

GDS® Vehicle Sales Manager Update - Release Notes (15/09/2022)

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Update 15/06/2022

- Fixed some UI layout issues.
- Fixed an issue where VHC templates may not correctly sync with eVHC app.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Update 12/04/2022

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

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Update 06/01/2022

- Update to keep in sync with Workshop Manager

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Update 22/11/2021

- Fixed an issue with MOT and Tax lookup where dates returned could be incorrect if the vehicle reg match a date format used by DVLA e.g. FEB 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- Postcode lookup will now notify if its database is out of date.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.
- Nominal reports will now correctly filter by branch/department code which will be displayed on the report.
- Added a Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) Compliant checkbox to vehicle record which will be displayed on jobsheets and invoices.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updated 25/08/2021

- More improvements to GaragePay and eVHC syncing.
- Brought up to date for customers running along side Workshop Manager.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 <https://demo.garagepay.com/> and choose the Register / Sign Up button to start using it.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updated 9th July 2020

- Improved SageLink syncing processes.
- Added ability to cancel bookings. For more information please visit our support pages. (<https://sites.google.com/a/garagedatasystems.co.uk/gds/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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updated 2nd June 2020

- Added support for new HMRC MTD updates

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updated 16th April 2020

- Improved some error messages that could cause some confusion.
- Emailing VHC's will now auto populate the from field with the customers email address.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updated 14th April 2020

- Added the ability to mass update vehicle reminder dates, more information is available on our support pages. (<https://sites.google.com/a/garagedatasystems.co.uk/gds/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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updated 2nd April 2020

SageLink updates to improve sage data transfer process

GDS Vehicle Sales 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://sites.google.com/a/garagedatasystems.co.uk/gds/online-calendar-integration>)

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updated 17th February 2020

General bug fixes and performance improvements

Credit Limit

Customers can now have a Credit Limit assigned to their account, once this limit is exceeded a notification will 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 Vehicle Sales 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.

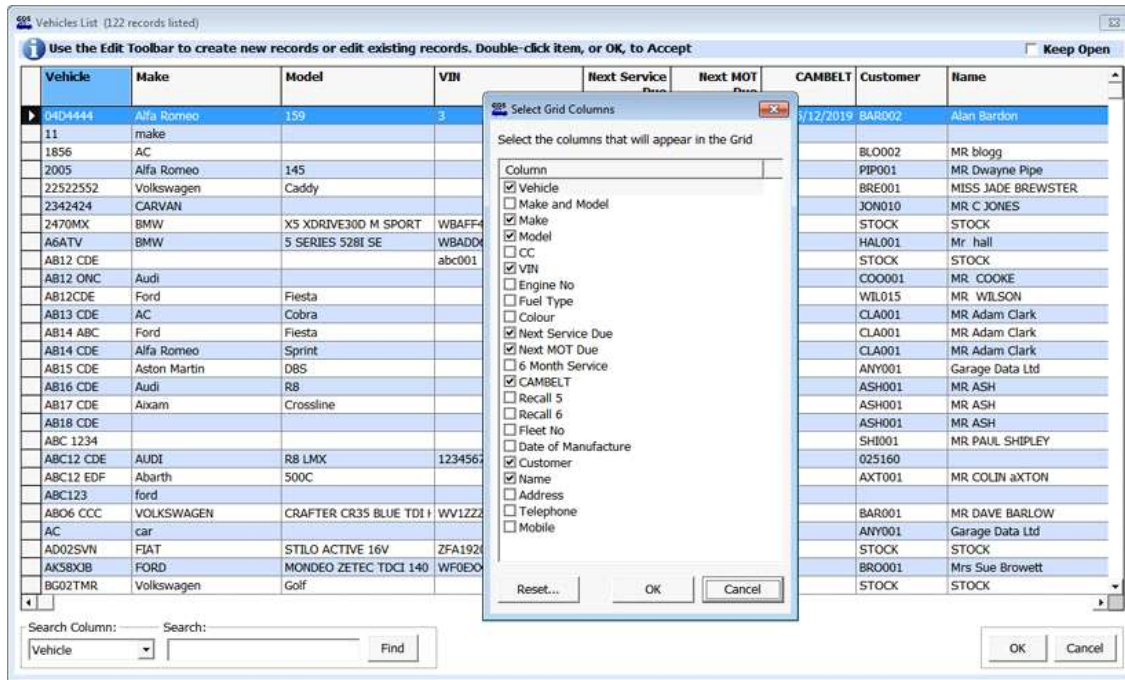
e.g. on the Vehicles List, you can choose to show or hide Customer Mobile Number, Address, Engine No, Vehicle Colour and many other options

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 Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updated 21th October 2019

General Bug fixes and performance improvements

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 23rd July 2019

General Bug fixes and performance improvements.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 been closed. unfortunately due to the nature of the Edit mode data entered before losing connection may be lost.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 6th March 2019

General bug fixes and performance improvements.

After a prolonged sign off period from HMRC our Making Tax Digital (MTD) implementation has been

released with this update.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 04th February 2019

General bug fixes and performance improvements

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 1st October 2018

This update includes general bug fixes and performance improvements.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 20th August 2018

This update includes some general bug fixes and improvements.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 4th July 2018

This update includes some bug fixes and performance improvements.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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 compatible 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.

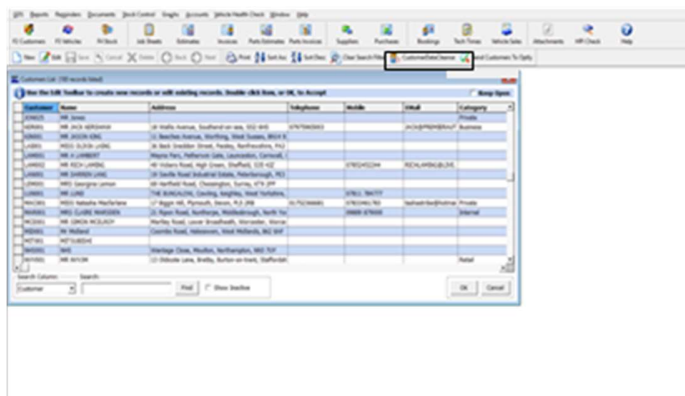
GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 16th May 2018

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

Data Cleanse

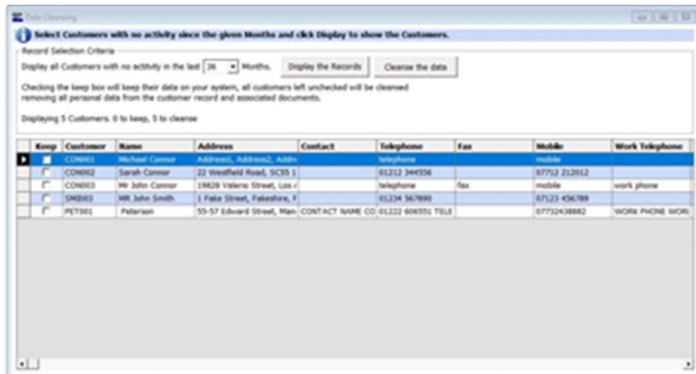
There is now a new data cleanse facility. Part of GDPR is not keeping personal data longer than necessary. The cleanse facility will allow you to remove the customer's personal data from documents of customers you have not seen for a long time.

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

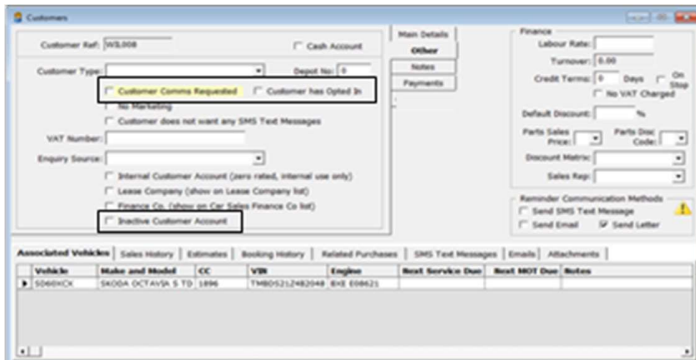
The system now has settings to disable sending communications to customers until consent to do so is obtained.

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

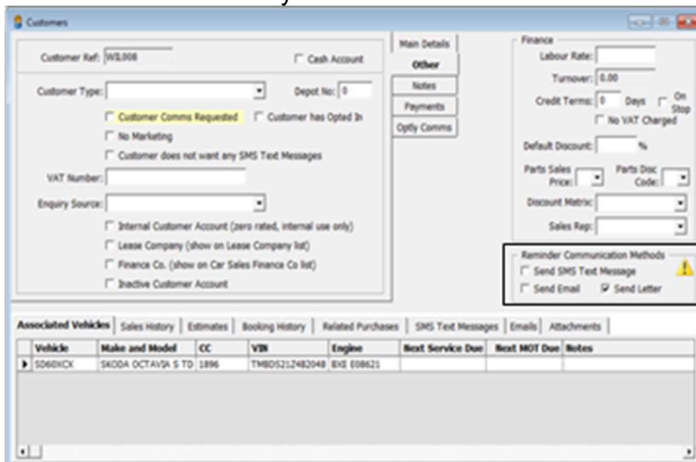
Customer Comms Requested – Consent from the customer has been requested.

Customer has Opted In – You have written consent from the customer to hold and process their data.

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.



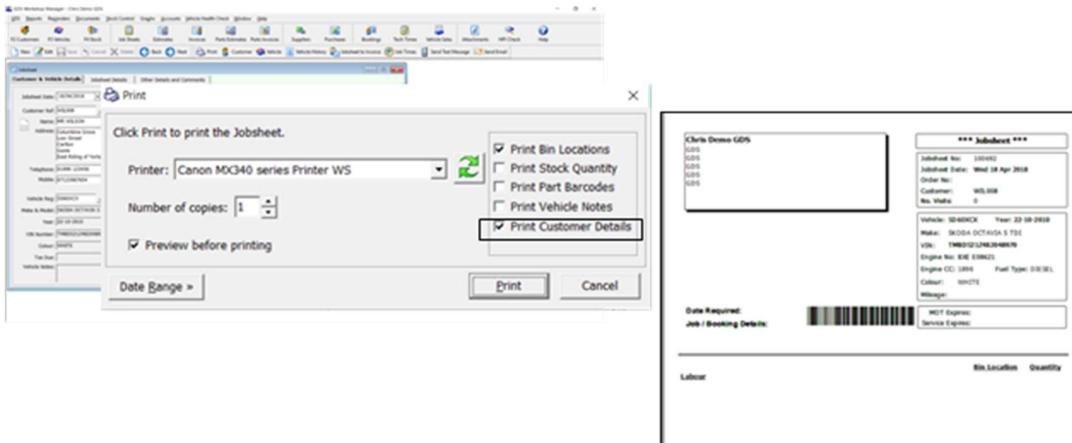
Reminders

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.



JobSheets

When printing a jobsheet there is now an option not to print the customer's personal details.

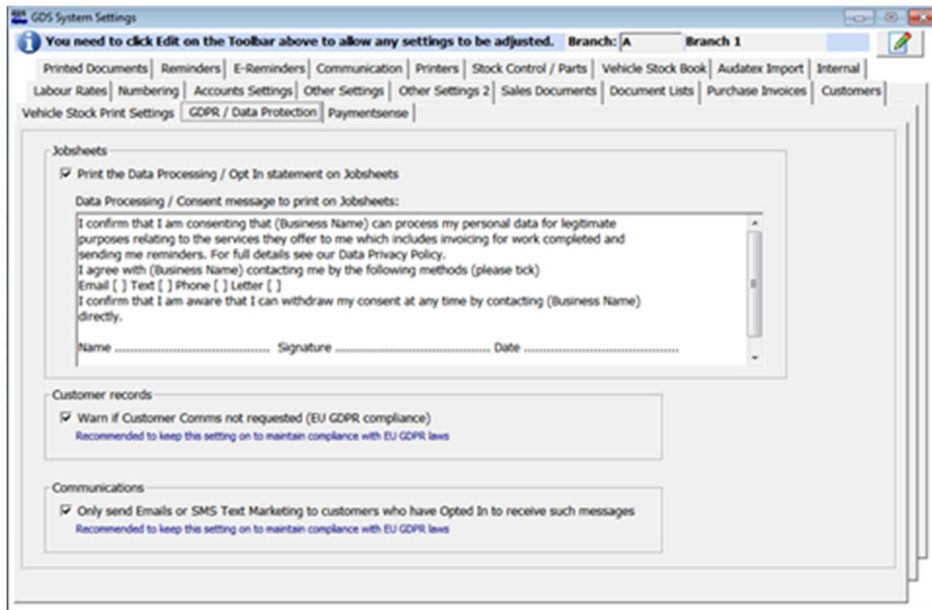


System Settings

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

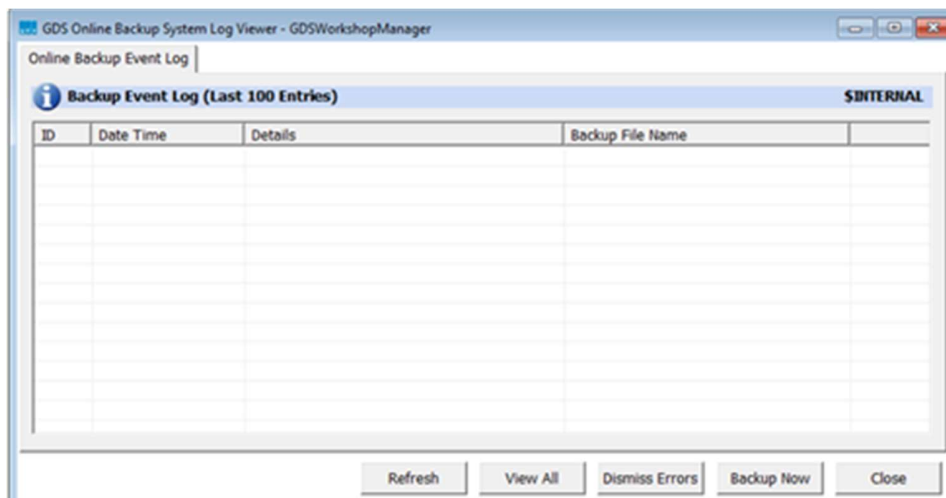
There is an editable Data Processing / Opt in statement that be printed on a jobsheet to obtain consent to processing the personal data and communicating with a customer.

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.

DVLA Tax and MOT lookup

Due to some issues with the DVLA Tax and MOT lookup we have made the decision to provide access to the gov.uk website until we can find a permanent solution, the system will still be able to extract the dates displayed and place them in the relevant fields.

NOTE: There are some issues when extracting the dates when Internet Explorer 8 is installed, Internet Explorer 8 is no longer supported and updating to Internet Explorer 11 is recommended.

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 Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 22nd December 2017

This update includes a bug fix which was causing vehicle sales invoices to be incorrectly marked as paid.

- 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.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 15th November 2017

Fixed issues that were reported from update 326.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 18th August 2017

Fixed issues that were reported from update 325.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 17th August 2017

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

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 13th June 2017

This version includes several bug fixes and performance improvements.

Vehicle Make/Model

The system can now save new make and model information automatically to be used in the dropdowns for future use and will be stored in GDS -> Configuration Settings -> Vehicle Settings -> Makes and Models Editor

Vehicle Sales

An issue was identified when add/changing a deposit method after saving the initial order/invoice would not update the Payment On Account, this has now been resolved and will update correctly.

An additional issue with PX vehicles was identified which would cause sold PX vehicles to be brought back into stock if the old sales invoice that brought them in to stock was edited and saved, this has now been resolved so that the invoice will only bring place a PX vehicle into stock once.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 12th May 2017

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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 8th May 2017

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

unexpectedly.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 3rd April 2017

Some bug fixes and performance improvements.

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.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 6th March 2017

This version includes various bug fixes and performance improvements, we have added a new checkbox option which when checked will include Internal invoices in most account reports.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 16th January 2017

We have added a few bug fixes identified in the last release.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 3rd January 2017

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

- We have adjusted the size of the PX note added to payments to fit into Sage's details box due to size restrictions in Sage.
- When selecting printer profile the system will no longer forget this when using the print preview option
- We have fixed an issue in vehicles sales where changing the customer during conversion from an Order to an Invoice could cause deposits to double up, this will no longer be the case, in order to combat this Payments on account that are Vehicle Deposit will not go to sage until it has been applied to the invoice as this was also causing issues as the system cannot remove payments once sent to sage.

GDS Vehicle Sales 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.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 18th November 2016

Some bug fixes and UI improvements.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 11th November 2016

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

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 7th November 2016

This update fixes a few issues that have been highlighted. 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 Vehicle Sales 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.

We have added an option to view sold vehicles on the Stock Book screen.

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 18th July 2016

We have made some general performance improvements and bug fixes.

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 Vehicle Sales 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 Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 9th June 2016

We have fixed an issue where long vehicle names were causing loading issues.

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.

Vehicle Sales

We have made some more improvements to Vehicle Sales allowing for more detailed sales sheets, additional reports for warranty and finance expiry for vehicles sold.

We have fixed an issue where deposits on vehicles would be duplicated under certain circumstances when converting from an Order that had a deposit to an invoice.

DVLA Tax and MOT lookup

We have made some improvements when using this tool for new vehicles less than 3 years old. The

system will now attempt to estimate when the first MOT will be due and calculates this based on the first registered date + 3 years. When editing a vehicle the lookup tool will now automatically fill in the relevant fields after closing the window when the lookup has been successful.

SageLink

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

GDS Vehicle Sales Manager - Updates 1st March 2016

Initial Release Version of Vehicle Sales Manager.