# GDS Parts Manager Update - Release Notes (15/09/2022)

#### GDS Parts Manager - Update 15/09/2022

- Fixed postcode lookup not obeying the "Address to upper case" setting.
- Improved ClearAccept integration to allow cancelling of payment from within GDS.

# GDS Parts Manager - Update 31/08/2022

- Updated postcode lookup service to ensure data is more up to date on a regular basis.
- SMS and VRM credits can now be purchased directly in GDS.

## GDS Parts Manager - Update 15/06/2022

Fixed some UI layout issues.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Update 12/04/2022

 Brought Parts inline with the other application variants to prevent conflicts with application services.

## GDS Parts Manager - Update 06/01/2022

• Fixed issue with Add Parts to Sales when part column is blank

## GDS Parts Manager - Update 22/11/2021

- Postcode lookup will now notify if its database is out of date.
- Purchase invoices can now be searched for using 'Our Ref' on the document finder screen.
- Updated graph screen to ask which printer you want to use rather than using system default.
- Updates to superseding, it will now search for the newest superseded part
   e.g. A superseded by B superseded by C, when adding A system will update to C
- Nominal reports will now correctly filter by branch/department code which will be displayed on the report.

# GDS Parts Manager - Update 25/08/2021

- More improvements to GaragePay and eVHC syncing.
- "Send Statements" now added as a new option on the main menu

#### GDS Parts Manager - Update 21/07/2021

- Improved syncing process for eVHC.
- Fixed some issue with GaragePay sync messages not being removed.
- Fixed parts import setting cost to 0 if the column was not provided in the CSV.
- Emailing multiple invoices from the customer record screen will now send all invoices in a single email instead of an email per invoice.

# GDS Parts Manager - Update 07/07/2021

- Improved messaging when syncing with GaragePay and eVHC services
- Customer records now have a new tab called "Emails" which will allow you to specify an email address for each document type. If none is set or it is not a valid email it will revert to the main email on record.
- Added a new option under the Reminders dropdown called "Send Statements" this tool will allow

you to mass send customer statements via email

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updated 20/05/2021

- Added support for ClearAccept payment terminals in addition to Paymentsense, the original Paymentsense settings tab is now labelled "Payment Terminal"
- GDS is excited to announce a major update to our market leading platform: introducing our own fully integrated in-house payments acceptance solution GaragePay! No additional licence cost for GDS customers. View the GaragePay demo here <a href="https://demo.garagepay.com/">https://demo.garagepay.com/</a> and choose the Register / Sign Up button to start using it.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 19/03/2021

- If the setting "Mobile No. is Numeric Only (no letters allowed)" is enabled you will now be able to enter + to allow for +353 1234 123456 or +44 1234 123456
- A system setting has been added to allow/prevent editing of vehicle notes on bookings
- A system setting has been added to labour line to be ignored from markups
- Statement Reports will now have 'Show Unpaid Only' checked by default and will remember the previous setting if changed.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 10/12/2020

- Calendar view on bookings diary can now be filtered.
- Update subject heading when email a document to include the type and ID number e.g. "Your Invoice is attached (Invoice 12345)", the attached file will also be named Invoice 12345
- Added integration tools for Xero, Quickbooks and Sage Business Cloud Accounting, Please contact support to activate these tools.
- Improved Xero CSV export.

## GDS Parts Manager - Updated 9th July 2020

- Improved SageLink syncing processes.
- Added ability to cancel bookings. For more information please visit our support pages. ( https://gdshelp.co.uk/guides/how-to-cancel-a-booking-in-gds)
- Suppliers can be assigned to jobsheet details lines, this can be enabled via system settings on the "Sale Documents" tab and checking the "Show Supplier column on Jobsheets" checkbox.
- Tax Due will now update on jobsheets when performing a Tax and MOT lookup, this will then be saved back to the vehicle record.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 2nd June 2020

· Added support for new HMRC MTD updates

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 29th May 2020

- An update has been made to the Reminder Date updater tool to allow for a date range and a rollback feature to undo previous changes.
- Updated booking hours when using mechanic on lines. The booking hours section will now list all
  mechanics associated to the booking for each day. This will allow you to better manage your
  mechanics time.
- Mobile Number can now be made visible on all customer document lists. Jobsheets, Invoices etc.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 16th April 2020

• Improved some error messages that could cause some confusion.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updated 15th April 2020

• Fixed an issue where machine on local connection was reporting as remote connection and incorrectly posting a message that remote connections were not allowed.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 14th April 2020

- Added the ability to mass update vehicle reminder dates, more information is available on our support pages.
- ( https://gdshelp.co.uk/guides/covid19-mot-extension )
- Fixed an issue where suppliers email address would not be automatically entered when emailing Purchase Orders.
- Improvements to remote connection to better handle dynamic IP addresses
- Improved stock control on bookings if parts get allocated to a booking via the 'Order Parts' tool
- VAT reports now allow you to choose date method giving you access to more detailed reports, if the date is different to the one used to do your VAT Return a warning message will appear.
- Improved archived document filter to allow filtering by status.
- Improvements to prevent out of maintenance messages when not out of maintenance.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 2nd April 2020

SageLink updates to improve sage data transfer process

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 19th March 2020

General bug fixes and performance improvements

We have made some updates to MTD to comply with HMRC Fraud Prevention policies.

Online Calendar syncing with Google and Outlook is now available to all customers with a current support agreement, more information is available on our support pages. ( https://gdshelp.co.uk/guides/online-calendar-integration )

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 17th February 2020

General bug fixes and performance improvements

#### Credit Limit

Customer Credit Limit tool has been updated with a new notification popup when viewing the customers record or when creating a sales invoice for that customer, this popup can be disabled via the systems settings by unchecking "Display warning when Credit Limit is exceeded" on the "Customers" tab.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updated 18th December 2019

General bug fixes and performance improvements

# New feature to allow customising the columns which are displayed on Grids

A new feature has been added which allows users of the system to configure which columns are displayed or hidden on the data grids.

e.g. on the Vehicles List, you can choose to show or hide Customer Mobile Number, Address, Engine No, Vehicle Colour and many other options

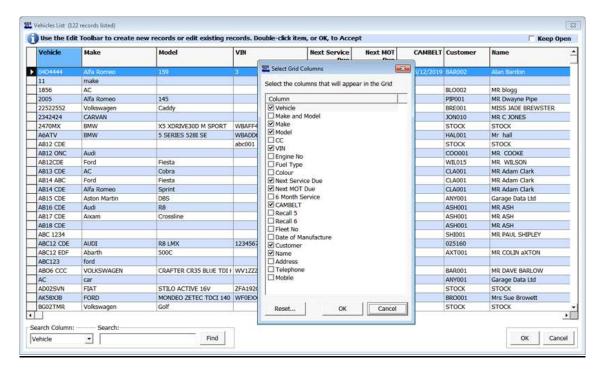
To use this feature, just right click on the grey heading row at the top of the grid to display the Select Grid Columns screen.

Tick to set a column to be shown, and untick to set the column to be hidden, and then click OK to save

#### the settings.

Most screens in the system support this new customising functionality. This facility can improve the speed at which you can access information in the system, and it will enhance any customised reporting you might do when exporting grids to Excel via the Excel spreadsheet export feature.

The customising grids feature can be switched off by setting a user permission, if access to this feature needs to be limited.



## GDS Parts Manager - Updated 21st November 2019

General bug fixes and performance improvements

Improved data grid export to export directly to a native Excel xls or xlsx file which can be opened in excel or open office

# GDS Parts Manager - Updated 21th October 2019

General Bug fixes and performance improvements

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 23rd July 2019

General Bug fixes and performance improvements.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 11th June 2019

General Bug fixes and performance improvements.

The ability to Export and Print has been added to jobsheet, invoice and estimate lists. If you have the vehicles sales module the lists on all four tabs will also be exportable. The Export option will allow you to export the list to a CSV text file.

If GDS loses connection to the server it will attempt to reconnect if this is not possible it will log you out of the system. Upon logging in after a disconnect GDS will attempt to restore any windows that had beeen

closed. unfortunatly due to the nature of the Edit mode data entered before losing connection may be lost.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 6th March 2019

General bug fixes and performance improvements.

After a prolonged sign off period form HMRC our Making Tax Digital (MTD) implementation has been released with this update.

Creating new parts from a Purchase Order or Purchase Invoice will now correctly take the details of the assigned supplier if one has been assigned before creating the part.

We have fixed an issue when added additional part to a purchase invoice that has been generated from a purchase order.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 04th February 2019

General bug fixes and performance improvements

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 18th January 2019

General bug fixes and performance improvements.

Improved GDS backup facility to take more snapshots.

Updated Marketing Module to make better use of GDPR and Optly communication rules.

Fixed an issue where AudatexLink would fail to connect.

Fixed an issue creating job cards in SmartView when converting from a booking to jobsheet.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 28th November 2018

A system setting has been added to disable the "booking converted" warning when editing a booking.

A user setting has been added to hide customer details on screen to help improve GDPR compliance.

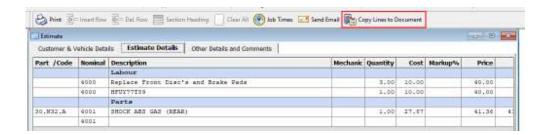
VMS Software has updated their Optly Platform. The updates include a new Marketing tool which if enabled on your Optly account will allow GDS to be able to sync basic vehicle data including Reg, Make, Model and the six follow up dates. These can then be used as filter options within the Optly Marketing tool

With the trend moving towards using newer security protocols, GDS has been updated and test to allow use of the most recent versions of the TLS (Transport Layer Security) security protocol allowing GDS to operate on servers where TLS version 1.1+ are enforced allowing GDS to run while still maintaining PCI DSS compliance (which some credit card companies require).

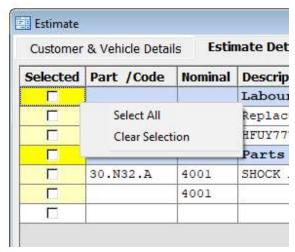
# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 1st October 2018

Along with general bug fixes and performance improvements this version comes with a new feature allowing you to select specific lines from an estimate and create a jobsheet or invoice from those lines.

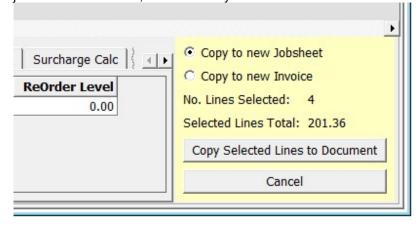
When on the grid of an open Estimate a new button will appear in the toolbar



Upon clicking this button the page will change displaying a new column with tick boxes allowing you to select the lines you want to be copied across to the new document. Ticking a section header will select all items under that heading, right clicking on the column will display a popup menu with the option to select all lines or clear the current selection.



With the control box which appears in the bottom right you can choose whether the document will be a jobsheet or an invoice, see how many lines have been selected and the total value of those lines.



## GDS Parts Manager - Updates 24th September 2018

A warning will now be displayed when editing a Booking that has been converted to either a Jobsheet or an Invoice.

Right clicking on a column when viewing Customer, Vehicle or Parts lists you will now be given option to copy the value to the clipboard.

Customer records have a new tab added labelled "Statement" this tab will show a 12 month break down of invoice totals and outstanding balance with the option to print off as a report.

When bringing parts in via Goods Received the parts will correctly be allocated to any parts that are marked as required.

EReminders has been improved to handle SMS or Emails which GDS was unable to send, these will now be highlighted in red and continue to send the rest of the list.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 10th September 2018

Due to a bug in a recent Windows 10 update GDS client systems are no longer able to remotely trigger the Secure Cash Drawer. This update will fix this issue please ensure all system are up to date.

Please visit https://www.gds.co.uk/cash-drawer-module/ for more information on our Secure Cash Drawer Module.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 20th August 2018

This update includes some general bug fixes and improvements.

Some additional user permissions have been added to provide more control over what additional user can do. These include individual permissions for creating credit notes for sales and purchases as well as a new permission for editing estimates.

Paymentsense can now be used from the Sales Ledger allowing you to take a single payment to pay off multiple invoices.

SmartView Electronic T-Card system by VMS Software Ltd has been integrated with GDS to allow for automatic sending of Jobsheets to SmartView. Please see www.vms.co.uk for more details on the SmartVew system

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 16th July 2018

GDS has moved to new premises.

Our new address: Garage Data Systems Ltd Armstrong House Flemingate Beverley HU17 0NW

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 4th July 2018

This update includes some changes to the Reminders list print out to include opt in details for Post and Phone.

Job / Booking details panel on Jobsheets and Invoices is now responding to window resizing again, a new button has been included to allow you to give the box a little more horizontal space if required.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 26th June 2018

This update sees some improvements to data cleansing, and a fix for an issue which could prevent a customer from being cleansed, it is recommended that you re-run the data cleanse.

This update sees some new data cleansing tools for mass consenting customers that you have already received consent details for and finding and fixing customer references that are no longer compatable with Sage 2018.

Some new user permissions have been added to allow for better control over who can and cannot send emails and SMS messages from within GDS.

Some new labels have been added to jobsheet, invoice, booking, SMS and emailing screens to easily identify if a customer has accepted consent.

GDS will now sync with Optly at more regular intervals to help ensure customer preferences are up to date.

There have also been some general bug fixes and performance improvements.

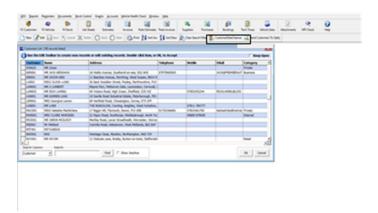
### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 16th May 2018

With the new **General Data Protection Regulation** (GDPR) becoming law later this month we have added some new features to the system.

## **Data Cleanse**

There is now a new data cleanse facility. Part of GDPR is not keeping personal data longer than necessary. The cleanse facility will allow you to remove the customer's personal data from documents of customers you have not seen for a long time.

There is now a Customer Data Cleanse button on the customer screen.



Display the customers with no activity in a period, you can choose to keep the data of certain customers by ticking the box. Once the data is cleansed it will remove all personal data from the customer record and associated documents. The system will retain the customer reference number so you can re-create the customer if they return in the future and you have their written consent to do so.



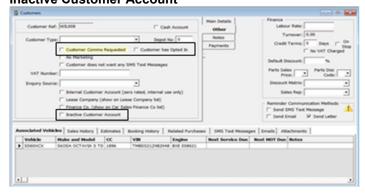
# **Customer Record**

The system now has settings to disable sending communications to customers until consent to do so is obtained.

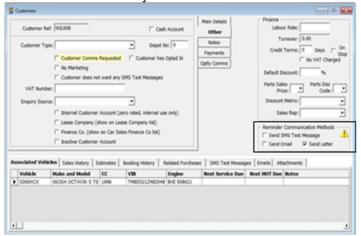
Some extra tick boxes have been added to the customer record,

**Customer Comms Requested** – Consent from the customer has been requested.

 $\label{local_constraint} \textbf{Customer has Opted In} - \textbf{You have written consent from the customer to hold and process their data.} \\ \textbf{Inactive Customer Account}$ 



The system has a new warning symbol on the reminders to show consent has not been obtained from the customer and therefore you should not send communications to them.



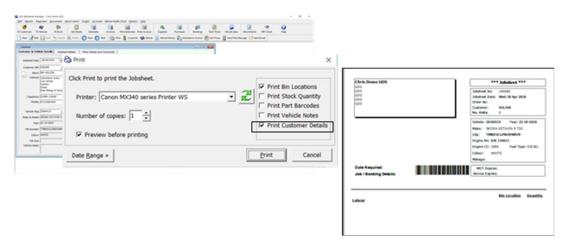
#### Reminders

When processing reminders the system will only show the customers with the Opted in box ticked. There

is a tick box to display the customers that are due a reminder but you have not opted in as yet.



<u>JobSheets</u>
When printing a jobsheet there is now an option not to print the customer's personal details.



# **System Settings**

In the system settings- GDS> Configuration Settings > GDS System Settings there is a new tab GDPR / Data Protection.

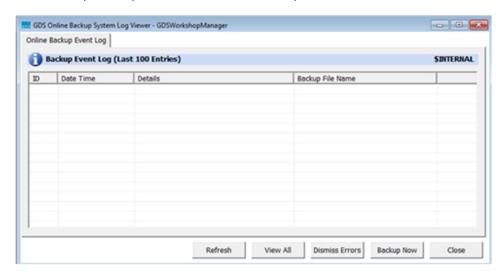
There is an editable Data Processing / Opt in statement that be printed on a jobsheet to obtain consent to processing the personal data and communicating with a customer.

There are also setting to switch off any off these updates. (Not recommended if you wish to be compliant with the GDPR law)



## **Online Backup**

GDPR means you need a secure way of backing up and storing personal data, for those of you who are not aware we offer a secure, heavily encrypted daily online backup service for our customers. For more information please speak to a member of our help team.

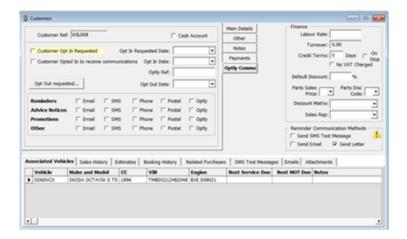


# Customers using the Optly GDPR Compliance Platform (Optly.com)

With GDPR being complex and covering more than just getting consent we as a company are using and recommending the Optly platform to help become and remain compliant with GDPR.

# **New Communications tab**

For those customers using Optly there is a new tab on the customer record. This is integrated with Optly and will update if anything changes on the Optly platform. Example, if you are using the Opt in service on Optly and your customer Opts in or amends their details your GDS system will be automatically updated.



#### **GDS Paymentsense Integration**

Paymentsense Integration within GDS.

Paymentsense is Europe's largest merchant services provider. GDS has recently partnered with Paymentsense to provide an integrated payments system within the GDS system and to secure our customers with better card processing fee's than they are likely receiving with their current card terminal provider.

Please see our Blog post on our website for more information:

https://www.gds.co.uk/2018/04/09/gds-enter-into-partnership-with-paymentsense/

#### Case Study:

We worked with our long-standing customer this morning, William Street Motor Services in Cleethorpes. By switching them to Paymentsense we have secured them a saving of approximately £360 per year, and we have sent them £100 rebate from their annual support & updates cost which they recently renewed. We pass our best wishes to Chris and Sue there, and we look forward to helping more customers save money by switching in the future

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 12th February 2018

This update includes general bug fixes and performance improvements.

In this update we have improved the SMS message template tool to allow you to make better use of the new SMS system allowing for larger SMS messages.

A new system setting has been added which will now allow you to turn off the new duplicate VIN/Chassis number check which was added in the previous update

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 22nd December 2017

This update includes a bug fix which was causing vehicle sales invoices to be incorrectly marked as paid, and crediting surcharges now obeys the customer no VAT flag, there have been a few minor updates to display additional information on screens that have been a popular request.

- Reminder dates are now visible at the end of the bookings grid.
- Column sorting has been added to the Sales/Purchase Ledger so that you can now sort the data in those grids.
- Invoice payment screen will now inform you of any money that the customer has available on account in the "Available" box.
- There is a warning when saving a vehicle that will inform you if the VIN/Chassis number already exists on your system.
- Mileage warning on jobsheets can now be turned off individually from sales invoices.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 15th November 2017

Fixed issues that have been reported.

**New** - Support for an upcoming Online Booking System release has been added these will activate when the Online Booking System has been released and installed.

Car Sales invoice print outs now display an Outstanding value along with the option to print out payments that have already been made.

The redundant stock report will now inform you of the value of the redundant stock.

Document list auto refresh has been improved to prevent you from losing any selections you have made while still refreshing the list with new items.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 13th June 2017

This version includes several bug fixes and performance improvements.

The system has now been updated to resolve an issue with a recent update to the DVLA Tax and MOT lookup service. As a result there is now an additional step which requires you to confirm the vehicle you are looking for as shown in the image below.



After this the system will work as before.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 8th May 2017

We have fixed an issue where deleting blank rows on purchase invoices could cause GDS to close unexpectedly.

We have improved our Xero export to help avoid issue with blank rows being imported in to Xero which was stopping some users from submitting draft invoices for approval.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 26th April 2017

We have fixed an issue in Sage Link that would cause Foreign Currency errors for our customers whose main currency is not Pounds Sterling.

We have fixed an error in Repair Times which could cause the software to close unexpectedly.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 3rd April 2017

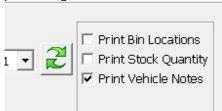
This version includes bug fixes and performance improvements along with a much need SMS text upgrade.

#### **SMS Upgrade**

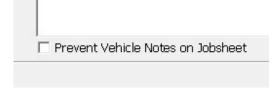
With this new update we will be increasing the minimum text message size from 160 characters to 918, this should bring the system in line with more current technology that support multi message systems. Longer message cost more to send so to aid this we have added additional helper text that will let you know how much the SMS text message is going to cost in credits before you send it out, this includes sending SMS reminders where the system will notify you how many credits it will cost to send out all your messages and whether you will have enough before you send them. Due to this system using more credits we have made the decision to reduce the cost of buy credits from us, these new prices can be found on the "check SMS Credit Balance" screen.

#### **Vehicle Notes on Jobsheets**

We have added a new system setting allow you to set whether to display vehicle notes on Jobsheets or not, this can be found in the system settings under "Printed Documents" -> "Print Vehicle note on Jobsheets", this can also be set at time of printing by checking the "Print Vehicle Notes" option on the print dialog.



Vehicle Notes can also be completely prevent from printing on the Jobsheet via the vehicle record by checking the Prevent Vehicle Notes on Jobsheet option under the Notes box on the Vehicle record.



#### **Under Selling Your Self**

We have had a few calls regarding this new feature that was released in the last update but was lost at the bottom of the update notes.

Some of you may have noticed that on your invoices the rate column may go yellow.

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	1.00	2.40	1.00	
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This was designed to highlight when you are selling a part or charging labour at or below your cost rate, this can be safely ignored, it is there just to let you know that you are undercharging.

This is can be turned off in system settings under "Stock Control / Parts" -> "Check Sell Price > Lowest Cost"

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 10th March 2017

This version fixes an issue where stock levels where reading blank when the part had no movements out,

this update also fixes an issue where the selected supplier on the stock management screen was not being passed to the purchase order.

This version also includes various bug fixes and performance improvements including an issue that cause the application to run out of memory when GDS contains 10000+ parts. We have also add some new features including a Min Max option for Stock Parts, some improvements to the Stock Management screen and a re-work of the surcharge search tool.

# **Stock Management**

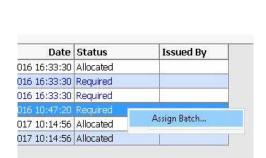
We have made some improvements to the Stock Management screen these include improving the data displayed and adding a view all option to view parts required for jobs and stock at the same time, we have also improved the order creation from this screen so that ordering in parts for stock will correctly take in to account those parts that are required for jobs and ensure that they are allocated in the order.

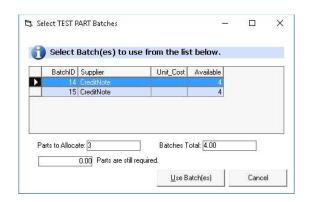
## **Min Max Option for Stock Parts**

We have now added the ability to change the stock parts system to use a Minimum and Maximum stock level rather than re-order level and re-order quantity, this change has been flowed in to reorder reports and the stock management screen which will list parts that are below the maximum and highlight those that are below the minimum.

#### **Parts Movement Out**

We have made a change to the movements out section on the parts screen that will now allow you to right click a part that is required and allocate it to a movement in if there are movements in available to assign to, otherwise you would be required to buy the part in still.





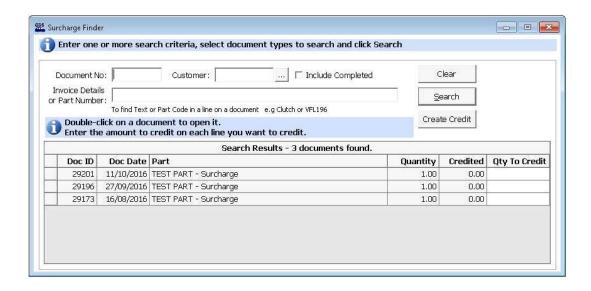
# **New Report Updates**

We have made a few changes to some of the reports in the system and also add some new reports. We have added a Redundant stock report under "Reports" -> "Stock Parts" -> "Redundant Stock Report" this will allow you to view parts that are on stock but have not been sold in a time period that you specify. Some accounts reports have a new checkbox option which when checked will include Internal invoices in the reports, this has been added to most accounts reports. We have also added a system setting allowing you to adjust the profit calculation to either be a markup calculation ( default ) or margin calculation, this can be set via the system setting under "Labour Rate" -> "Calculate profit as Margin"

#### **Surcharge Search**

We have made some modifications to the Surcharge search tool the menu option has been re-named to better describe what it does and is now labelled as "Find Outstanding Surcharges" with this new revision you are now able to credit back multiple surcharges in one go, the system will recognise if multiple surcharges are on a single invoice and create a single credit for them, NOTE an individual credit note will be created per invoice.

To credit surcharges you can now simply enter the amount you wish to credit in the "Qty To Credit" column and press the "Create Credit" button, this will create a credit note for all rows that have a value in the "Qty To Credit" column.



#### **Other Updates**

- When a default discount has been added to an Invoice Section Heading / Menu Job the discount will now correctly be applied to all lines associated to that section heading once added to the invoice or jobsheet, the discount will not be calculated on the section heading screen itself.
- We have added the ability to save notes to Purchase Orders and Returns these are not printed anywhere and are just for your records.
- When adding parts to an invoice the system will now warn you if the Rate is less than or equal to the price you purchased the part for. This is controlled by the system setting under "Stock Control / Parts" -> "Check Sell Price > Lowest Cost"
- Additional Line / Surcharges can now be exported/imported using the Part import/export tool.
- Invoice Section Text / Menu Items are now included in the parts dropdown list.
- Each invoice now has the ability to set whether it is "On Hold" or not directly from the invoice screen rather than changing it later on the invoice list screen.
- Surcharges on parts now have the ability to be included in the Stock Valuation Report by checking the new checkbox on the part labelled "Include in Stock Valuation"
- We have fixed an issue where some tech times reports would open a sales invoice instead of the
  jobsheet when double clicking the jobsheet id.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 16th January 2017

Along with the below this update includes some bug fixes and performance improvements

- When selecting printer profile the system will no longer forget this when using the print preview option
- When scanning parts to a Jobsheet or Invoice will now correctly populate the newly created row below with the document default info.
- We have fixed an issue when performing a stock adjustment when creating a new part, the part will
  now be saved for the adjustment is processed then return you back in to edit mode so that no
  information is lost.
- (Enhanced Stock Only) We have added the ability set a fixed Nett/Rate value via the Discount Matrix, this will force the Rate of the part to be set to this regardless of markups or discounts.
- (Enhanced Stock Only) We have updated the Surcharge finder under Stock Control to better see which surcharges have been refunded, unfortunately we have not been able to retro actively link previously refunded surcharges in to the new layout, these may still be listed as outstanding.

## GDS Parts Manager - Updates 28th November 2016

- Fixed an issue where word warp on grids would jump to the wrong column if the columns had been rearranged.
- Added the ability to refresh document lists and set an auto refresh timer, this can be activated via the system settings screen under Document Lists -> Show Refresh on Sales Lists.
- When adding stock via stock adjustment screen the cost price will auto fill based on the current cost form the primary supplier.
- We have added the ability to double click lines in movements in to open the related purchase invoice or sales credit note.
- We have added branch filtering to the purchase invoice list screen.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 18th November 2016

Some bug fixes and UI improvements.

We have fixed an issue which would sometimes occur in certain circumstances if departments/branches is enabled, multi branch stock is off and a purchase order was generated by site B and received by site A.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 11th November 2016

We have fixed an issue which would sometimes occur when adding parts to documents.

We have fixed an issue that caused a crash when setting the Duration on a booking and an issue where part descriptions were not loading correctly on Purchase orders and Returns.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 3rd November 2016

We added some improvements to the additional line / surcharge on parts so that you can now specify a Nominal and VAT code to the extra line that gets added, we have also ensured that the quantity of the additional line matches the quantity of the parent part when added to the invoice.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 31st October 2016

This update fixes a few issues highlighted in the previous update. These include but are not limited to, Rates reverting to cost values, Printer selection options not carrying over correctly to the preview window, issues opening archived purchase invoices.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 25th October 2016

This update contains several bug fixes and performance improvements.

We have also added a few new features to improve Parts management including Discount Matrix, Supersession and Alternative parts, and the ability to add an additional line to an invoice when using a part.

We have fixed an issue where some windows would close even if the "Keep Open" checkbox was ticked.

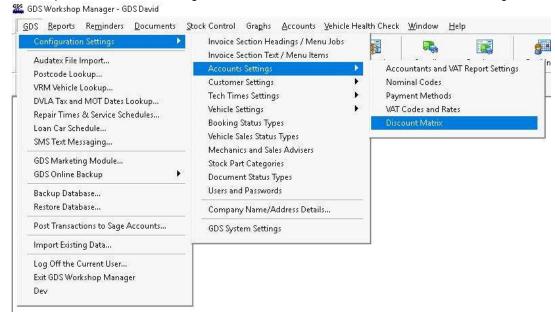
We have fixed an issue where description text was not wrapping to the next line if started in the middle of the invoice details.

Parts will now auto complete on Booking Parts and Labour screen.

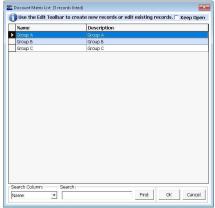
# **Discount Matrix** - requires enhanced stock

We have added the ability to create a discount matrix which will allow you to assign an array of discounts and/or markups to a customer or group of customers based part used, part supplier or part category.

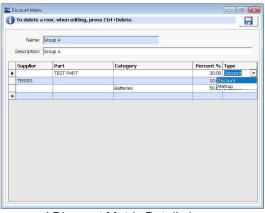
To setup a discount matrix navigate to the Discount Matrix tool under Accounts Settings.



When selecting this option you will be presented with a list of current discount matrices to add a new one simply click New on the menu bar at the top of the screen and you will be presented with the Discount Matrix window, in here you can set the Supplier, Part or Category that will trigger the discount or markup, then you can set the percentage increase/decrease and set the type to either Discount or Markup

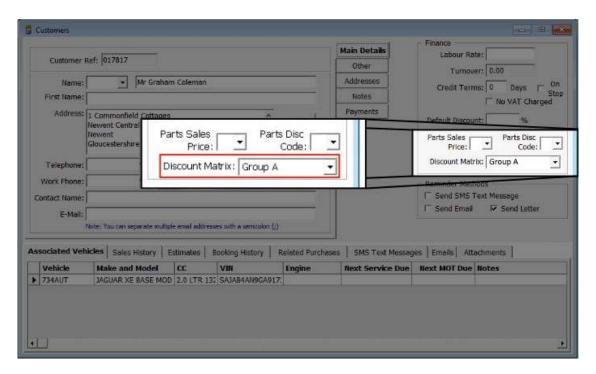






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Once your Discount Matrix has been created and saved you can then assign it to one or more Customers by opening the customer record and setting the discount matrix dropdown to the Discount Matrix you want them to have.

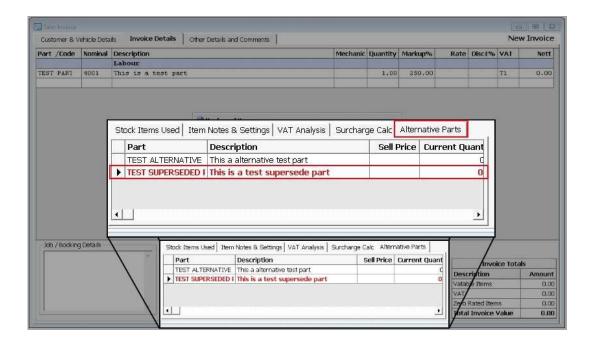


After applying a discount matrix to a customer, from then onwards when creating an invoice/jobsheet/estimate/parts invoice using that customer and adding a part, if that part meets any of the options set in the Discount Matrix then the Discount or Markup will be applied to that part for that customer.

### Alternative Parts - requires enhanced stock

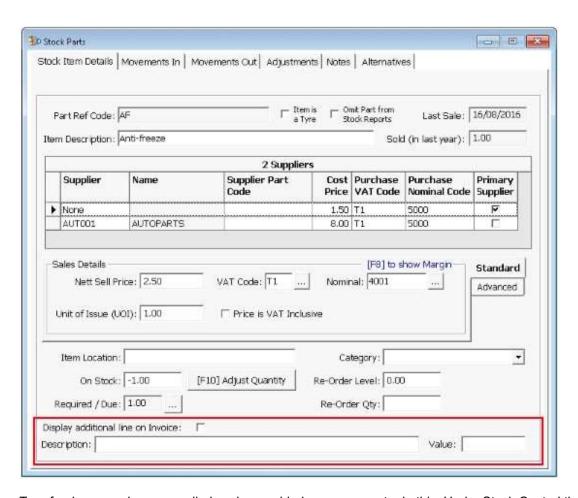
We have now added the ability to set Alternative parts to a part record, an alternative part can be set to supersede which will warn you when adding that part that it has been superseded. To add alternative parts to a part simply open a Part record and select the Alternative tab.

Once these have been set when adding a part to an invoice/jobsheet/estimate/parts invoice you will see a new tab at the bottom listing all the alternative parts specified in the list. If one of the alternative parts is set to supersede the current part a popup message will notify you that it has been superseded and ask if you would like to use this part instead, you have the option to switch to the alternative part or ignore and keep the selected part. The alternative Parts tab will then automatically display showing alternative parts for the selected part. Part highlighted RED in this area are parts that have been set to supersede the selected part. To use any of the alternative parts you can simply double click the part in the list you want to use and it will replace the part currently selected.

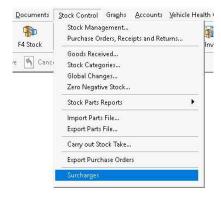


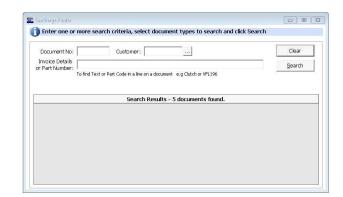
# Additional Line / Surcharge on Parts - requires enhanced stock

You are now able to set some additional information to be applied to an invoice when using that particular part, this can be used if there are any additional charges which may be involved with the part these can be added here, for example if you have an Exchange and Surcharge Policy the surcharge can be set here. If set any details specified here will automatically be added to the invoice after adding the part.



To refund any surcharges applied we have added an easy way to do this. Under Stock Control there is a new option labelled "Surcharge" you can then search for surcharges then simply highlight the ones you want to refund, right click and select create credit note. One credit note will be created for each individual invoice number.

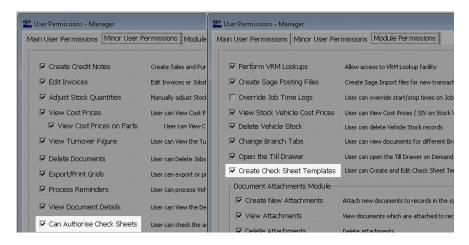




#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 27th July 2016

We have added an option to allow the addition of an authorise column to Check Sheets and also the ability to right click any of the 4 status columns and select Check All to tick all the boxes at once.

We have added some additional user permission to restrict users from creating/editing check sheet templates and from being able to check the Authorise column if enabled on a Check Sheet.



On the edit check sheet template screen there are some additional options to enable/disable some columns. "Hide Follow Up Column" will hide the follow up column, "Show Authorise Column" will so the Authorise column which can only be checked by user who have the "Can Authorise Check Sheets" permission.



When the "Show Authorise Column" option is enabled on the checksheet template this will display an extra column as shown below, when checked, permissions allowing, the line will highlight blue for quick reference that the line has been Authorised.

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# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 18th July 2016

We have made some general performance improvements and bug fixes.

We have corrected a parts import issue where importing make and not model would overwrite model with blank data, or engine and notes fields if one was left out of the imported CSV. Make, model, engine and notes are now separate options.

We have made some improvements to the Xero export to improve purchase invoice cost calculations when more decimal places are required, to help prevent "The document total does not equal the sum of the lines" error in the Xero import.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 15th June 2016

Due to popular demand we have added a Daybook Breakdown report with Profit, this can be used when the "Show Profit on Daybook" system setting is enabled under the "Labour Rates" tab and then selecting "Show Sales Invoice Breakdown" when running the report.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 9th June 2016

We have fixed an issue where long text caused loading issues.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 1st June 2016

#### Jobsheets

We have fixed an issue where printing jobsheets would sometimes produce an error that the total number of characters had been exceeded.

#### Returns

We have fixed an issue where editing a parts return would not allow you to save if it had caused the stock to reach 0 and if the check for zero stock is enabled.

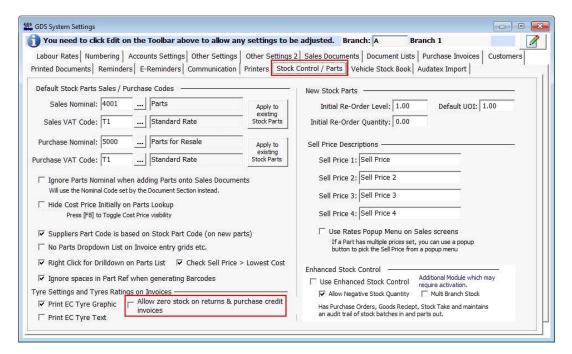
#### SageLink

A SageLink update has been released to support Sages ability to store nominal codes between 4 and 8 digits.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 28th January 2016

#### Zero Stock/Parts on Returns

Due to demand we have added in code to prevent parts with zero stock form being added to a Return or Purchase Invoice Credit Note. This will popup a message notifying you that the part/item you are trying to return is not available in your current stock. We have also added the ability to turn this feature off in the system settings under the "Stock Control / Parts" tab and checking the "Allow zero stock on returns..." box, shown below.

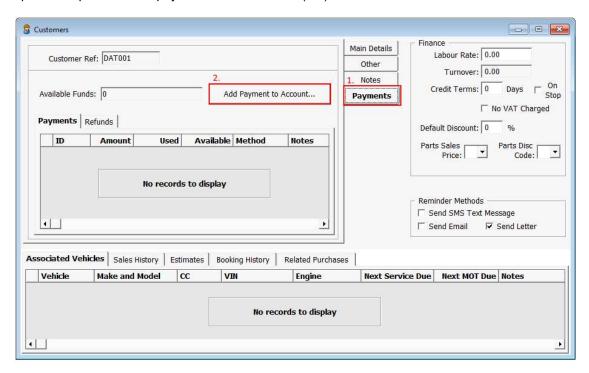


#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 18th January 2016

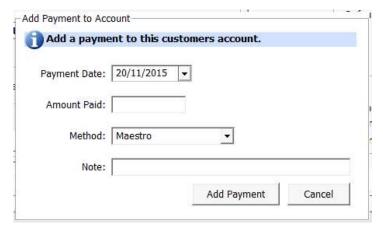
## Payments On Account

We have added the ability to save Payment to a customers account, these can be for deposits or a payment/retainer for future works. These can be added directly to a customers record.

To add a payment to a customers account, navigate to their record, there is a new tab (1.) labelled Payments, here will be a list of all payments added to the account along with how much is available to spend an options to add payments to the account (2.)

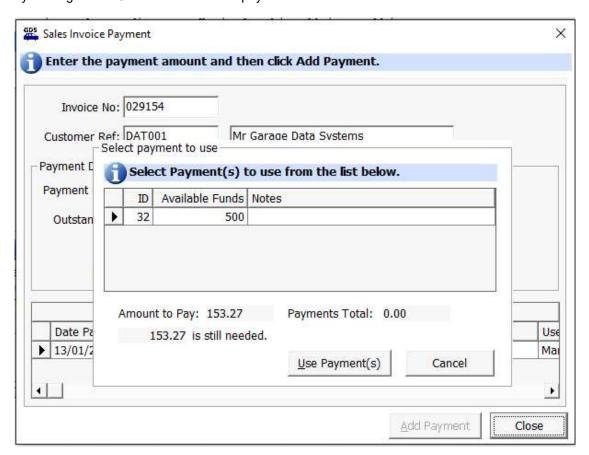


Pressing the "Add Payment to Account..." button ( 2. above ) will display the below add payment window allowing you add a payment to the account.



Right clicking on a payment will provide you with some additional options such as printing a receipt for the payment, Refund all or a portion of a payment or removing a payment by zeroing off a payment.

These payments can then be used to pay off invoices, to pay off an invoice add a payment in the usual way and select Payment On Account as the payment method, you will then be presented with the below window to choose which payments to use to pay off the invoice. You can select more than one payment by holding down "CTRL" and click on a payment.



# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 13th October 2015

#### Postcode Lookup

Postcode Lookup issue on the Invoicing screen resolved - the postcode and address was not always automatically filled in after a postcode had been looked up.

# SageLink Update

GDS SageLink has been updated to accommodate the new changes in the recently release Sage Accounts 50 2016.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 18th September 2015

# **Document Attachments/Scanning**

The Scanning procedure has been updated so that you can now scan several documents in succession, and have them combined into a single PDF document. This will facilitate easier storage and management of documents which are spread over several pages.

# Payments Reports

The Payments Reports in the system now show a Net/VAT amount split for each payment reported.

#### Email Sending / BCC option

There is a new system setting in the GDS System Settings screen to allow you to have any emails sent from the system emailed to a second address which you may use internally to keep a track of all emails sent from the system. The Address is a BCC address which means that the recipients of the email will not see that it has been sent to another email address for archive and management purposes etc.

#### Print Multiple Invoices facility

The system now supports printing multiple Sales Invoices in a single operation.

You can highlight multiple rows on the Invoice List screen by holding down the Ctrl key on the keyboard as you click on each row. Holding the Ctrl key down means that a previously selected row will not be de-selected when the new row is selected.

When you click the Print button the Print Dialog box will show and clicking Print will then print all of the selected documents.

## New Tax and MOT Expiry Date Lookup facility for UK registered vehicles

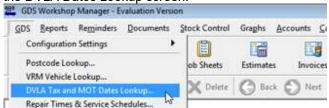
GDS now has the facility to lookup Tax and MOT Expiry Dates for UK registered vehicles. The data is sourced from the UK DVLA and DVSA databases. Any discrepancies which you are aware of should be reported to the DVLA (in case of Tax) or DVSA (in case of MOT). The data may not be accurate if recent changes have occurred with respect to the Tax or MOT status for a vehicle, for example if a vehicle was sold the previous day, then its tax may be in the process of being cancelled.

The Expiry Dates lookup facility can be accessed from the Bookings screen and the Vehicle details screen using the Tax and MOT Date Lookup button next to the Vehicle Reg box, and also from the GDS dropdown menu located on the top toolbar for lookups you may wish to carry out for vehicles which may not be in your GDS system.

#### Vehicle Tax and MOT Expiry Dates Lookup screen:



The lookup screen can be accessed from a new button located alongside the Vehicle Reg number in the Bookings screen and the Vehicle Details screen. There is also a menu location in GDS menu to access the DVLA Dates Lookup screen:



## GDS Parts Manager - Updates 28th April 2015

#### Parts Import/Export

CSV File Import and Export facility update to handle an RRP price for a Part.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 16th March 2015

Issue resolved on the Goods Received screen which would accept minus quantities in stock, and this would later cause stock level issues as stock items were added onto jobsheets or invoices. Minus quantities are now rejected on the Goods Received screen - any stock adjustments required should be carried out on the Parts screen.

New User Permissions on the User Permissions screen to control access to functions.

- Hide the Turnover Figure on Customers.
- Control access to Graphs
- Hide Cost Prices on Parts screen

# Maintenance Updates

Attachments Module - it is now possible to email multiple attachments at once by highlighting several rows, and clicking on the Email Attachments button.

Emailing to Suppliers from within GDS - when emailing supplier related documents, the To... button now shows supplier email addresses which are recorded in the system. Previously the Too button only ever showed customer email addresses.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 30th July 2014

#### Stock Parts List

A new facility has been added to the Stock Parts List screen. You can now right click on a part to view details relating to the Suppliers and also the Purchase and Sales history for the part.

A new option has been added to the Stock Parts Global Changes screen that allows you to adjust the VAT Inclusive setting on parts.

## Stock Part Records

Notes text limit on stock parts increased to 200 characters (from 100 characters).

## Stock Control

An issue has been identified and resolved in the Enhanced Stock Control system whereby if a Purchase Order was received for items which were required for a Sales Invoice, that if more items were entered on the Purchase Invoice than had been ordered, that all items would be allocated out to the sales invoice. e.g If 2 were required and ordered, but 10 received, then the Movements In would show 10 in / 10 out, instead of 10 in / 2 out.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 22nd April 2014

#### Purchase Order Locations Report

There is a new report for Purchase Orders which details the stock location of each item. This can be useful for large purchase orders, or when there is a large storage area for stock items.

# Purchase Document Finder

A new field has been added so that the Document Finder can now search for the Suppliers Invoice Reference.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 7th April 2014

#### <u>Maintenance Update</u>

• User Permissions - The status of the permission to open the Cash Drawer was not being saved.

- Customer Email Address following some requests, the 80 character limit on email addresses on Customer and Supplier records has been increased to 120 characters.
- Part Code parameter has been added to the Stock Filter screen so you can now specify a Part Code when generating Stock Parts Reports.
- Default Unit of Issue setting on the Stock Control Tab in System Settings.
- Parts Import Location, Level and Supplier Ref are now ungrouped and so can be imported independently of each other.
- Return Notes when deleted, any Parts on the return note are re-added back to stock.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 19th November 2013

#### Purchase Orders List

Any part received orders are now shown in blue to help you keep track of outstanding orders. The Purchase Order printout now also shows how many items have been received against each line.

#### **Emailing Invoices**

There is a new system setting, which is set On by default to tell the system to ignore any Custom Header/Footer options when an Invoice is emailed. This means for example that you can use pre-printed stationary for printed invoices (when your name and address may not printed due to it existing on your headed paper), but when emailing invoices, the system will include your business name and address at the top of the invoice.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Updates 2nd September 2013

# **Enhanced Stock Control Updates**

Implementation of Purchase Returns. You can enter goods which are to be returned so that GDS can keep track of Credit Notes which are due to be received from the Supplier. Any goods entered for return are removed from stock.

Sales Credit Notes - any credit notes which are created will now see any stock items going into stock.

# New Report - Customer Profile

A new report has been created which can be used as a marketing tool, and for customer record maintenance. The report shows the customer contact details to enable you to gather missing details as required (e.g. Mobile Phone Number or Email Address). Turnover for a selected date range is shown on the report, and any vehicles owned by the customer which have been invoiced in the selected period are also show, including the Next Service and Next MOT Due dates.

# Marketing Module Updates

New option to run a Bottom (Least Spending) Customers campaign.

Top Customers and Bottom Customers campaigns can now specify to jump to a specific starting record. e.g to run a campaign to the Top Customers who are ranked 100-200 in the list, you can specify to select 100 customers, starting at record 101.

## GDS Parts Manager - Updates 5th August 2013

# New Report - Sales by Customer Type

On the Customer record, it is possible to specify the Customer Type, e.g Account, Fleet, Business, etc. You can configure the types as required. There is a new report on the Reports/Customers menu to report on the sales figures, and amount of invoices generated for customers, based on the Customer Type.

# GDS Parts Manager - Updates 31st July 2013

<u>Change to Stock Parts</u> - the system can now support up to 10 set of supplier details for each stock part. The previous limit was 2.

#### **GDS Cash Till Drawer**

We have been developing new optional module to manage the handing of cash payments, and change given. The module has the facility to record opening balances, handle movements of cash in and out of the till, and provide a till reconciliation report for a day or week. With this module, GDS can support the opening of a secure Cash Till Drawer at the time of payment.

New tab at the bottom of the Invoice Details screen which shows any line item notes, line discounts, VAT amount overrides, and any EC Tyre Tread Ratings.

#### **Email Send Screen**

The Email Send Screen now has a From field to allow you to specify which user is sending the email. The User Configuration screen allows an individual's email address to be entered against the user login name. You can choose to send from the main email address configure in the System Settings, or the user can choose their own email address as the From address.

#### **Email Screen and Document Attachments**

GDS now has the facility to allow you to attach documents to email messages which are sent from, and recorded, within the system. If you use our Document Attachments Module to store scanned documents/photos etc against records, then you can also email the attached documents to a customer or supplier from the Document Attachments screen.

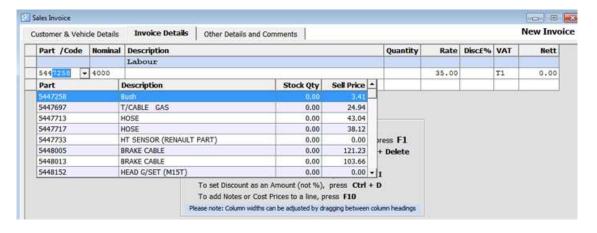
# Tyre Ratings (EU requirement to provide Fuel Efficieny, Wet Grip and Noise data)

Tyre Ratings can now be set on jobsheet/invoice line items that aren't in the Stock Parts list. This can be useful if you sell tyres occasionally, but don't stock them, or maintain a stock parts list. To set the Tyre Ratings on a line, press the F10 key when on a document line to access the Item Notes dialog box, or use the Item Notes Tab at the bottom of the Invoice Details screen. The Item Notes dialog window allows you to store comments and override VAT Amounts on a line by line basis.

## Invoice and Stock Parts Maintenance grids

We have now introduced a Dropdown Parts list on the Parts column. A few customers had enquired about us adding this facility.

When Part Codes are typed in, a filter list will dropdown automatically, and items can be selected. To view the old stype Popup Window which shows a bit more information about each stock part item, then please press the F1 key as normal.



#### GDS Parts Manager - Update 5th April 2013

New Customer Notes indicator on Sales Documents screens to indicate if Notes are present on a customers record. If Notes are present, the symbol will be highlighted in yellow. You can double click the Notes symbol to view the customer notes.

New Email Button added to all customer related screens when the Send Email option is set in the GDS System Settings. You can type and send free-type email which will be stored against the customers record. Invoices and Statements can also be sent via as normal.

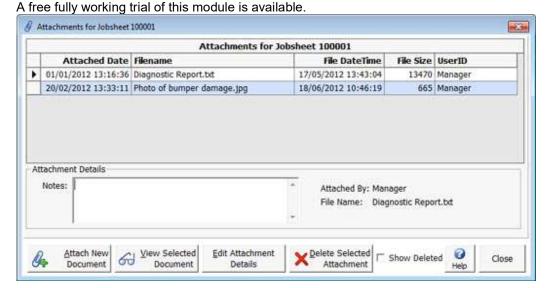
# GDS Parts Manager - Update 10th December 2012

Document Finder now includes the ability to search for a Vehicle Reg No if one was entered on a Sales Invoice. Vehicles are now automatically associated to the customer when a Customer Ref and Vehicle Reg no are entered onto an invoice.

# GDS Parts Manager - Update 6th November 2012

New email functionality added to the system. There are new buttons on the Report Preview screen for Saving and Emailing the current report. The Save button prompts you to save the report straight to a PDF File, and the Email button will allow you to search for an email address and write an email to email off the report that you are currently looking it. The report could be a customers statement, jobsheet, etc.

New - GDS Document Attachments Module released which allows you to add scanned documents, or PDF documents, images, Word documents etc to records in the system. You can make many attachments for any particular record such as a Customer, Vehicle, Invoice etc. An Attachment Finder is also included to search for attachments at a later date.



<u>New Report</u> - Aged Debtors Detailed report (on the Reports/Unpaid menu) which shows all overdue invoices with the invoice breakdown included so you can see at a glance what the overdue amount is for each customer, and what work or parts were supplied.

#### GDS Parts Manager - Update 30th May 2012

**New** - Online Backup Module released. A free trial is available so please call us to setup an account for you. This new module costs just £1 per week. You can have your GDS database backed up automatically each day and the backup file securely uploaded and stored on our servers with email notifications if backups haven't taken place.

The Stock Movements Out grid on the Parts record screen will now also show Parts which have been sold, but for which there was not enough stock, and so the parts are required or on order. These lines are shown in blue.

Sales Day Book report now accepts a Customer reference code as a filter so you can filter the Day Book report for any date range and for a specific customer. This could be useful to run a profitability report for a specific customer.

New facility to print Barcodes - If you are using the Barcode Module there is Print button next to the Barcode on the Parts screen. GDS will load the Barcode into Windows Wordpad were it can can then be printed or copied/pasted into other documents.

# GDS Parts Manager - Update 2nd December 2011

Stock Parts Import Routine Updated

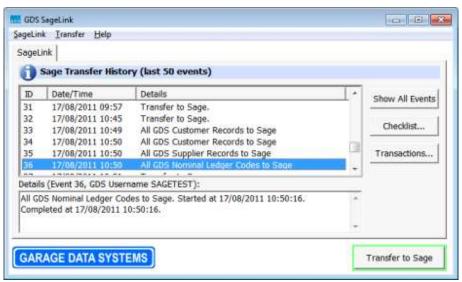
- Can now import into the Sell Price 2, 3 and 4 database fields.

Parts List screen has new check box to only show items with Quantity greater than Zero.

New update on Invoice screen to allow discount by money amount. Previously GDS only supported line discount by a percentage. You can press F10 on a line to access this, or press Ctrl+D on the line to toggle the discount type by money amount, or percentage. Discounts by money amount will display in blue.

GDS Parts Manager - Update 18th August 2011





This update sees the introduction of the new optional GDS SageLink Module which can be used to provide an enhanced link if you use Sage Accounts alongside GDS. The GDS SageLink module allows GDS to communicate directly with Sage. This means GDS can now send Invoices and Payments over to Sage without the need to create CSV files and run an Export/Import routine. This will make for smoother transfers of data and any transfers between sage, or any problems, will be reported and logged in a more efficient manner.

A Free Trial of the GDS SageLink Module is available. Please call support on 0845 652 4461 for more details and to download and install a trial.

# GDS Parts Manager - Update 6th June 2011



# New Barcode Scanning Module

New GDS Barcode Scanning Module which now allow you to store Barcodes against Stock Part records in the system and use a Barcode Scanner when entering parts onto Invoices, or when looking up part records in the system.

GDS can supply Barcode Scanners if required.

## GDS Parts Manager - Update 1st November 2010

# **Customer Credit Limit Warning**

There is a new field on the Invoice screen to dispay the Customers balance. If the customer is over the credit limit, the balance will be displayed in red.

There is also a new report to report on any customers over their credit limit. This report is on the Reports menu / Statements sub menu.

## Parts List / Finder Screen

Search Facility updated so you can now search for multiple words which may appear at any position on the search field. e.g. BOSCH WIPER will find BOSCH 21" WIPER BLADE.

# **Top Stock Items Used report**

A new report has been created to display the top stock items sold by category between a selcted invoice period. The report is on the Reports menu / Stock Parts sub menu.

#### **User Permissions**

New User Permission - Adjust Stock Quantities to control who can make adjustments to the Stock Quantity amount for Stock Items.

# New Invoice Save option - Prompt to Print or Pay Invoice

A new System Setting has been added (GDS System Settings / Sales Documents tab) called Prompt to Print or Pay when Invoice Saved has been added. This option is set off by default.

If the option is set On, then after an Invoice is saved, a small message will appear and provide option buttons to Print or Receive Payment against the selected invoice.



#### GDS Parts Manager - Update 21st July 2010

#### On Stop Customer flag

If the On Stop status flag is ticked on the Customers record there is now a visible On Stop label displayed on the Invoice/Jobsheet and Booking screen.

#### Column Order on Invoice/Jobhseets List

There is a new System Setting in GDS System Settings / Document Lists tab to allow you to be able to repostion the columns on the Invoices/Jobsheets List screen.

## **Purchase Payments report**

The Purchase Payments report now shows the Suppliers Invoice No instead of the Purchase Invoice record number.

#### **Data Grid Print/Export Facilities**

More grids in the system now have the right click menu option to Print or Export to file - you can right click most grids in the Customer, Vehicle and Supplier screens. When exporting to file the file will save to disk and then open in Notepad so you can view it immediately.

#### **Email Invoice and Estimate Option added**

Invoices and Estimates can now be emailed directly from the system. On the GDS System Settings screen, Communictaion Tab, you can enable the Email facility and specify your company Name and Email Address.

When On the Invoice or Estimate List screen, a new menu item "Sales Invoice/Credits" (or "Estimates") will appear along the top menu bar which has the option to Email Selected Documents.

If you hold down the Control key on the keyboard, you can click and select several documents to send at the same time.

# **Invoices/Estimates VAT Amount Override**

The VAT Amount is usually calculated and stored automatically on a line by line basis. If you wish to override the VAT Amount for a particular line, press the F10 key on the keyboard when on the particular line and enter the new VAT Amount in the popup window. You can also use the popup window to store a Note or a Cost Price for the particular line.

#### **Purchase Invoices**

Following feedback from several customers we have now added a new Unit Cost column onto the Purchase Invoice screen, so you can now enter Quantity and Unit Cost instead of just a Total.

# GDS Parts Manager - Update 29th March 2010

Purchase Invoices - Calculate VAT option - you can now set an Option in GDS System Settings to stop GDS automatically calculating the suggested VAT on new Purchase Invoices.

Unpaid Purchases report now supports Partial Purchase Invoice Payments.

# Stock Parts Import Routine Updated

- Automatic detection of quotes, so there is now no need to specify if the CSV Import File has quotes surrounding the data.
- Also handles missing columns better, so now only needs Part Code, Description and Sell Price as the minimum columns in the import file.

# **New Reports**

<u>VAT Report</u> - there are new VAT report options which allows you to get a summary or detailed listing of all VAT Amounts for all VAT Rates. The system previously only reported on 4 VAT Rates. <u>Stock Report</u> - new Goods Received report (Reports menu/Stock Control) to report on Goods Received entries which may have been used to load or adjust stock items.

# Sales/Purchase Graphs - new Posted Date option

- when graphing using the Posted Date - only Posted/Archived invoices will be used, and the Date Range will be the Invoice Posted Date instead of the Invoices Invoice Date

# Customers - Multiple Addresses option

- new option to store multiple addresses against customers on Customers Tabs in GDS System Settings
- When enabled, after picking a Customer on Invoice/Jobsheet, a new button "Select Address" will appear.
- You can then pick from a list of alternate addresses stored against that customer.