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SETUP: Configuring Your LIVE SE Software

Guide to system settings for the LIVE version of SE 8.x program

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Preparing Your SE Program to Write Actual Orders

NOTE This book is intended to help new users prep the LIVE version of SE to write live invoices. It's arranged by **Basic Setup** (assisted by independent sales contractors) to get shop's SE launched successfully. This is followed by **Additional Setup** options that we strongly recommend users then complete as soon as possible. Users may not use all of Additional Setup items provided.

Configuring the LIVE SE Program for Your Shop

It's time to start customizing the LIVE version of SE software to match your business using this workbook. You'll save a lot of time later and also improve accuracy by completing as much setup detail as possible now.

Review Program Setup Options

Have Setup screens open to enter your selections into SE LIVE program.

Basics (Assisted):

Default Settings, Labor Rate, Tax Rate, Shop Supplies, HazMat, Accounts, Payment Types, Markup, Technicians, Reports/Printers, Disclaimers

Additional (User Self-Instruction):

Category, Location, Status, Followup, Packages, Symptoms, Notes, End-Of-Day Reports, Validations, Screenview options, Program Security, etc.

BONUS: SE LIVE Checklist

This checklist helps you to be sure you're ready to go live. By now setup is completed for a successful launch. Set your Starting Invoice and begin!

Tips for a Better Startup Experience

Consider ALL Program Settings Very Carefully Now.

Many settings require a decision, configuration or data entry <u>BEFORE</u> using SE LIVE to write your orders. You'll be very glad later you did.

Don't Rush Yourself!

The more prep work you get completed now, will improve your comfort level and speed, making your LIVE SE experience better right away.

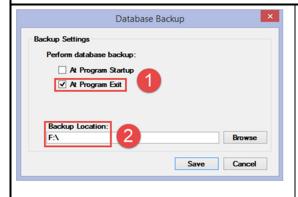
Database Backup and Validation

Backup: It is <u>CRUCIAL</u> to keep up-to-date copies of your SE database just in case something goes wrong and it becomes necessary to restore it. There is an internal backup function (to USB flash drives) in the management program and we have also added a MSEC remote backup service as explained below.



Database Validations are a quick check against the physical consistency of the database and ensures the ability to stay synchronized with SE Connect (or MSEC) for server side backups and other features. The **Weekly Validation** is much more thorough and will catch items that wouldn't normally be found without a thorough review by technical support agent.

This is good for SE shop management systems users as the physical "check-in" will alert them to a potential problem, hopefully prior to any permanent data loss. If a problem is found, a message for the user to call technical support would be displayed on the screen. This situation would not prevent users from working in Manager SE; however, we'd still suggest contacting technical support at the first opportunity.



Select either **At Program Startup** or **At Program Exit** as the trigger time for daily and weekly validations.

Daily Validations run for a moment prior to writing a copy of the SE database to backup media as usual.

Weekly Validation requires a Day of Week to perform selection and then you're all set.

MSEC (SE Connection): Our newest data backup services platform is installed for you automatically and provides a transactional backup. As you type, your data is being backed up. This means that if a data restore becomes necessary, everything entered is recorded.

NOTE: We still recommend shops continue using local backups to external flash drives to provide your shop with an extra measure of protection.

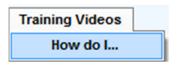
SE Setup Information Gathering Checklist

Shop Data Standard Tables Standard Descriptions

This document is intended to inform new users of the extent of shop information required to gather in preparing the SE software to write actual invoices that match your business specifics. Once you've had a chance to review what is required, you can decide whether to input the details into this document or enter it directly into the SE Setup or Configuration screens, using the document as a checklist.

We recommend that you fill out the checklist *before* completing this workbook to make more efficient use of your setup time investment. For your convenience, the two documents are cross-referenced where practical.

Learn more with 100+ SE training videos!



Manager SE comes equipped with more than 100 training videos covering virtually every aspect of the management software. Click the Training Videos link on the menu bar and then "How do I..." to access the Training Video master list.



Context-sensitive Training Videos can also be accessed via the online help system. Simply click F1 in any screen to access help specific to that screen. Most major screens and dialog boxes also have Training Videos specific to the area you are working in. Click the Training Video

icon to run the video.

Alphabetical List of Video Training Assets

- Account Classes http://youtu.be/vZEH8kp2Mw8
- Add Part to Inventory http://youtu.be/HrjHEqXLz34
- Appointment, Creating https://youtu.be/erkDajnCoWk
- Auto Updater https://youtu.be/KiPvfQVLc7Y
- Batch Payment [F5] https://youtu.be/WflX38REJDw
- Canned Job https://youtu.be/NhJP-08ffpU
- Category http://youtu.be/QOWe6sgym0A
- Change Ownership http://youtu.be/M-jqc2jCtZI
- Comebacks https://youtu.be/RnniA7J4hZs
- Counter Sale https://youtu.be/j9tGXuLef90
- Customer Entry https://youtu.be/JeVi1RVyfpA
- Customer Screen https://youtu.be/W Ok sci-38
- Data Protection & Recovery (DPR) https://youtu.be/udQjyv4rLJw
- Database Backup https://youtu.be/1-kxcy-hhNc
- Default Settings http://youtu.be/fgj5StbSzFE
- Demo Flow Review 1 of 3 http://youtu.be/Q7Tpjl1nAxY
- Demo Flow Review 2 of 3 http://youtu.be/xVMxjnPmtXw
- Demo Flow Review 3 of 3 http://youtu.be/Aba167KLZEA
- Demo Program Flow http://youtu.be/i2nkjaogMgk
- Disclaimers http://youtu.be/BCG0InQlaoQ
- Discount (Price Levels by Type) http://youtu.be/Hi-sI8jOhB8
- Electronic Payment Processing https://youtu.be/sfrvKFL4hwY
- End-Of-Day Reports http://youtu.be/me k7b5mQKs
- Find Customer [F3] https://youtu.be/1aws-jXdWhs
- Find History [F4] https://youtu.be/fvkL8GhYwWg
- Fiscal Year End Close https://youtu.be/TIMCx09irQc
- Followup http://voutu.be/bObOFazdXio

Setup--Assisted Basic

Create a User (Profile)



To store and recall your WIP and Order

screen layout preferences, create at least one User profile. This is done through the Configurations - Program Security menu option.

Enter user names, job functions or filtered (ROs only, etc.) screen views to create User profiles.

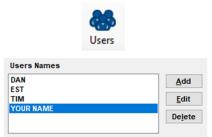
NOTE: Program Security is discussed in the Additional Self-Setup section.

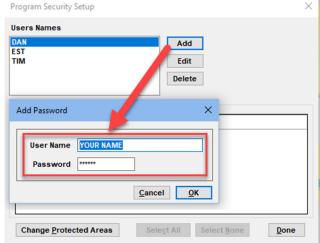
Standard Tables Shop Data Setup Vendor Setup Inspection Setup Technicians Setup Scheduler Setup Mobile/Device Setup **Text Messaging Setup** Reports/Printers/Lube Sticker **End of Day Reports** Packages & Discounts Tire Packages Brake Packages Lube, Oil, & Filter Packages **Program Security** Special Maintenance

Configurations <u>U</u>tilities

Standard <u>D</u>escriptions

In Program Security Setup, click on **Add** to enter a name & password to create a profile. Do this for each user as required. The entries will appear in a list box when users click on **Users** icon:





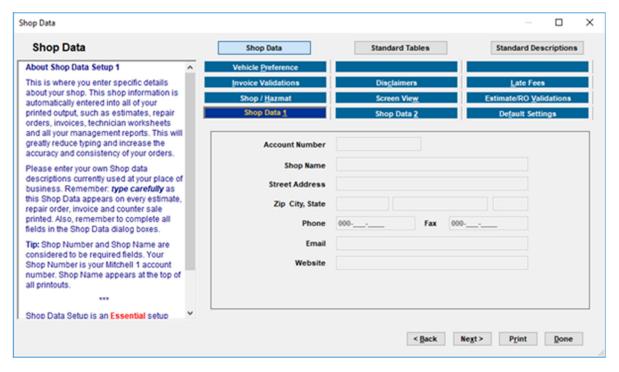
User selection is confirmed in the lower right hand corner of the program screen.

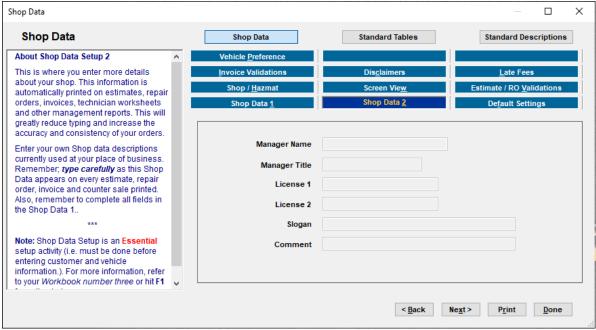
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Shop Data 1 & 2

Enter your Shop Data specifics [recorded in the Information Gathering Checklist] into these screens; this data appears on all printed output (EST / RO / INV, reports, etc). NOTE: Account # is automatically filled from Help - Activate Products.





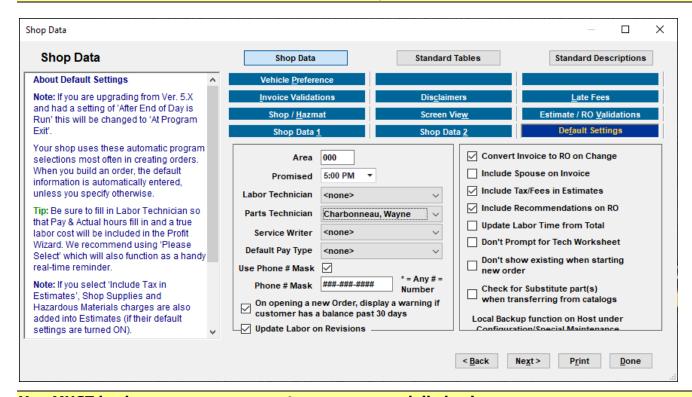


Default Settings

Enter your own Default Settings preferences (recorded back on page **vii**) into the screen shown below. **Default Settings** allow you to automate settings / values to be applied. You'll build faster, more accurate orders, as this default information is automatically entered for you.



NOTE: We recommend using 'Please Select' as default Labor Technician, as this provides a labor cost for F12 Profit Wizard calculations. See Tech Setup.



You MUST backup your management program on a daily basis.

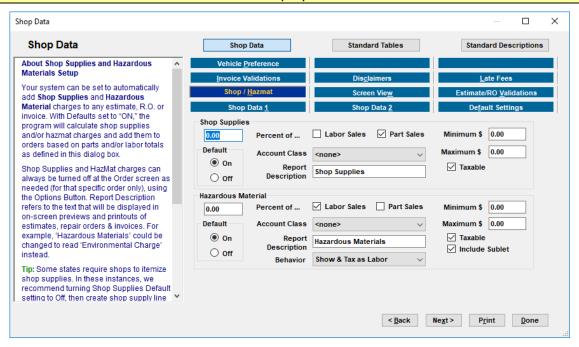
The overview of how to setup local protection of your data is shown back on page 'vi'. Please also review the training video for full setup of database backup under **Training Videos** -> **How Do I?-** > **Database Backup and Validations**.

Shop/Hazmat

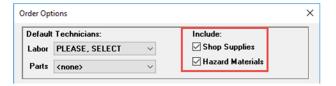


Shop Supplies
With Defaults set to 'ON', Shop Supplies and/or Hazmat
(hazardous materials) can be automatically calculated by
labor or parts order totals (or use both) and added to
estimates and repair orders.

NOTE: Behavior option is provided for instances where the HazMat is to be taxed differently from Labor. This also determines where HazMat is displayed in document totals.



While these are defaults to use for all orders, they can be removed (from specific order only) by unchecking the boxes found in Order Options.



NOTICE: States may require itemized shop supplies; if so, set Shop Supplies to Off; create a parts kit of shop supply items to recover costs and satisfy legal requirements.

Disclaimers

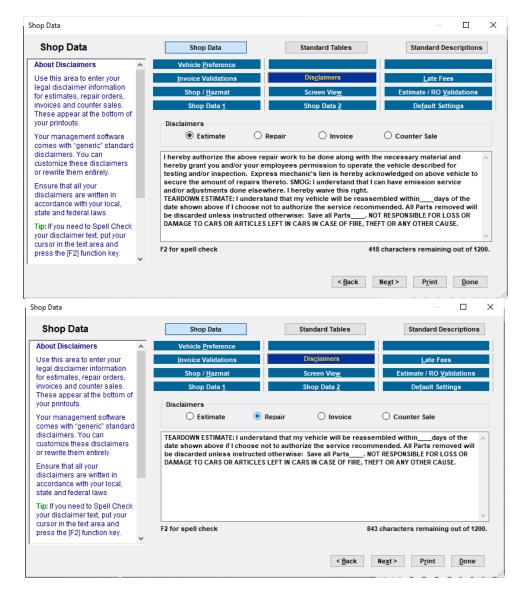
Disclaimers provide placeholders for your "business language" on Estimates, Repair Orders, Invoices and Counter Sales. These will appear at the bottom of printed documents. SE comes with "generic" standard disclaimers; customize these or rewrite them entirely. For Spell Check,

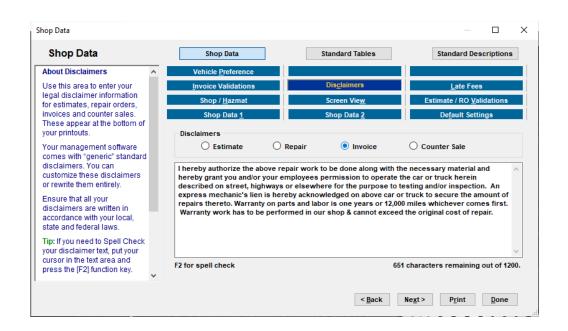


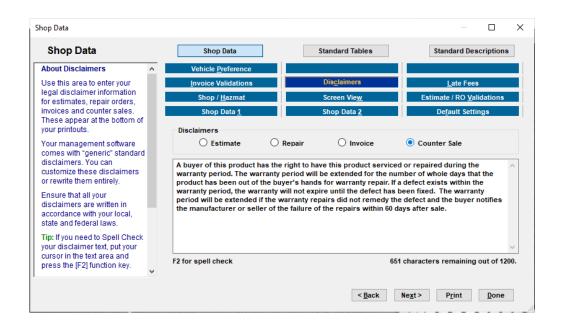
press the F2 key. Below is a sample; you'll want to write your disclaimer to reflect your business policies:

I hereby authorize the above repair work to be done along with the necessary material and hereby grant you and/or your employees permission to operate the car or truck herein described on street, highways or elsewhere for the purpose to testing and/or inspection. An express mechanic's lien is hereby acknowledged on above car or truck to secure the amount of repairs thereto. Warranty on parts and labor is one years or 12,000 miles whichever comes first. Warranty work has to be performed in our shop & cannot exceed the original cost of repair.

Important NOTE: Make sure all of your disclaimers are written in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. In some instances, it may also be necessary to use specific Estimate or Invoice templates to fully comply with state and local requirements. These template options will be listed in Configurations -> Reports/Printers -> Select Report drop-down list.





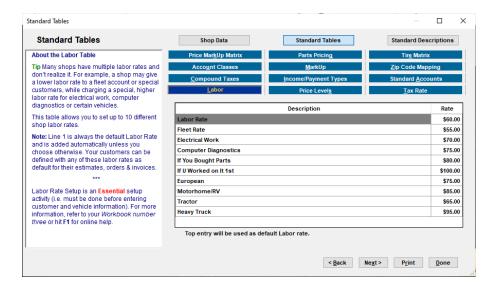


Labor Rates

Labor table stores up to 10 different shop labor rates. Customers can be assigned (using Customer Type) to any of these labor rates as default for their estimates & orders



NOTE: Labor rate can be assigned per vehicle too.

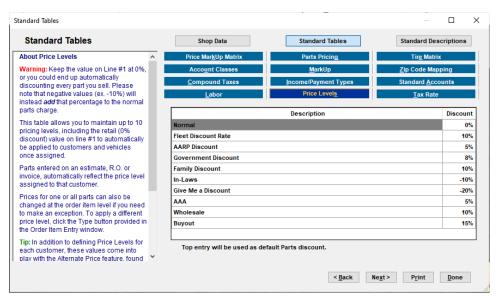


NOTE: Line 1 is DEFAULT LABOR RATE (automatic) unless another is selected.

Price Levels

Discount table allows storage of up to 10 part <u>price levels</u>. Parts entered on an estimate or RO reflect any 'discount' defined (using Customer Type). Prices for one or all parts can also be changed (exceptions) at the order item level.





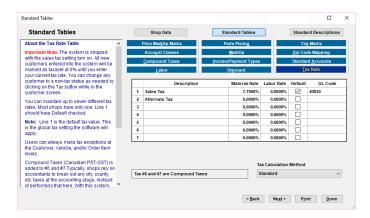
Notes: <u>Keep Line #1 at 0%</u> or automatically discount every part sold! Negatives values (ex. -10%) will instead add percentage to parts prices.



Tax Rate Table supports up to seven different tax rates. Most shops have only one. Line 1 should have 'X' in Default.

Note 1: Line #1 default value is a global tax setting SE will apply. Tax exceptions can be made at the Customer, Vehicle, Order or even the Order Item line levels.

Note 2: Program ships with Tax flag **on**. Tax is **0%** <u>until</u> your tax is entered. Customers can be set to be non-taxable during entry.



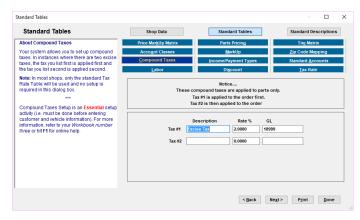
Note 3: The NEW Tax Calculation Method selector should be set to **Standard** unless your business is located in Florida.

Compound Taxes



Compound Taxes Table allows you to set up compound or excise taxes if you are required to do so.

NOTE: In most shops, only the standard Tax Rate Table (above) is used; this provision is included for special situations that may occur.



Income / Payment Types



Income Accounts are General Ledger (GL) account #s where revenues are grouped for accounting purposes. <u>Finalize</u> before going LIVE.

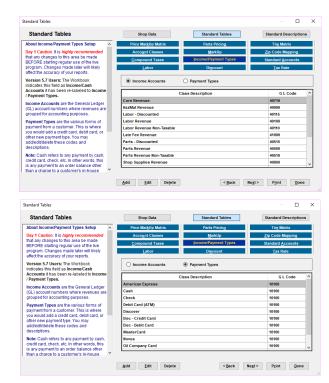
Payment Types - This is where you add a credit card, debit card, any new payment type for drop-down list.

You may add/edit/delete these codes and descriptions in the table below.

Note 1: Payment is funds received as cash, credit card, check, etc. These are reflected on Accounting Reports.

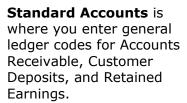
Note 2: Once a payment type has been used, it <u>CANNOT</u> be deleted.

Note 3: This will add Electronic Payment–Debit Card & -Credit Card as default to your Payment Types list.

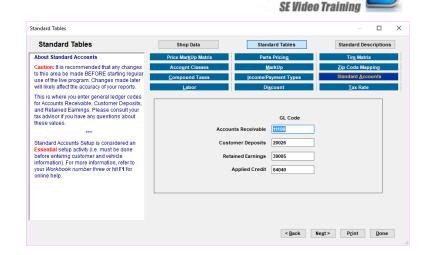


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Standard Accounts



NOTE: Most shops will use the default GL Codes; you should too, unless your accountant wants to change any of these **BEFORE** you begin your live invoicing.

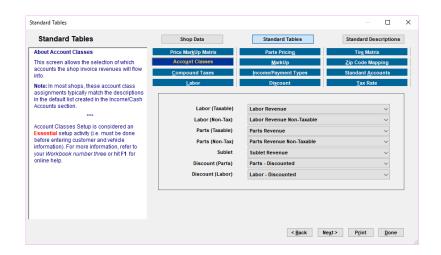


Account Classes

NOTE: In most shops, account class assignments typically match descriptions seen on the left-hand side, one-for-one. This screen supplies some latitude in case shops need some flexibility. Confirm all these assignments <u>BEFORE</u> going live. Changes made later will affect your reporting accuracy.

Account Classes area allows the selection of the specific accounts that each type of revenue from shop invoices will flow into and accumulate for accurate reporting.





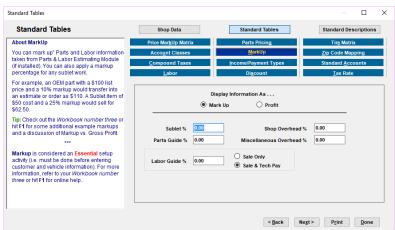
Markup

In **Markup**, you can enter your shop's Markup percentage. In the example, Sublet items will be marked up 25% (which in turn, provides a 20% profit).

You can also markup **OE** Parts and Labor time transferred from Estimator. An OEM part with a list price of \$100 would transfer into an estimate as \$110 (@10% Markup). Labor hours (@10% Markup) would transfer 1.0 hr. as 1.1 hrs.

NOTE: Shop Overhead % + Misc. Overhead % DO NOT affect prices on orders. These are used internally to give the Profit Wizard realistic numbers to reflect true cost of doing business.







Business Tip: Be sure to review the **Markup Percentage vs. Gross Profit** discussion on the following pages for a story contrasting these two very different approaches.

Markup Percentage vs. Gross Profit

Scene I: Markup Part by Percentage

- Joe the owner buys an alternator for \$100 and wants to "mark it up" 40%.
- Joe's selling price for the alternator is now "marked up" to \$140.
- Joe is convinced that this 40% Markup is "fair" to his customers.

Part Cost	Markup Percentage	Retail Selling Price
\$100	40%	\$140

Scene II: Discounting "Marked Up" Parts

- Joe's best customer Bill needs to buy that same \$140 alternator. Bill gets a 30% discount on his parts. (hefty discount with company fleet business)
- Joe discounts the \$140 retail-selling price by 30% and takes off \$42.
- Joe doesn't realize that he is selling the part (\$100 cost) for \$98 (\$2 less than what he paid). Instead of still making 10% on the part, he lost 2%.

Question: Is this perhaps why Joe has such a hard time making ends meet?

Retail Selling Price	Bill's Discount	Joe's Discount Price
\$140	30% (-\$42)	\$98(\$2 net loss)

Scene III: Using Gross Profit to Determine Retail Selling Price

- Joe, the shop owner/service writer, wants to make a 40% gross profit on every part he sells.
- To do this, Joe must add 66% to his cost on the alternator and sets the retail-selling price at \$166.

Part Cost	% Added to Cost	Retail Price	Gross Profit
\$100	66%	\$166	40%

Scene IV: Discounting After Using Proper Gross Profit

- Ben comes into the shop and needs to buy that same alternator. Loyal customer Ben gets a 30% discount on his parts.
- Joe discounts the \$166 selling price by 30% and takes \$49.80 off the retail-selling price.
- Joe's not making much money this time, but at least he isn't losing any money selling the alternator to Ben at a 30% discount.

Retail Selling Price	Discount %	Discounted Price
\$166	30% (-\$49.80)	\$116.20

Parts Markup & Gross Profit Projections Table

Markup is the percentage of the amount you earn on the cost of an item purchased. Gross Profit is the percentage of the amount you earn on the selling price of the item. Gross profit tells you what you retain on each sale.

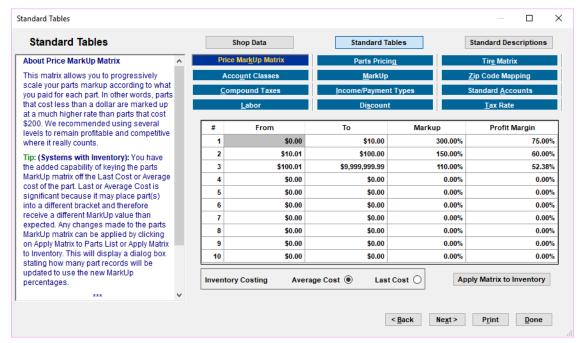


% Added to Cost of Part	Gross Profit Part Sale	% Added to Cost of Part	Gross Profit Part Sale	% Added to Cost of Part	Gross Profit Part Sale
30%	23.1%	50%	33.3%	70%	41.2%
31%	23.7%	51%	33.8%	75%	42.9%
32%	24.2%	52%	34.2%	80%	44.4%
33%	24.8%	53%	34.6%	85%	45.9%
34%	25.4%	54%	35.1%	90%	47.4%
35%	25.9%	55%	35.5%	95%	48.7%
36%	26.5%	56%	35.9%	100%	50%
37%	27.1%	57%	36.3%	125%	55.6%
38%	27.5%	58%	36.7%	150%	60%
39%	28.1%	59%	37.1%	175%	63.6%
40%	28.6%	60%	37.5%	200%	66.6%
41%	29.1%	61%	37.9%	225%	69.2%
42%	29.6%	62%	38.2%	250%	71.4%
43%	30.1%	63%	38.6%	275%	73.3%
44%	30.6%	64%	39%	300%	75%
45%	31.0%	65%	39.4%	325%	76.5%
46%	31.5%	66%	39.8%	350%	77.8%
47%	32.0%	67%	40.1%	375%	78.9%
48%	32.4%	68%	40.5%	400%	80%
49%	32.9%	69%	40.8%	500%	83.3%

Price Markup Matrix



Price Matrix supports up to 10 levels of markup according to cost \$ range:

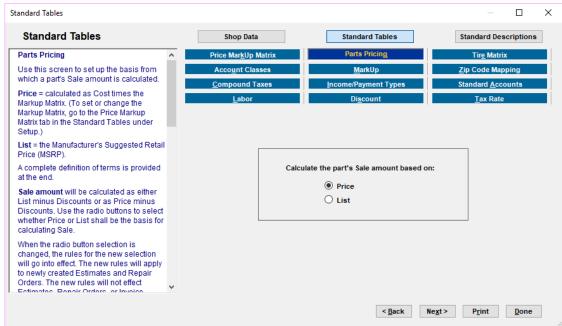


NOTE: Last Cost / Average Cost is a GLOBAL decision impacting ALL part sales profitability reporting.

Parts Pricing



We <u>strongly recommend</u> **Price** option so that the Matrix can calculate your selling prices.

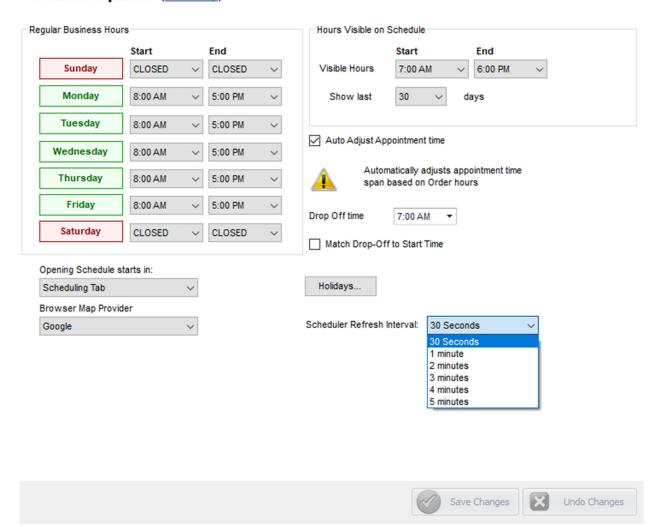


Scheduler Options

Schedule options are found under **Configuration/Scheduler Setup/ Schedule Options**. These options include defining regular business hours, the range of hours to be shown in the calendar, number of previous days displayed by default, and selecting any recurring holidays or special events.



Scheduler Options (Online Help)



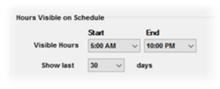
Opening Schedule starts in – Select the default starting page that opens when the scheduler button is clicked on.

Regular Business Hours



Each day of the week must be setup as either CLOSED or with Start / End times. To set the start time for Monday, left-click on the Monday button, doing so will set the initial Start and end Times as 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and paint the button green. Set the time for each day of the week, then if required modify the times for each day by clicking on the down arrows.

Hours Visible on Schedule



Visible Hours - Set the system to display the period of the day you want displayed in the calendar view. Typically this would be set to an hour before and after regular business hours. **Show Last** (number of days) - This is the number of days to display in the calendar previous to the current date. You may experiment with this setting to meet your specific needs. A

typical setting would be 15 or 30 days. If your shop has a large number of appointments per day, you may want to use a lower setting.

Auto Adjust Appointment Time - This default setting is provided to save user time and effort when actual Order Hours increase, due to additional work being sold. The appointment time will automatically be extended in the Schedule to reflect this change. While this could be turned off at the individual appointment level, it's probably a good idea to leave it turned on.

Drop Off Time - Set a default Drop Off time to have this automatically filled in, saving some time as you create a new appointment in the Schedule. Select the most popular drop off time and enter it here. It can always be changed at the individual appointment level.

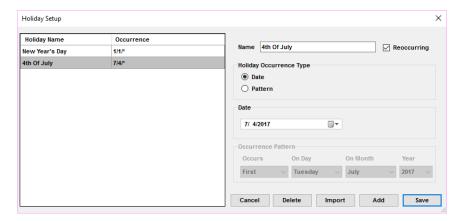
Opening Schedule Starts in: Select the default starting page that opens when Scheduler button is clicked on.

Browser Map Provider: TBD

Scheduler Refresh Interval – The update frequency of Scheduler related columns can be changed from the default 30 seconds to as much as five minutes, if the WIP screen refresh is distracting. The trade-off is that changes to Scheduler items will not be reflected in the WIP screen columns data as soon as the default 30 seconds setting provides.

Holiday Setup

Click the Holiday button to set up days that the shop is closed for business.



Name and Occurrence type, date and Occurrence define holidays. The **Import** button presents you with a list of standard US Holidays to be auto-imported into the yearly calendar. Simply choose the holidays from the list to enter it into your Holiday listing.

To enter an additional Holiday or special event not listed, click on **Add** button, then Name the holiday or event by typing text into the Name field.

Holiday Occurrence Type defaults to today's date; you may overtype this or use the calendar tool to enter a specific date. **If this is a recurring event**, change to Pattern mode and enter parameters such as 'Fourth Wednesday of October' for example. Be sure to click Save for any holidays created and then click the Red X to close the Holiday Setup window when finished.

Scheduler States

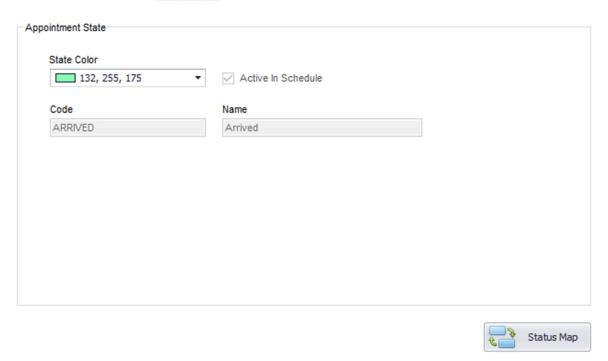
Configurations > Scheduler Setup > Add/Edit Schedule States

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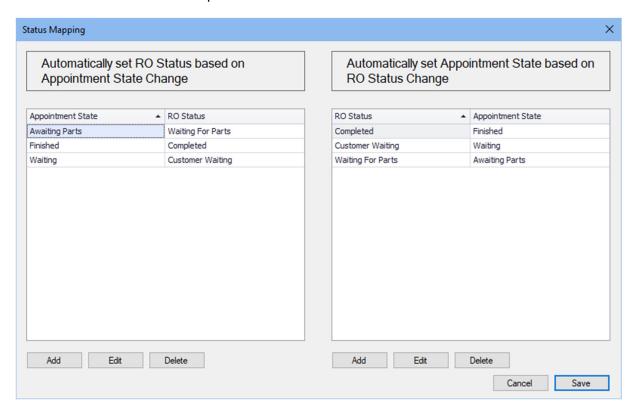
Appointment states are used to represent the current state of the appointment. Several common appointment states are provided as system defaults; these cannot be changed. These include Waiting, Arrived, Awaiting Parts, Call and Remind, Call Customer, Cancelled, Closed, Finished, No Show and Open.

Scheduler States (Online Help)





Status Map – Provides the option to map Appointment States to Order Statuses. When relationships are created, changes to Appointments on the Scheduler screen will automatically change the Order Status on the WIP screen or vice-versa if updating an Order Status. This saves time and prevents errors.



Schedule Resources



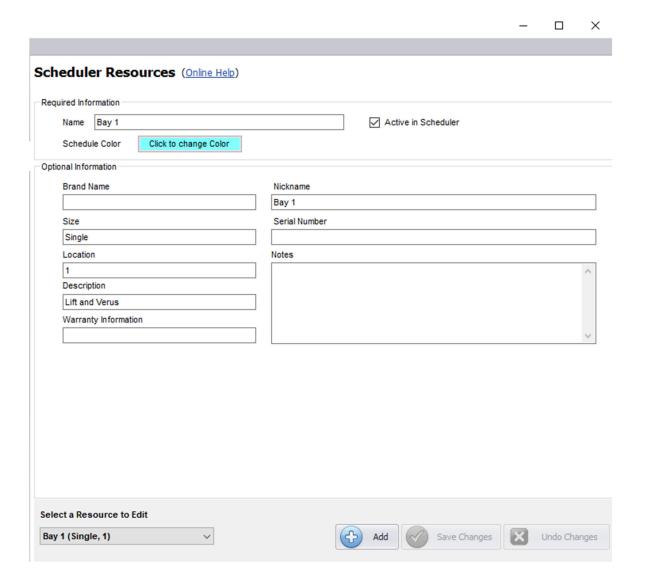
Configurations > Scheduler Setup > Add/Edit Schedule Resources

Schedule Resources allows you to catalog your bays, pieces of equipment, scan tools, lifts, tire machines, locations or anything specifically required for certain types of appointments. Each resource is defined by **Name**, **Schedule Color** (easier to identify on the calendar), **Brand Name**, **Nickname**, **Size**, **Serial Number**, **Location**, **Description**, **Warranty Information**, and **Notes**.

Add/Edit Schedule Resources

Catalog a new resource by clicking on the **Add** button and complete any or all fields. The **Active in Scheduler** checkbox controls visibility of the resource for potential assignment; it is checked by default. Remember to click on **Save** when finished.

NOTE: At this time, only one resource may be associated with an appointment or event.



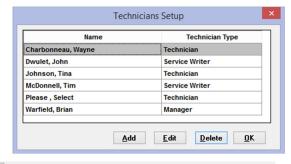
Technicians Setup

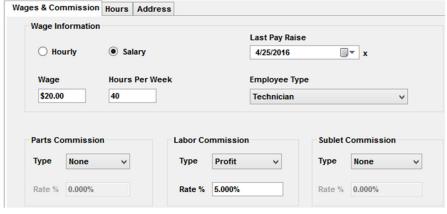


Provides entry of employee wages, availability and personal information; used to create data for Tech Commissions Report, figuring shop's profit margin on work using F12 Check Profit.

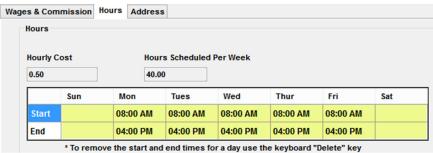
NOTE: If a service writer sometimes also performs labor, they would be set up twice; once as a Service Writer and also as a Technician. This ensures the name(s) appear in both the Labor Technician and Service Writer drop lists.







Wages & Commissons



Hours of Availability



Employee Background

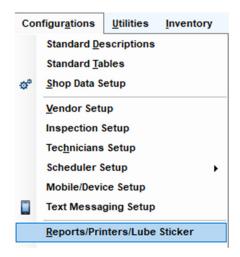
Input: Space is provided in SE Setup Information Gathering to record Technician(s) & Service Writer(s) details; fill in the data or enter it directly into the SE program.

Reports/Printers



Reports/Printers allow users to decide what style of printout is generated, which printer(s) are used, how many copies are printed. Microsoft[®] Windows™ selects default printer automatically; different printers (or printer trays) may be selected for the various types of documents.

TIP: Consider a remote printer dedicated to printing out your Technician Worksheets.

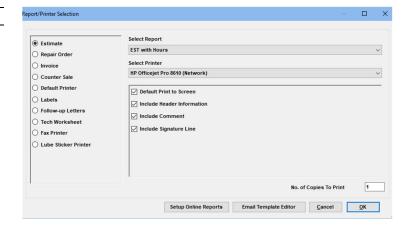


NOTE: When users click on the **Print** button, the program bypasses the Preview setting and immediately prints the number of copies specified for the selected document (2 copies for Invoice, etc.) If you wish to preview the document before actual printing, you should select **File**, **Preview**.

Estimates

Select the report type and printer to complete your selections.

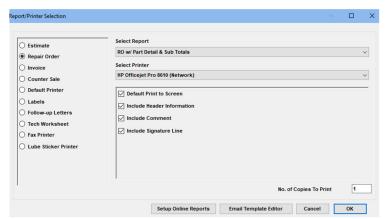
Typically two Estimate copies are printed; one for customer and one for shop to file. Choose Email Template Editor if you desire to modify the standard email template



Repair Orders

Select the report type and printer to complete your selections.

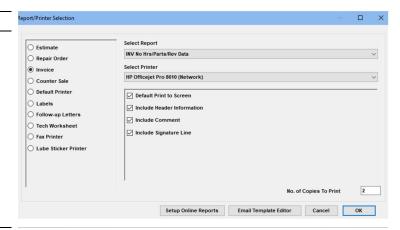
It is possible to 'Mark all ROs as Approved/Printed' under Screen View tab options, if you don't need to actually print ROs. See page 20 for details. Choose Email Template Editor if you desire to modify the standard email template



Invoice

Select the report type and printer to complete your selections.

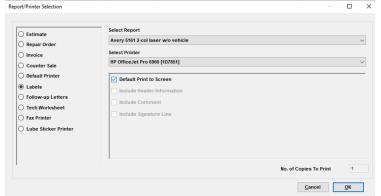
It is recommended that two Invoice copies are printed; one copy for the customer, another copy for the shop to keep on file. . Choose Email Template Editor if you desire to modify the standard email template



Labels

Select the report type and printer to complete your selections.

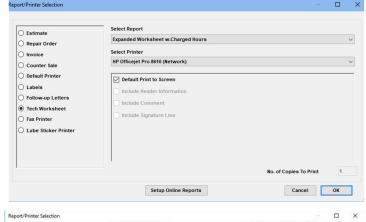
NOTE: Make certain you select the 'with' or 'w/o vehicle' option that best fits your label & postcard printing needs.



Technician Worksheet

Select the report type and printer to complete your selections.

Repeat this process for **Counter Sale**, **Default Printer**, **Labels** and **Fax Printer** as needed.

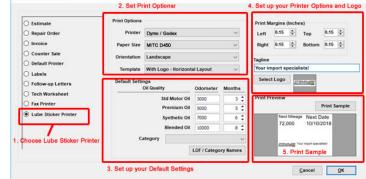


Lube Sticker Printer

Select the report type and printer to complete your selections.

The graphic to the right provides an overview of the options available for printing Lube Stickers. Refer to the Online Help **[F1]** or (https://buymitchell1.net/managerhelp/LubeStickerPrinter.html) for detailed

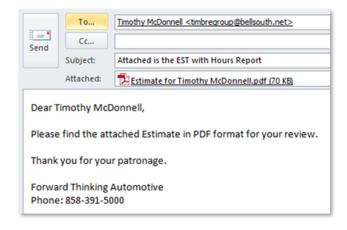
instructions.



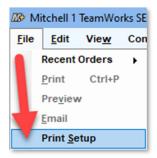
NOTE: Special EST / RO / INV templates are provided to meet specific requirements by certain states. These will include a state abbreviation in the titles. Your SE Setup Information Gathering document also indicates any state-specific template options available.

Email Template Editor

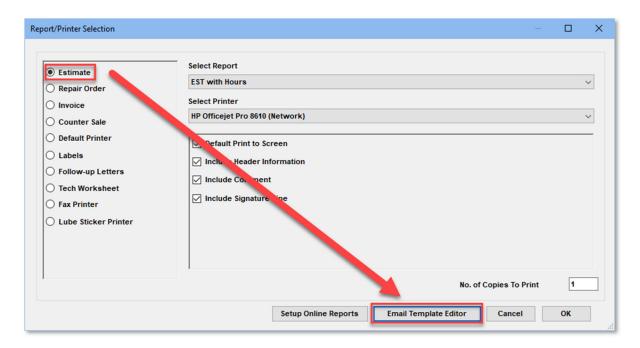
By default, Manager SE includes generic messages that include basic customer and shop information. This is included in the 'handoff' to your shop PC's email client (Outlook, Thunderbird, etc.) to customer' email Inboxes.



It is now possible to edit this wording included in the email document Go to **File** menu, select **Print Setup** to access the Reports & Printers selection screen.



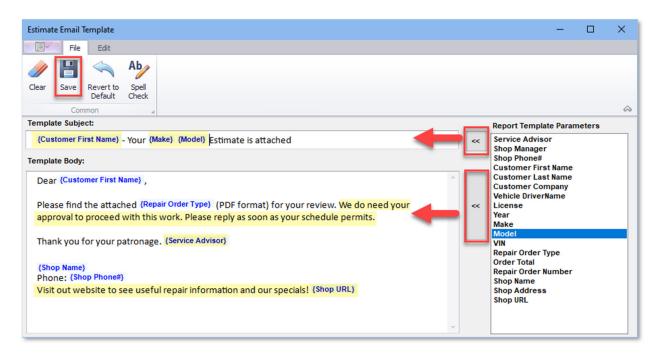
Click on the 'Email Template Editor' button to open the editor to change an email template for the currently selected document type. Make note of your selection before clicking the button so that you can see and edit the appropriate message content. 'Estimate' is selected by default so we'll take a look at that template.



This editor allows you to create their own preferred message to be included when emailing an Estimate, R.O. or Invoice to a customer. You may free-form type anything with basic tools or

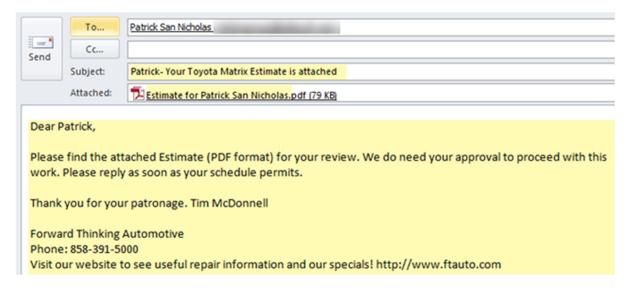
incorporate actual database fields into the Subject line and the message body itself. You only type what appears in black; any blue text shown in brackets is a database field that has been inserted.

Click inside your template message (or template subject line) where you want to insert a database field, then select that field (listed in Report Template Parameters), then click the double-arrow to insert that spot in either the Template Subject or Template Body you specified.



Click on **Save** in editor to keep template changes; then click **OK** in Report/Printer selection screen to close.

A customized email template can include customer, vehicle, shop and repair specifics. See Report Template Parameters (database fields list) above for additional possibilities to include in your email template(s).



Using the Email Templates Editor to tailor your outgoing email will ensure proper messaging, accuracy and personalization. Manager SE will even insert the amount due on your Invoice template, if you so choose.

Screen View

Screen View allows users to customize program preferences.

Recommendations for various Screen View option settings are shown below, with further background provided for each on the following page.





Screen View options	Recommended
Enforce Mileage In [can be password protected]	Yes No
Show Odometer Out [required in some states]	Yes No
Starting Cursor Position on Customer Screen	Company <u>Customer</u>
Display Customer OR Company Name in WIP	Company <u>Customer</u>
Display Margin in WIP [sensitive business data]	Yes <u>No</u>
Odometer Display Option	Miles Kilometers
Show License at Top of Vehicle Screen (not VIN)	Yes No
Show Quotes in Schedule	Yes <u>No</u>
Show Estimates in Schedule* [see next page]	Yes No
Show RO in Schedule* [see next page]	Yes No
Show Symptoms on New Orders [pops up list]	Yes No
One Start Toolbar (default is Yes)	Yes No
Mark All ROs As Approved/Printed	Yes No
Auto Scheduling Default	Never / Prompt / <u>Always</u>

Details for Screen View tab options

- **Enforce Mileage In:** is provided to ensure that service advisors always enter mileage. This is crucial for accuracy with sending shop's service reminders to customers.
- **Starting Cursor Position / Display Customer or Company**: Unless your shop does a lot of commercial fleet business, select Customer instead of Company name as starting point for customer data entry /WIP display.
- **Display Margin**: If this information is deemed sensitive, this selection can remove it from the WIP screen view.
- Show License at Top of Screen: Previously, most users preferred to start vehicle
 data entry with VIN decode. Since the introduction of Plate-2-VIN lookup, users
 prefer a Vehicle screen leading with license plate field. If you prefer starting from
 the VIN entry field, leaving this selection UNCHECKED will place the VIN field first,
 followed by license plate field.
- **Show Quotes in Schedule** would very likely clutter your Schedule with items that have no commitment level or customer contact information.
- Use **Show Estimates in Schedule** if you plan to schedule with them; otherwise uncheck the box to not clutter your Schedule with these items.
- **Show ROs in Schedule** for most shops, this is the setting you will want to use for your Schedule display. If your system is set to launch as RO, skipping Estimate stage, you must select yes for them to become scheduled.
- **Show Symptoms on New Orders:** is very useful because it pops up the Symptoms list so that users are reminded to use them. Press ESC to exit if the Symptoms list is not needed.
- Mark All ROs as Approved/Printed: option eliminates the previous steps required to mark an RO as "printed" to put parts into 'Committed' status.
- Auto Scheduling Default: When posting an invoice, SE can open the Schedule Appointment Editor to arrange customer's next appointment. Always will open the
 appointment editor with customer and vehicle already selected; Prompt will ask if
 you want to do that; Never setting will not open the editor or ask if you want to do
 so.

Assisted Setup Complete! This concludes the basic setup task required for invoicing; please continue with self-setup options to complete additional configuration aspects. Remember F1 Help and SE training videos are available for these additional concepts.

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End of Day Reports



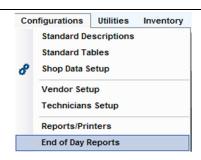
End-Of-Day Reports setup is where you select which reports

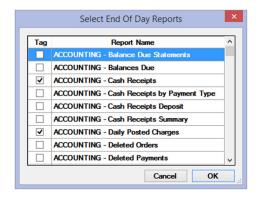
will be run together as a "batch operation" at the close of business. This saves time at the end of every business day.

Consider which reports you want to run on a daily basis and then open Configurations – End of Day Reports and use steps below.

Select your reports by checking the box (or double-click on highlighted line). You may include any report that doesn't require a secondary decision such as tech, vendor, etc.

NOTE: Once using the SE LIVE program, you'll start the End of Day Reports process by clicking on Utilities and then selecting the End of Day Reports option.





Configuring Shop Reports

Shop Reports provides the ability to view selected Manager SE reports remotely, wherever the internet and a browser are available. Access it by logging into ProDemand and selecting a new Shop Reports module added to the home screen. NOTE: Feature is intended for shop owners and managers.



Two videos are available:

Shop Reports Configuration (4 min): https://youtu.be/eChKA0ydVmo **Shop Reports Demo** (2 min): https://youtu.be/f-hPPCJhmIM

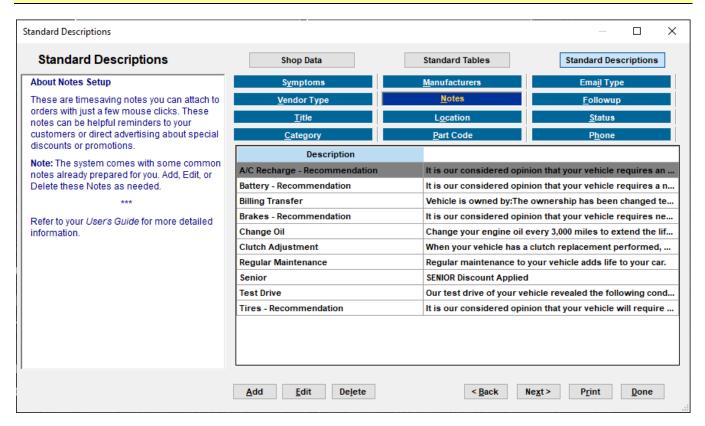


Notes



Time-saving **Notes** can be attached to orders with just a click. Notes are used to transmit reminders and service messages to customers. It is also the place to build and store your list of repeated **Recommendations**.

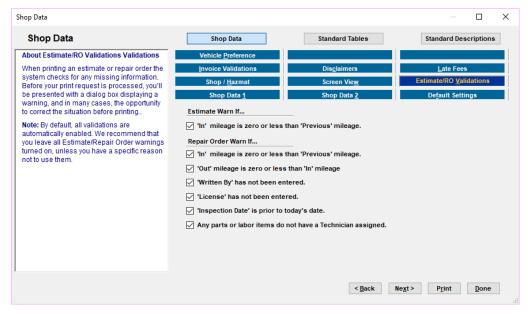
NOTE: Your SE program includes sample Notes to customize now and/or add new Note entries later.



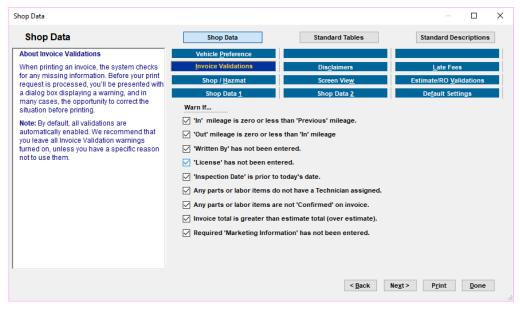
Estimate/RO & Invoice Validations

When you print an estimate, repair order or an invoice, the software uses **Validations** to checks for missing or conflicting information. You'll see a warning and dialog box to enter that information and then proceed to print.





Estimate / RO Validations



Invoice Validations

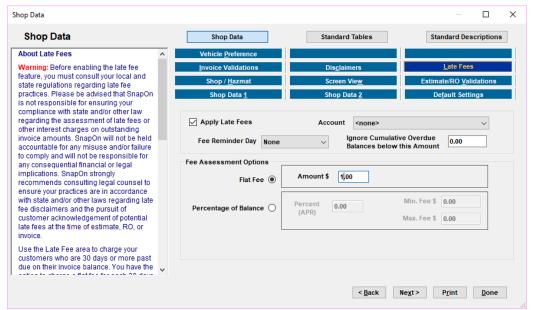
NOTE: By default, ALL validations are enabled. We recommend that users leave warnings turned on, unless you have a specific reason not to use any specific validation(s). If any pop-up, users are shown the specific fields to directly enter any required data. Enter it and press Enter key to continue.

Late Fees

Late Fees option provides users with a method to automatically calculate late charges for customer accounts that are 30 days overdue. Read the important NOTICE below, place a check in **Apply Late** Fees to activate and begin setup.



Tip: Be sure to watch the Late Fee training video to setup the Account Class Revenue for Late Fees to appear for selection here in the drop-down list.



NOTICE: Before enabling, consult local and state regulations regarding late fees. Please be advised we will not responsible for ensuring your compliance with laws regarding the assessment of late fees or other interest charges on outstanding account balances. We will not be held accountable for misuse or failure to comply, nor be responsible for financial or legal implications.

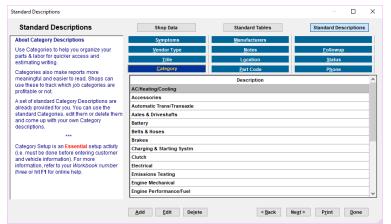
Category



Category descriptions help to organize your parts & labor for faster access.

Categories make reports meaningful and easier to read. Shops can use these to track which business categories are performing well or not.

Use provided Categories, edit or delete them, or add your own.



Add your own Category Descriptions (if any) directly into program. SE comes with a stock set of Category Descriptions, add your own as needed.

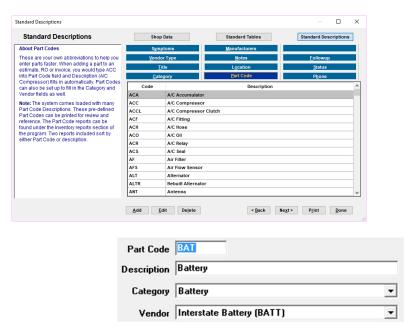


Part Codes are abbreviations to help you enter parts faster.

When adding a new part to an estimate, by typing **BAT** into Part Code, the Description (**Battery**) fills automatically. Part Codes can also be set to fill in the related Category and even the Vendor information.

NOTE: If using integrated parts catalogs, there is far less need to use Part Codes as the data fields are filled in already.

Program comes pre-loaded with many Part Codes. Two reports are provided to display existing Part Codes with associated descriptions.

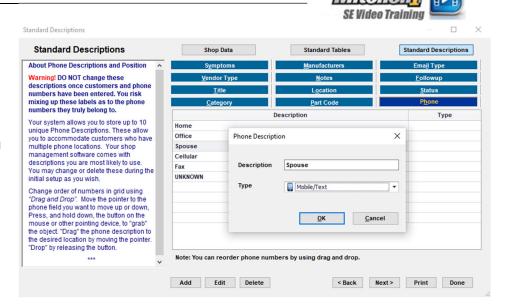


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Phone

Phone stores 10 different Phone Descriptions labels. These allow you to handle customers who may have multiple phone options.

The program comes loaded with all the descriptions you are most likely to use. Double-click on any description to edit



Warning! Do \underline{NOT} change these entries once customer phone #s have been entered. You risk mixing up phone data. If you wish to rearrange these entries, to put Cellular 1^{st} , for example, use the new drag and drop option.

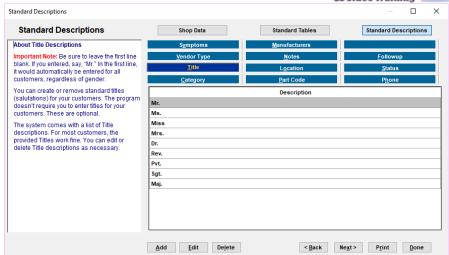
NOTE: If using MessageCenter texting option, use Edit to set an entry for texting by selecting Mobile/Text from the Type menu. For further details refer to MessageCenter help topic: https://buymitchell1.net/managerhelp/TextSetup.htm



Title descriptions allow you to use standard salutations for customers. The program doesn't require you to enter titles for your customers, this is purely optional.

Program comes with a list of Title descriptions which work fine for most customers. You may add, edit or delete any of these Title descriptions as necessary.

NOTE: Default in customer entry is none; apply these as you like.



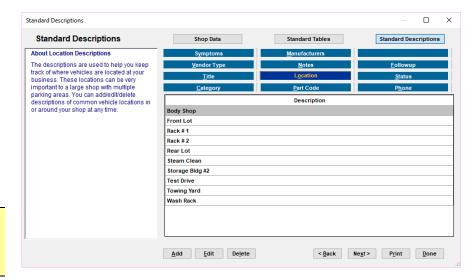
Location



Location descriptions are used to keep track of where vehicles are located at your business. This can be important to a large shop with multiple parking areas.

You can add/edit/delete descriptions of common vehicle locations in or around your shop at any time.

NOTE: Program comes with a list of sample Location descriptions. This will be an item on your Get Set checklist.





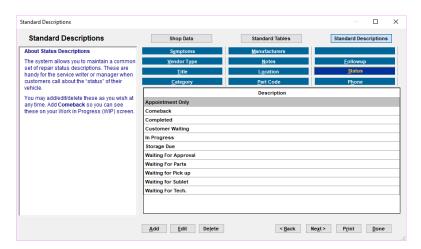
Status allows you to maintain a common set of repair status descriptions. These are handy for the service writer or manager when customers call about their vehicle.

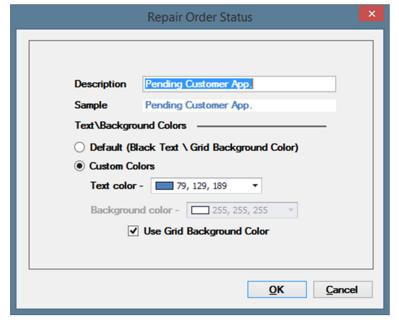
You may add/edit/delete these as you wish at any time. Add **Comeback** so you can see these on your Work-In-Progress screen.

NOTE: The program comes with a list of sample Status descriptions.

Click the **Add/Edit** button to open the Repair Order Status dialog box. You are able to define the background color and/or text color in this dialog box.







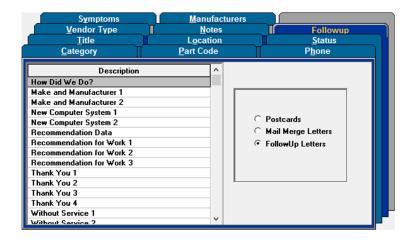
Followup (Postcards, Letters, Mail-Merge)

NOTE: Mail Merge function requires Microsoft Word. Refer to Knowledgebase articles for further details.

Followup allows generation of Postcards and Letters, even Mail-Merge letters so you can send out reminders, recommendations and announcements to customers.

SE comes with sample Follow-up Postcards and Letters, with add/edit/delete options to tailor these to your business.





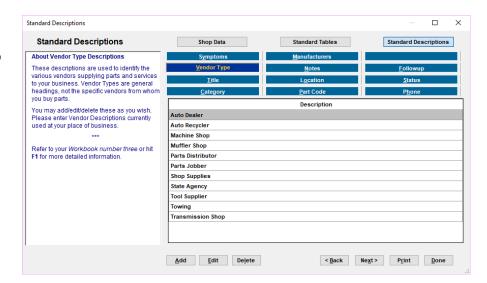
NOTE: *MM – Create Data Export File option is provided to export SE data to use in spreadsheet programs such as MS Excel where the data can be sorted and filtered for shop marketing and sales analysis. This system entry is only visible under the actual Followup tab in Reports.

Vendor Type

Vendor Type descriptions are used to identify the vendors supplying parts and services to your business. Vendor Types are <u>general</u> headings, not the specific vendors from whom you buy parts.

You may add/edit/delete these as you wish. Please enter examples of your own Vendor Descriptions currently used at your place of business.





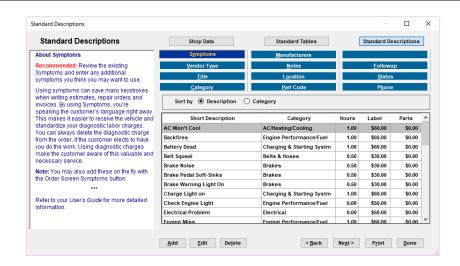
Symptoms

Symptoms save shops many keystrokes when estimating a diagnosis.

With Symptoms, you're speaking the customer's language, making it easier to receive a vehicle with standardized labor charges. Symptoms curb giving away of shop diagnostic time.







NOTE: You may also add a new entry on-the-fly using **Save as standard Symptom** checkbox in same window.

Show Symptoms on New Orders



TIP: Symptoms may be set to pop up automatically under **Screen View** tab.

Program Security



Setup This program area allows the shop owner or manager to password protect

sensitive information. For example, shops may not want techs knowing how much other techs are paid.

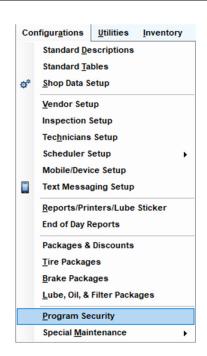
Setup Program Security area allows the shop owner or manager to password protect access to sensitive information. For example, shops typically don't want techs knowing how much other techs are paid or to browse reports. Program Security supports multiple passwords (rights assigned per employee) to control who can delete orders, delete payments, make changes to inventory, etc.



Demo Watch the SE Program Security Demo video to learn more about its configuration

and usage.

NOTE: If you enter or change master password, **be sure to record it** for later reference.



Promotions: Packages & Discounts

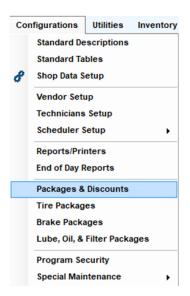


Packages are single line items sold by price. You may optionally add the parts & labor details later, but the <u>customer only sees the single line on invoice that you created in these Packages</u>.

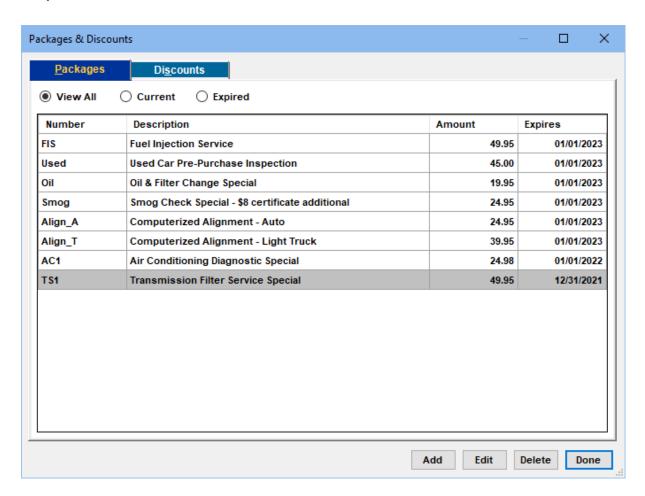
These are good for sales where inventory concern is not as critical. (You can add detail, however it's time-consuming for each sale)

Discounts apply a flat dollar amount **or** percentage discount to total parts and/or labor \$ on an order as defined. For example, you might offer a 10% labor discount to all AARP members.

Packages and Discounts are applied via the Promotions button on Order screen.



Go to Configurations -> Packages & Discounts; select Discounts or Packages tab. Then use Add/Edit to customize the entries.



Promotions: Tire Packages

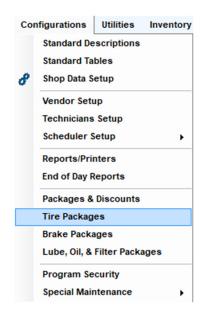


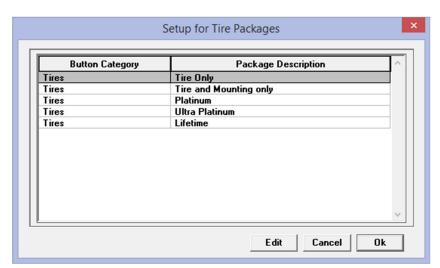
Tire Packages are groupings of tires, related parts and labor operations to create varying service levels.

To add or edit a Tire Package, select Tire Packages from Setup menu and then **Add/Edit** in Tire Packages Edit dialog box.

Program comes equipped with sample packages for Tire Only, Tire and Mounting only, Platinum, Ultra Platinum, and Lifetime packages. You can edit these packages levels as desired below.

NOTE: Tire Packages support the selection of either inventory items or parts catalog items.





Tire Packages are applied to orders via **Promos** icon on Order screen.

For a detailed description of setting up and applying Tire Packages go to **Help** -> **Promotions** -> **Tire Packages** [Shortcut: press F1 key]

Promotions: Brake Packages

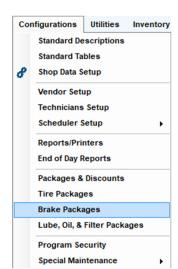


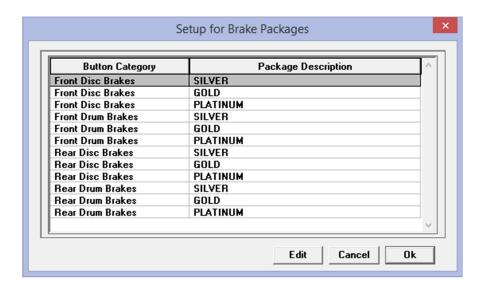
Brake Packages are groupings of brake part and labor operations to create packages of varying levels to offer to your customers.

To add or edit a Brake Package, select Brake Packages from Setup and then **Add/Edit** in Packages Setup dialog box.

Program comes equipped with sample Silver, Gold, and Platinum labels in combination with Front and Rear brakes. You can edit these packages as desired.

NOTE: Brake Packages interaction with Inventory is limited to only items included in the package itself.





Brake Packages are applied to orders via **Promos** icon on Order screen.

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Promotions: Lube, Oil & Filter Packages



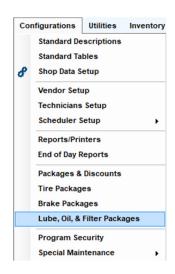
Each **LOF Package** is a grouping of fluids, parts, and labor operations to form pre-built

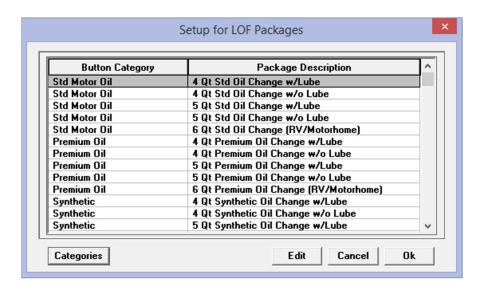
combinations to save input & selection time.

To edit a LOF Package, select Lube, Oil & Filter Packages from Setup, pick a package and then Edit in Packages Setup dialog box.

Program comes equipped with sample packages for various motor oils in combination with 4 & 5 qt. quantities and lube service. Edit these as desired.

NOTE: LOF Packages interaction with Inventory is limited to only items included in package itself.





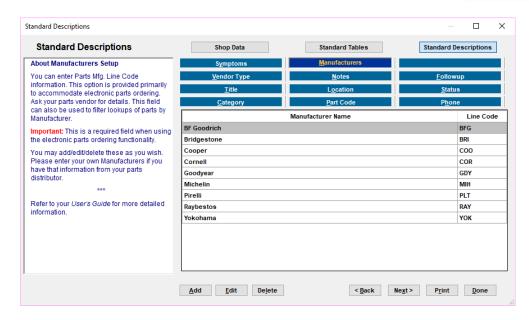
LOF Packages are applied to orders via **Promos** icon on Order screen.

For a detailed description of setting up and applying LOF Packages go to **Help** -> **Promotions -> LOF Packages** [Shortcut: press F1 key]

Manufacturers (Line Codes)

Manufacturers tab displays Line Code data used with electronic on-line parts ordering. Can also be useful to filter part lookups by Mfg. on Inventory List.





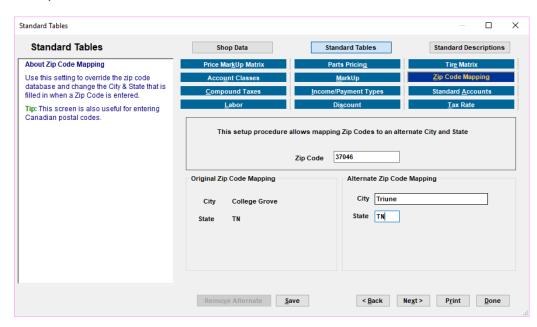
NOTE: Manufacturers list is typically populated by electronic parts catalogs. Codes can be entered if shop needs to order non-connected catalog items.

Zip Code Mapping

Zip Code Mapping allows users to override existing zip code database results to change City & State filled in when the Zip Code entered. Click Done and the new results will be used instead, wherever that zip code is entered.



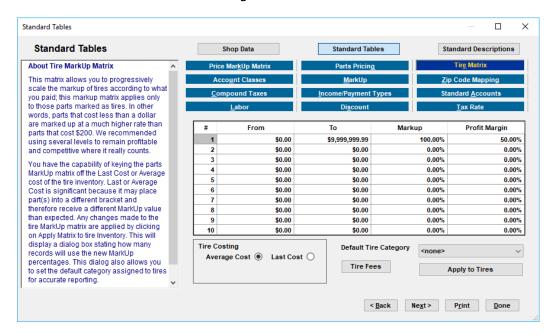
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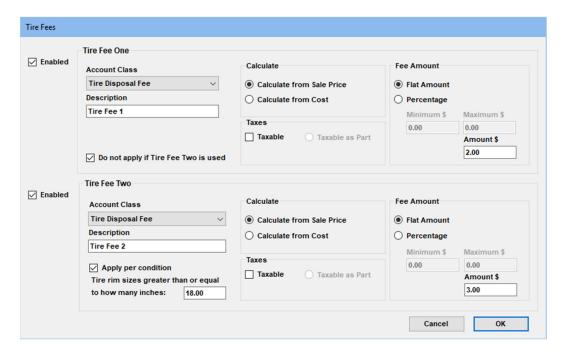
Tire Matrix



Tire Matrix shares most features of the Price Markup Matrix; it's dedicated to a tires category that a user creates. It also provides a method to configure one or two tire fees with a number of options to address all state regulations.



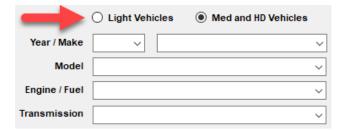
Click the **Tire Fees** button to open the Tire Fees dialog box. This screen allows you to add up to two additional fees to the order.

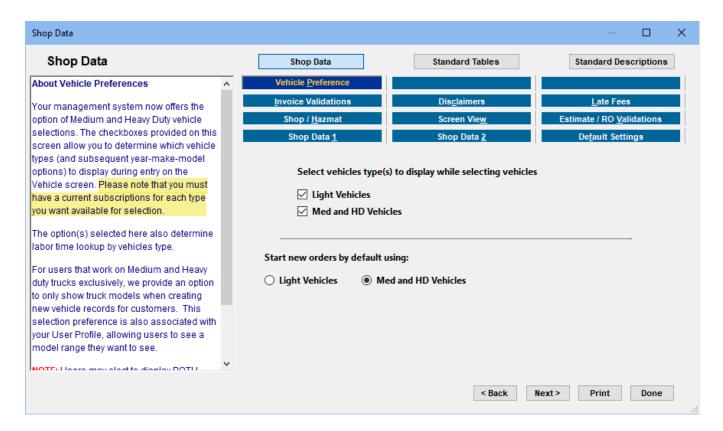


Vehicle Preference

The Vehicle Preference dialog box allows truck information (CVG) subscribers to select which vehicle model list to display when selecting a vehicle. For users who work on Medium and HD Vehicles exclusively, checking the appropriate box insures users are presented with Class 4-8 vehicles model list.

If your shop works on "everything" (light duty vehicles thru 1 ton + class 4-8 vehicles), you'd check both boxes. This will open a secondary decision; 'Start new orders by default using:' This allows you to default to the models list you work on most. You can always toggle access to the other list during vehicle entry by changing this selector.





User Setup Completed! Please continue on to Final Steps for Launch.

Final Steps: Better Prepared SE Launch

Think You're Ready Now? Consider This:

The more you can enter in setup + real data, the better your LIVE startup experience will be. Entering this now will save time & effort down the road!

☐ Best Customers with Vehicles	Your Technicians
☐ Popular Parts into Inventory List	☐ Your Vendors
☐ Create Part Kits & Canned Jobs	■ Most Popular Notes

By completing these tasks, your software will perform work faster, operate with minimal typing, provide expected results, and reflect your business.

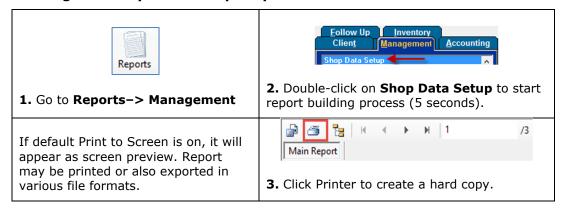
NOTE: Be sure you're working in the **LIVE** program for all of this input work!

If it says Demo at the bottom of your screen, go to Home screen to access **Configurations** -> **Special Maintenance**, select **Toggle Demo Mode**. Answer **Yes** to return to 'Live mode' and restart as requested, the shop management program will reopen in the SE **Live** mode for your setup input.

Double Check Your Settings

For the same reason you wouldn't let a customer take a vehicle without first taking it for a test drive, you need to be sure all of *your* settings are correct right BEFORE you start. A fast way to check many settings and defaults is to print a report. This helps you be certain program defaults work as expected.

Printing the 'Shop Data Setup' Report



Reviewing the Shop Data Report

Since this reflects your current settings, look it over very carefully. This data will <u>appear on ALL paperwork</u>, so it's crucial this be correct before you begin. Below are some excerpts of the important information seen within this report. Please print and review to ensure your data and text appears as you expect.

Shop Data Report

Report Date: 06/06/2014

Shop		

Address: 1115 Main St City: Powav

Ask About Our Free Pickup & Delivery Service Comment

Fax: 858-555-1312 EPA 12348-IP License1: BAR 1234567 License2: 858-391-5000 Phone:

ShopName: Forward Thinking Automotive

Slogan: You Work Hard For Your Money, So Do We!

State: 90210 Zip:

Overhead Standard Defaults

Miscellaneous 5.00% True 5.00% Shop F:\ False

Shop Supplies Costs

10.00% Income Account: Visa Shop Supplies Revenue Account Class: Labor Tech: Please, Select Maximum: \$500.00 Parts Tech: Please, Select

Report Desc.: Shop Supplies not Taxable Shop Supplies are

Hazardous Material Costs

Discount, Parts: Parts - Discounted % of Parts Sales: 99.99% Labor (Non-Tax): Labor Revenue Non-Taxable Account Class: HazMat Revenue Labor (Taxable): Labor Revenue

AreaCode:

Account Classes

Discount, Labor:

Maximum: \$3.97 Parts (Taxable): Parts Revenue Report Desc.: Hazardous Materials

Parts Revenue Non-Taxable Parts (Non-Tax): Sublet Revenue

Hazardous Materials are Taxable Sublet:

MarkUp Add On Costs

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Labor Guide 10.00 Parts Guide 10.00 Display information as MarkUp Sublet Markup 25%

299.99

Parts Markup ID Parts Max Amount 0.99 2 4.99 9.99 3 19.99 5 29.99 6 49.99 99.99

Labor Rate Computer Diagnostics \$114.50 Customer Bought Parts \$120.00 Electrical Work \$100.00 European \$110.00

Labor Rate \$90.00 Maintenance \$80.00 Motorhome/RV \$85.00 Other Shop Wholesale \$75.00 Priority Rush \$125.00 \$65.00

Confirm your settings with Shop Data Report!

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Labor - Discounted

Parts Percentage 300.00 250.00 200.00 100.00 90.00 75.00 66.00

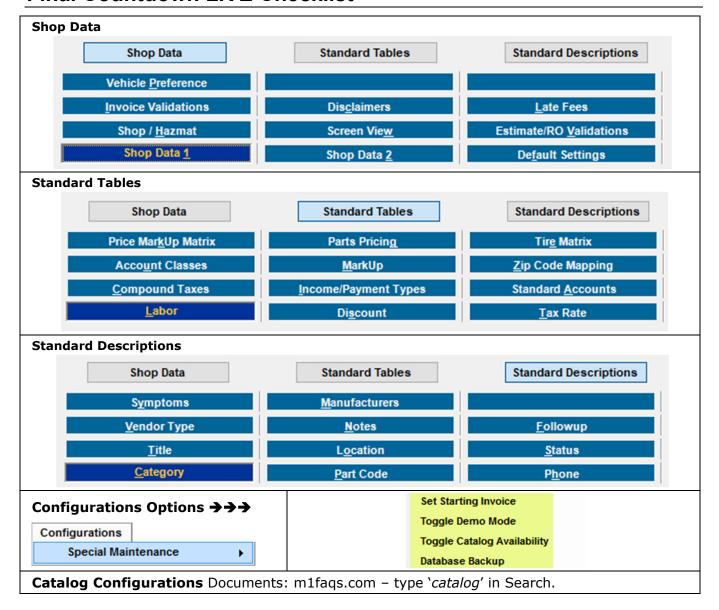
60.00

Part Discount

5.00% AAA AARP Discount 5.00% Buyout 15.00% Family Discount 10.00% Fleet Discount Rate 10.00% Give Me a Discount -20.00% Government Discount 8.00% In-Laws -10.00% Normal 0.00% Wholesale 10.00%

NOTE: If you identify any changes are needed, go to Shop Data Setup / Standard Tables to check settings and adjust them as needed. Then run report again.

Final Countdown LIVE Checklist



Set Starting Invoice

This step is performed just before going live with SE. Enter#; future Invoice #s advance sequentially from that # upward. If you want to begin with Invoice #100, you'd enter starting invoice # 99 here.

Once you set the starting invoice #, you can't go back and enter a lower number.

