of items and subassemblies used in the calculations are related to the quantity being ordered, which depends on the various quantity options.

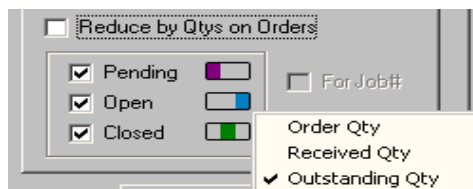
These options are set on both the Buy page and the Item Master page.

Calculate for Shortages Only—This option allows the program to take into account any existing stock of assemblies and items when calculating quantity requirements.

Increase Qtys for Over-Kitting—Each item in the database has over-kitting options (Item Master page, Kitting tab) to make an incremental increase in quantity to account for minor loss or spoilage in the manufacturing area. To apply the settings for each item, select the Increase Qtys for Over-Kitting option on the Buy page.

Increase Qtys to Maintain Min Stock—Each item in the database has a Maintain Minimum option (Item Master page, Stock tab). Enter the Minimum quantity and check the When Ordering, Maintain Minimum checkbox. (Minimum quantities can be viewed on the Inventory List Pane.) To activate, set this checkbox on the Buy page.

Reduce Qtys by Items On Order—When this checkbox is set on the Buy page, the net quantities (in BuyAs Units) on the Purchase List will be reduced by quantities for each order status (Pending, Open, Closed) as marked on the Buy page..



For orders of each status: Pending, Open, Closed you can specify the item's quantity to be considered.

Since a Pending order, by definition, has no quantity received yet, the only choice is Order Qty.

For an open order, you can specify Order Quantity, Outstanding Qty or Received Qty.

For a closed order, you can specify Order Quantity, Outstanding Qty (presumably=zero), or Received Qty (presumably=Order Qty).

The combination of the above quantities will show in the On Order column of the Purchase List, whether or not the option to actually 'Reduce by Items On Orders' is checked.

Other Purchase List Options

When making a Purchase List, these settings will be in effect.

(In Edit...Settings...)

RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone
Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists

☒ Enable 'Buy in Multiples Of' (entry is made on the Sources grid)
☒ Prompt when running

☒ Adjust Fractional Order Qty (BuyAs units) up to a Whole Number.
☒ Prompt when running

☒ Increase Qty to Next Break if Total Cost is the Same or Less.
☒ Prompt when running

☐ Consider negative inventory as zero when calculating shortages for Purchase Lists and Orders.

☒ Allow top and intermediate level MadeFrom item quantities to appear on Purchase Lists

☐ Allow items with negative quantities on Kit List.

Enable Buy in Multiples Of—Enter a ‘Buy in Multiples Of’ quantity on the Sources grid.

e	Replace	Used On	Filter By...
	Cost	Primary	
	BuyAs	Choice	
Q Date	AtLevel	MultiplesOf	
	\$0.470	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	each	1	
	100	200	

Adjust Fractional Quantity—This allows the program to adjust the order quantity to a whole number. For example, if the *BuyAs* Unit of Measure for an item is not usually ordered fractionally—e.g., each reel of 5000, box of 1000, gallon, feet— and 5200 are needed, the program can automatically adjust the order quantity up to the next whole number (2 reels or 6 boxes, respectively, will be ordered).

Set the *Prompt when Running* checkbox if you want to review each quantity adjustment when making a purchase list for a product.

Increase quantity to next break if total cost is the same or less—Vendors’ price breaks often create an opportunity to reduce the total expenditure for what is to be ordered by *increasing* the order quantity to reach the next break, where the reduced cost results in a lower total for more items. When this option is checked, the program will look ahead to the next price break, and, if the total is less, increase the BuyAsNet (which will become the order qty on a PO).

Consider negative inventory as zero when calculating shortages for purchase lists and orders—if checked, negative inventory values are ignored during PL and order shortage calculations; if unchecked, they are subtracted from inventory balances.

Status Panel

Certain grids can have a Status panel that shows information about items on the list.

This is invoked by clicking the small "i" button above the list, or, from the menu View...Show Status Panel.

The most useful of these would be for the Purchase List.

P/N	Type	Stock	UseNet	BuyNet	BuyAs	OnOrd	Cost	ExtCost	Vendor	VendP/N
00-12345-001	CAT	0	100	100	each	0	\$3.900	\$390.00	In-House	
01-6775	PL	0	200	200	each	0	\$1.620	\$324.00	In-House	
04-2110	PL	0	100	100	each	0	\$3.350	\$335.00	In-House	
04-7777	PL	0	100	100	each	0	\$1.550	\$155.00	In-House	
20-9440-0.188	PS	87	600	6	bag100	0	\$23.500	\$141.00	McMaste	XZP-45E
25-4019-102	PS	0	5000	5000	each	0	\$0.009	\$44.70	Digi-Key	1.0KQTF
25-4019-272	PS	0	5000	5000	each	0	\$0.009	\$44.70	Digi-Key	2.7KQTF

Cells on the grid are color coded to indicate various conditions:

1. Assy has existing stock, reducing child items needed.

Users will occasionally not understand why the UseNet or BuyNet quantities on the Purchase List are reduced from what they expect. This feature will flag the fact that these items are already contained within the available subassemblies.

2. Item has no Primary Source

The Purchase List compiler looks for a source marked as Primary for each item to get its cost and units data. This shows items that have no Primary source so you can go create one.

3. Quantity does not reach first available price break

You enter "price breaks" into the Cost entry box on item Sources. The AtLevel value defines the minimum purchase quantity at which the cost is valid. This flag shows items where the purchase quantity is less than the lowest break, so you can revisit the item's source and make cost entries that

accommodate the (lower) quantities that your Purchase List is calling for.

4. Item's Source has no non-zero cost entry at level.

This flag shows items that have no cost entry, or where the entry is zero, so you can revisit the item's source and make a suitable Cost entry.

5. Parts List set to Not Expand

This flag shows parts lists that are set to not expand (a setting made on the Item Master page). This is a setting that is normally made when you acquire the item from an outside supplier, buying it as you would an individual component. In this case, the items contained within the assembly are not included on the Purchase List.

6. Empty parts list.


This flag calls your attention to an item whose Type=CAT or PL (intended to be an assembly), but that has no items on its parts list. While this is not a problem, an empty parts list is probably an unintended condition, and the item should probably be designated with a Type=PS or DWG.

Ordering and Receiving

Purchase Orders can be automatically generated for all items in an assembly tree or created manually for a selected vendor.

The process of ordering parts and updating inventory in Parts&Vendors involves:

1. Generating a “Purchase Order” which can be sent to each Vendor for an item.
2. Entering the quantities of received items.

Item Master		Vendor	
Manufacturer		Buy	RFQ
PO	Build	Client	Job
ECO			
<input type="checkbox"/>  McMaster Carr			
<input type="checkbox"/> Show orders for this vendor only			
PO#		PO-1052	
Date Issued		8/23/2005	
Date Closed			
<hr/>			
Delivery Req'd		9/5/2005	
Terms		N30	
F.O.B.		Dest	
Ship To		Names Notes	
<hr/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Insure		Ship FEDX Economy	
Use Our			
<input type="checkbox"/> Shipping			
Acct#			
<hr/>			
New		Change Copy Delete	

PO Page

The Purchase Order Page—The information on the different sections on the PO page comes from different places.

Date Issued and Date Closed

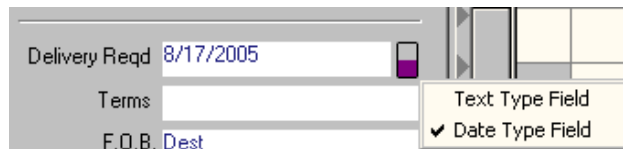
These fields are automatically filled in by P&V. The Purchase Order's **Date Issued** field is filled in when a PO is printed or previewed. The **Date Closed** field is filled in when the ReceivedAll checkbox for each item is checked or the cumulative quantity of partials received all equal or exceed the order quantities.

Date Required

The PO Date Req'd field is set as a text field by default so non-date text such as 'ASAP' can be entered. The disadvantage of this is that a column that contains this data will not sort properly with normal date formats, such as M/d/yyyy. This results in orders like: 1/10/2005, 10/10/2005, 2/10/2005 etc.

If the date format in the program (and Windows) is set to display as yyyy/MM/dd, this will show the leading zeroes for months and days, and this will sort correctly, however, this format is odd and not what people are used to and is likely to cause confusion. 2005/01/10, 2005/02/10, 2005/10/10.

To remedy this, the Date Req'd field can be set (by a PVAdmin user) to use a true date field in the database, thereby resulting in correct sorting in a column that contains this data. The pure date field will not, however, accept text entries.



The screenshot shows a software interface with a table. The first row has a label 'Delivery Req'd' and a date '8/17/2005'. Below this, there are labels 'Terms' and 'F.O.B. Dest'. To the right of these labels is a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing two options: 'Text Type Field' and 'Date Type Field'. The 'Date Type Field' option is selected, indicated by a checkmark.

Vendor Information

The **Delivery Required**, **Terms**, **F.O.B.**, **Names**, and **Notes** fields apply to all purchase orders for the selected vendor and the information viewed here comes from information entered on the Vendor page.

Default for these items can be set on the *Edit...Settings*, RFQ/PO Options page. If the “Default PO Notes from text file” option is set, the **Notes** field is automatically filled with the text of the file specified with that option.

Purchase Order Information

The **Insure**, **Ship**, and **Use Our Shipping Account #** fields must be set for each Purchase Order. The shipping method can be specified from the dropdown list or a new entry can be typed in.



To Auto-generate PO's from a Purchase List—

1. Make the purchase list. See “Generating An Extended BOM (Purchase List)” on page 95.
2. On the bottom of the Buy page, select *Purchase Order(s)* and set the desired *Prompt to Exclude Vendor* option.
3. Click the Begin button.
4. On the *Starting PO Number* dialog, modify, if necessary, the Suggest Next numbering scheme. Then click OK. (See “Suggest Next Number Dialog” on page 144.)
5. Enter the buyer, engineering contact, and job number when prompted.
6. View the PO's on the *Pending PO(s)* list.
7. To view the specific items on the purchase order, bring up the popup menu (right-click on the List Pane) and select *Show Item + List*.

You can print individual PO's by selecting them (on the *Pending PO(s)* list), and then clicking on the *File...Print>PO(s) for Selected Rows* option.

To Manually Create Purchase Orders—On the PO page, choose a vendor from the dropdown list.

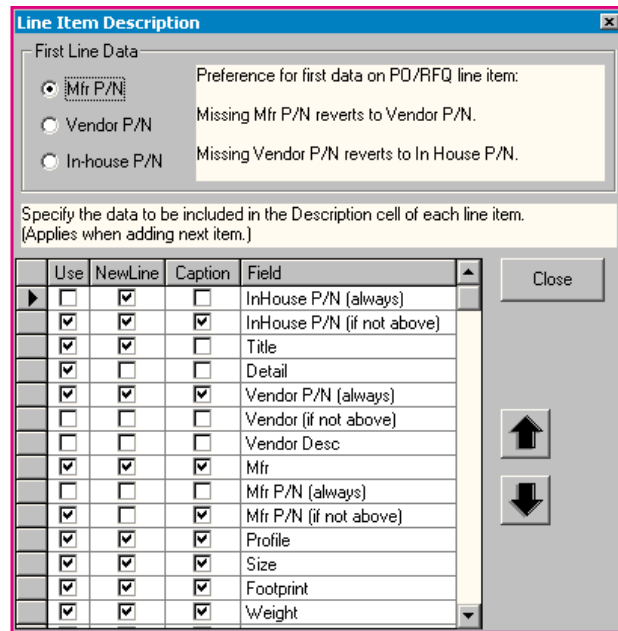
Note: When the Show PO's for this Vendor Only option is selected, the dropdown list for PO's is limited to the vendor shown. When deselected, the dropdown list for PO's shows all PO's in the current data file.

1. Click the New button at the bottom of the page, or,
 - n From the Keyboard, press Ctrl+N, or
 - n From the menu, choose *Edit...New*, or
 - n Click the New button on the tool bar.
2. On the *New PO* dialog, specify a new PO number and click OK.
3. At the bottom of the List Pane, click the *Line Items* tab.
4. At the top of the List Pane, click the Add button.
5. On the *Add Item(s) to PO* dialog, select one or more items, and click Add.
6. On the grid, edit the Quantities and other information as desired.

Description Field Data

The Description field for line items on an RFQ or PO contains relevant data from various parts of the database. The user can specify what data is entered there when an item is added to the list.

Click in the Description field or the P/N field and a button appears. Click that button to open the Line Item Description dialog box.



The dialog box is titled "Line Item Description". It contains a section for "First Line Data" with three radio buttons: "Mfr P/N" (selected), "Vendor P/N", and "In-house P/N". To the right of these buttons is a text box with the following text: "Preference for first data on PO/RFQ line item: Missing Mfr P/N reverts to Vendor P/N. Missing Vendor P/N reverts to In House P/N."

Below this section is a text box with the instruction: "Specify the data to be included in the Description cell of each line item. (Applies when adding next item.)"

The main part of the dialog is a table with four columns: "Use", "NewLine", "Caption", and "Field". The table contains 15 rows of data. To the right of the table are two buttons: "Close" at the top, and "Up" and "Down" arrows below it.

	Use	NewLine	Caption	Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		InHouse P/N (always)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		InHouse P/N (if not above)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Title
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Vendor P/N (always)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Vendor (if not above)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Vendor Desc
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mfr
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mfr P/N (always)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mfr P/N (if not above)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Profile
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Size
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Footprint
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Weight

Choose what data is to be included by checking the 'Use' column.

If the data should be on its own line, check the 'New Line' column.

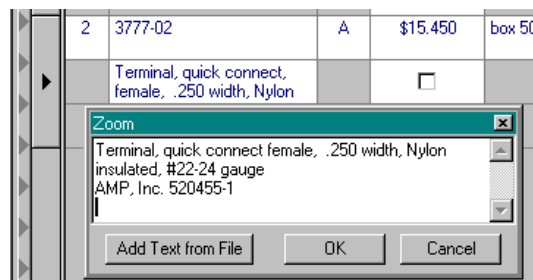
If a caption is necessary to identify what the data is, check the 'Caption' column.

The order of items can be changed by moving them up and down on the list. Select a row by clicking on its record selector (to highlight the row), and click the up or down buttons to move the item.

The settings apply when the next item is added to the RFQ or PO.

The Description field can also be edited after an item is added to the list.

1. Click in the cell and then right-click to open the popup menu.
2. Choose Zoom Text for a larger edit-window for this information.



The Zoom window can be resized and positioned as desired, and will remember its last-used position.

When the order is edited and ready to be sent, choose *File...Print* or *File...Print Preview*. Today's date is automatically entered when printing or previewing.

Note: Your issuance and the vendor's acceptance of a purchase order constitutes a contract subject to uniform business codes and applicable commercial law. For that reason, among others, it's standard business practice to review a PO to make sure it says what you want to say before sending or faxing it.

Renumbering Items—Sorting items on a PO, or deleting and adding items, can result in non-sequential item numbers. These can be renumbered. See "Renumber Items" on page 143.

PO Printing Options—You can be prompted to select the shipping address (entered on the *Edit...Settings* dialog, Addresses page) to appear on the PO. Other selections

from the *Edit...Settings* dialog box, RFQ/PO Options page affect the content of the PO.

Ordering Random Items--Order This Item feature

Initiated by clicking the popup menu item 'Order This Item' from any listed item that has a P/N reference. For the P/N on the item master, choose Edit...Order This Item.

Vendor	Mfr	Cost	Primary	RoHS
Vendor P/N	Mfr P/N	BuyAs	Choice	Doc
Description	Leadtime	RFQ Date	AtLevel	MultiplesOf
Digi-Key Corporation	Texas Instruments	\$1.880	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	TL594CN	each		
		100	0	
Mouser Electronics	Texas Instruments	\$1.740	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	TL594CN	each		
		100	0	

Enter Qty and set Units to show Cost at that level.

Units: ☐ UseAs ☒ BuyAs ☐ each

Cost: \$1.740
Per: each
At Level: 100
OrdQty: 150

Immediately puts any vendor-linked item on a Pending purchase order, or, if no order exists, creates a new order for it without visiting the PO page.

Click on the desired Source to identify the vendor. Enter the quantity and specify if this is for UseAs units or BuyAs units. Then click the 'Put Item on Order' button.

If there is no pending order, the program will prompt for a new PO number. Upon clicking OK, the new order will be created and the item added.

Converting an RFQ to a PO

EX-EC0 ONLY This command converts an RFQ into a Purchase Order. If the RFQ was auto-generated from a Purchase List the new PO should retain the quantities from the calculations made at that time.

Viewing Purchase Orders

1. With the Control pane on the PO page, click the ShowAll tab below the grid. The default listing is All Orders (no filter on the list).

2. From the Filter dropdown list on the main window's toolbar, choose one of the filters:

P&V Show Open Orders

P&V Show Closed Orders

P&V Show Pending Orders

Note: The list of orders can be sorted by any column by clicking on the column header.

3. Hold the control key when clicking to sort in descending order.
4. To select a secondary sort column, hold the shift key when clicking.

Updating Item Costs On a Purchase Order Only

It may be useful to change the costs on a PO without changing the database. When costs for an item are edited on the cost cell—without clicking on the cell button, the main database is not automatically updated. (To change an item's cost in its link to its vendor, click the button in the Cost cell and edit the price breaks.)

Note: Because the cost is retrieved from the cost in the link to the vendor when the quantity is changed, edit the quantity prior to changing the cost. The Extension will be calculated using the edited (and unsaved) cost.

Add Remove Replace Used On Filter By...				
Rev	Cost	BuyAs	OrderQty	Extension
	Taxable		Qty Rcvd	ReceivedAll
	Schedule		Job #	RcvePartial
	\$1.230	each	50	\$61.50
			4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price Breaks				
		Close		
	Cost	At Level		
B	\$1.230	50	3	\$45.75
	\$1.100	100	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	*			
1			3	\$18.00
	Program will use best price break for specified order quantity.			3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Updating Costs

Setting the word 'ADVISE' instead of a cost entry on a PO.

Sometimes it may be desirable to place an order for items for which you don't have the exact current vendor price for. You are willing to accept the vendor's prevailing price. Rather than enter a wrong price, possibly delaying the vendor's action on the order, you can enter the word 'ADVISE', instructing the vendor to charge his prevailing price and to advise you, later, of that value.

Rev	Cost	BuyAs	OrderQty	Extension
	Taxable		Qty Rcvd	ReceivedAll
	Schedule		Job #	RcvePartial
A	ADVISE	each	0	\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/>		0	<input type="checkbox"/>

The database does not accept text entries into the numeric Cost field, but entering a negative value into that field will result in the 'ADVISE' text showing on the screen and printed report.

If you need to enter a negative value for the line item (to represent a credit, for example), make the Quantity entry negative rather than the Cost, for the same result in the cost extension and total.

Turn this feature on and off from
Edit...Settings...RFQ/PO.

Entering Quantities for Received Items

1. Go to the item on its order:

On the PO page, type the PO Number into the PO # box, or by choose the PO # from the dropdown list.

Click on the Line Items tab at the bottom of the List Pane, if it is not already selected.

Go to the item on the list. If there are many lines on the order you can use the Find dialog to find an item in the grid.

2. Received All (you have received the full Order Quantity for the item):

Click the ReceivedAll checkbox in the right-most column on that row.

3. Received a Partial Order (you have received only part of the Order Quantity for the item):

Enter the quantity received (in Buy As units) in the *RcvePartial* box in the right-most column on that row.

OrderQty	Extension
Qty Rcvd	ReceivedAll
Job #	RcvePartial
1500	\$163.50
0	<input type="checkbox"/>
850	

Right-most columns of PO Line Items grid

The program will prompt to adjust the Stock Quantity for that item.

When all items have been received, the program will automatically insert the Date Closed for the order.

Confirmation will be requested before editing an order after it is closed.

Qty Received—Shows the quantity received to-date.

Setting RFQ and PO Options

On the *Edit...Settings*, RFQ/PO Options page, the top items allow you to specify which P/N (Manufacturer, Vendor or in-house) to lead RFQ's and PO's. See “Setting RFQ Options” on page 88.

The lower fields allow you to define several behaviors in RFQ's and PO's as follows:

- n *Update linked Source Cost when edited on a PO* enables costs to be automatically recalculated.
- n *Default PO Notes from text file*—if checked, the field on the right should be used to specify a text file that contains information about the Purchase Order.
- n *Date Required, FOB, Shipping Acct*—here you can enter default values for these fields.

- n *Tax Caption*—you can enter a default heading for tax such as “VAT” for United Kingdom or “Sales Tax” for USA.
- n *Tax Rate*—specifies the default rate used in calculations.
- n *Default all Items as Taxable on New POs*—as items are added to an order, they will be marked as taxable on that order.
- n *Include taxes in Totals by Job# Report*—affects the report printed from the Totals by Job grid.
- n *Use 2nd Tax on Orders*—Some countries, such as Canada, have a need for two separate tax fields, one for Provincial level tax and one for Federal level tax. This option provides the second tax field that will appear on screen and on printed orders. The option to apply the second tax is settable on each order. Set the default here.

Winfax
Support for
RFQs and
POs

See this manual's Printing and Faxing section on page 157

Building Product

The kit list is the list of items to be removed from stock and transferred to manufacturing for building. The NetKitQty on the Kit List is used as the basis for adjusting the inventory counts to reflect the removal of those items from stock.

Creating the Kit List

1. On the Build page of the Control Pane choose the P/N for the assembly from the dropdown list.
2. Enter the quantity to be made.
3. Click the Make Kit List button.

Item Master | Vendor | Manufacturer

Buy | RFQ | PO | Build

For Top Assembly: 4712 05B

Number of Units: 45

☒ Use available subassemblies from stock.

☐ Increase Q tys for Over-Kitting

Make Kit List

Adjust Inventory

For Kit List (which can also be Filtered)

☒ All Items ☐ Selected Items

Kit (-) Restock (+)

For Top Assembly Only

Adjust Stock

Build Page on Control Pane

- When the program finishes gathering information about all of the items used in the assembly tree specified, it will display the kit list.

Note: You may want to print labels that will identify those items when removed from stock.

Kit List columns

Net quantity required in UseAs units based on Kit List option settings	Overkit quantity (count). (Set on Item Master.)	Current inventory count irrespective of item requirement	UseAs unit of measure for item	Part Number of item	Part Number of assembly that item is used on	Item Type			
NetKitQty	OverkitQty	Stock	Unit	P/N	Assy P/N	Type	Title	Detail	Vendor
100	0	96	each	12-4889-03	00-15296-02	DWG	Panel, front	oem ver	Truckee Pr
105	5	455	each	1484-104	00-15296-02	P5	Capacitor, cer disk	.1uf	Digi-Key Co
500	2	300	each	1720-01	00-15296-02	PC	Control button, push	0.22 x 0.18 x 0.05	Mastercraft

Over-Kitting Options

Over-kitting options are used in the calculations for generating the Purchase List and the Kit List. These settings provide the ability to over-kit items subject to inexact use, loss, or spoilage at the assembly area. This can happen to parts such as tiny fasteners or lengths of material subject to cumulative cutting errors. Over-kit to avoid inconvenient shortages of these items at the manufacturing area.

For more information, see “Increase Qtys for Over-Kitting” on page 101.

Notes More Kitting Stock Assy Cost

☒ Over-Kit this item

For

☐ Each Top Assy
 ☒ Entire build

By

2

☒ Percent
 ☐ Count

Kitting Options on Item Master

Use Available Subassemblies Implications—Setting this option will reduce the required quantities of items that are already in these finished subassemblies.

Adjusting Inventory

Parts&Vendors offers some simple inventory management tools for controlling stock:

- n Minimum Stock - each item in the database has a Minimum Stock Qty, and Order quantities can be optionally adjusted to maintain those levels.
- n Adjust Inventory when pulling Kits - The program can reduce the stock quantity for all items being put into kits.
- n History of bulk inventory adjustments - keeps a record of the Who, What and When of changes made to inventory.

Cleanup before adjusting inventory—

- n The quantities in the kit list can be edited.
- n Rows can be deleted.
- n The list can be filtered.

Adjust stock for a single item—

1. On the Item Master page, choose the item from the dropdown list.
2. From the menu choose *Edit...Adjust Stock*.
3. Enter quantity and click OK. Stock can be increased or reduced by entering positive or negative quantities.

Note: The shortcut keys Ctrl+K and Ctrl+R can also be used to adjust the stock quantity.

Adjusting Inventory for Kits—After compiling a Kit List, the next step is to physically remove the items from stock (putting the items in bags, bins, tubs or whatever containers are appropriate for transport to the manufacturing area)

To reflect the physical reduction of the stock for all items in the Kit List, find the Adjust Inventory tool and the “Kit -” button on the bottom of the Build page.

Inventory Valuation

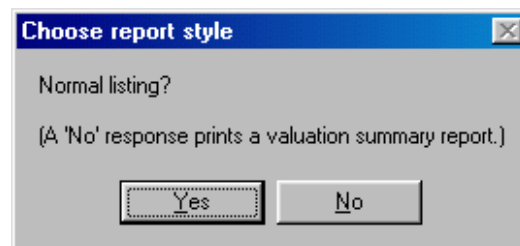
Parts&Vendors provides two separate methods of calculating the value of your inventory. Both are described in this section.

- **Inventory Valuation Summary Report**
- **Sum of Column on Inventory Grid**

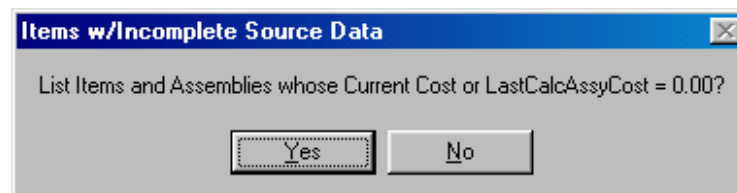
Inventory Valuation Summary Report

From the Item Master / Inventory grid, choose File...Print or File...Print Preview.

From the this grid only, after prompting for the report title, you will be prompted to print a normal (tabular) listing, or to print the Valuation Summary . Choose 'No.'



To identify items that do not have valid cost information, you can cause the report to list these items below the summary section.



The report below lists items with incomplete cost data.
If the user had selected 'No', then only the header information would have printed.

Inventory List

Printed 12/6/00
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Items with valid cost data				
Type	Count of different items		Totals	
CAT	2		\$495.94	CAT and PL: Inventory Qty x Last Calculated Assembly Cost
PL	3		\$443.08	
DWG	9		\$350.10	DWG and PS: Inventory Qty x Current Cost (Totals exclude MadeFrom items)
PS	37		\$596.25	
MF	5		\$11.86	MadeFrom: Inventory Qty x Last Calculated MadeFrom Cost
ALL	56		\$1,897.23	Totals: exclude non-inventory items of Type DOC & AWV, Parent P/Ns.

Items with zero cost or incomplete cost data							
Stock	P/N	Type	Title	Detail	Cur/Assy/MFExtCost	Pri/Vendor	Vendor P/N
5	2805-4.00	PS	Wire, insul., 24 AWG, gm	4" stripped and tinned	\$0.00		
1	3724-05	PS	Conn, 24 awg .100" ctr	2-pos	\$0.00		
1	3875-04	PS	Header, .1" ctr	4 pin dual row	\$0.00		
17	3959-01	PS	Jumper, prog., .1"		\$0.00		
8	4362-07	PS	Standoff, .562lg alum	.115 i.d. x .250 o.d.	\$0.00		

Inventory Grid - Sum of Column

A valuation of inventory can also be calculated from the Item Master / Inventory grid.

Select the fields that are to be displayed, making sure that Cur/Assy/MFExtCost is visible on screen.

The Cur/Assy/MFExtCost is a special composite field, meaning that it gets the values from different places depending on the nature of the part.

- Cur comes from CurrentCost for items that are PS/DWG and not Made From parts.
- Assy comes from the Last Calculated Assy Cost (under the Assy Cost tab on the Item Master) for items of Type=CAT or Type=PL. This value is set by the program when a Purchase List is generated on the Buy page for this P/N or a higher level assembly.

- MF comes from the Last Calculated Made From Cost on the M/F Cost tab on the Item Master for PS/DWG parts that are Made Froms. This is generated by the program when a Purchase List is generated on the Buy page for an assembly that includes this P/N.

NOTE: Not being "inventory software," Parts&Vendors does not keep an average cost for each item in the database. The value associated with an item is generally the last cost. This is based upon the most recent refresh of costs from making a Purchase List (on the Buy page). For these values to be realistic, be sure to have the cost Update options (on the Buy page) turned on when making "real" Purchase Lists, and turned off when making Purchase Lists for hypothetical or "blue sky" costing scenarios.

You can optionally filter the grid to exclude items whose Status = Obsolete.

Match	Fields	Include	Exclude	Compare	Data or Field	Field
	Status	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Is Exactly	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(None)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Contains		<input type="checkbox"/>
	(None)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Contains		<input type="checkbox"/>
	(None)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Contains		<input type="checkbox"/>
	(None)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Contains		<input type="checkbox"/>

Selected Filter: None

Buttons: Save As..., Delete, Apply, No Filter, OK, Close

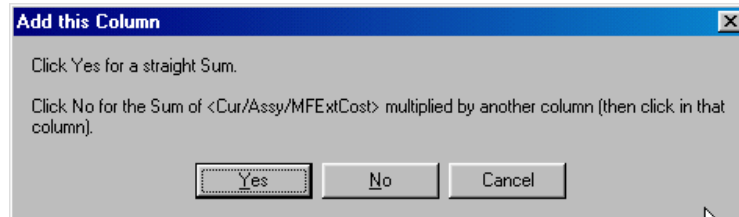
On the Inventory grid, right-click in the Cur/Assy/MFExtCost column (not on the column header) to open the popup menu.

Choose the Sum of Column item.

Add Remove Replace Used On Filter By...		
	Detail	Cur/Assy/MFExtCost ▲
ring pump	OEM version	\$495.94
r assembly		\$217.94
oller a		175.214996337891
motor		\$49.92
v, set f		\$23.93
, front		\$38.10
citor, t		\$11.52
citor, t		\$0.00
citor, c		\$20.90
citor, c		\$51.74
Driver		\$73.71
v, butt		\$107.55
PROM,		\$11.52
al, 7.3		\$10.01
<EP		\$26.24
, genl		\$4.57
itwk, 4		\$24.30
sink, gl		\$1.83
insul., 24 AWG	4" stripped and tin	\$0.04
insulated, #2		\$0.57
ring, anti-rotat	Black	\$12.81
ten, 1/2" x 1/2"		\$0.01
On Not Used Files/URLs Rev History		

The following prompt will appear. Since the Cur/Assy/MFExtCost column is already extended by

the value of the Stock field for each P/N, choose 'Yes' for straight Sum.



The sum of the column will appear at the bottom of the grid.

Inventory List						
56 items		Add Remove Replace Used On Filter By...				
	Stock	P/N	Type	Title	Detail	Cur/Assy/MFExtCost
	3	00-15296-02	CAT	Metering pump	OEM version	\$495.94
	2	00-17260-04	PL	Driver assembly		\$217.94
	5	00-5611-01	PL	Controller assembly		\$175.21
	2	00-91298	PL	Valve motor assembl	12vdc	\$49.92
	319	1165-02	PS	Screw, set flat pt S	6-32 x 1/8	\$23.93
	3	12-4889-03	DWG	Panel, front	oem version	\$38.10
	36	1455-105	PS	Capacitor, tantalum	1.0uf	\$11.52
	0	1455-106	PS	Capacitor, tantalum	10uf	\$0.00
	190	1484-104	PS	Capacitor, cer disk	0.1uf	\$20.90
	398	1484-180	PS	Capacitor, cer disk	18pf	\$51.74
	13	17260-01	DWG	PCB, Driver		\$73.71
	1195	1736-01	PS	Screw, button hd h	6-32 x 3/8	\$107.55
	2	18-83043-03	DWG	IC, EPROM, prograr	Modify 83043-00	\$11.52
	7	1812-02	PS	Crystal, 7.3728 mhz	HC49/UA	\$10.01
	656	2078-01	PS	Nut, KEP	6-32 x 1/4" hex, sl	\$26.24
	83	2412-01	PS	Diode, genl purpose	1N914	\$4.57
	54	2507-15	PS	Res ntwk, 4.7k, 1 c	6 pin	\$24.30
	3	2511-04	PS	Heatsink, glue-on		\$1.83
	5	2805-4.00	PS	Wire, insul., 24 AW	4" stripped and tin	\$0.04
	312	2805-LEN	PS	Wire, insulated, #2		\$0.57
Sum of Cur/Assy/MFExtCost						\$1,897.23
Inventory On Orders RFQ(s) Used On Not Used Files/URLs Rev History						

If a report is printed from this grid (before it is refreshed), the report will look similar to that below, with the Sum appearing on the last page of the report.

Inventory List

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Stock	P/N	Type	Title	Detail	Cur/Assy/MFExtCost	PriVendor	VendorP/N
2	7662-01	DWG	Clip, retaining		\$1.56	Northstar Fasteners	
99	7878-01	DWG	Bushing, octagon		\$183.15	Northstar Fasteners	
47	83043-00	PS	IC, EPROM	87C512	\$258.97	Digi-Key Corporation	
0	8447-05	PS	Adhesive, Loctite	Threadlocker 222 pink	\$0.00	Northstar Fasteners	
0	8447-13	PS	Adhesive, Loctite	"Output" high strength	\$0.00	Northstar Fasteners	
					Sum of Cur/Assy/MFExtCost		\$1,897.23

Client and Job Databases



Client Page The EX and ECO Editions of Parts&Vendors includes a basic Client database. It can be used to store the names and contact information for your repeat clients.

NOTE: Although there is not a technical limit on the number of entries, we recommend against letting the size of your database expand in an uncontrolled manner with large number of one-time entries. This is not a point-of-sale program, and in Trilogy Design's opinion, it's best to leave the priority to (finite) item and product data, and not (the ever accumulating) entries of one-time sales.

Item Master		Vendor		
Manufacturer		Buy	RFQ	
PO	Build	Client	Job	ECO
JWB Company				
Addr 123 Main Street PO Box 1987 Anytown, CA 99999 USA				
Web www.jwbco.com				
Notes Contacts Account Ship Addr				
Contact 1	Bob Strombrowski			
Phone 1	123-456-7890			
Email 1	bob@jwbco.com			
Contact 2	Mary			
Phone 2	123-456-7891			
Email 2	mary@jwbco.com			
Fax	123-456-9876			

The Client page is similar to the Vendor page, where you can enter address, notes, contacts, account particulars (terms, code, account number, etc.), and shipping address.

Notes	Contacts	Account	Ship Addr
Account <input type="text" value="123456"/>			
Terms <input type="text" value="Net 30"/>			
Our Code <input type="text" value="JWB"/>			
Fed Tax ID <input type="text" value="68-0987654"/>			
Local Tax ID <input type="text"/>			

You can set the caption for Client, Customer or a term of your choosing from Edit...Settings...Preferences. This caption will show on listings and on printed reports.

RFQ/PO	Taxes	User Fields	Organization	Addresses	Telephone
Preferences	P/L	Viewers/Path	P/N	Copy P/N	Purch/Kit Lists
Customer Caption: <input type="text" value="Client"/>					
Currency decimal places: <input type="text" value="3"/>					

Job Page

The Job page is similar to the RFQ and PO pages.

The screenshot shows a software window titled 'Job Page'. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Item Master' and 'Vendor'. Under 'Vendor', there are three sub-tabs: 'Manufacturer', 'Buy', and 'RFQ'. Below these, there are four buttons: 'PO', 'Build', 'Client', and 'Job'. The 'Job' button is selected. The main form area contains several fields and sections:

- A dropdown menu showing 'JWB Company'.
- A checkbox labeled 'Show Jobs for above only' which is unchecked.
- A dropdown menu showing 'J-4096'.
- Three date fields: 'Date Created' (8/26/2005), 'Date Promised' (9/15/2005), and 'Date Completed' (empty).
- An 'Internal Notes' section with a text area containing the text: 'This pre-production build uses the untextured prototype case moldings at customer request.'
- Three more fields: 'Terms' (N30), 'F.O.B.' (Shipping point), and 'Ship' (FEDX Economy).
- At the bottom, there are four buttons: 'New', 'Change', 'Copy', and 'Delete'.

Specify a Client from the upper dropdown list.

Click 'New' to create a new Job.

The Job# has the same 'Suggest Next' features as new P/Ns, RFQs and POs.

The Date Created is not automatically entered, but with the cursor in the Date Created box, press 'D' or Ctrl+; to enter today's date. As with other date fields, the + and - keys will cause the date entry to advance or go back..

A Job consists of line items (Tasks) that can be items from the database or entered as 'Other' for items or services not in the Item Master.

Show All Line Items (Tasks)						
Item	P/N	Qty	Price	PriceExt	Quo	
(from P/N)	Description	Rev	Taxable	Notes	Inv/PkL	
1	00-12345-001	50	\$128.470	\$6,423.50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
▶ 00-12345-001	Telephone, self-propelled, floating, callee-seeking, OEM version - customer provided badges and labels	8	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

The first line of each task shows the P/N of the item. This can be edited if the P/N does not adequately describe the item.

The Description field is populated with supporting data based on the Line Item Description settings. Click in the Description cell. A button appears. Click the button to open the Line Item Description selection window where you can specify the data that is entered when a new line item is added.

Line Item Description

Specify the data to be included in the Description cell of each line item.
(Applies when adding next item.)

	Use	NewLine	Caption	Field
▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Title
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Detail
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Profile
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Size
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Footprint
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Weight
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stock Bin
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buyer Note
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OEM Tag
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User8
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User9
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User10

Close

↑

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A price can be entered for each line item.

A separate Notes field can hold additional (internal) information about the item.

Notice that the File...Print Preview, File...Print and File...Print to PDF menus give choices of reports to print from the grid.

Tasks--this is your internal report. The default report title is "Work Order" but can be edited to other text. This report shows the line items without prices, plus any internal Notes.

Quotation--this report shows the line item and price. Notes are not included.

Invoice--this report shows the line items and price. Notes are not included.

Packing List--this report shows the line items without the price. Notes are not included.

Hide certain Job line items from reports

The Job Line Items grid has a column with cells captioned: Quo and Inv/Pkl.

Uncheck Quo to hide that line from the printed Quotation.

Uncheck Inv/Pkl to hide that line from the printed Invoice and Packing List.

All line items always show on the Tasks report.

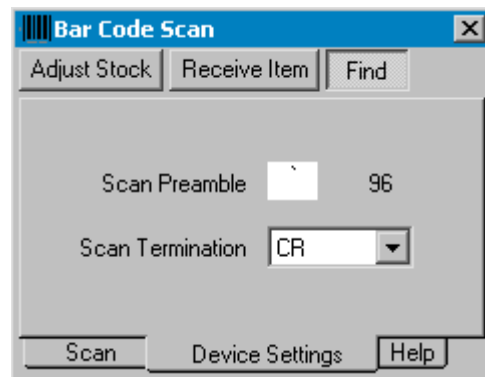
Scanning and Printing Barcodes

Barcode Device Setup

P&V is designed to work with bar code scanners that have a so-called 'wedge' (keyboard) interface. That is, scanned data comes in like keyboard keystrokes. The focus must be on the Bar Code Scan dialog (the dialog is the active window). To open the Barcode dialog choose View...Bar Code Input from the main program menu.

This feature is designed to work with in-house part numbers only.

Set the program and the scanning hardware to match:



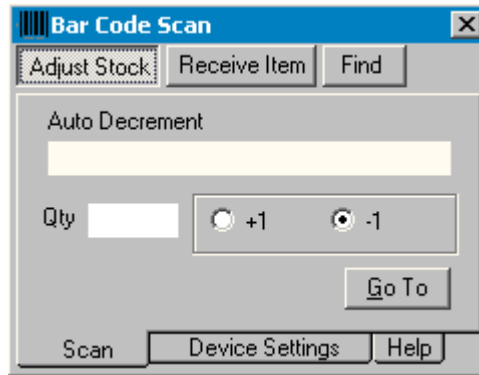
The program is designed to expect a one-character scan preamble to precede the incoming bar data. This can be any keyboard character or most high ASCII characters. On the Settings tab, type or scan the preamble into the textbox. (The number shows the ASCII value.)

Set your scanning device to send the same preamble character. Instructions on how to do this will be in the user manual for that hardware device.

The program expects a scan terminator. Set the scan terminator and the scanning hardware to match.

Using Barcode Input

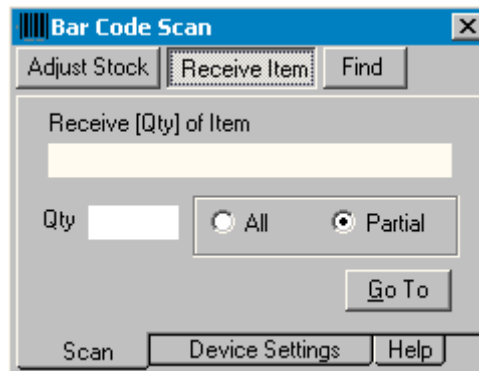
Adjust Stock for scanned items



First enter a quantity or set the option buttons to increment or decrement stock for the item. Then scan the barcode. The program will indicate if the item was found in the database and the operation was successful.

Adjust Stock works in UseAs units of measure, same as editing the Stock value on the Item Master.

Receive Item on a PO

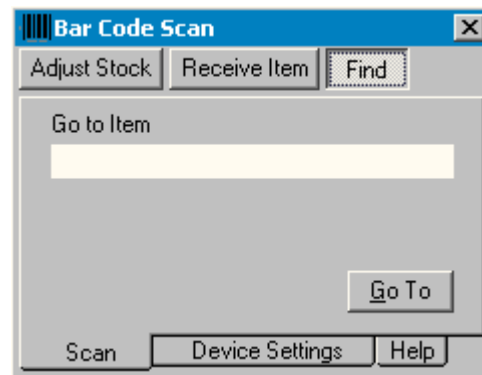


First enter the quantity or click the All option button. Then scan the barcode. The program will indicate if the item was found on an order and the operation was successful.

Receive Item works in BuyAs units of measure, same as receiving on a PO. Stock adjustment and closing of PO (when all line items have been fully received) is the same as receiving directly on the PO.

If there are more than one open POs that the item could be received against, the program will require going to the PO to identify it.

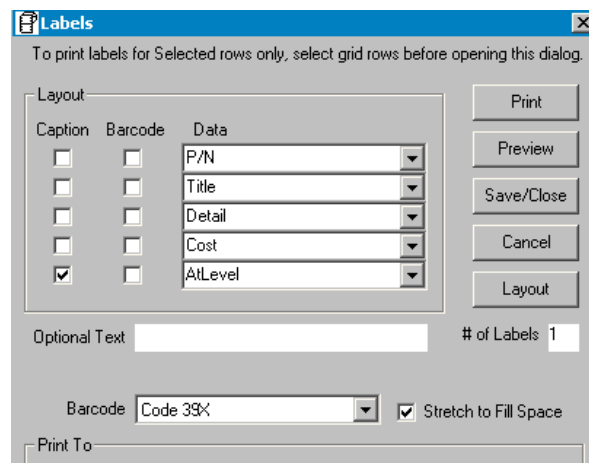
Find an item in the database



Scan the barcode and, if the P/N is found in the database, it will jump to that item on the Item Master.

Printing Bar Codes

Bar codes may be printed on labels.



One line of a label can be set to show the bar code. If the bar code is set to appear on line 1 - 4 and the next line is left unassigned (blank), then the printed bar code will be expanded vertically to fill the space for two label lines.

Set the bar code style from the dropdown list.

By default, some bar styles (such as Code 39) are printed with a check digit. You can (and should) set your bar code scanning device to NOT send the check digit when scanning. Consult your scanning device user manual to determine how to make this setting.

Tools Applying to Lists

Show All

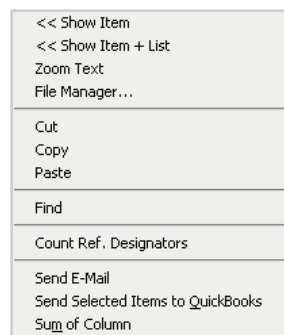
The Item Master, Vendor, Manufacturer, RFQ, and PO pages all have a *Show All* list, where all the entries of the page category can be viewed.

In order to edit or delete entries from the Show All grid, click on *View...Allow Editing on Show All Grid*. You will be able to edit entries until you view a different list. On returning to the Show All grid, click the menu item again to edit further.

After deleting selected entries, click the menu item again to edit or delete items on the grid. Note however, that if an entry has links to other records, you may not be able to delete it.

Popup Menu

Right-clicking with the mouse will bring up the popup menu, with the options shown below.



Popup menu for the Parts List Grid

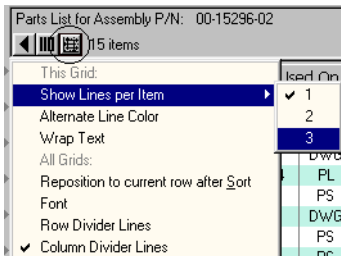
Show Item—See “Show a listed item’s specification” on page 41.

Show Item + List—See “Show a listed item’s List” on page 42.

Find—See “Searching” on page 147.

Sum of Column —See “Sum of Columns” on page 149.

Count Ref. Designators—See “Count Reference Designators (Parts Lists)” on page 74.



Grid Settings menu

Alternate Line Color—Alternate line colors can be set to make readability across long rows easier. Each grid can have its own color scheme. To select alternate colors in rows: right click on the grid and choose Alternate Line Color.

Font—Changes made to the font type, style, and size affect all the lists except for the tree views. The default is: MS Sans Serif, regular, 8 pt.

Reposition to Current Row after Sort—When unchecked, the first row will be the current row.

Wrap Text—Setting the wrap text option prevents partial words from being displayed in the grid columns

Adding Items to a List

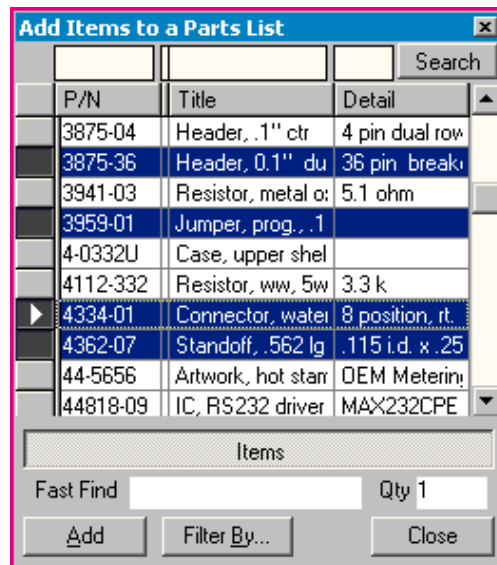
Clicking the Add button at the top of the List Pane opens an “Add Items to a Parts List” dialog. Its appearance depends on the currently displayed list, but the operation is the same for all.

All the following actions add items to a list. On the Add Items dialog:

- n Click on an item to select it, for adding to the list.

- n Shift+click another item to select a continuous group of items to be added to the list.
- n Ctrl+click other items to select random items on the grid to be added to the list.

Double-click to immediately add any item to the list.



Add Items Dialog

The dialog box is shown with several items selected, ready to be added to a parts list.

Adding an item to a list (parts list, line card, sources, items supplied, and so on) does not make a new copy of the item for that list. Instead, the program creates a link the already-existing item.

Fast Find

Begin to type the text of any item and the grid will scroll to items that begin with that text.

Add Item Quantity

If you select a single item to add to a list, the quantity to be applied can be entered in the Qty entry box.

When several items are added to a list in different quantities, edit the quantity on the list after the items are added.

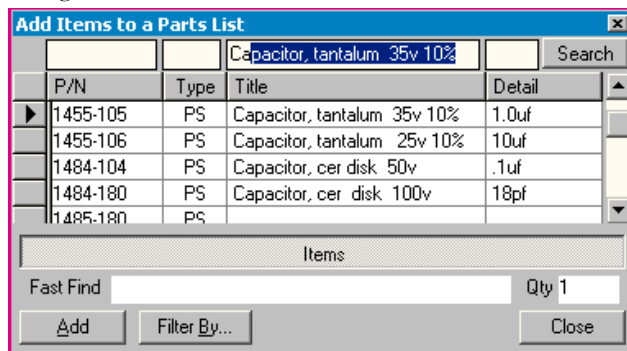
The quantity can always be edited after the items are added to the list on the List Pane grid.

Adding Items to the List Tree

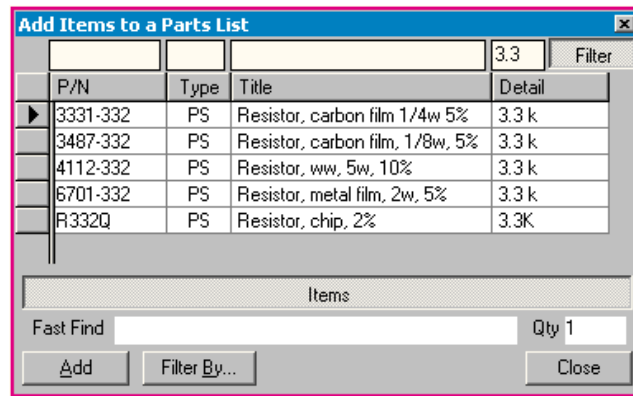
On the tree, select the assembly or subassembly to add items to. Then follow the instructions above for adding items to a list.

Special tools to Search or Filter the Add Item list

Notice the textboxes above each column and the Search/Filter toggle button at the extreme right of the dialog.



When in the **Search** mode (as above), typing into the textbox above the desired column will cause the list to scroll to the first entry that **begins with** that search text.



When in the **Filter** mode (as above) typing into one or more textboxes will apply the text as a Filter to the listing. The match criteria is that the field **contains** the entered text.

These tools enable you to find the desired items easily and quickly.

Removing Items From Lists

Removing an item from a list generally does not delete it from the database. It only unlinks it from the current listing. The item remains in the database, available for use elsewhere.

To remove items from a grid:

1. Use the mouse to select one or more items by clicking on the gray record selectors on the left edge of the list.
 - n Shift+click to select a continuous group of items.
 - n Ctrl+click to select random items in the list.
2. Click the Remove button at the top of the list, or press the Delete key on the keyboard.

To remove items from the List Tree:

1. Highlight the item to remove by clicking on it.

2. Click the Remove button at the top of the list, or press the Delete key on the keyboard.

Note: Removing (or Deleting) items from the Show All, Inventory, Not Used or History Lists *does* delete the item from the database. Also, some items cannot be removed.

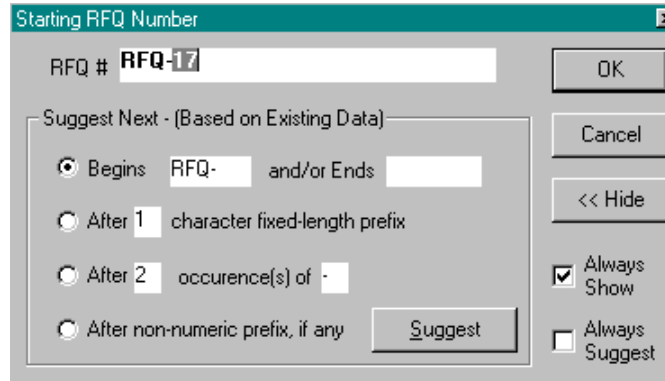
Renumber Items

Sorting items on an RFQ, PO, or Parts List, or deleting and adding items, can result in non-sequential item numbers. To renumber the items:

1. First set the desired sort order for the list by clicking on the heading above the column to sort by.
2. From the main menu, choose *List...Renumber Items*. The Item Numbers will be renumbered from 1 to N.

Suggest Next Number

When auto-generating RFQ's or PO's, or obtaining a part number for a new part, the user can create the template for numbering the next item in the sequence. The dialog (captioned *New Item, Starting RFQ Number* or *Starting PO Number*) allows the user to set a prefix or suffix to be automatically incorporated in the next sequential RFQ or PO number, respectively. This occurs on the Buy page, when generating PO's or RFQ's.



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Starting RFQ Number". At the top, there is a text field labeled "RFQ #" containing the text "RFQ-17". To the right of this field are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel". Below the text field is a section titled "Suggest Next - (Based on Existing Data)". This section contains four radio button options:

- ☒ Begins RFQ- and/or Ends
- ☐ After 1 character fixed-length prefix
- ☐ After 2 occurrence(s) of
- ☐ After non-numeric prefix, if any

 To the right of the "Suggest Next" section is a "Suggest" button. On the far right of the dialog box, there are three more buttons: "<< Hide", "Always Show" (with a checked checkbox), and "Always Suggest" (with an unchecked checkbox).

Suggest Next Number Dialog

There are several numbering options on this dialog box. For RFQ's and PO's, the first option is most appropriate.

1. Set a prefix or suffix or both to a number that is automatically incremented as RFQ's or PO's are generated.
2. After x number of characters fixed length prefix generates numbers in blocks, filling in the x number of characters with a "?". The user can then replace the "?"s with the desired prefix.
3. After x occurrence(s) of a specified character generates the RFQ number with groups of two question marks, to be replaced by the user, and with the specified character between the question marks until the specified number of occurrences of that character is met.
4. After non-numeric prefix, if any.

Replace

You may need to replace an item on a Parts List with a different part. This can be done by selecting the item and then clicking the *Replace* button.

Used On

Two methods are provided for you to view a list of the subassemblies an item is used on:

- n On any list pane containing item information, click on the Used On button above the grid.
- n There is a Used On list grid tab available when you're on the Item Master page.

Filtering

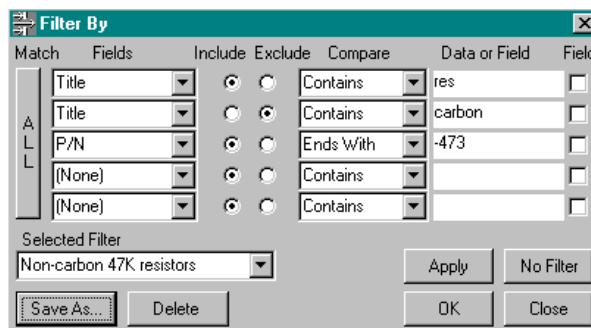
Listings on the grid can be filtered by multiple selection criteria that a user specifies.

Any filter can be saved under a user-specified name. A saved filter can then be reapplied by choosing it from the dropdown list, either from the *Filter By...* dialog, or from the Filter dropdown on the Tool Bar.

- n On the List Pane, just above the grid, click the *Filter By...* button. Or, from the main menu, choose *List...Filter By...*

Example

A filter for the Item Master Show All grid displays only items that have the text “Res” in the Title field; do not have the word “carbon” in the Title field, and have a P/N suffix of “-473”. This filter has been saved as *Non carbon 47K resistors*.



Example of a Filter

Match—When set to All, only rows containing all filter conditions will be displayed. When set to Any, rows containing any one of the filter conditions will be displayed.

Fields—All fields which apply to this list (but may not appear on the list) are shown in this dropdown box and are available for setting filter criteria.

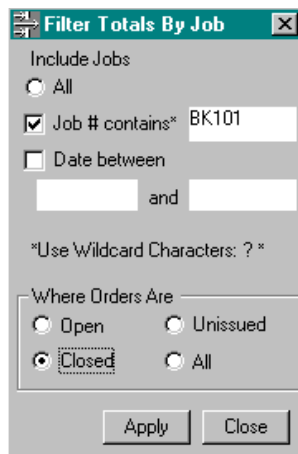
Include/Exclude—This option determines if a record should or should not have the filter criteria of that row.

Compare—The relationship of the field to the Data or Field can be selected from this dropdown. Different types of fields (e.g. date, data, true/false) allow different selections of relationships.

Data or Field—If the Field checkbox is unchecked, this column contains data. If the Field checkbox is checked, this column becomes a dropdown list of fields whose value is compared to that of the Fields column, depending on the relationship selected in the Compare column.

Field—A filter can compare the values of two fields. To do so, click the Field checkbox and then choose the second field to compare against. The Compare dropdown list provides choices of Equal, Greater Than and Less Than.

Note: On the PO page, Totals By Job # grid, the Filter By button brings up a different dialog box, allowing filtering by job number, date, and status.



Searching

The Find dialog enables the user to locate a record based on certain data.

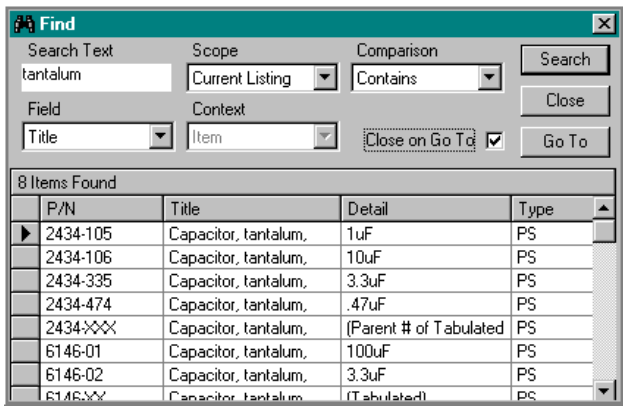
In the Entire Database—

1. From the menu, choose *Edit...Find*, or
2. Click the binoculars button on the tool bar, or
3. Choose Find from the popup menu when right-clicking on the Control Pane.
4. Enter the text to search for and click the Search button.

In the Current Listing—

1. Right-click in the column to search.
2. Choose Find from the popup menu.
3. Enter the text to search for and click the Search button.

Note: If the Find dialog is opened from the popup menu on either the Control Pane or from the Grid, the Field to Search will automatically be set to the current field.



Find Dialog

Found Items List—

This is the list of items that meet the search criteria. Select one and click the GoTo button, or double click on any item to jump to that item within the search scope.

Close on GoTo—

Jump to any Found Item by double clicking on the item in the list. Or, click the GoTo button. If Close on GoTo is checked, the dialog will automatically close. If not, it will stay open ready for another search or jump.

View History

A dropdown list on the toolbar lets you choose from the last 50 views. This permits quick navigation back up through the parent levels of an assembly tree after doing one or more *Show Item + List* on a Parts List grid (drilling into the assembly).

Note: the history list is for the current session only.

The hotkeys Alt + Left arrow and Alt + Right arrow will move back and forth through the View History.

Notes

The Notes field provides a place to keep comments about the currently displayed item. This field will hold a large amount of text (approximately 60K).

Notes for Purchase Orders can be automatically entered from a file by checking the box and specifying the name of that file: *Edit...Settings...RFQ/PO Option: Default PO Notes from text.*

Sum of Columns

To sum a column or get the sum of one column multiplied-by another column on a grid view of the List Pane, do the following:

1. Click in the column you want to add. (Don't click in the column headings; click in the data of a column.)
2. Right-click to view the popup menu.
3. Choose Sum of Column.

For a straight Sum, click Yes on the prompt.

For the Sum of a Column multiplied-by another column, click No on the prompt and then click anywhere in the column that is to be the multiplier.

The total will show at the bottom of the grid under the column. If the grid is a single-row-per-item grid, the total and its label will show on the bottom of its printed report.

Currencies

Parts&Vendors supports multiple currencies. Costs can be entered and/or displayed in your local currency or in a foreign currency.

Definitions:

- **Local currency** - your local currency, set in Windows...Control Panel...Regional Options.
- **Foreign currency** - another currency defined by your entry in menu: View...Currencies.
- **Vendor currency** - the currency selected for a particular vendor on the Vendor page of the control pane under the Currency tab.
- **Common exchange rate** - applies to all vendors set to use the common rate.
- **Vendor-specific exchange rate** - applies to this vendor only; entered under the Currency tab on the Vendor page of the control pane.
- **Document exchange rate** - applies to an Issued Purchase Order; saved with that order; does not change when the exchange rate entries are changed.

Vendors' cost entries remain unchanged by variations in the exchange rate. Switching the display to local currency will show the changed costs resulting from a change in the exchange rate.

Enter additional currencies:

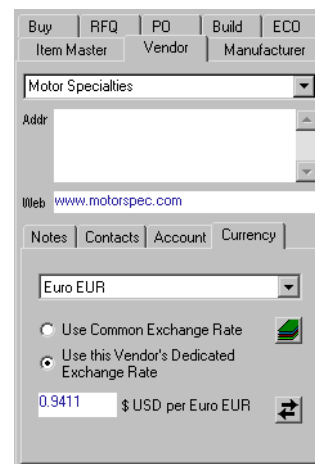
From the menu choose View...Currencies.



Enter as many currencies as needed. Exchange rates may be entered and edited here.

Set a vendor's currency:

On the Vendor tab of the control pane, select the Currencies tab.



Choose a currency from the dropdown list.

Set vendor to use the common exchange rate or its own dedicated exchange rate.

When viewing the Items-Supplied grid for a vendor that has a foreign currency, a currency header appears that permits selection of the currency displayed.

<input type="radio"/> \$ USD <input checked="" type="radio"/> Euro EUR 0.9411 [Dedicated] \$ USD per Euro EUR					
P/N	Title	Detail	Cost	Primary	
Mfr P/N	Manufacturer		BuyAs	Leadtime	
Vendor P/N	Vendor Desc	RFQ Date	AtLevel	Multiples Of	
00-88427	Motor, valve	12 vdc	E8.760	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1.61.013.325-47	Buehler		each		
			1	0	
7247-01	Motor, gear - minis	12vdc	F10.430	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

The exchange rate can also be edited here.

Costs can be entered in either your local currency or in the vendor's currency. When entering a different exchange rate, the vendor's pricing remains constant. When displaying of costs in your local currency the values will reflect the different exchange rate.

When viewing RFQs or Purchase Orders for a vendor with a foreign currency, the currency header appears that permits selection of the currency displayed, like the grid described above.

Items on Purchase Order: POX-25						
<input type="radio"/> \$ USD <input checked="" type="radio"/> Euro EUR 0.9411 [Document] \$ USD per Euro EUR						
Item	P/N	Rev	Cost	BuyAs	OrderQty	Extension
	Description		Taxable		Qty Rcvd	ReceivedAll
	(from P/N)		Schedule		Job #	RcvPartial
1	00-091328	Δ	F1.063	each	1	F1.06

Once the Purchase Order has been Issued (printed), the exchange rate is saved with that document and does not change with subsequent changes in the exchange rate value.

When Printing - The selected currency option button will determine the currency shown on the printed report.

When Merging - If source file currency for a vendor or PO already exists in destination file, destination exchange rate will be left undisturbed.

If merging a PO and the vendor does not exist, a new vendor will be created that will have default (local) currency, irrespective of currency setting in source file.

Printing and Faxing

Reports

The main window's List Pane has two types of grids: single-row and multi-row.

When printing from a single row grid, the resulting report will print in a format similar to the layout of the on-screen grid (WYSIWYG).

Adjust the column width by dragging the right edge of the column header with the mouse. Adjust the column position by dragging the column into position with the mouse from its column header. The new widths and positions are automatically saved by the program and used whenever you return to that grid.

The printed page will show as many columns as will fit on the page. The column headings on the grid for those columns that will fit on the report are black. Those of columns outside of the report area are grayed.

Use Page Setup to set the page orientation to Portrait or Landscape. (See "Page Setup and Print Setup" on page 154.)

When printing from a multi-row grid, the resulting report is one of the Formatted reports.

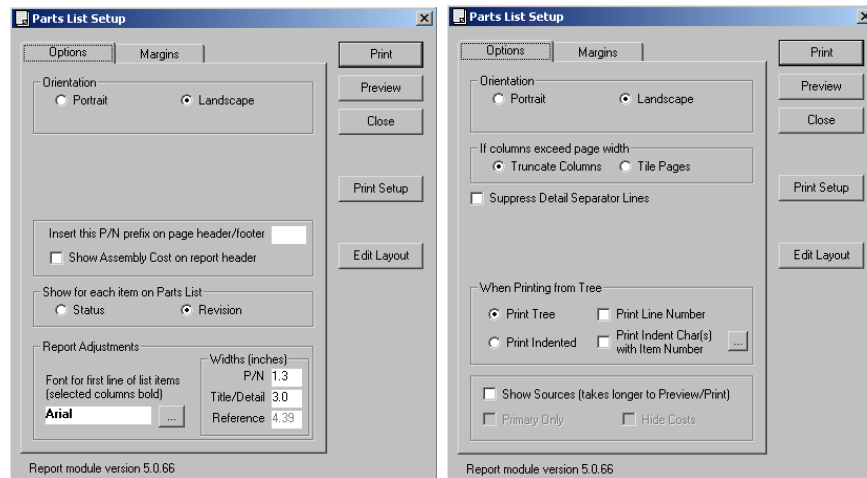
The layout of these reports is fixed and does not change when column widths are changed on the screen.

Note: PO, RFQ and Purchase List By Vendor and By Item reports print in Portrait mode only.

Page Setup and Print Setup—Under the File menu, you'll find the *Page Setup* dialog and the *Print Setup* dialog. Use the *Print Setup* dialog only to choose the default printer. Use the *Page Setup* dialog to select portrait (tall) or landscape (wide) printed page layouts, as well as specific report settings.

For P&V, you'll most often want to visit the *Page Setup* dialog for setting the report orientation and page margins.

On the bottom of the *Page Setup* dialog, you will see a variety of options, depending on the listing you're preparing to print. For example, in the screen below (right), you can see additional selections on the Parts List view on the grid.



Page Setup dialogs for different parts list Reports

Printing Multiple Parts Lists

Sometimes it is useful to print all the parts lists for a product at once, such as when Kitting for a build, and desiring to send documents along with the parts to the production area. Or, when wanting to output all the printed reports at once to deliver to a client.

Display the Assy Tree for the product of interest.

From the menu choose File...Print...Separate Parts Lists.

The program will print all of the expanding, non-empty parts lists in the tree just the same as if each one were brought up separately on the Parts List grid and Print was clicked for each one.

NOTE: Since the lists will be printed as though the program were on the Parts List grid, be sure to check the format (1,2,3 lines per item, columns, printer choice, orientation, etc.) before clicking OK.

PDF Files

Any report can also be printed to a PDF file, readable by Adobe Acrobat. A free reader program is available for download on the Internet at the Adobe internet website. A link to the Adobe site is on the Trilogy Design website.

From the main menu, choose File...Print to PDF File.

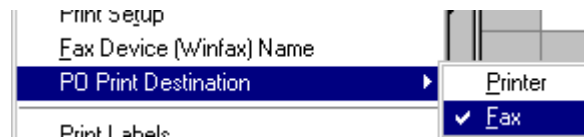
Faxing RFQs and POs

P&V will fax one or a whole group of RFQs or POs to their respective vendors if Winfax is installed on the same computer. The Vendors' fax numbers are sent to Winfax with each document.

The faxing feature is available from four places:

1. RFQ page, line items grid
2. PO page, line items grid
3. Buy page, Pending RFQs grid
4. Buy page, Pending POs grid

From these grids, the File menu has these special items:



Set the Fax (Winfax) device name from the first menu item. This setting will be saved.

The menu will appear in RFQ or PO context, and the setting that you make for each is saved separately for that context.

When faxing (selected line items) from the Buy page (Pending documents), choose File...Print to send the documents.

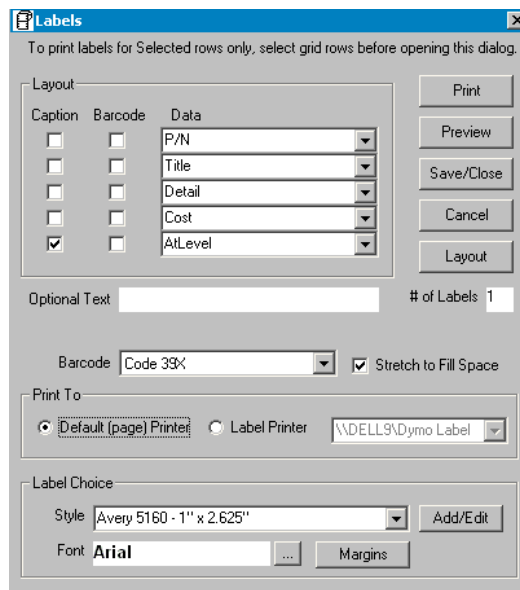
Printing Labels

You can print data from the currently displayed grid to:

- n Sheet-style laser / inkjet adhesive backed labels
- n Dymo/CoStar LabelWriter single label printer
- n Seiko Smart Label single label printer.

This is useful for preparing kit bags to give to assembly houses or for inhouse prototyping and assembly groups.

1. Choose *File...Print Labels....* from the menu.
2. In the *Labels* dialog set the data field for each of the 5 lines on the label. Click the button on each line to drop open the list of available fields. The list of choices will depend on the currently displayed grid.
3. If printing to a single label printer, click the option button, then choose the print device from the dropdown list. If device name contains CoStar then the CoStar label choices will be shown. If the device name contains Seiko or Smart, the Seiko label choices will be shown.



Label Configuration

Unique layout settings—Layout settings are saved for each grid, so when you return to print labels again for this listing, your previous field choices are retrieved.

Label Style—Choosing *Style* from the dropdown list sets the style of physical label being printed.

Note: Be sure to select a *Style* before editing the font or resetting margins.

Specifying Label Line Data—The range of choices of database fields to show on labels is based upon the current listing type.

Optional Text—To have text on labels that is not a field from the database:

1. Choose the Optional Text entry from one of the label line dropdown lists to specify where the text is to appear.
2. Enter the text in the Optional Text text box.
When printing, that text will appear on the label.

Captions—Label captions can be enabled for lines where the value itself would not be self-explanatory.

Label styles: sheet

- Avery 5160 1" x 2 5/8" 3 columns
- Avery 5161 1" x 4" 2 columns
- Avery 5162 1 1/3" x 4" 2 columns
- Avery 5267 1/2" x 1.75" 4 columns
- Avery 7160, 7161, 7162 and 7267 are similar but based on A4 sheet size.

Label styles: singles

For single-label printers, the style must be selected on the printer driver as well as in the program. From Windows'

Start menu choose Settings...Printers. Right click on the printer and choose Properties.

- Dymo/CoStar 30252 - 1.125" x 3.5"
- Dymo/CoStar 30277 - 0.56" x 3.4"
- Dymo/CoStar 30333 - 0.5" x 1.0"
- Dymo/CoStar 30330 - .75" x 2.0"

- Seiko SLP-2RL - 1.125" x 3.5"
- Seiko SLP-MRL - 1.125" x 2.0"
- Seiko SLP-2RLE - 1.5" x 3.5"
- Seiko SLP-35L - .44" x 1.5"

Add New Label Definitions

To add new label definitions or edit existing ones click on the Add/Edit button on the Label dialog (above). The dialog (below) will open.

Adding/Editing Label Definitions

TIPS for defining new label choices: —

- Label definitions have the top text line flush with the top of the label and typically put the left dimension at the left edge of the label (Field Left=0).
- Margin settings (on the Label dialog) offset the printed text into the body of the physical label. Use Print Preview to confirm adjustments to positioning.
- Include the name Avery in the Style/Description for sheet labels.
- Include the names Dymo or Seiko in the Style/Description for single labels, for those brands of single label printers.
- (These names will cause the Styles dropdown list (on the Labels dialog) to show the available choices for the respective printer selection.)
- The Label Height entry should be large enough to accommodate the rows, but does not need to be the full physical label height measurement.
- If every 2nd label is blank, reduce this dimension.
- When Print Previewing, if there is a dashed red line visible, reduce the Label Width dimension, and/or the right margin to zero.

NOTE: This utility permits adding new physical label definitions that correspond to printer supplies available for the respective printer types.

Making changes to the printed layout is available in the EX and ECO Editions of the program, and is a separate operation, using the Report Layout Editor. See Customizing Reports and Labels (next section).

Customizing Reports and Labels



Parts&Vendors includes a Report Layout Editor. Users can modify the layout of any printed report. A modified report layout can then be shared with other P&V users in your organization.

Modifications can include

- n Adding logos, static images or graphics
- n Changing fonts
- n Changing colors
- n Adding labels or fixed blocks of text
- n Changing existing label captions
- n Hiding controls from the default layout
- n Changing the layout of report headers and footers
- n Changing the layout of page headers and footers
- n Changing the layout of the (repeating) detail section

Modifications do not include changing the scope of data that can be displayed on a particular report.

The underlying query and sources of data are not subject to end-user modification.

The modified report layout can be saved as an .RPX file. Saved .RPX files are normally stored in folders off the \PV6 program folder. The folders are automatically named for the specific grid they apply to. The file name for the saved layout is specified by the user.

RPX files can be shared with other users of the program, either by saving the .RPX file in an accessible folder on the LAN, or by sending a copy of the file to another user.

Report layouts can also be saved in the main database. This causes the layout to be automatically applied when other users of the same data file print from that grid. One layout per grid can be saved in the main database.

Save your modified layout to an .RPX file while it is a work in progress. When finished, save the layout to the database.

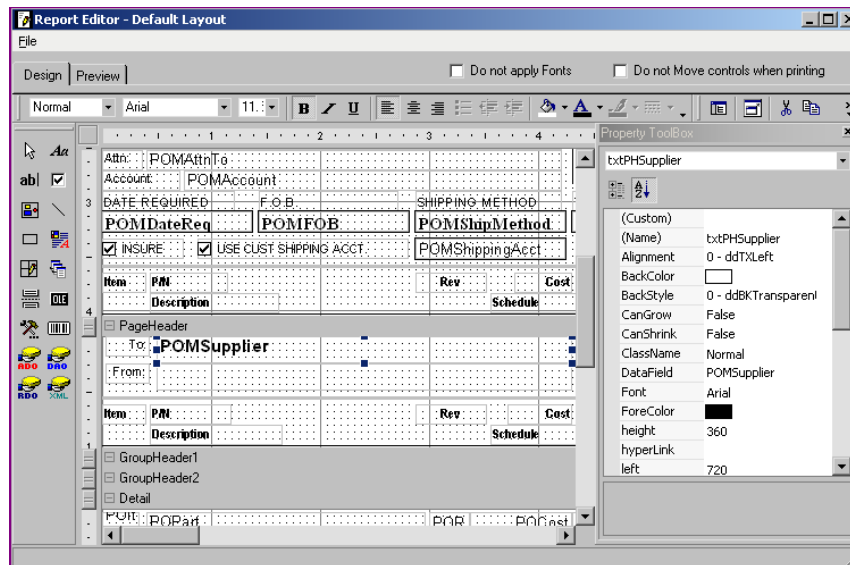
We suggest limiting the number of database-saved report layouts, especially if they include embedded images or logos, to minimize the data file size.

However, if you want to modify many of the reports to be used by your whole workgroup, we suggest creating a central location (folder) on your LAN to save and share the .RPX files for the various grids.

Open the report layout editor

- n Main reports: button on Page Setup dialog
- n Labels: button on Label dialog
- n ECO pending parts list: On Edit List window choose menu File...Report Layout Editor
- n ECO Archive reports: On main window choose menu File...File Utilities...ECO Archive Report Layout Editor

The report layout editor window looks similar to a drawing program. Controls can be selected, sized and moved with the mouse. Click on an existing control on the report and notice that the properties list shows the values for that control. A toolbar provides a quick way to apply Font properties. Some tools and settings are available only on the popup (right-click) menu, including Border properties.



Tools (controls) are on the left. The layout window is in the center. For any control that is selected (note the selection handles on the Supplier textbox in the illustration) its properties are shown in the Property toolbox on the right.

Note the Checkbox controls at the top of the report layout editor window:

Do not apply Fonts - Some reports have font selections on the Page Setup dialog. To prevent these from being applied when printing or previewing, check this box.

Do not Move controls when printing - Some reports set column widths when printing. To prevent this from happening, check this box.

NOTE: Reports printed from the one-line-per-row grids automatically set the column widths to match the on-screen column widths. The above setting has no effect on this formatting process.

Adding controls to a report

General—Choose a control from the toolbox (on the left) and place it in the desired section of the report designer. Click and drag to set its rough placement and size on the report. Then edit its Top, Left, Height and Width properties on the Property toolbox for precise placement.

Not all control types on the toolbox can be added to the report. Available controls include:

- n Image - static graphic/logo
- n Label - static text
- n Textbox - static text
- n Checkbox - static checkbox
- n Line - line with weight and color properties
- n Shape - box with border and fill properties
- n OLE object - dynamic document
- n Page Break

Specific—

Logo - Add an image control to the report. On the Properties toolbox, set its Picture property to the image file.

Text - Add a Label or Textbox control to the report. On the Properties toolbox, set its Caption or Text property to the desired text.

Changing report captions or text

Captions are normally inserted from a language-specific resource file. If you want to change a caption, edit the Caption property (insert the desired text) and delete the Tag property entry (a 4 digit number). Do both of these operations on the Properties toolbox.

Removing controls from a report

To maintain functionality of the core report, controls cannot actually be deleted. They may, however, be made invisible. Select the control with the mouse and set the

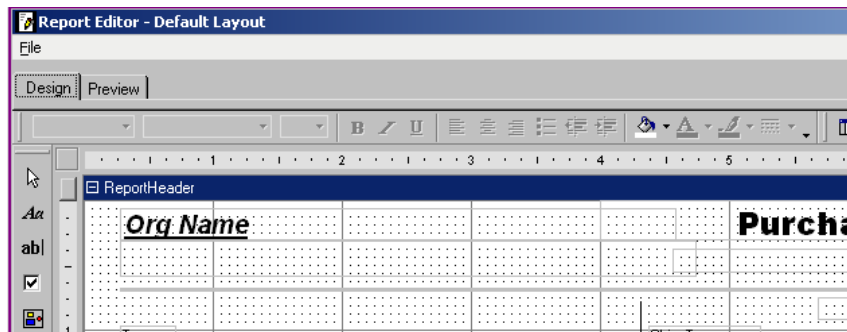
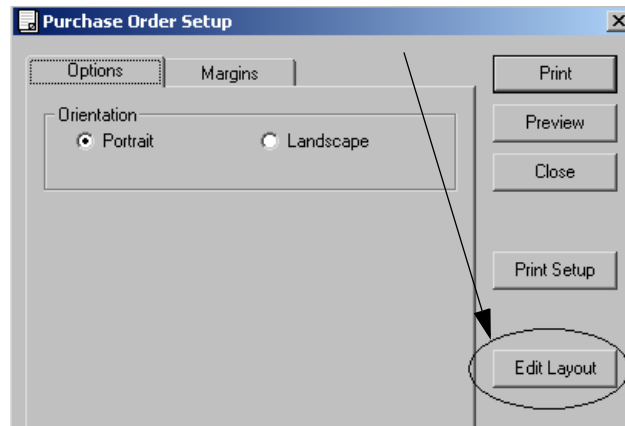
item's Visible property = False on the Properties toolbox.

How to add
a company
logo to a
Purchase
Order

EX-ECO
ONLY

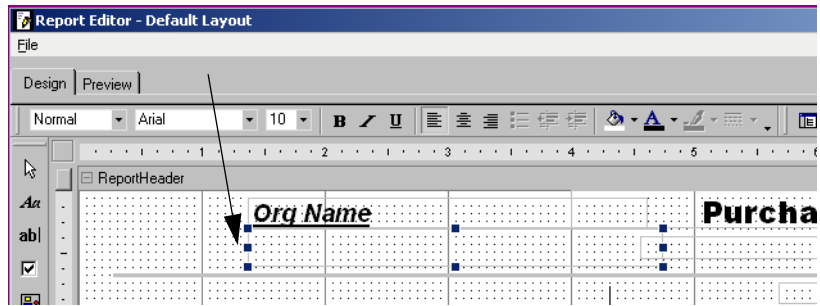
Step-by-step instructions for adding a company logo
to the Purchase Order report. Applies to any report.

1. Open the report layout designer from the button
on the File...Page Setup dialog.

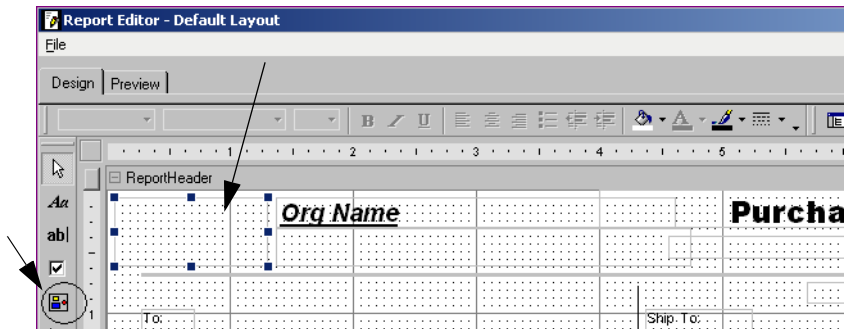


2. Using the mouse, select the Org Name textbox
and move its left border to the right to make

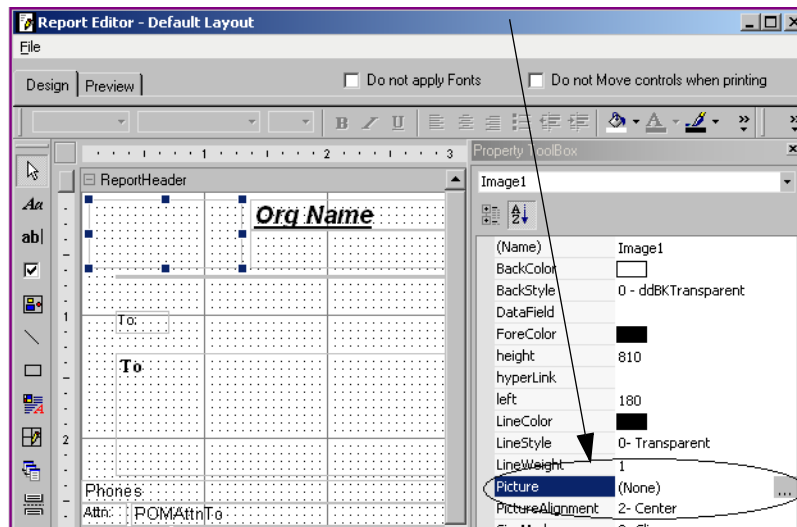
room for the logo image. Do the same for the address textbox, as shown below.



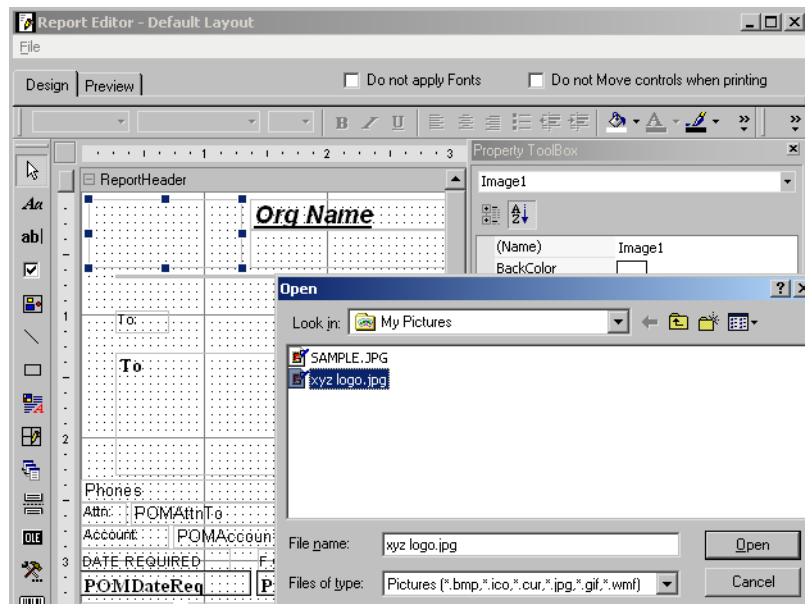
3. Click on the Image tool on the toolbox and place an image control on the report header by clicking and dragging.



4. On the Properties toolbox, click on the Picture property to browse for your logo image file.

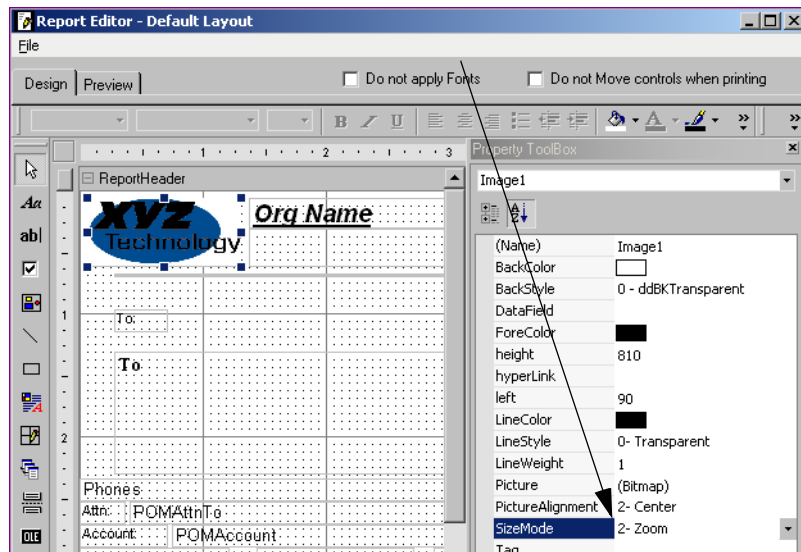


Notice that several file types can be used for your logo.
Browse for and open the desired file.



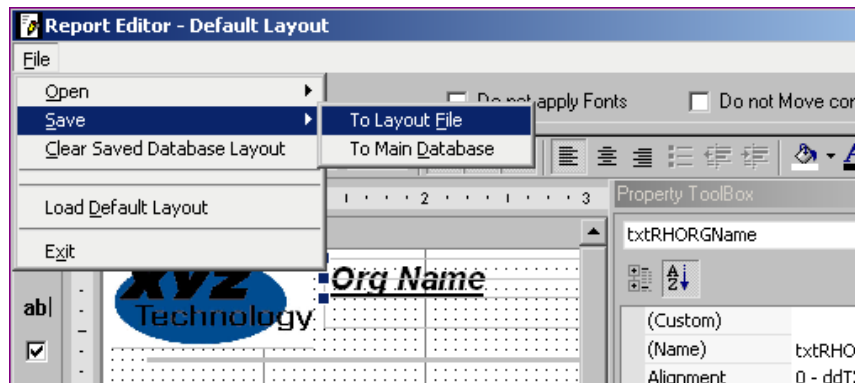
Set the **SizeMode** property, appropriate to the image file you have. Notice that

- n The **Stretch mode** will distort the image to fit the shape of the image box you placed on the report.
- n The **Zoom mode** will size the image to fit the width of the image box you placed.
- n The **Clip mode** will mask the image to the size of the image box.

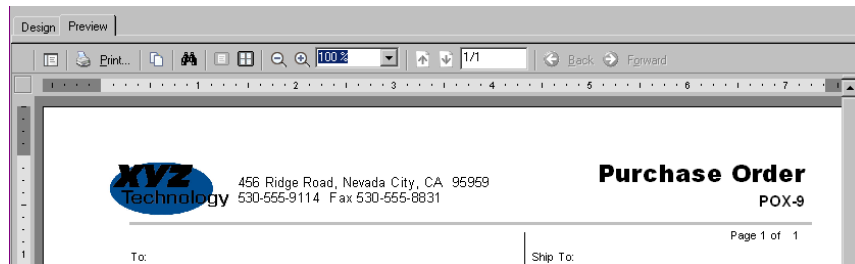


5. Save the modified report layout to a layout file.
- (Later, when your other modifications to the report layout are complete, you can save the layout to the main

database, causing this layout to be the default report for all other users of this data file.)



6. Preview the report.



Notice in this example:

- n The Org Name textbox has had its Visible property set to False, since the logo includes the company name.
- n The address textbox was moved up to line up with the logo image.
- n The black-on-blue image here is probably a bad choice, since it will fax poorly, and will probably print poorly in this manual. Text and line-art logos will work best here, particularly if printed on a black and white printer.
- n The modifications may or may not look good through the particular window envelopes that you may use. Adjust size and placement to suit.

QuickBooks Connection



Parts&Vendors can exchange data with Intuit's QuickBooks 2002-2005 Pro, Premier or Enterprise Editions.

Note: This is an unsupported feature in Parts&Vendors. As Intuit updates its products and functionality ceases, Trilogy Design will not be updating this feature to restore operation..

The transfer of data is initiated from Parts&Vendors and includes:

- n Items to and from QB
- n Vendors to and from QB
- n Purchase Orders to QB

The data exchange is user-driven from Parts&Vendors, and is not automatically synchronized with QB.

This data transfer can be useful for accounting purposes, because a Purchase Order sent to QuickBooks results in an Accounts Payable entry for that vendor.

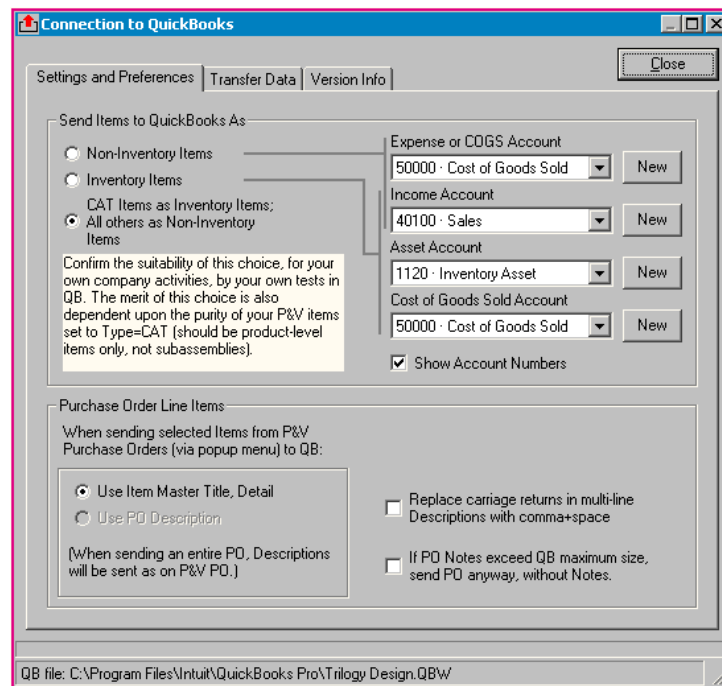
Optimum use of QuickBooks in your own business will depend upon your own knowledge and experience with its features. This includes:

Item types: Inventory or Non-Inventory. Familiarize yourself with the difference between these categories in QuickBooks.

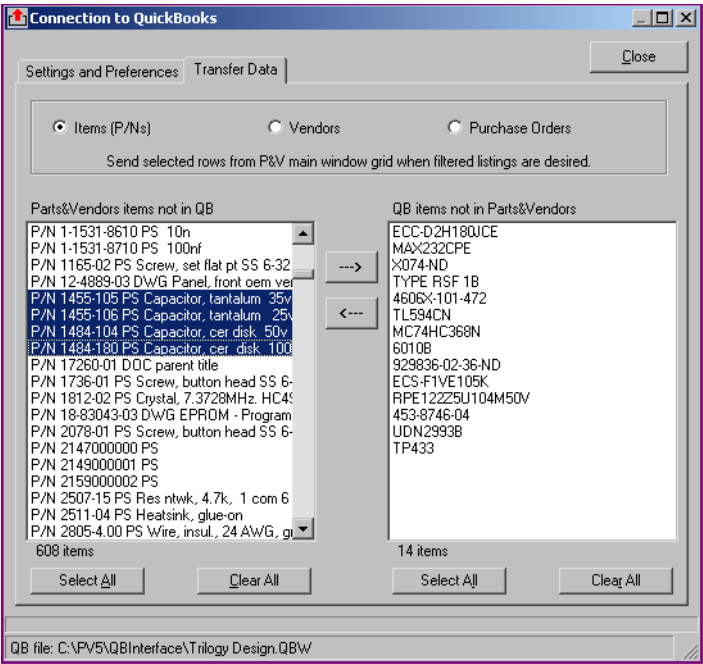
Accounts in QB - Items sent from Parts&Vendors to QuickBooks must have an Account.

- n Inventory items must have a Cost of Goods Sold account, Asset account, and Income account.
- n Non-Inventory items need an Expense account.

Setting up the Connection to QuickBooks (QuickBooks must be running)
From the menu choose View...QuickBooks Connection.



Send or receive data from the Connection to QuickBooks window. (QuickBooks must be running) This interface permits selecting Items and Vendors to be



transferred to or from QuickBooks, or Purchase Orders to be transferred to QuickBooks.

Send from
selected
rows on
certain
grids

(QuickBooks must be running and grid rows must be selected (highlighted) before data can be transferred.)

P/N	Type	QtyReq	Stock	MinStk
00-15296-02-COPY	CAT	1	889	25
00-17260-04	PL	2	305	0
00-5611-01	PL	2	100	0
00-91298				
1165-02				
12-4889-03				
1455-105				
1484-104				
2078-01				
2507-15				
2511-04				
2805-4.00				
2805-LEN				
3096-02				
3331-102				
3331-103				

<< Show Item
<< Show Item + List
Zoom Text
File Manager...
Cut
Copy
Paste
Find
Send E-Mail
Send Selected Items to QuickBooks
Sum of Column

Send items to QuickBooks from the following grids:

Items

Item Master / Show All, Parts Lists, Vendor / Items
Supplied, Buy / Purchase List, Buy / Purchase List by
Item, PO / Line Items, Build / Kit List

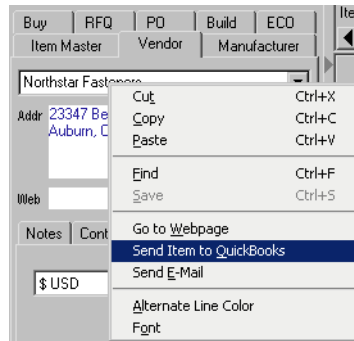
Vendors

Vendor / Show All, Item Master / Sources, Mfr /
Distributors

Purchase Orders

PO / Show All, Item Master / On Orders, Vendors /
PO(s) To.

Send from
the PV
Control
Pane



From the Item Master page, Vendor page or PO page.

QuickBooks Setup Suggestions:—Initially set up your QuickBooks company as a product based business so that it has all the capabilities (items, purchase orders, etc.) you will need for using the data from Parts&Vendors.

Set your own Ship To address from the QuickBooks menu: Company...Company Information...Ship To Address (button).

Limitations:—QuickBooks has limitations in data exchange through its program interface. These limitations are not subject to override by the Parts&Vendors program.

These limitations include no delete capability, limited modify capability, and no access to certain types of list and transaction data.

New records can be created in QB from P&V, but existing QB records are not subject to being updated by sending again from Parts&Vendors.

Activities in QuickBooks do not automatically cause an update in Parts&Vendors. For example: Sale of an item from QuickBooks does not automatically reduce the

inventory for that item in Parts&Vendors. This must be done manually in Parts&Vendors.

Other Facts:—If a PO has a blank date (a Pending PO in P&V), it will be set to today's date when sent to QB.

When sending an item to QB, its cost will be formatted to 2 decimal places. This may be fewer places than your settings in P&V.

When sending a PO from Parts&Vendors to QB, costs can have up to 4 decimal places. This may be fewer places than your settings in P&V.

Data I/O Functions

Importing

Text data files whose columns are separated by commas or tabs can be imported. When the data is separated by commas, this type of file is commonly referred to as a CSV file (comma separated values).

From the menu, choose File...Import.

The Import window has a wizard-style layout that will lead you step-by-step through the process.

Note: When importing Item data it is presumed that part numbers will be one of the columns in your data. If this is not the case, you can type part numbers into an empty column on the *Import Data* grid before processing the records. Be sure to set the field for Part Number from the dropdown box above that column.

If the data that you are importing is an assembly, you must specify the part number of the destination Parts List. If you click the New button, that record will be created.

Otherwise, your main data file is unaffected until the last operation: Transfer Data to Main File. Until then you can begin again and clear the import session in progress.

Note: The last row on the grid (also indicated by a * on its record selector) is a new record. You can manually type into the list to add new data to import.

Exporting

To a File

The data displayed on the grid or on the tree view can be exported to a delimited text file (in CSV or comma

separated values format), or to an Excel spreadsheet file (if Excel is installed on your computer).

On the grid, if rows are selected (highlighted) then only those rows will be exported. Otherwise the entire listing will be exported.

On the tree, only the visible (expanded) branches will be exported.

To export data:

1. Select data to be exported (or default to entire list).
2. From the menu, choose File...Export...To CSV File or ...To Excel File.
3. Specify a file name.
4. Click OK.

The CSV file type can be imported by other programs and can also be opened by Excel and other spreadsheet programs.

Via The Clipboard

Select rows on any of the List Pane grids by clicking on the record selectors. Shift click for a continuous group or Ctrl+click for non-contiguous items. Press Ctrl+C or choose Edit...Copy to copy the records to the Windows clipboard.

The data in the clipboard are tab-separated columns that can then be pasted into a spreadsheet or word processor.

Merging

The Merge utility will transfer data from the current data file into another P&V data file.

1. From the menu choose *File...File Utilities...Merge*.
2. Click the Browse button to specify the destination file.

Merging the Entire Data File

Choose the data tables to merge. Some selections have dependencies, i.e., transferring Sources and Costs requires that Items, Vendors and Manufacturers be transferred also.

Merge the Current Listing

This choice supports merging from:

- n All or selected items only on the Item ShowAll grid. If records are selected then those will be merged. If no items are selected then all items on the grid will be merged. (The grid can have a filter applied to it before a merge).
- n All items on the Tree.

Note: The tree will automatically be expanded to show all branches before the merge occurs.

NOTE: The Merge utility is designed to transfer

- New bulk data
- A new product (all the items in an assembly tree) plus all the supporting source data

into the target data file. The Merge utility is NOT intended to be a tool to keep two data files perfectly synchronized.

Data Security



Using the Permission Setup Utility

Permission features can be installed into a new, empty data file or into an existing P&V data file.

1. Close all copies of Parts&Vendors accessing your existing data file.
2. From Windows taskbar Start button, choose Programs... Parts&Vendors 4... Permission-ECO Setup Utility.



3. The setup utility is a wizard-style dialog that will direct you through the sequential process of identifying the file to modify, plus selecting what features are to be installed.

The process makes a copy of your file, leaving your original file intact.

It also runs the Repair and Compact utilities on the file, to be sure it's healthy before proceeding.

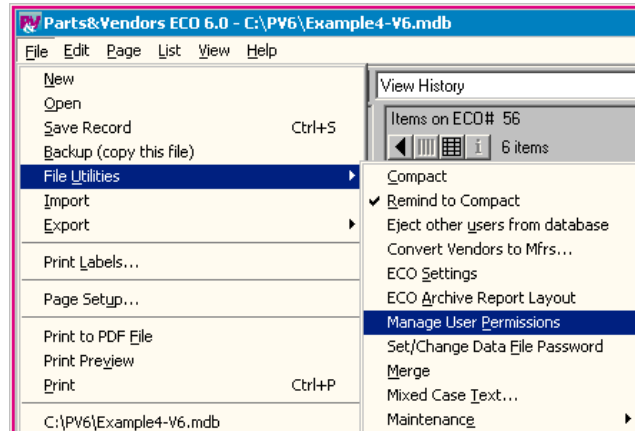
4. When the tabbed User and Permission Groups dialog opens, you can specify additional users and their access permissions as desired.

Once the features are installed, managing permissions can be done by the file owner from within the Parts&Vendors program.

Managing Users and Permissions

The User and Permission Groups dialog, accessible from the Permissions Setup Utility, can also be opened from within the Parts&Vendors program, from the menu:

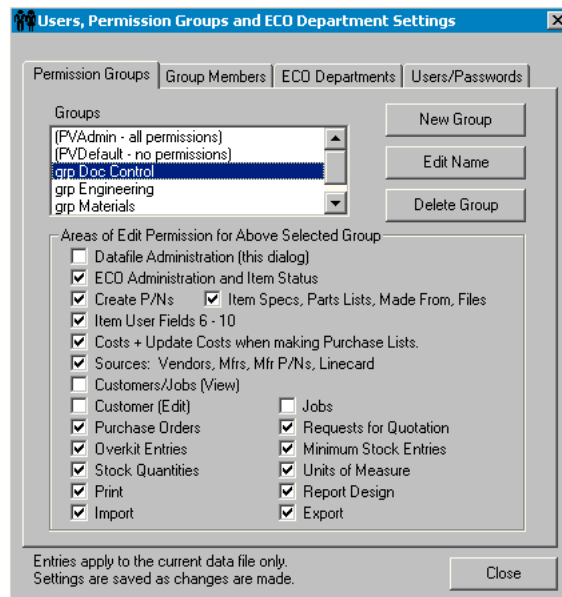
File...File Utilities... Manage User Permissions.



Secured data files have two default permission groups:

- n PVAdmin (all permissions) and
- n PVDefault (no permissions).

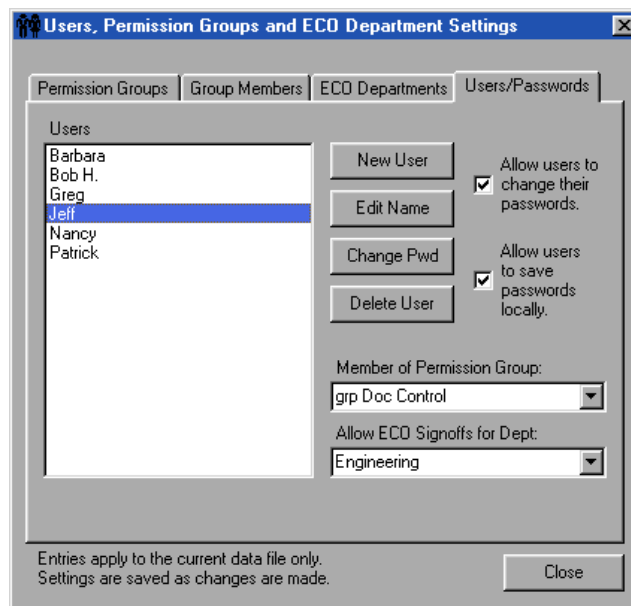
Create additional groups that are appropriate to your organization, and check the boxes to give editing permission to each new group that you create.



NOTE: Permission groups will probably not correspond directly to your organization's departments, so give them names that will differentiate them and reduce the potential for confusion. Or, it might be a good idea to prefix each new group name with grp or a similar designation.

Adding Users and Changing User Settings

Additional users must be added to the User list by one who has PVAdmin permissions for that file. On the Users and Permission Groups dialog, click the Users tab. As each new user is added to the list, they will be assigned PVDefault permission (none).



To change the user's permission group membership, either:

1. From the User page, choose the permission group from the dropdown list on that page, or

2. From the Group Membership page, use the mouse to drag and drop the user name onto the desired Permission Group on the list.

Open a secured data file

Upon opening a secured P&V data file, the program will prompt for a user name and password. Both are case-sensitive.

Open an unsecured data file

When a data file has no permission features installed, no login prompt will appear, nor will permission management menu items be visible. All users of the file have full editing access.

To see the current user login name

Move the mouse pointer over the statusbar at the bottom of the main program window.

Log in as another user

From the menu choose File...Log in as Another User. The login prompt will appear.

Edit indicators

A user with limited permission will see certain menu items and controls disabled.

Text that is editable is dark blue; text that is locked is black.

To change the color of editable text, choose the menu item View...Editable Text Color.

Editing on a Show All grid

When a file has been secured, editing on a showall grid will be limited to users that have permission in that area.

Note: Files that also have ECO features installed will not permit editing on the Item Master Show All grid, except by a user with PVAdmin permission.

Note: PVAdmin permission is considered to be an administrative/maintenance permission level, not an operating permission.

Revision Control



Introduction ECO = Engineering Change Order: One possible implementation of Revision Control.

An ECO system is an agreed upon layer of control that requires changes of item specifications be made by a prescribed and documented procedure.

This is the process:

1. A new ECO document is created that states the reason for the changes, the scope of what the changes will affect, and then also defines, in detail, all changes to be made to all items and what the dispositions of remaining old-revision items is to be. After submitting, and an engineer confirms that everything is correctly stated, the ECO is Issued.
2. The (issued) ECO is distributed to all relevant departments in the organization to inform them of proposed changes. ALL departments are expected to respond (sign off) before the ECO proceeds to the next step. When all departments have signed off, the ECO is marked Approved.
3. The (approved) ECO is then sent to “drafting” where a person will perform the drawing, document and database changes and/or the creation of new documents and drawings. Upon completing the changes, “drafting” marks the ECO as Completed.
4. The (completed) ECO is checked by an engineer who checks all documents in the scope of the ECO to confirm that the changes are accurate per the ECO instructions, and then marks the ECO as Checked.

5. The (checked) ECO is Released, making all the changes effective and the new data available to all other users of the information.

Note: The ECO system is not the software. The ECO system is an agreement among people; a cooperative activity that provides checks, balances and traceability to changes in products' design and specifications.

Why Use ECOs?

- n The ECO process forces design documentation changes to be made deliberately rather than casually.
- n The process builds a Revision History --records chronologically documenting all changes to items' specifications.
- n Controlling and documenting design changes is usually necessary to comply with certifying and regulatory agency requirements (ISO-900x, FDA, FM, UL, TUV, CSA, etc.).

What About ECO Numbers?

To enforce sequential and chronological record-keeping of changes, ECOs are automatically numbered by the program.

Upon creating the first ECO, the program will prompt for a starting number. Subsequent ECOs will be numbered from the highest existing + 1.

An ECO can contain change instructions that span a variety of items.

The items on any ECO may or may not be related, since the changes ordered may apply to more than one project or product.

Because of this, it is inappropriate for ECO identifiers to carry other information. There are plenty of places

where it is desirable for an identifier to carry and convey additional information. This is not one of them.

ECO Setup Utility

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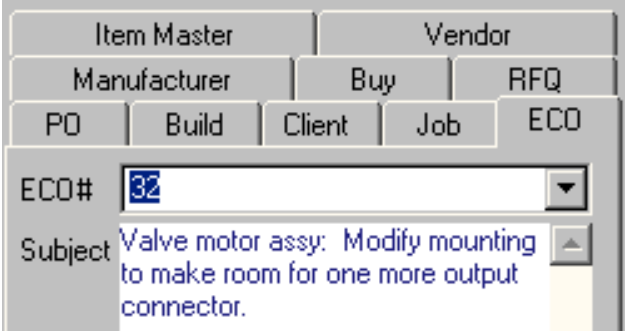
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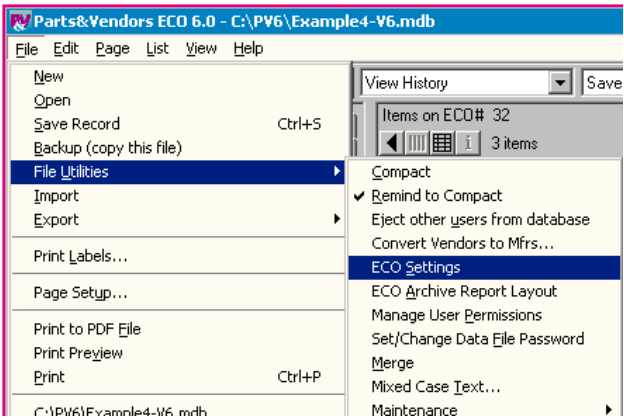
Opening a Data File with ECO Features Installed

An ECO-controlled file naturally has Security features, so users will be prompted for a name and password. Once opened, the Control Pane shows an additional tab for the ECO page.

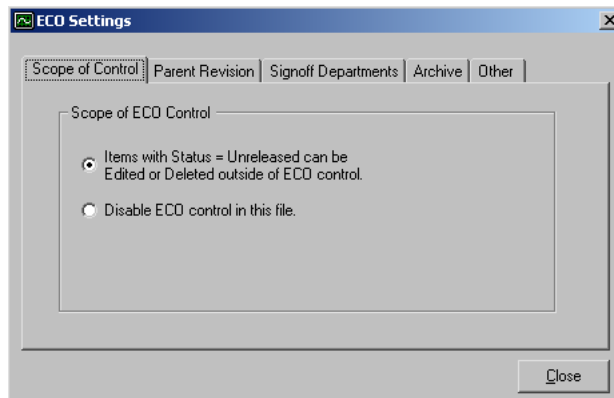


ECO Settings

From the program menu, choose File...File Utilities...ECO Settings.



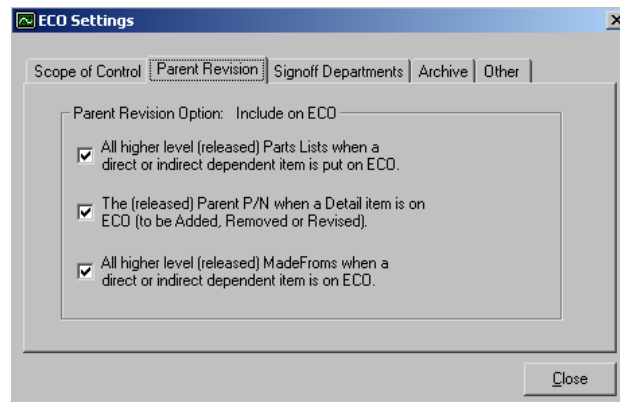
Scope of ECO Control



The scope of ECO control for the data file can be to:

- n Enforce ECO control only for items whose Status = Released, or Status=Obsolete. Items whose Status = Unreleased are not controlled and can be edited by users with permission to change item specifications.
- n Disable ECO control in this data file. Released and Obsolete items are not (casually) editable, but must be changed to Status = U before changes can be made.

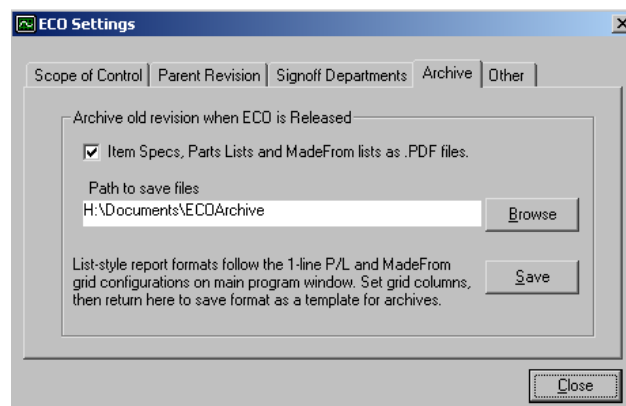
Parent Revision



When revising an item, it is standard practice to advance the Revision code for entities that the item is used on. If your own ECO protocol is to do this, then the program can be set to automatically add those assembly P/Ns to the ECO (except items whose Status=Obsolete).

Similarly, Parent P/Ns and MadeFrom items can be set to be automatically added to an ECO when their dependent items are added.

Revision Archive



Parts&Vendors can be set to archive old revisions of items upon releasing an ECO. These archives are in the form of PDF (portable document format) files, readable with Adobe Acrobat. (The Adobe Acrobat viewer is free from Adobe. A link to the Adobe download is on the Trilogy Design website.)

Saved PDF Report File name format

Item Specification

<P/N> + "REV" + <revision> + "PN.pdf"

If item is an assembly - Parts List

<P/N> + "REV" + <revision> + "PL.pdf"

If item is MadeFrom - MadeFrom List

<P/N> + "REV" + <revision> + "MF.pdf"

The File Save path (must be set for each workstation from where ECO's are going to be Released) is set from the ECO Settings dialog. From the menu File... File Utilities...ECO Settings.

Archive Report Format

The parts list and made-from archive reports are based on templates saved from the 1-line P/L and the Made-From grids on the main program window. Configure these two grids as desired for portrait-oriented reports, and save the configuration on the ECO Settings dialog. The configuration of these grids can then be changed (for normal use) without affecting the saved archive configuration.

Set
Departments
for ECO
Signoffs

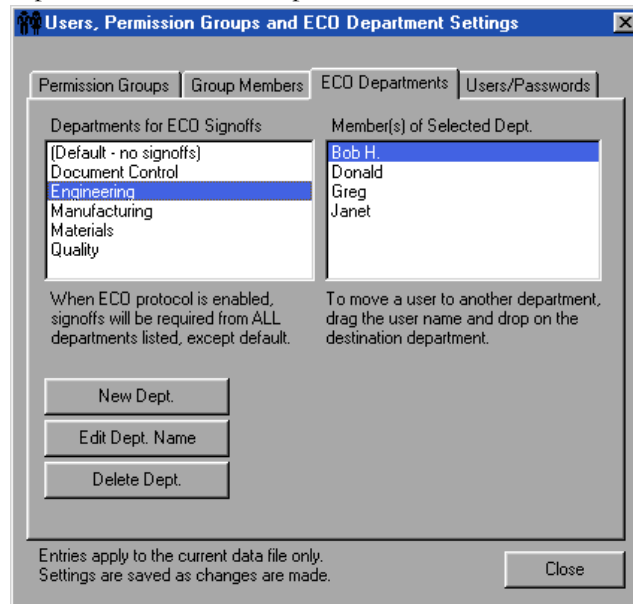
A user with 'PVAdmin' permissions sets which departments will be required for ECO signoffs.

From the menu choose File...File Utilities...Manage User Permissions. Then click the ECO Departments tab.

Note: It is stongly recommended that you compact your data file after adding or removing departments,

since this operation makes field modifications to the data file.

Each User's signoff department can also be set from the Users/Passwords tab of this dialog by choosing the department from the dropdown list



ECO Sequence

Step	Permission Req'd	Action
Create	Any	Make a new ECO and fill in the Subject and Affects textboxes. The user who creates the ECO may add line items to it, or that task may be left to the Issuing engineer.
Submit	Author of ECO or ECOAdmin	Once the items are added to the ECO and the Action, Change Instructions and Dispositions are set for each item, click the Submit button.
Issue	ECOAdmin	An engineer reviews the proposed changes, and, if appropriate, clicks the 'Issue' button. This signals the beginning of the process of getting signoffs (approval) from all departments.
Sign off for your Department	Any; must be a member of an ECO signoff department	On the ECO page, choose the ECO# of interest. Click the 'Signoff' button. This saves your user name and the date in the ECO. If all other departments have already signed off (yours is the last), then the current date will be inserted into the 'Approved' box for this ECO. This signals that all departments have signed off.
Send to Drafting	ECOAdmin	A user with ECOAdmin permissions clicks the 'To Drafting' button. The current date is inserted into the 'To Drafting' box, and this signals Drafting that it's time to make the changes.

Step	Permission Req'd	Action
Changes Completed	ECOAdmin	When all of the changes are complete, Drafting clicks the 'Chgs Compl' button. The current date is inserted into the 'Complete' box, and this signals Engineering that it's time to check the ECO.
Check	ECOAdmin	An engineer goes through the ECO line by line and confirms that the drawing, other documents and pending database entry changes conform to the instructions in each ECO item. When all line items have been checked, the engineer clicks the 'Checked' button. The current date is inserted into the 'Checked' box, and this signals Document Control that the ECO is ready to be released.
Release	ECOAdmin	Document Control (a user with ECOAdmin permissions) clicks the 'Release' button. This transfers all of the pending database entries into the main database, making the changes available to all users of this data file. The current date is inserted into the 'Released' box. The ECO is now uneditable except by a PAdmin user.

Each ECO Line Item Contains

Item#	Sequential line number assigned by the program as items are added to the ECO
P/N	The P/N of the item being revised or newly created
Action	What is happening to the item
Instructions	Technically accurate description of what is to happen to the item specification
Disposition	What to do with left-over old-revision items in various physical areas
Comment	May be entered by department signoff users
FromRev	Existing Revision code for the item
ToRev	Next Revision code for the item
FromStatus	Existing Status code of the item
ToStatus	Next Status code for the item

Step By Step ECO

More detail on the procedure—

Create an ECO

1. On the ECO page, click 'New,' or from the menu choose Edit...New. First use will prompt for a starting number. New ECOs will have the next available number assigned by the program.
2. Fill in the Subject field with a general description of improvements or refinements being made or what problem(s) the changes will remedy. (255 characters max)
3. Fill in the Affects field with a statement of the ramifications of the proposed changes, and the scope of what will be affected. (255 characters max)
4. Click the 'Line Items' tab below the grid.
5. Above the grid, click 'Add' to add items to the ECO.

Note: If the ECO Options are set to 'include parent items,' then any parent items (all the way to the top level) will also be added as each item is added.

6. For each ECO line item, set the Action:

Action	Purpose
Change	Change the item specification in the database. Edit any associated drawings, based on instructions and/or redlines referenced in the instructions.
Dwg Chg Only	Make a correction to the documentation (in the database or to a drawing) that does not affect the specification of the item.
Limited Effect	Make a change that is to be effective for a limited duration only.
New	Create a new item.

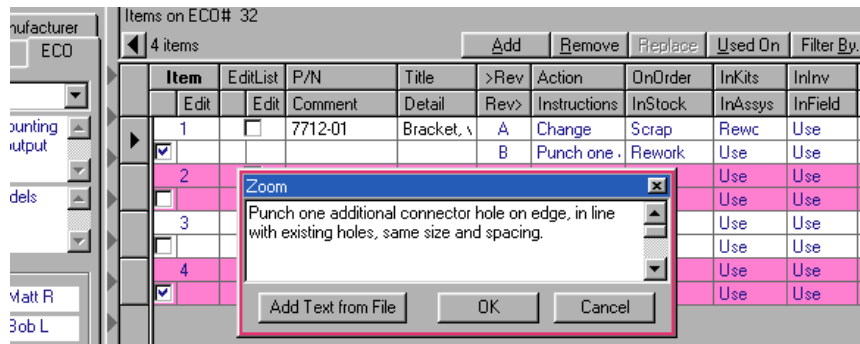
Action	Purpose
Obsolete	Change an item's Status to 'Obsolete.'
Release	Change an item's Status to 'Released.'

Item	EditList	P/N	Title	>Rev	Action	OnOrder	InKit	InAssy	InInv	InField
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	7712-01	Bracket, v	A	Change	Scrap	Rework	Use		
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00-91298	Valve mot	B	Change	Use	Use	Use		
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00-15296-02	Metering p	G	Lim-Eff	Use	Use	Use		
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	3331-470	Resistor, c	B	Obsolete	Use	Use	Use		
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3331-470	470 ohm	C	Release	Use	Use	Use		

7. For each line item, set the Disposition for existing items in each of the locations:
- On Order, In Stock, In Kits, In Finished Assys, In Inventory, In Field.

OnOrder	InKits	InInv
InStock	InAssys	InField
Scrap	Rework	Use
Rework	Use	Use
Disposition		Use
Use		Use
Rework		Use
Scrap		Use
Use	Use	Use

8. For each item, enter Instructions that specify the changes to be made. Click in the Instructions cell, then open the Zoom box, from the popup (right click) menu.



9. For line items that are assemblies (Type PL or CAT) check the 'EditList' box if the list itself is to be changed (i.e., quantities, item numbers, new items on the list, reference designators, assy specs or assy order). If only the Revision is changing (due to an item on the list changing its revision, but with no actual changes to the list) then leave the EditList box unchecked.
10. On the control pane ECO page, click the Submit button.

Revision History

From the Item Master page, click the Rev History tab below the grid.

A Revision History is a list of instructions of what changes were to be made to an item's specification. (The Revision History for any particular P/N is the collection of line items for that P/N on its various ECOs.)

When an item is deleted from the database, its Revision History is also deleted.

If an ECO is deleted from the database (an unconventional operation, allowed only by a user with PVAdmin permission), the Revision History records for that ECO are also deleted.

How To's

Create a new ECO.

A user with any permission can create a new ECO. On the ECO page, click 'New,' or from the menu choose Edit...New.

Fill in the Subject field with a general description of improvements or refinements being made or what problem(s) the changes will remedy.

Fill in the Affects field with a statement of the ramifications of the proposed changes, and the scope of what will be affected.

Add existing items to an ECO.

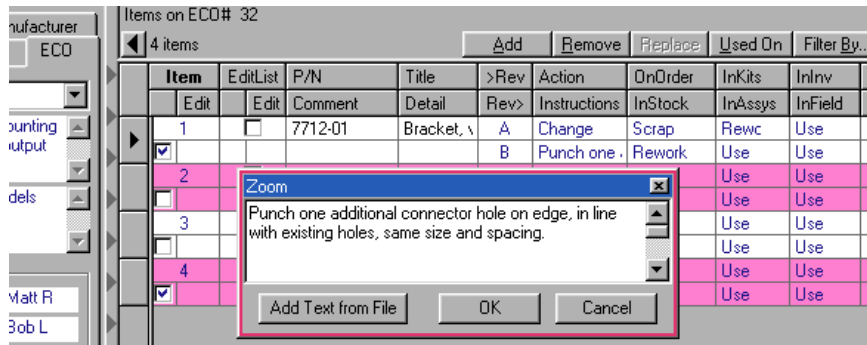
Above the Line Items grid, click the 'Add' button and choose the items to be included on this ECO.

When Adding items to an ECO, the program will first check to see if any of the items are already on an open ECO. If an item is on another ECO that is still open, it can still be added to the new ECO, but the new ECO cannot be Issued until the other ECO is released.

Any parent items will also be added to the ECO, depending on the ECO parent item settings.

Enter Change Instructions for each item

For each item click in the grid Instructions cell. Open the popup (right-click) menu and choose Zoom. Type in the text of instructions of what changes are to be made.



It is this plain language instruction that is the basis of the ECO process. The change order going through human interpretation (by someone else) inherently forces an error checking (a test for "Does this make sense?; Can I actually make the requested changes?") This helps prevent a hastily typed (and wrong) entry by the submitter from becoming the changed specification.

It's probably desirable to establish a company convention for how the Instructions are to be authored. The instruction might restate what the spec is changing from as well as what it's changing to, i.e., "Length 1.2 changes to 1.25 inches."

Note: Parts&Vendors does not dictate the detail or quality of the entries made to describe changes to your drawings or item specifications. Determining these standards is the responsibility of the persons administrating the system, just as it is to determine the standards and conventions used for drawings.

Specify the disposition of remaining old-Revision items.

For each item on the ECO Line Items grid, there are six dropdown lists to choose the disposition for old-Revision items in the following areas: On Order (ordered but not yet delivered), In Stock (component parts), In Kits, In Finished Assys (still in manufacturing area), In Inventory (finished product), and In Field (at distributors or in customers' hands).

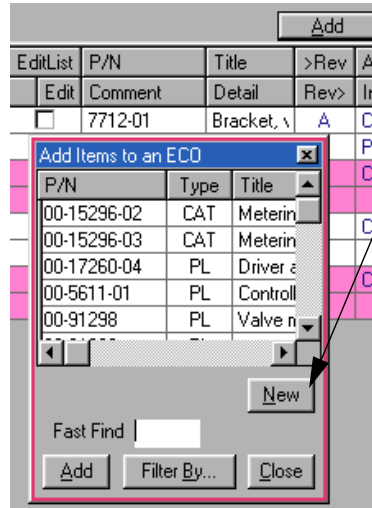
	OnOrder	InKits	InInv	
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one	Rework	Use	Use	
	Disposition		Use	
	Use		Use	
	Rework		Use	
	Scrap		Use	
	Use	Use	Use	

Click in each cell and a button will appear. Click the button (or press F4) to open the list to make the appropriate choice.

Create a new P/N by ECO.

Above the Line Items grid, click the 'Add' button to open the 'Add Items to an ECO' dialog box.

Click the 'New' button below the grid on that dialog.



Enter the new P/N when prompted, and click OK.

The new P/N will be added to the ECO, and its Action column is set to 'New.'

Show ECOs needing my signoff

From the ECO page, click the 'My Dept Signoff Req'd' tab below the grid.

To jump to any ECO on the list, click in the line item, then open the popup (right-click) menu and choose Show Item + List.

Sign off an ECO for my department.

On the ECO page, choose the ECO of interest.

Review the contents of the ECO to determine the impact of the proposed changes.

Enter comments if appropriate.

Click in the ECO Line Items grid cell 'Comment.' Open the popup (right-click) menu and choose Zoom. Add your comment and click OK.

Click the Sign Off button. Prompts will confirm.

If yours is the last department signoff on this ECO, then the program will automatically enter the 'Approved' date.

Add a comment to an ECO line item

(Requires department signoff permission or ECOAdmin permission after the ECO is submitted.)

Click in the ECO Line Items grid cell 'Comment.' Open the popup (right-click) menu and choose Zoom. Add your comment and click OK.

Sign off an ECO for another department

(requires 'PVAdmin' permission)

When viewing the ECO page, a user with 'PVAdmin' permission has a small button (marked '...') to the right of the Sign Off button. To sign off "by proxy" for another department, click the button to open a list of departments to choose from. Department signoffs can be entered or cleared with this window.

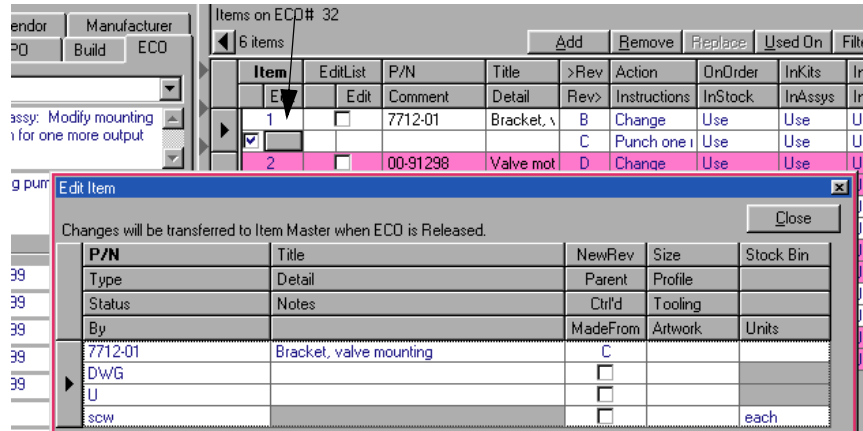
Edit an item's specification

(requires ECOAdmin permission)

Once an ECO is Issued, special copies of the items' records can be edited in the Edit Item window.

On the ECO Line Items grid, in the leftmost column group, click the Edit cell of the desired item. Notice that the cell turns into a button. Click the button and the Edit Item window will open, where all ECO-controlled fields can be edited.

Edit button



When closing the Edit Item window (on an edited record) a check will appear on the ECO Items grid, indicating that changes were made. This provides a visual indication, to the person making the changes, of what was 'done' so far.

Edit a parts list

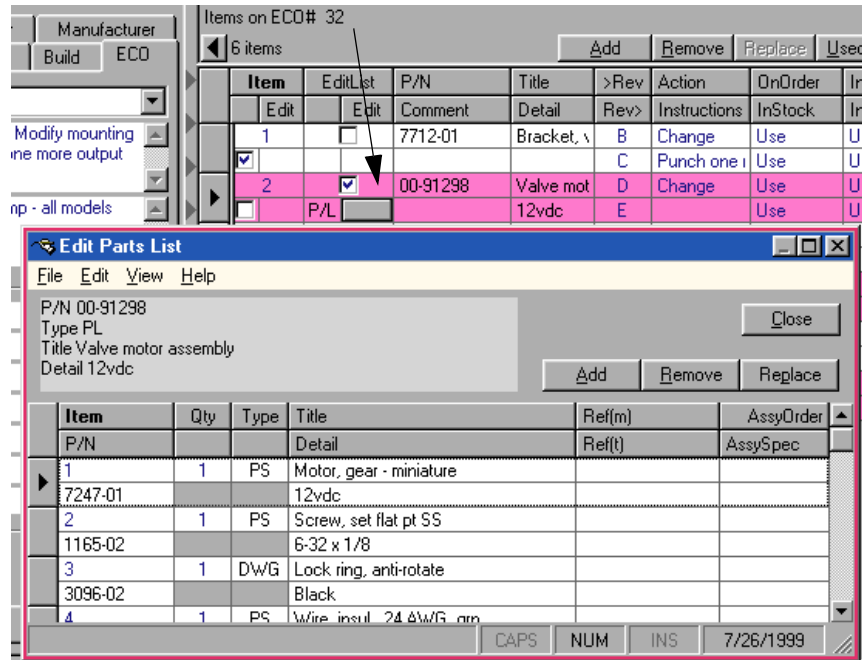
If an assembly's Revision is being advanced only because an item on it is being revised, then there is no need to edit the parts list itself. (The line item number, usage/quantity and reference information remains unchanged).

However, if any of the above information is being changed, or items are being added to or removed from the list, then the list itself will be edited.

To indicate (and enable) editing of the parts list, check the EditList checkbox on the grid.

The Edit button in the cell immediately below will open an Edit List window where changes can be made.

Edit List button



Edit a MadeFrom list

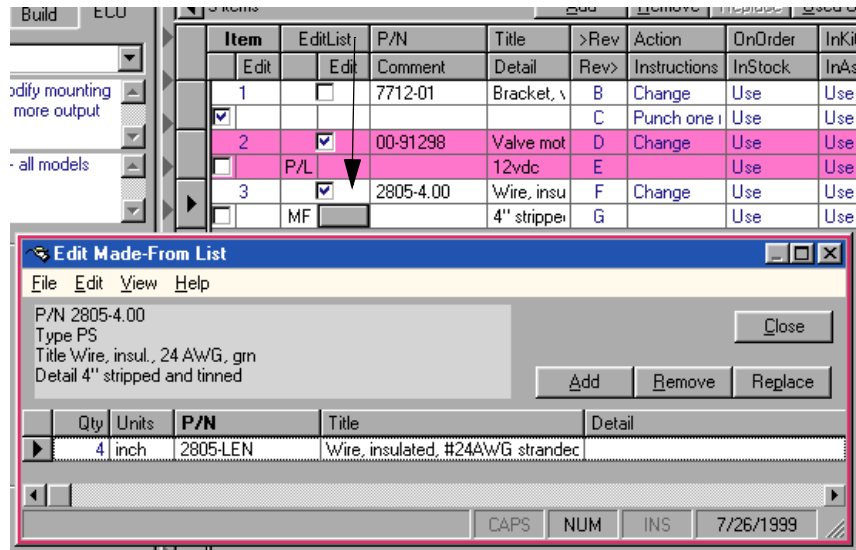
If a 'MadeFrom' item's Revision is being advanced only because the item it is made from is being revised, then there is no need to edit the relationship between the items themselves. (The UseAs quantity remains unchanged).

However, if the usage or the sourcing item(s) are changing, then the 'MadeFrom' list itself can be edited.

To indicate (and enable) editing of the list, check the EditList checkbox on the grid.

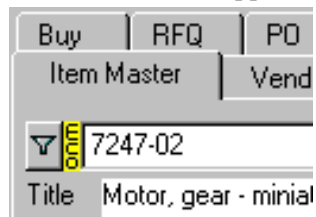
The Edit button in the cell immediately below will open an Edit List window where changes can be made.

Edit List button



Determine if item is on an open ECO.

When the currently displayed item (on the Item Master) is on an Open ECO (Issued but not yet Released), the ECO indicator will appear to the left of the P/N.



Show all ECOs for a P/N

Show the P/N on the Item Master page, then click the Rev History tab below the grid.

Show ECO department signoffs

From the ECO page, click the 'ECO Signoffs' tab below the grid. Then from the Filter dropdown list on the toolbar, choose from the pre-installed filters:

P&V Released ECOs

P&V Still Need Dept Signoff

P&V Unreleased ECOs

or None (no filter)

Show all Items on Open ECOs

From the ECO page, click the 'Items on Open ECOs' tab below the grid.

To view the list in each stage of the ECO process, create filters for the ECO date fields (Is Blank, Is Not Blank)

Approved

ToDrafting

Complete

Checked

Note: (An Open ECO is defined as: Date Issued Is Not Blank AND Date Released Is Blank.)

Data File Maintenance Operations

Creating a New Data File

A new (empty) data file can be created by clicking on the *File...New* menu item. However, since the new data file is empty, you will need to start over with creating entries for items, vendors, manufacturers, and other information. If you have an existing data file containing this information, it may only be necessary to create a new top level assembly using existing data and add a relatively small amount of new data.

Backing Up Your Data File

Most files you edit with other programs are inherently compartmentalized and represent only a fragment of your total project. Your Parts&Vendors data file, however, contains hundreds or thousands of important details that may be important to many projects. So it could be the most important file on your computer, in terms of the time and frustration associated with reconstructing it if it is ever lost.

To back it up:

- n From the main menu choose *File...Backup*. Specify a file name and click OK.

MINIMIZE YOUR RISK! Back up often. We suggest you back up the P&V file at the end of everyday that you make any changes to the data.

At the very least, copy it to the hard drive of another computer on your local area network. At the very best, copy it to removable media (a rotating set) that you move off-site daily.

The Backup utility makes a straight un-compressed DOS copy. If you want a compressed backup, get a good backup program, and make it easy to use by putting a shortcut to it on your Windows desktop.

Compact

Database files are a bit different from text documents and other computer files. When you delete items, those items are marked internally as deleted but the space for them is still reserved.

Compacting your data file is similar to defragmenting (compacting) your hard disk drive, and will assure best performance and quickest access to the data.

How often this is necessary will depend upon how many deletions of data have occurred in editing and manipulating the information contained in your lists. Depending on the size of the file and the amount of activity, this may range from weekly to a monthly.

In multi-user environments, all other users must first exit from the data file being compacted, as this utility requires exclusive use of the file. (See Ejecting Other Users, next page.)

From within the program choose File...File Utilities...Compact.

Or, from Windows' Start menu, choose:



Compact Reminder

The program can be set to remind the user to compact the data file. From the menu choose File...File Utilities...Remind to Compact. When checking this menu item, you can set the reminder interval in number of days. We suggest compacting at least weekly.

Eject Other Users from Database

Administrators of Parts&Vendors databases routinely need to have exclusive access to the data file to perform maintenance functions. These include weekly database Compacting and daily Backup operations.

In a workgroup environment, P&V users sometimes leave their computers with the program running. This impolite behavior interferes the above operations, and if the user's computer is inaccessible (locked office, etc.) would prevent normal database maintenance.

The Eject feature forces other copies of Parts&Vendors to close, thereby providing the exclusive access needed.

Initiated from the menu File...File Utilities...Eject Other Users, this utility causes a timeout prompt to appear on all other user's P&V screens, enabling them to cancel the Eject action if they are working in the program. After a brief timeout, the originator of the Eject action is informed if Eject was cancelled.

However, if no one is present at the other copy(ies) of the program, they will exit from the database.

Maintenance Parts&Vendors' database is an open-format file that can be manipulated with external tools such as Microsoft Access 2000. The following utilities are available to help keep things in order.

From the menu choose File...File Utilities...Maintenance.

- Clear CRLFs from Job# entries
- Refresh PLL from PL (Assy index for P/K lists)
- Refresh PLL only before needed
- Replace Certain String Data...
- Replace Character in P/N...
- Round Item Master CurCost, LastCalcAssyCost...
- Round Source CurCost, Cost...
- Run an Action SQL on Main Database...
- Set all single sources as Primary
- Set blank or invalid Type to PS
- Set blank U/M to Each-1-Each
- Set ECO Signoff Dept Columns for This File
- Set Stock Qty to Zero if Negative
- Set Stock Qty to Zero for ALL Items
- Trim Leading/Trailing Spaces from Titles and Details

Replace Certain Formatted Data

Sometimes suppliers may change the way they represent their offerings by reconfiguring the structure of their part numbers. Instead of having to edit each one manually, this utility will enable a bulk adjustment to those entries that have a uniform structure.

From the menu choose File...File
Utilities...Maintenance...Replace Certain String Data

Replace Data

This utility is designed to bulk replace certain data with a manipulation of existing data. Useful when a vendor, mfr or in-house department changes the configuration of their part numbers.

Field
Mfr P/N

Existing Data

Begins (match) Variable (# = 1 digit) And/Or Ends (match)

TY47- #### B

New Data

Begins Variable Ends

TY47B- ####

☐ Ending text from found item
☒ Fixed Text:
Z05

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Choose the data from the dropdown list.

The Begins and/or Ends entries specify the matching text that will identify the data.

The Variable identifies the portion of the entry that is different for each item.

Examples of Use:

ABCD-1234-XYZ9 to be replaced by
ABCD9-1234-B

ABC-123-X to be replaced by 123ABX

123-X to be replaced by A-123-X

Replace Character in P/N

At some point you may find that you wish to make a bulk change of a character used in your P/Ns, such as changing a separator character from a hyphen to some other character. This utility will do that.

From the menu choose File...File Utilities...Replace Character in P/N.

The dialog box has a title bar with a folder icon and the text 'Replace Character in P/N'. It contains two text input fields: 'Replace' with a hyphen '-' and 'With' with an underscore '_'. To the right of these fields are two radio buttons: 'All' (selected) and 'First Only'. Further right are two buttons: 'Begin' and 'Close'. At the bottom of the dialog is a large empty rectangular area.

Add a Source to a Family of Items

This utility will link a new vendor to an entire family of items, identified by a Parent P/N, at one time. On the Item Master, display the Parent P/N. From the menu choose Edit...Add Source to Family of Items.

The dialog box has a title bar with a checkmark icon and the text 'Link a New Source to a Family of Items'. It contains several sections: 'Identify Family - Choose Parent P/N' with a dropdown menu showing '3331-XXX Resistor, carbon film 1/4w 5%' and a 'Close' button; 'Identify New Vendor to link as Source' with a dropdown menu showing 'Mouser Electronics' and a 'Set New Source as Primary' checkbox (checked); 'Field to Populate' with three radio buttons: 'Vendor P/N' (selected), 'Vendor Description', and 'None'; 'Specify Data' with a 'Copy from Existing Source' checkbox (checked) and a dropdown menu showing 'Digi-Key Corporation', followed by fields for 'Existing Data Begins', 'Variable #=1 char', 'And/Or Ends', 'New Data Begins', 'Variable', and 'Ends'; and 'Also Copy' with checkboxes for 'Mfr Data', 'Cost(s)', 'Units', 'Leadtime', and 'Multiples Of'. At the bottom of the dialog is a large empty rectangular area.

This utility can be particularly useful when the items already have supporting data such as vendor part numbers. Depending on the uniformity of the existing data, the new source can be populated with data that is a manipulation of the existing data.

The Begins and/or Ends entries specify the matching text that will identify the data.

The Variable identifies the portion of the entry that is different for each item.

Example of Use:

Item: 1/4w 5% carbon film resistor

Existing source: DigiKey Corp.

Existing vendor P/N: <value>QBK-ND,
e.g. 2.7KQBK-ND

New Source: Mouser Electronics

New vendor P/N: 291-2.7K

The screen image (previous page) shows the entries made to accomplish the above.

Technical Information

The data file format is Microsoft Jet 4.0. This is compatible with (convertable to) Access 2000, and compatible with Microsoft Office 2000.

To Uninstall To uninstall this program, do one of the following:

- n Click the Uninstall entry in the Parts&Vendors Start menu program group.
- n Or, if the Start menu program group does not exist, use Windows Explorer to view the Parts&Vendors disk folder (default is C:\Program Files\PV6). Double click on the Unwise.exe program in that folder.

Command Line Parameters To run Parts&Vendors from the command line, type “*path\PV filename.mdb*”.

Viewing Data with Microsoft Access The following is a list of tables in the P&V database. A retail copy of Microsoft Access 2000 or 2002 can be used to view more detailed information about fields, indexes and relationships. When first opening your P&V data file with Access, you may be prompted to convert the file to Access 2000 format. It is OK to answer ‘yes’ to that prompt.

COST holds the multiple costs at various buy-levels (“price breaks”) for each source for an item.

CU holds customer/client entries (not accessible in the SE Edition).

CUR holds currencies, exchange rates and formats.

ECO is the master table of ECOs

HIST holds the history of bulk inventory adjustments.

JOB holds job data entries.

LIN holds the line card links between vendor and manufacturer.

LNK links sources to items and holds related information.

MF holds the Made-From links.

MFR holds manufacturer information.

MFRPN holds manufacturer part number information.

ORG holds your company's name, address, phones, and shipping addresses.

PL holds links that define parts lists and related data.

PN is the master table for all parts.

PO holds the line items for RFQ's and PO's

POM is the master table for all RFQ's and PO's

RH holds the ECO line items and is the revision history for items.

RPX holds database-saved report layouts.

SHIP holds shipping methods for orders.

SU holds supplier (vendor) information.

TASK holds the line items for JOBS.

UN holds units of measure data.

Glossary

- A** At Level - The quantity (in the BuyAs unit of measure) that determines the qualifying price break. The quantity must equal or exceed the AtLevel to use its associated Cost.
- AW - Artwork Type - A non-inventory item, such as a film image that is used to make (or mark) an item in the database. When included on a parts list, an AW type item's cost is ignored.
- B** Buy As - Units of Measure that are used to *purchase* items. Examples: each, feet, gallons, tubes, pounds, kg., meters, rolls, etc.
- C** CAT - Type designator used for a top level assembly (your organization's Catalog number for the product). Within the program it is functionally identical to an item of Type PL. [We suggest that you assign CAT as the Type for your top level assemblies so you can filter and view them separately from the clutter of other subassemblies in your data.]
- Compact - A process of clearing out empty space (caused by record deletions) in a database file. This is similar to defragmenting and compacting a computer's hard disk, and helps to optimize performance.
- Control Direction - On the program's main window, the current record on the left (control pane) drives the contents of the right (list pane). From the grid's popup menu, the control direction can be temporarily changed so that the line item on the grid drives the contents of the control pane page.
- Control Pane - The left portion of the main program window.

Controlled - A checkbox field to call attention to an item that cannot be changed on a whim. Often relates to safety agency listing / approval / certification.

Cost At Level - The cost for an item (in BuyAs units) at a particular quantity.

Cost Summary - Screen display or printed report that shows a summary of costs associated with a single or multi level list that represents a product. The Cost Summary is generated by the program at the same time a Purchase List is generated.

CSV - Comma Separated Values. A type of plain text data file where the data fields on each single line are separated by commas.

Currency - The local or foreign monetary unit that each vendor uses to express its pricing (your costs).

Current Cost - cost field that is part of an item's database record. Stands alone if there is no primary source link for the item. If there is a primary source link, Current Cost will be refreshed from that link.

D

Dedicated Exchange Rate - a vendor can use the Common exchange rate (common to all vendors set for a particular currency, and set to use the common rate) or it can have its own dedicated rate, usually specified by that vendor.

Delimited text - A type of data file, simply text, where the data fields are usually surrounded (delimited) by quotation marks and separated by a specific character, usually a comma or tab character.

Detail - The second level description (under Title) for an item. Usually used for value, size, etc. Also, the individual items in a family of items under a Parent part number.

DOC - Document Type. A non-inventory database entry used to represent a Document, such as assembly instructions or an inspection checklist. When included on a parts list, a DOC type item's cost is ignored.

DWG - Drawing Type. An item that has some kind of a document to communicate its specifications. This might be a dimensioned drawing, a text spec sheet, a picture or any other type of document.

E Edition - This refers to the capability level of Parts&Vendors (SE or EX).

F FilterBy - the P&V tool that can narrow the selection of items shown in any grid listing by specifying multiple criteria for one or more data fields. When viewing any listing, click the FilterBy button above the list to open the FilterBy dialog.

Foreign Currency - A monetary unit different from that specified in Windows Control Panel Regional Settings. In P&V, foreign currencies can be added from the menu View...Currencies.

I Indented Parts List - A printed report that shows (by item number order) all items used in a list tree, from top to bottom. The printout is indented as each deeper level list is encountered.

Item Master - The collection of all (part numbered) items in the database, whether or not they are used on any assemblies.

Item numbers - A numeric sequence of items on a parts list, request for quotation or purchase order. These numbers are often referred to on the assembly drawing that accompanies a parts list. A list may be renumbered from the menu List...Renumber All Items.

- J** Job# - A text identifier on each line item on Purchase Orders. Used to retrieve amount spent on a project across several purchase orders. From the PO page, choose the Totals by Job# tab below the grid. Use the special Filter By dialog to narrow the listing by desired range of Job#(s) and dates and order status. All line items on a PO can be set to the same Job# at once from the menu List...Set Job Number for All Line Items.
- K** Key - The text entry that enables the edition of the program that you purchased.
- Kit List - A list of items required for a build of X units of product, grouped by the assemblies they are used on. Extended quantities for each item will depend on user choices for “using available subassemblies from stock,” or not.
- L** Last Calculated Assy Cost - Saved last calculated cost of an assembly from the last time it was included in a Purchase List.
- Last Calculated MadeFrom Cost - Saved last calculated cost of a Made-From item from the last time it was included in a Purchase List.
- List Pane - The right portion of the program’s main window.
- Local Currency - The monetary unit specified in Windows Control Panel Regional Settings.
- M** MadeFrom - Some items are modifications of other items. The MadeFrom checkbox on the Item Master page enables the relationship between an item and its raw material.

Merge - a program utility that will send data from the current file into another P&V data file. From the menu File...File Utilities...Merge.

- N Network Path - When files are linked to items in the database, their path names are from the perspective of one location. In workgroup situations, the path to the file will usually be different for the other users, since the drive/subdirectory for the file will be based on the letter of the connected network drive. When Use Network Path is checked, P&V will substitute the specified Network path for the path as stated in the record on screen.
- O Obsolete - Item Status that indicates item's entry is being retained in the database for information purposes only, and the item is not to be used in new designs.
- P Parent List - Refers to the next higher level list that an assembly is on.
- Parent part number - P/N that identifies a group of related items. The items share the same Title, Type, and optionally the same Revision.
- Part number - A text string of alpha-numeric characters (including spaces or punctuation) used to identify an item. Part numbers, as used in P&V, are usually your own in-house identifiers, and not a vendor's part number.
- Parts List - A list of items that comprise a single assembly. The part number for the list represents the finished assembly.
- PL - Parts List Type. An item that is a list of other items
- PS - Purchase Spec Type. An item that, by definition, has no drawing to define it. PS items are entirely defined by the vendor's part number.

Purchase List - The extended bill of materials that includes all items needed for a build of “N” units of a product.

Purchase Order - An order from your organization to a supplier for one or more items. The title Purchase Order implies a purchase commitment (contract) enforceable under the uniform business codes of commercial law.

Purchase Spec - A printed report (from the Parts window) that shows an item’s specs, description, and associated vendors.

R

Reference - A parts list field that refers to the use of a particular item on an assembly. For electronic designs, this is typically R1, R2, C1, U1, etc.

Released - Status of an item that indicates the item’s specifications are fixed, not subject to changes on a whim. Setting an item’s status to Released in P&V locks the item’s specs. To make revisions/edit, set its Status to Unreleased.

Repair - Occasionally a power, hardware or software glitch may the data file unreadable. This utility attempts to fix these problems, and restore the integrity of the data file.

Revision - A letter or number that specifies the version of the product or its documentation.

RFQ - Request for Quotation

S

Status - A letter in an item’s specification that reveals: Unreleased (still unresolved; design in flux), Released (released to production or other department for use), Obsolete (item retained in database for information only, not to be used in new designs).

Stock - Quantity of each part in inventory intended for use in a manufactured product.

- T**
- Tabulated Detail - One item of a group, listed under a Parent number.
- Title - The topmost level description of any item. This is the same brief description that would appear in the Title block of a drawing for an item.
- Tree - An assembly organization defined by lists on other lists.
- Type - A field in an item's specification that tells what kind of document describes the item. Type also determines the functionality of the part number in the software. (Only Types PL and CAT can be lists of other items; Types AW and DOC are non-costed non-inventory items used for artwork and documents used in the production of other items. Types DWG and PS are for everything else.
- U**
- Unreleased - See Status
- UseAs - Unit of Measure for how an item's quantity is applied on parts lists.
- User Fields - Undedicated fields that are part of the Item Master record. The user can set his own captions for these fields and use them to hold additional information about an item. Set the text for the caption in Edit... Settings... User Fields. User1 and 2 can optionally be linked to a Parent P/N.
- V**
- Vendor Currency - the currency that any particular vendor uses. Set from the vendor's currency tab on the Control Pane.
- Vendor Master - The collection of all vendors in the database, whether linked to items or not.
- Viewer - A program (separate from P&V) that lets you look at other computer files of various formats, for quick

read-only access. Set as many viewer programs as you use in Edit...Settings...Viewers.

Z

Zoom - A movable, resizable text editing dialog available from the popup menu on the grid.

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