# **CUSTOMER INVOICING**

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# GENERATING A CUSTOMER INVOICE

# **Assigning Invoice Numbers**

Invoice numbers are 6-digit numeric fields. They are assigned in sequential order by the system. You may not request that a specific invoice number to be used.

When you first start using the system, you can start your invoices at a number other than "000001" if you wish. Contact Technical Support for assistance.

If you have been used to using the same number for the invoice as you use for the order, you may think this method of assigning numbers will be confusing. However, there is complete crossreferencing between orders and invoices. If you know the order number, you can always find a list of all the invoices generated for it. Likewise, if you know the invoice number, you can find the order number.

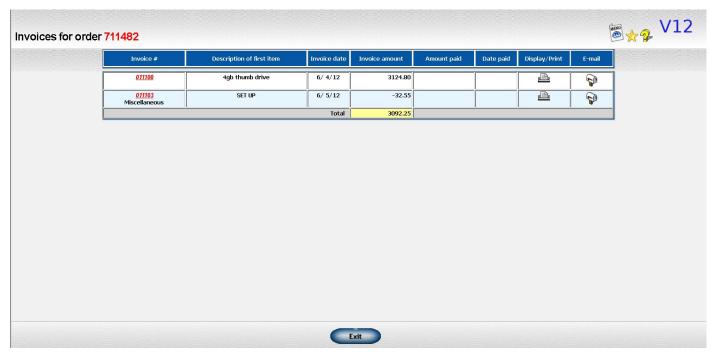


Illustration 1: List of Invoices Generated from an Order



Illustration 2: Customer Invoice Icon on Order History Display

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			Invoice N	umber: 0111	07		Print Fax E-mail
Invoice Date: 6/6/12							Update master order
				nvoice: Spec			Cancel this invoice
		Ord	er number/Master Order r	number: 7115	08/711508		
Customer:	Gary French French's Bait Shop 123 River Basin Road Baton Rouge, LA 70816	Bill to:	Gary French French's Bait Shop 123 River Basin Road Baton Rouge, LA 70816	3	Ship to:	Gary French French's Bait Shop 123 River Basin Road Baton Rouge, LA 70816	B
ne # 1 gti1233	Fun Times Frisbee		150 @	\$3.75 =	\$562.50		<b>₫</b> 🛅
ne # 2 gtv321	Logo embossed aluminum business card case		75 @	\$25.00 =	\$1875.00		<i>♣</i> 🚡
ne # 3 gtv123	4gb thumb drive Purple case		75 @	\$10.00 =	\$750.00		<b>₫</b> 🛅
ne # 4 gtv4321	Wacky Worms - Green 8" 6pk		150 @	\$4.75 =	\$712.50		<b>₫</b> 🖥
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Illustration 3: Customer Invoice Overview

If you generate multiple invoices for a single order, they will be assigned separate invoice numbers.

Why do we use this method? The main reason is to provide the proper controls. When we close an invoice, data is posted to the general ledger, accounts receivable, inventory and commission. It is extremely important that every invoice be closed once and only once.

When we close a batch of invoices, all invoices that have a number higher than the last invoice number closed and less than the last invoice number assigned are included in the close. Thus, the proper updates are done once for all invoice numbers in that range and nothing is updated more than once. At the end of the close, the last invoice number posted is reset and a new batch of invoice numbers can be started.

Starting with version 12, you can flag some invoices to be skipped over during the invoice close. They will be picked up on a subsequent close procedure when you have cleared them for posting. We don't recommend that you do this on a regular basis but it may be convenient sometimes, especially at the end of the year.

The invoice close procedure is discussed in more detail in another section.

# **Generating an Invoice for Master Order**

This discussion will tell you how to generate a single invoice for a master order. That master order may contain just one order or it may contain more than one orders.

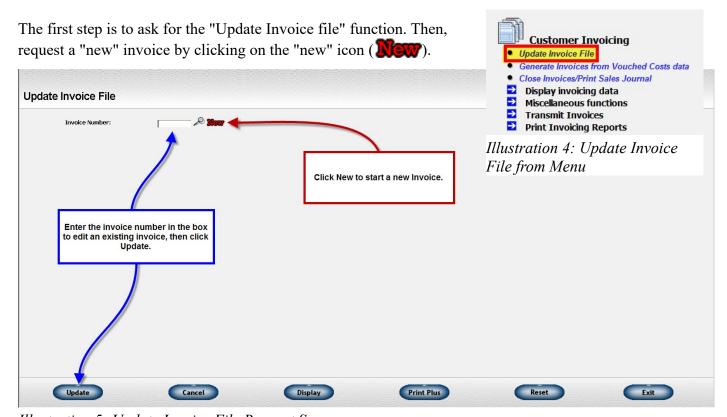


Illustration 5: Update Invoice File Request Screen

When you get to the "new invoice" dialog screen, the default is to "Complete Master Order". Pick this option.

You will be prompted for some information.

#### Invoice date

- The invoice date will default to the current date. You may change it here or after the invoice is generated.
- The invoice date will determine which book period the accounting entry will use.

### Ship date

 You may specify the ship date here or after the invoice is generated. There is a copy icon you can click to copy the invoice date to the ship date.

### • Prebill?

• You may create a prebill invoice by clicking on the checkbox beside this prompt. <u>Prebills</u> are discussed in more detail in another section.

### Master order number

• Enter the master order number you want to bill.

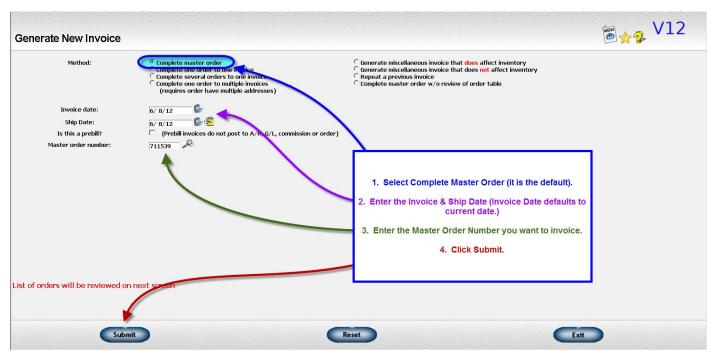


Illustration 6: New Customer Invoice Dialog Screen flagged for Complete Master Order

Once you enter this information and click on the "Submit" button, a table listing all the orders in the master order will be displayed. You may choose to include ALL the orders in the master order or only some of them. Uncheck the box beside any order you DON'T want to include.

If any of the orders are a "ship from inventory" or "manufacture and sell" type of order, then you will be prompted for the "release number". This is usually "1" unless you are shipping a backorder. Read the discussion on *inventory releases* for more information on what value to use in this field.

If you use the "vouch to order" option and have previously entered some Accounts Payable invoices for an order, the total vouched costs will be displayed. Any unvouched costs will also be displayed. These are strictly for your reference and do not affect whether or not the invoice will be generated.

Since you may have your vendor's invoice available as part of your invoicing procedures, you may prefer to enter any Accounts Payable invoice for payment along with the customer invoice. Read the discussion on *entering A/P invoices through Customer Invoicing* for additional information on this option.

The Help file for this screen includes more information on when you need to fill in the vendor invoice and shipping fields and how this data is used.

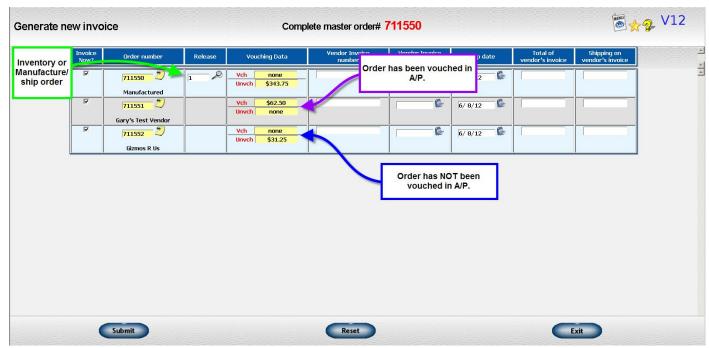


Illustration 7: Select Orders to Invoice Screen

Once you click Submit, the new invoice will be generated and the invoice overview screen will be displayed. Read the discussion on the *Reviewing and updating the invoice* for more information on entering any adjustments you may need to make for things like overruns and additional charges.

# Generating an Invoice for a Single Order

A lot of your invoices, especially in fulfillment situations, will be for only one order. You can use the master order invoicing routine for these. You will just have one order listed on the second screen that displays all the orders in the master order. However, you may prefer to skip that second screen in this simple situation and enter all of your information on a single screen.

This method is also the only way to generate an invoice for a couple of special situations:

- Cancelling an order with charges If a customer cancels an order but you are going to charge for art or samples or some other portion of the job for which you had costs, use this method to generate the invoice. The order will be marked as cancelled when the invoice is closed.
- Completing orders that are billed by your vendor directly to your customer This option is seldom used. It generates the invoice and marks the order complete but does not generate A/R or commission entries.

The first step is to ask for the "Update Invoice file" function. Then, request a "new" invoice by clicking on the "new" icon. (See Illustration 5.)

When you get to the "new invoice" dialog screen, pick the option to "Complete one order to one invoice".

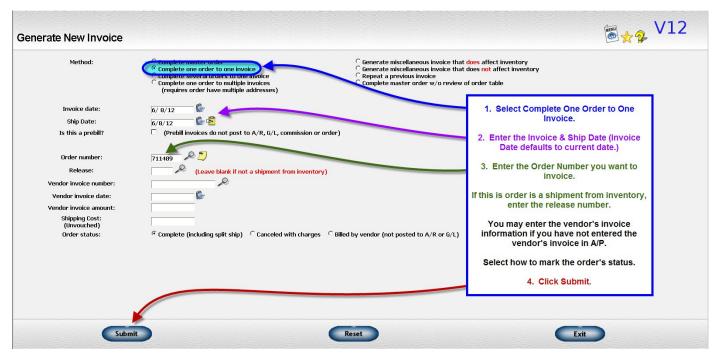


Illustration 8: Generate New Invoice Dialog Screen flagged for One Order to One Invoice

You will be prompted for the following information.

#### Invoice date

- The invoice date will default to the current date. You may change it here or after the invoice is generated.
- The invoice date will determine which book period the accounting entry will use.

#### Ship date

 You may specify the ship date here or after the invoice is generated. There is a copy icon you can click to copy the invoice date to the ship date.

### • Prebill?

 You may create a prebill invoice by clicking on the checkbox beside this prompt. Prebills are discussed in more detail in another section.

#### Order number

• Enter the order number you want to bill.

#### Release

o If the order is a "ship from inventory" or "manufacture and sell" type of order, then you need to enter the "release number". This is usually "1" unless you are shipping a backorder. Read the discussion on inventory releases for more information on what value to use in this field.

### • Vendor invoice number/date/amount

- Since you may have your vendor's invoice available as part of your invoicing procedures, you
  may prefer to enter any Accounts Payable invoice for payment along with the customer invoice.
  Read the discussion on entering A/P invoices through Customer Invoicing for additional
  information on this option.
- If you want to enter the vendor's invoice in Accounts Payable at the same time as the customer's invoice, enter the vendor's invoice number, date, and the total amount.

### Shipping Cost

• If you enter the vendor invoice information, include the amount of the invoice that was for shipping. If you are entering an inventory-related order, you can enter your shipping cost. The system will compute your shipping price for you. Otherwise you can ignore this field.

#### Order status

• The order status defaults to "complete" which is the status you will normally use even if you doing a partial bill. Only change this for one of the special situations described above.

Once you click Submit, the new invoice will be generated and the invoice overview screen will be displayed. Read the discussion on the *Reviewing and updating the invoice* for more information on entering any adjustments you may need to make for things like overruns and additional charges.

# **Generating an Invoice for Multiple Orders**

Sometimes you may have more than one order for a customer that you would like to bill on a single invoice. If they are part of a master order, you can use that invoice generation method. But, if they are not part of a master order, just unrelated orders that are all for the same customer, you can use the "multiple orders to one invoice" method.

The first step is to ask for the "Update Invoice file" function. Then, request a "new" invoice by clicking on the "new" icon. (See Illustration 5.)

When you get to the "new invoice" dialog screen, pick the opiton to "Complete several orders to one invoice".

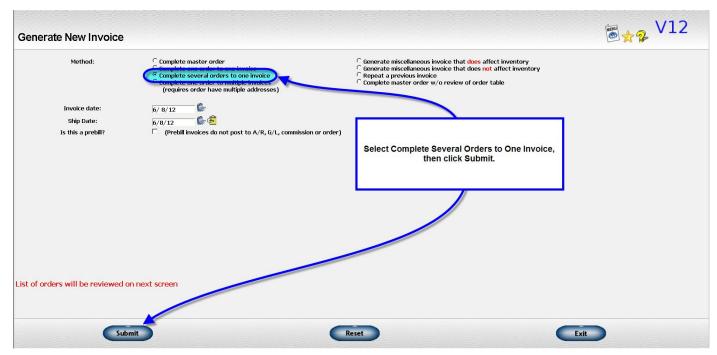


Illustration 9: Generate New Invoice Dialog Screen flagged for Multiple Orders to One Invoice

You will be prompted for some information.

#### Invoice date

- The invoice date will default to the current date. You may change it here or after the invoice is generated.
- The invoice date will determine which book period the accounting entry will use.

### Ship date

 You may specify the ship date here or after the invoice is generated. There is a copy icon you can click to copy the invoice date to the ship date.

### Prebill?

• You may create a prebill invoice by clicking on the checkbox beside this prompt. Prebills are discussed in more detail in another section.

Once you enter this information and click on the "Submit" button, a table will be displayed with places to enter up to 150 orders. Just fill in the order numbers you want to include on the invoice.

If any of the orders are a "ship from inventory" or "manufacture and sell" type of order, then you will be prompted for the "release number". This is usually "1" unless you are shipping a backorder. Read the discussion on inventory releases for more information on what value to use in this field.

If you use the "vouch to order" option and have previously entered some Accounts Payable invoices for an order, the total vouched costs will be displayed. Any unvouched costs will also be displayed. These are strictly for your reference and do not affect whether or not the invoice will be generated.

Since you may have your vendor's invoice available as part of your invoicing procedures, you may prefer to enter any Accounts Payable invoice for payment along with the customer invoice. Read the discussion on entering A/P invoices through Customer Invoicing for additional information on this option.

The Help file for this screen includes more information on when you need to fill in the vendor invoice and shipping fields and how this data is used.

Order number	Release	Vouching Data	Vendor Invoice number	Vendor Invoice date	Ship date	Total of vendor's invoice	Shipping on vendor's invoice	
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711490 🔑 💆		Vch \$62.50		C	6/8/12			
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711493		Vch \$97.65		6	6/8/12			
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~ D		Vch Unvch		6	6/8/12			
~ D		Vch Unvch		<b>C</b>	6/8/12			
25		Vch Unvch		( )	6/8/12			
25		Vch Unvch		( )	6/ 8/12			
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Illustration 10: Select Orders for the Invoice Screen

Once you click Submit, the new invoice will be generated and the invoice overview screen will be displayed. Read the discussion on the *Reviewing and updating the invoice* for more information on entering any adjustments you may need to make for things like overruns and additional charges.

# **Generating Multiple Invoices for Multiple Shipping Addresses**

Sometimes you will have one order that will be shipped to multiple shipping addresses and each shipment must also be billed separately. Another scenario is shipments from a blanket order where shipments are made at different times and an invoice must be generated for each shipment. Both of these situations can use the "Multiple invoices for Multiple shipping addresses" method.

To use this method, you must set up each shipping address separately through the "Enter Multiple Shipping Address" option in Order Processing.

The topic of how to set up the addresses is discussed in under the title <u>Adding multiple shipping addresses</u> <u>for an order</u> in the Online Manual under Order Processing.

The first step is to ask for the "Update Invoice file" function. Then, request a "new" invoice by clicking on the "new" icon (see Illustration 5).

When you get to the "new invoice" dialog screen, pick the option to "Complete one order to multiple invoices".

You will be prompted for some information.

#### Invoice date

- The invoice date will default to the current date. You may change it here or after the invoice is generated.
- The invoice date will determine which book period the accounting entry will use.

# • Ship date

• You may specify the ship date here or after the invoice is generated. There is a copy icon you can click to copy the invoice date to the ship date.

### • Prebill?

• You may create a prebill invoice by clicking on the checkbox beside this prompt. Prebills are discussed in more detail in another section.

### • Order number

• Enter the order number you want to bill.

## • Shipping Cost

o If you have a single number as the total shipping cost, you can enter it and it will be divided equally among the various invoices. If the shipping is different for each invoice, leave it blank and enter the amount during the review process after the invoices are generated.

### Begin/End Sequence

- o If you are billing an order that shipped all at one time to multiple addresses, enter "1" as the beginning sequence and the address number of the last address as the ending sequence. You may use 9999 as the ending sequence to indicate you want all the addresses. If you have a lot of addresses and want to do the invoices in groups, you can enter do multiple rounds, say invoices for addresses 1-100 on round 1 and invoices for addresses 101-200 on round 2.
- o If you are billing a shipment from a blanket order, enter the shipment number.
- You can click on the look up icon to help you pick address/shipment numbers.

Since you may have your vendor's invoice available as part of your invoicing procedures, you may prefer to enter any Accounts Payable invoice for payment along with the customer invoice. Read the discussion on entering A/P invoices through Customer Invoicing for additional information on this option.

The Help file for this screen includes more information on when you need to fill in the vendor invoice and shipping fields and how this data is used.

If you enter the vendor's invoice information here, it will be added to the FIRST customer invoice only.

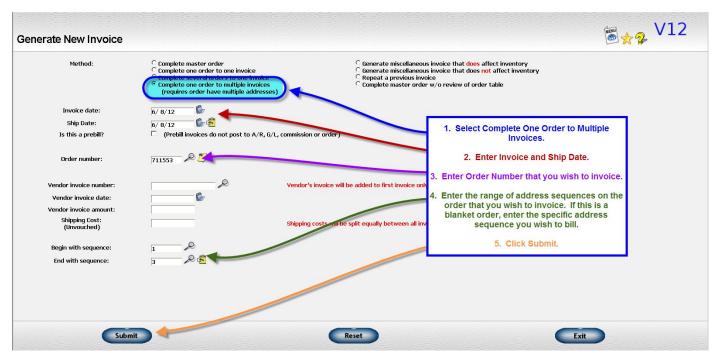


Illustration 11: Generate New Invoice Ddialog Screen flagged for Complete One Order to Multiple Invoices

Once you enter this information and click on the "Submit" button, the invoices will be generated. A table listing all the invoices will be displayed. You can click on each invoice number to review and update that invoice. The word "Reviewed" will then be displayed on the ones that have been updated so you can keep track of which ones have been done.

Invoices generated for order #711553		Address(e	es) 1 through 3	® <sub>2 ★</sub> V12
	Invoice number	Address sequence	Shipping address	
	011112	1	Joe Blow Basin Boats 12345 River Run Road Baton Rouge, LA 70815	<u>y</u>
	011113	2	Bob Boudreaux Basin Boats 12349 River Run Road Dock 3A Baton Rouge, LA 70815	
	011114	3	John Smith Basin Boats 12349 River Run Road Slot D-4 Baton Rouge, LA 70815	
			Exit	

Illustration 12: Review Screen for Multiple Invoices Generated for One Order

Read the discussion on the *Reviewing and updating the invoice* for more information on entering any adjustments you may need to make.

# Generating an Invoice for Billing From A Blanket Order

You may sometimes place a large order with a vendor to get a good price and the vendor agrees to ship small portions of the order as requested. Here's how to handle the billing for that type of shipment.

### Method 1 - Generating a partial ship invoice

You can generate an invoice using either the "Master order" or "Single order" type request. On the line items, change the quantity shipped to the quantity shipped on the shipment you are billing.

Enter the quantity left to be shipped on the other orders in the blanket order in the quantity remaining field. If you use zero for the quantity remaining, the whole order will be marked complete. You may change the quantity ordered to match the quantity shipped if you wish.

You can generate multiple invoices for the same blanket order on the same batch if you need to. You will get a warning message that there is already another invoice for the same order on the current run. It is OK to continue as long as you enter the quantity remaining correctly. Continue to use a nonzero quantity remaining. Be sure that the **LAST** invoice in the group has the correct quantity remaining for the order.

### Method 2 - Using multiple shipping addresses

To use this method, set up each release against the blanket order separately through the "Enter Multiple Shipping Address" option in Order Processing.

The topic of how to set up the addresses is discussed in under the title <u>Adding multiple shipping addresses</u> <u>for an order</u> in the Online Manual under Order Processing.

Then process your current shipments using the "Multiple shipping addresses" type request. Read the discount on *Generating invoices for multiple shipping addresses* for more details.

For the blanket order billing, use the address number associated with the first of your current shipments. If you just have one, the ending address number would be the same. If you have multiple ones, use the address number of the last of the current shipments as your ending address number.

# Generating a Miscellaneous Invoice

Sometimes you may need to generate an invoice that is not a completion of an order. Some examples:

- Issuing a credit
- Charging for freight costs that were not available when order was originally billed
- Returns of inventory merchandise
- Exchanges of inventory merchandise---trading one size for another
- Generating a prebill for unspecified merchandise to use up your customer's budgetary allowance at the end of the year.

There are two types of miscellaneous invoices:

- One that affects inventory Use this option to do things like issue a credit for an item that was returned and that you want to put back into inventory. If you have something returned for an exchange of sizes, enter two line items---one with a negative quantity for the size being returned and one with a positive quantity for the size being shipped back out.
- One that does NOT affect inventory Use this one to issue a credit to a customer for an overcharge or to bill a customer for something extra like shipping.

Note that some adjustments such as sales tax are better handled through Accounts Receivable. Read the section on *when to issue corrections through Customer Invoicing and when to do them through A/R* for a more complete discussion.

The first step in doing a miscellaneous invoice is to ask for the "Update Invoice file" function. Then, request a "new" invoice by clicking on the "new" icon (see Illustration 5).

When you get to the "new invoice" dialog screen, pick the option for either "Miscellanous invoice that affects inventory" or "Miscellaneous invoice that does not affect inventory".

You will be prompted for the following information.

### Invoice date

- The invoice date will default to the current date. You may change it here or after the invoice is generated.
- The invoice date will determine which book period the accounting entry will use.

### • Ship date

• You may specify the ship date here or after the invoice is generated. There is a copy icon you can click to copy the invoice date to the ship date.

### Prebill?

• You may create a prebill invoice by clicking on the checkbox beside this prompt. <u>Prebills</u> are discussed in more detail in another section.

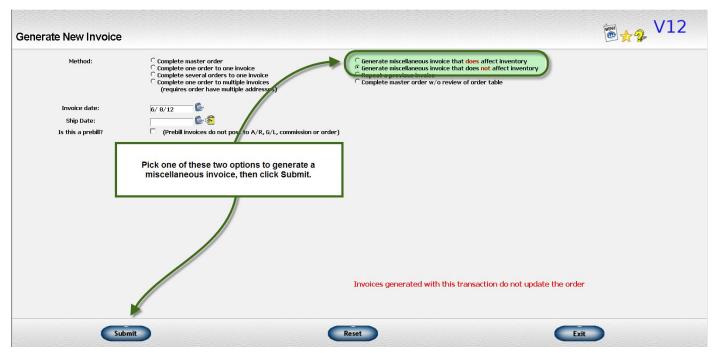


Illustration 13: Generate New Invoice Dialog Screen flagged for Miscellaneous Invoice

Once you click Submit, a new invoice will be generated and you will go directly to the general information screen of the invoice. You will need to fill in ALL the data on the invoice since there is no order to copy from. Read the discussion on the *Reviewing and updating the invoice* for more information on the individual screens.

Note that commission will be calculated on these invoices but will be based strictly on the sell and cost on each invoice. The calculation routine will not take into account commission on any related order.

# Generating a Credit or Rebill by Repeating an Invoice

You can change an invoice up until the time it is closed. If you find a problem later, you may need to issue a credit and possibly rebill it with the correct data. You can just enter a miscellanous invoice. However, it may be tedious to type in the exact same information that was on the original invoice. The "repeat" function creates an invoice by copying an existing invoice. Then you may make any changes you need to make.

Note that some adjustments such as sales tax are better handled through Accounts Receivable. Read the section on when to issue corrections through Customer Invoicing and when to do them through A/R for a more complete discussion.

The first step in doing a repeat of an existing invoice is to ask for the "Update Invoice file" function. Then, request a "new" invoice by clicking on the "new" icon (see Illustration 5).

When you get to the "new invoice" dialog screen, pick the option for "Repeat a previous invoice".

You will be prompted for the following information.

#### Invoice date

- The invoice date will default to the current date. You may change it here or after the invoice is generated.
- The invoice date will determine which book period the accounting entry will use.

### • Prebill?

• You may create a prebill invoice by clicking on the checkbox beside this prompt. Prebills are discussed in more detail in another section.

### • Invoice Number

• Enter the invoice number of the previous invoice you want to copy.

## Reverse sign (generate a credit)?

- Check this box if you want the new invoice to be a credit. The old invoice will be copied exactly except that the quantities and the extended cost and sell will have the sign reversed. This is the easiest way to generate an exact credit. You can also do this to create a credit invoice, then delete or change the parts that don't apply.
- Leave the box unchecked if you are generating a rebill or want an exact copy of the original invoice.

## Update order and WIP?

- You might want to check this box if you were correcting something that was billed prematurely
  or fixing a problem you want to see reflected on the order and/or work in process. This will NOT
  reopen the order---it only updates billing information on the order.
- You normally will leave this box unchecked.

# • Update inventory?

- If the original invoice was an inventory-related invoice that triggered updates to inventory and you want the new invoice to also update inventory, either to add or subtract quantities, check the box.
- If you are correcting something like a salesman number that doesn't affect inventory or if the original invoice was not inventory-releated, leave the box unchecked.

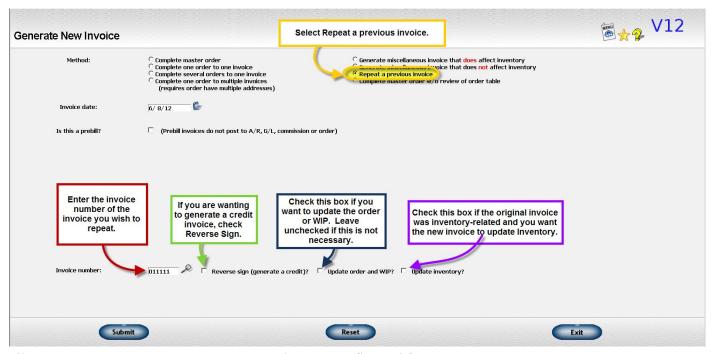


Illustration 14: Generate New Invoice Dialog Screen flagged for Repeat Previous Invoice

Once you click Submit, a new invoice will be generated and the invoice overview will be displayed. You may make any changes you need to make on the new invoice, including deleting lines. Read the discussion on the *Reviewing and updating the invoice* for more information on the individual screens.

# **Generating a Prebill Invoice**

Sometimes you will need to generate an invoice-like document for a customer in order to get a deposit on an order. You do not want to generate an actual invoice at this point because the merchandise has not yet been shipped.

You may also need to generate an "invoice" for unspecified merchandise so that a corporate customer can use up the rest of his or her budgetary allowance for the year. The orders for the actual merchandise will be entered and billed later.

For both of these situations, you can generate a "prebill" invoice. It has some of the characteristics of a "real" invoice but also has significant differences.

It is like a regular invoice in that:

- It is assigned an invoice number
- It can contain the details of the order (either copied from the order or typed in manually)
- You can print an invoice document.
- It is stored in invoice history for later retrieval

It is different from a regular invoice in that:

- It is not posted to Accounts Receivable
- It is not posted to accounting
- No commission is calculated.
- Inventory is not updated.
- None of the details are posted back to the order.
- The order status is unchanged

In short, it doesn't go anywhere.

It remains in invoice history but the default is to exclude it from invoicing reports. There is a checkbox beside it so you can include it if appropriate.

It does not go to the Accounts Receivable file. However, if you enter the invoice number when applying cash, it will look up the correct customer for you. It also remains on the invoice file for reference if a customer uses that number.

You can use any of the regular invoice generation methods to generate the prebill invoice. It is just flagged a certain way to distinguish it from "real" invoices.

# **Generating Invoices based on Vouched Costs**

It is important to continually monitor your open orders and to bill those that have been shipped as soon as possible. With multi-vendor orders and even multiple shipments on a single order, this can be a daunting task. This function can be a tool to help you quickly isolate those orders that appear to be ready to bill and to quickly generate the invoices for those orders.

The way the process works is that a list of master orders that have been vouched is accumulated. The vouched costs from all the orders in the master order are compared to the original costs entered on all the orders in the original master order. Those master orders that have vouched costs close to the original costs will be included on a list of orders that appear to be ready to bill. This list will be displayed once you click the "Submit" button. You can then choose which of the listed orders you want to bill.

This function works only if you use the system option to vouch A/P costs against the order.

- The orders to be included must also meet these criteria:
- You have not previously billed the order. This includes invoices in the current batch of invoices that have not yet been closed.
- Only drop ship orders, orders for consigned goods, or decorate and ship orders are included.
- Only open orders are included.

- If a ship date is specified in your request, only orders with a ship date on or before the specified date are included.
- Only orders that have had costs vouched against them in Accounts Payable are included.
- Only orders that have vouched cost that are greater than or equal the requested percentage are included.

To use the function, go to
Customer Invoicing
Generate Invoices from Vouched Cost data

• Generate Invoices from Vouched Costs data
• Cross invoices/print Sales Journal
• Display invoicing data
• Miscellaneous functions
• Transmit Invoices
• Print Invoicing Reports

Illustration 15: Menu Option for

Generate Invoices from Vouched

Customer Invoicing

Update Invoice File

Costs Data

You will be prompted for some information on the first screen.

### • Ship date

• You may want to only look at ship dates that are relatively current. For example, if you do a lot of calendar orders, you may not want those included on the report until the appropriate time of the year. If you want to set up a cut off date for the ship date, you may enter that date. If you leave the date blank, all appropriate orders will be included regardless of ship date.

### Invoice date

- The invoice date will default to the current date. You may change it here or after the invoice is generated.
- The invoice date will determine which book period the accounting entry will use.

### • Minimum Percentage

- Enter the percentage you want to use as the minimum percentage variance from the original costs. The vouched costs must be at least this percentage of the original costs to be selected.
- For example, suppose the original cost was \$1000 and the vouched cost is \$940. The vouched cost is 94% of the original cost.
- If you enter a percentage of 95%, the order would **NOT** be included since \$940 is less than 95% of the original order.
- If you enter a percentage of 90%, the order **WOULD** be included, since it is now within 90% of the original cost.

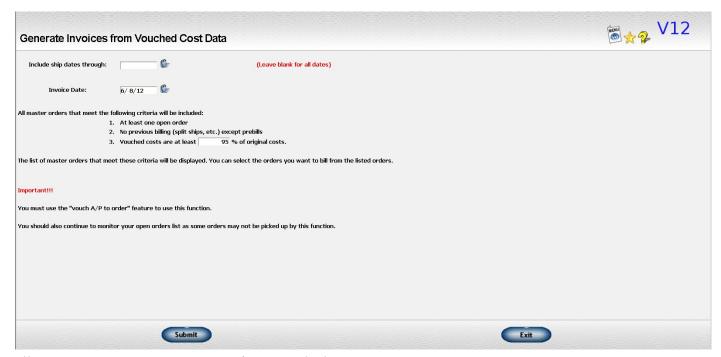


Illustration 16: Generate Invoices from Vouched Cost Data Requst Parameters Screen

Once you enter this information and click on the "Submit" button, your open orders will be reviewed. This may take a few minutes, depending on the volume of open orders. A table listing all the eligible master orders will be displayed.

Generate Invoice?	Master Order#		Order Number	Vendor/Decorator	First Item	Order Cost	Vouched Cost	Order Detail	A/P Detail
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				A STITCH IN TIME		6.00	.00		
			710943	Sanmar	Jacket	11.00	12.50	<b>Q A</b>	
				A STITCH IN TIME		15.00	.00		
V	711326	ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL	711326	Sanmar	Polo Shirt - Purple	80.00	40.00		
~	711448	ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL	711448	Sanmar	Polo shirts	300.00	310.00		
			711449	A STITCH IN TIME	EMBROIDERY	60.00	.00	<b>Q A</b>	
71	711454	ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL	711454	Sanmar	Polo shirts	300.00	310.00	<b>Q A</b>	San Control
				A STITCH IN TIME	]	60.00	.00		

Illustration 17: Selecting the Master Orders to be Billed

The list will show the master order, each of the orders within the master order, the customer and vendor and first line for each order, the original and the vouched costs. It will also include some icons that will give you access to additional information.



Click this icon to see the lines on the order showing the original cost and the vouched cost. Shipping is also included.

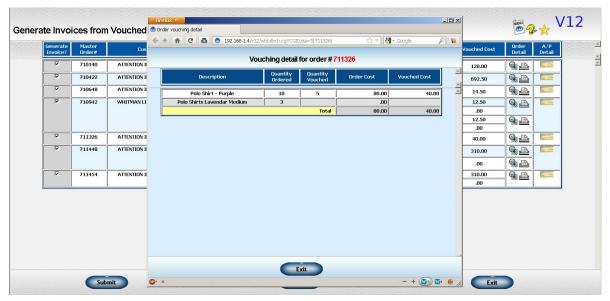


Illustration 18: Review Vouched Cost Screen



Click this icon to see the file copy of the order.



Click this icon to see the A/P invoices vouched against the order.

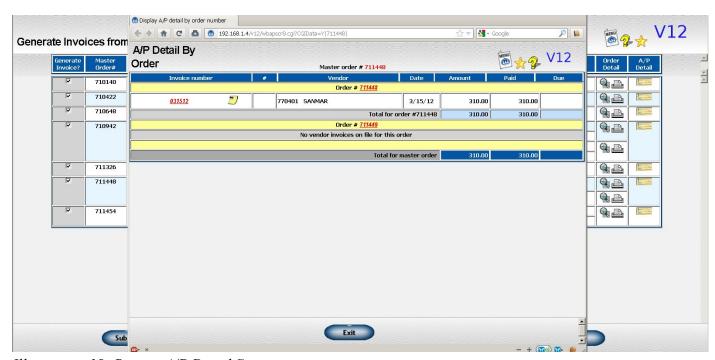


Illustration 19: Review A/P Detail Screen

Beside each master order number, there is a checkbox. Check that box if you want to generate an invoice for that master order. There are also links at the top to let you easily select or deselect all the master orders listed.

Once you have selected the master orders you want to bill and click Submit, the invoices will be generated. The list of invoices generated will be displayed along with a link to the invoice so you can go review and update it. Once you have updated the invoice, the word "Reviewed" will appear under the invoice number so you can get track of which one s you've reviewed.

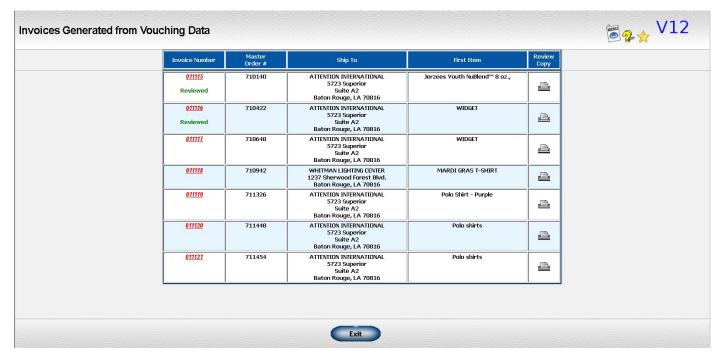


Illustration 20: Review Invoices Generated Screen

Read the discussion on the *Reviewing and updating the invoice* for more information on entering any adjustments you may need to make.

**IMPORTANT!** You should also continue to monitor your open orders using your usual review procedures as not all orders will be picked up using this function.

The Open Order Detail or Order List reports in Order Processing or the Unbilled Costs report in Accounts Payable are good tools for this purpose.

# Generating Invoices from UPS/FedEx Upload

If you import UPS or Federal Express data and post tracking information to your shipment tracking file, the related order number is also posted to a candidate file. Some users also have other special programming that posts orders to this file.

If you wish, you can request this transaction which will automatically generate customer invoices for all the orders included on the candidate file. This is especially helpful for suppliers or for distributors running a large fulfillment program.

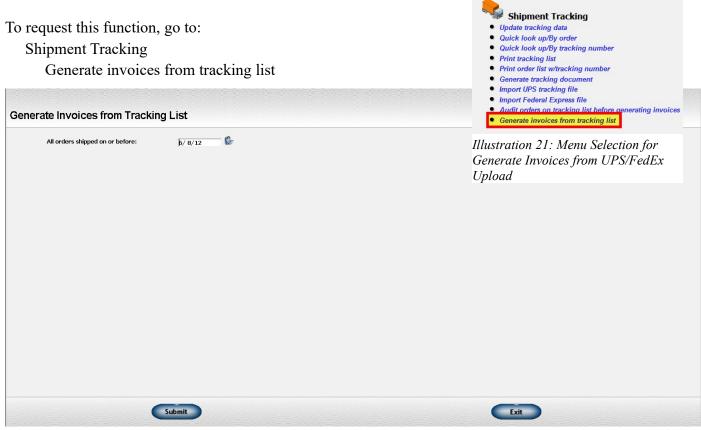


Illustration 22: Generate Invoices from Tracking List Request Screen

Once generated, the invoices may be reviewed, printed, and handled in every way as if they had been generated directly from the Customer Invoicing system. Once an invoice is generated, the related entry is deleted from the candidate file so that an invoice is not generated more than once. If you have to cancel the invoice, you can generate a new invoice through the Customer Invoicing system.

Part of the data included on the file is the date the order was added to the file. You can specify a cut off date and only generate invoices for orders added on or before the requested date.

A report is printed showing the orders processed, the associated invoices generated, and the net amount of each invoice.

### CHANGES AND ADJUSTMENTS

There will be times that you will need to make changes to invoices. This section covers the available methods.

# Reviewing and Updating the Invoice After It is Generated

This discussion will give you some pointers on how to review and update the invoice. Each of the screens you will normally see are discussed.

### **Invoice Overview**

The first and last screen you will see will usually be the invoice overview. This screen shows you a summary of the invoice. From it you can start your review process.



Illustration 23: Customer Invoice Overview

### Icons Found on the Customer Invoice Overview and their Function

Next	Next Arrow	Moves you to the next screen of the invoice which is the General Information screen.
<b>₽</b>	Update/Edit	Lets you update or edit what ever information it is next to.
	Delete	Lets you delete a line item from the invoice.
New	New	Lets you add a new line, additional charge, or vendor's invoice.



Exit

Takes you out of the invoice and back to the Update Invoice File Request screen.

### **IMPORTANT!**

Use care in deleting a line from the invoice.

You will probably **NOT** want to delete a line item that was originally from an order. If the line is deleted from the invoice, the quantity remaining to be billed on the corresponding line on the order will not be updated. This will cause the order to remain open.

Instead, if you do not want the line to appear on the customer's invoice, change the selling price to zero and set the zero print option to "Do not print this line".

It is OK to delete lines you have added to the invoice or to delete A/P invoice entries.

You can also cancel an invoice if you decide it is has been triggered prematurely or has some other problem. Click on the "Cancel this invoice" link. The information on the invoice will be deleted and you will **NOT** be able to retrieve it later. The invoice number will be flagged as "CANCELED" on the Sales Journal.

While you are updating the invoice, the invoice will be "locked" to other users so you can't have more than one person updating the same invoice. When you have finished reviewing the invoice, click on the "Exit" button to release the lock and return to another function. If you have a problem or exit incorrectly, the lock may be retained. To release it manually, go to Customer Invoicing, Miscellaneous functions, Clear lock on Invoice and enter the invoice number.

### **General Information**

The general information screen contains information that applies to the entire invoice such as customer, billing and shipping addresses and sales tax routines.

If you generated the invoice by asking to complete an order, the information required will be copied from the order. You should review the information displayed and you may change it if necessary. However, you will usually not have to change anything.

If you generated a miscellaneous invoice, you will have to fill in the individual fields.

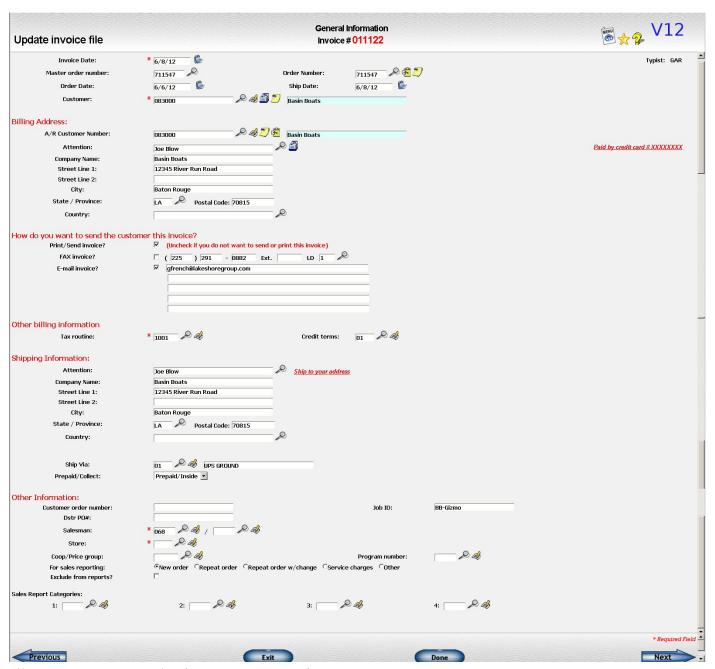


Illustration 24: General Information Screen of Customer Invoice

### **Line Items**

The line item screen contains information that applies to a specific item on the order/invoice such as description, quantity shipped and selling price.

If you generated the invoice by asking to complete an order, the information required will be copied from the order. You should review the information displayed and you may change it if necessary.

There are some particular fields you should pay attention to:

• **Quantity shipped** - Enter the quantity actually shipped.

- If this is a drop ship order and you use the "vouch to order" feature and this line has vouching activity, the quantity vouched will be the initial default. Otherwise, the quantity remaining to be billed on the order will be used.
- If this is an inventory shipment, the quantity allocated on the order will be used for the quantity shipped. If the item is tagged or backordered, the quantity shipped will be zero and the quantity tagged or backordered will be used for the quantity remaining.
- o **IMPORTANT!** If you generate an invoice and a line that should be on the invoice isn't there, check the order. The quantity billed may have been cleared for some reason. If that is the case, cancel the invoice, fix the order, and generate a new invoice.
- **Quantity remaining** Enter the quantity to be shipped later.
  - **IMPORTANT!** If this is a line item from an order, the amount you leave in the quantity remaining field will be posted back to the order as the quantity remaining to be billed later. The order will not be marked complete as long as there is a non-zero quantity remaining to be billed on the order.
- **Selling price and cost** Check that these numbers are correct. Remember the selling price in particular will be what you send to your customer.
- Commission data If you pay commission and this is displayed on the screen, verify that the commission entry is correct.

Note that the cost of a ship from inventory item may be shown in yellow and you will not be allowed to change it. This is because the cost displayed is a estimated cost. It will be replaced by the actual cost pulled from the receipt from which the on-hand quantity is deducted. Read the discussion of the *Flow of costs through invoicing* for a complete explanation of this subject.

### **Totals**

The totals screen contains the total of the line items. It is also where the shipping charges and any discount that applies to the entire order are added.

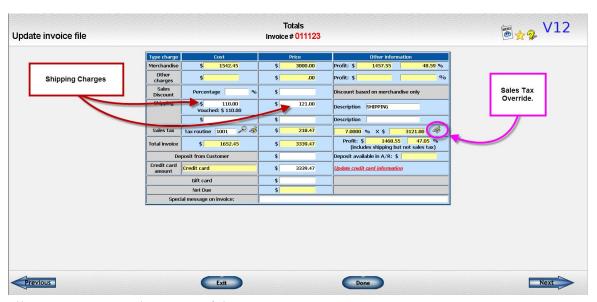


Illustration 25: Totals Screen of the Customer Invoice

### **Commission**

If the salesman on this invoice is paid commission, you will see a commission entry after the totals screen. There will be one commission screen for each order on the invoice.

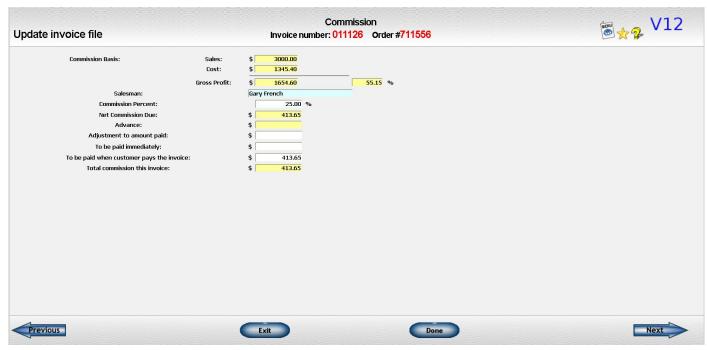


Illustration 26: Commission Screen of the Customer Invoice

The anticipated commission is calculated, taking into account the salesman's commission basis as well previous payments and invoices.

If the calculated commission is wrong or if you want to change it for some reason, you may enter the correct commission amount.

Note that if there inventory items on the invoice and the cost is adjusted when the item is removed from inventory, the commission will also be recalculated.

### A/P Invoice

You may enter an Accounts Payable invoice along with the customer invoice if you wish. Once entered and posted to A/P, it is just like an invoice entered directly through A/P. Read the section on enter the <u>A/P</u> invoice through Customer Invoicing for additional information on this feature.

The unvouched cost related to the order will be displayed so you can compare it to the cost on your vendor's invoice.

If you need to delete the vendor's invoice later, you will need to do it through Accounts Payable.

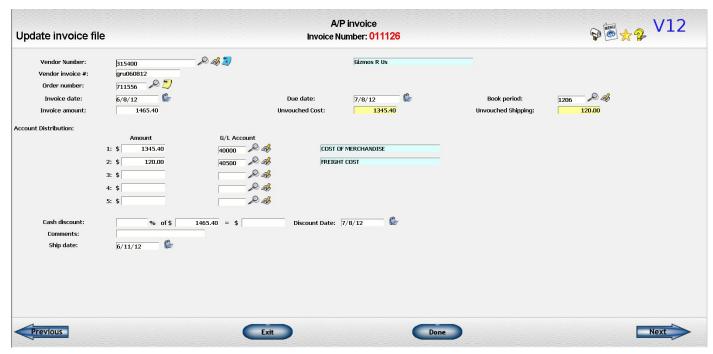


Illustration 27: Vendor Invoice Screen of the Customer Invoice

# **Canceling a Customer Invoice**

You can cancel an invoice if you decide it is has been triggered prematurely or has some other problem. Cancelled invoices will not affect the order so you may trigger a new invoice at any time.

There are a couple of ways that you can cancel the invoice:

- Click on the "Cancel this invoice" link on the invoice overview.
- Enter the invoice number and click on the "Cancel" button from the "Update invoice file" screen.
- Cancel the invoice from a special function.

Also note the following results from the cancellation process:

- The information on the invoice is physically deleted from the file and you will **NOT** be able to retrieve it later.
- The number will **NOT** be reused.
- The invoice number will be flagged as "CANCELED" on the Sales Journal.

If you would like to restrict access to the cancellation feature, the first two options listed about, the link and button, can be removed. An administrator can then cancel invoices only from the special cancellation function. Contact Lakeshore Technical Support if you would like to set up this routine.

# Correcting a Customer Invoice through Customer Invoicing vs. Correcting through Accounts Receivable

You will sometimes find that an invoice was incorrect only after it has been closed.

Once an invoice is closed, you **CANNOT** change dollar amounts, salesman number, customer number, or any field that affects the way the data was posted to another file. You will not be able to add or delete any lines. If you need those types of changes, you will need to make a correction in some other way as described below.

Starting with version 12, there is a system option you can turn on that will let you change some non-essential data such as customer order number or shipping address. If you have this system option activated and attempt to change an invoice, you will receive a warning message that the invoice has been closed. You will only be able to change the fields that are shown in white. Essential fields that cannot be changed are show in yellow for reference but you cannot change them. Read the section on *changing a closed invoice* for more information.

Some corrections can be made directly through Accounts Receivable (A/R) while some need to be made through Customer Invoicing.

Here are some general guidelines on how to make corrections:

- Customer requires a corrected invoice.
  - If the correction is one that is allowed to a closed invoice, like a customer's PO number, you can just make the correction and then reprint a new invoice.
  - Of If you cannot correct the new invoice, go to "Update invoice file" and click on the "New" icon. Then, ask to "Repeat an invoice". Enter the original invoice number. At the bottom, check the box beside the option to "Reverse sign? (create a credit)". This will create an exact copy of the original invoice except that the signs will be reversed to create a credit invoice. Review the overview but you will not normally need to change anything on this invoice. Exit this invoice.
  - Then, repeat this process to create a second copy of the original invoice EXCEPT this time do NOT check the "Reverse sign" box. This will be the new corrected invoice. Change whatever needs to be done to the invoice.
  - Once invoicing closes, apply the credit invoice to the original invoice in Accounts Receivable to clear both from the customer's open A/R account.
- The error was for the wrong salesman, customer, or some other factor that affects commission, accounts receivable, or sales history.
  - You will need to do the credit and rebill process described above.
- The wrong sales tax routine or amount was used.
  - Unless the customer needs a corrected invoice, you can make the sales tax correction through Accounts Receivable. Go into the A/R application screen and click on the "Tax" link at the end of the row where the invoice is displayed. A box will pop up where you can enter the correct tax routine or amount. An A/R adjustment record will be generated and applied to the invoice and the sales tax detail file will be updated. For more details, read the section on <u>Sales Tax</u> <u>Corrections</u>
- The customer mispays by a small amount.

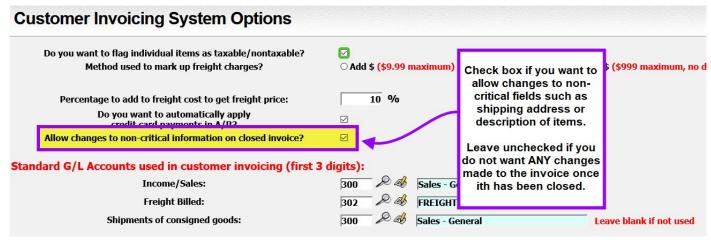
- o If you decide to write off the difference, click on the "Credit" or "Debit" link at the end of the row where the invoice is displayed. A box will pop up showing the difference and prompting you for a general ledger account. You may have a special account that you use for this purpose or you can just use the Sales account. For more details, read the section on Writing off unapplied amounts
- The customer has not paid an invoice and you want to write off the invoice as uncollectable.
  - You would use the same technique as described above for small amounts you write off. The only
    difference is that you would normally use a different general ledger account, usually a "Bad
    Debts" account.

# CLOSING CUSTOMER INVOICES AND POSTING DATA TO OTHER FILES

# **Closing Customer Invoices in the Sales Journal**

The Invoice close procedure prints a Sales Journal and posts information on the customer invoice to other data files such as Accounts Receivable and Sales Commission. We recommend that this be done daily. However, you may close at a time appropriate to your situation---more than once a day or for a time period longer than once a day.

Note that once you close an invoice, you cannot cancel it. If you have your system options set appropriately, you will be able to make minimal, non-critical changes. You will not be allowed to change amounts or critical data such as salesman or customer number. You can continue to display or print it.



*Illustration 28: Customer Invoicing System Options* 

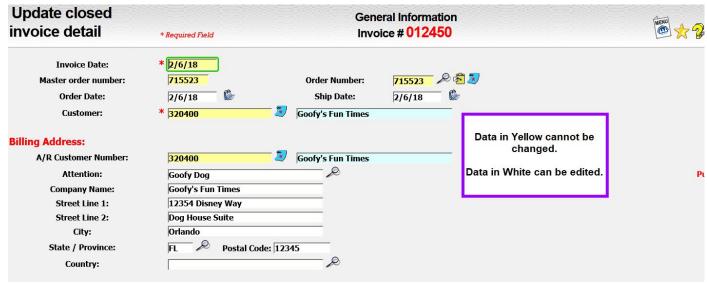


Illustration 29: General Information Screen of Closed Customer Invoice

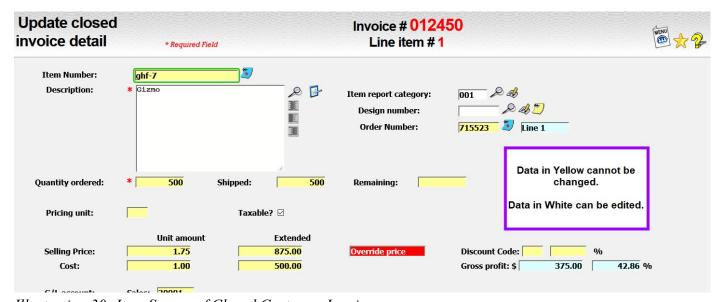


Illustration 30: Item Screen of Closed Customer Invoice

Before doing the actual close, the data is verified. If any errors are detected, a message indicating you have errors is displayed on the screen and a preliminary Sales Journal highlighting the errors will be printed.

You may also print an "audit only" version of the Sales Journal to review the data that will be on the close without actually executing the close.

If you request a full close procedure and the data has been verified as correct, the close procedure executes the following steps:

1. If you use the Inventory System, any invoices generated from sales of inventory will be updated with the true cost of each item and inventory will be relieved. If you do not use the Inventory System, this step will be omitted.

- 2. The Sales Journal will be printed. Each invoice number assigned since the last close will be accounted for. Invoices being closed will show summary information about the information such as order number, customer, and total sales. Any invoice **NOT** included in the close will be accounted for as follows:
  - a) **CANCELED** Invoices that were canceled will appear with the invoice number and the word "CANCELED" in place of the customer name.
  - b) **BILLED BY VENDOR** A "memo" invoice is generated for orders in which the vendor bills the customer directly. This is necessary to provide information to the Commission and Sales Reporting Systems. However, these invoices will not be posted to the accounts receivable file nor to accounting. The invoice number, customer number and name, order number, and the notation "BILLED BY VENDOR" are included for each invoice of this type on Sales Journal.
  - c) PREBILL "Memo" invoices are also generated for prebills.
  - d) **ALREADY CLOSED** If an invoice was closed on a previous Sales Journal, it will be skipped on subsequent journals. See discussion below on how to close some invoices but not others.
  - e) **INVOICE ON HOLD** This invoice is on hold and will **NOT** be closed on this Sales Journal. See discussion below on how to close some invoices but not others.
- 3. The invoices will be posted to the accounts receivable and sales tax detail files. Deposits on the A/R file will be applied automatically if you selected the "automatic application" option.
- 4. If you use the Sales Commission System, any required commission entries will be made.
- 5. If you use the Sales Reporting System, the sales history file is updated.
- 6. The completion information is posted to the order file. If all of the order has been shipped, the order status will be changed to "completed".
- 7. The invoice crossreference data will be generated.
- 8. If prepaid purchases or orders with deposits on the accounts payable file are processed, the appropriate files are updated and posted in detail to the general ledger.
- 9. If you use the General Accounting System, all required accounting entries will be made to the General Accounting System.
  - a) The book period is based on the invoice date on each invoice. Before closing the day's invoicing you should make sure that the book period corresponding to the invoice dates are open. A listing of the entries made will be printed at the bottom of the Sales Journal.
  - b) If you have separate deposit and accounts receivable accounts and also automatically apply deposits, appropriate entries are posted in detail to the general ledger to reduce the deposit account and adjust the accounts receivable entry.
  - c) If some of the invoices have been paid by credit card, the total of these invoices will be posted to a cash account instead of to the accounts receivable file. The account used for each credit card is set up under the Order Processing and Customer Invoicing options.
  - d) If you use the prepaid purchases, prepaid freight, or deposit to vendor features, appropriate entries are posted to the general ledger to move the prepaid amount to the regular "Purchases" account. See the discussion at the end of the Accounts Payable section of the Reference manual for additional details.
- 10. If you have any inventory-related items on any of the customer invoices, a recap of costs will be printed.
- 11. If you have invoices paid by a credit card, the Credit Card Journal will be printed.

12. If you have added A/P invoices along with some of your customer invoices, these will be posted to the accounts payable file. All appropriate journal entries will be posted. All detail is listed as part of the Sales Journal.

If you have a problem during the close procedure (paper jams, wrong forms, power failure, etc.), you can sometimes redo this procedure. To reprint the Sales Journal, go to the "REPRINT JOURNAL/REGISTER" option in Utility Functions of the main menu. For other types of close problems, call Lakeshore support for specific directions.

### Selective invoice close

You may sometimes want to be able to close some customer invoices but not others. This is especially a problem at year end when you are trying to finish up the old year while getting on with business in the new year.

We have a system in place that will allow you to do a selective close. We still do not recommend that you do this on a regular basis but it can be a useful tool in certain situations like year end.

There are two ways you can control which invoices will closed.

First, the first and last invoice number to be closed are displayed on the "Close Sales Journal" request screen. You may change the **ENDING** invoice number. So if you have invoices entered yesterday and some entered today, you can easily close just yesterday's invoices by changing the ending invoice number. The next invoice close will start with the ending invoice number you enter plus one.

If you need more control and want to pick and choose invoices, you can click on the "Update list of invoices to be closed".

A new screen will be displayed listing all the invoices between the beginning and ending invoice numbers shown on the main screen. Invoices that have already been closed as well as ones that have been canceled or are prebills are noted. The remaining invoices have a check box beside them which will be checked by default. **Uncheck** the box beside any invoice you do **NOT** want to close. Previously closed invoices will be flagged as "Already closed" on the Sales Journal and invoices that will not be closed on the current run will be shown as "Invoice on hold".

When you submit the close command, the "last invoice closed" will be set to the **last invoice number that** is **not on hold**. The next run would start with the invoice number you did not close.

# MISCELLANEOUS CUSTOMER INVOICING TOPICS

# Entering the A/P Invoices along with the Customer Invoices

Vendor invoices are entered into the system for later payment directly through the Accounts Payable system or through Customer Invoicing as part of the invoicing process. Once the invoices are entered, there are no differences in them. It is mainly a matter of your preference as to which procedure you want to use.

Even if you choose to enter some vendor invoices through the Customer Invoicing system, you may continue to enter others through Accounts Payable. You will always enter vendor invoices for charges unrelated to an order such as rent or utilities through the Accounts Payable system.

If you want to use this feature, you must indicate that you want to use it on the A/P system options.

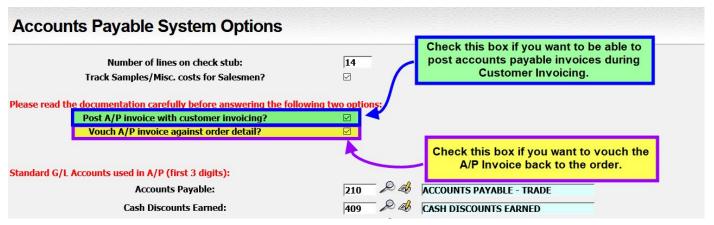


Illustration 31: Accounts Payable System Options Screen

There are three ways to enter the invoice through Customer Invoicing.

1. When completing a single order. Enter the A/P invoice number and related information before the customer invoice is generated.

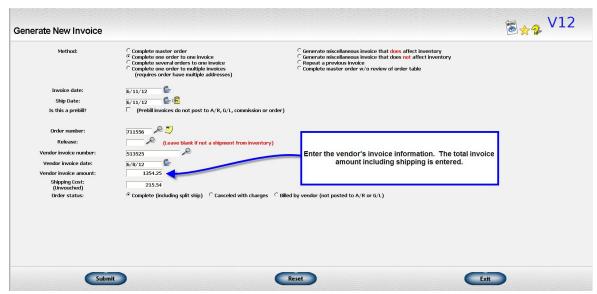


Illustration 32: Entering Vendor Invoice on Customer Invoice for Single Order

- 2. When completing a master order. Enter the vendor invoice data for each invoice included in the master order.
  - a) You may enter data for some orders and not for others.
  - b) You will not be able to enter vendor invoice data for inventory-related orders. If you need to enter a vendor's invoice for this type order, enter if from the invoice overivew.

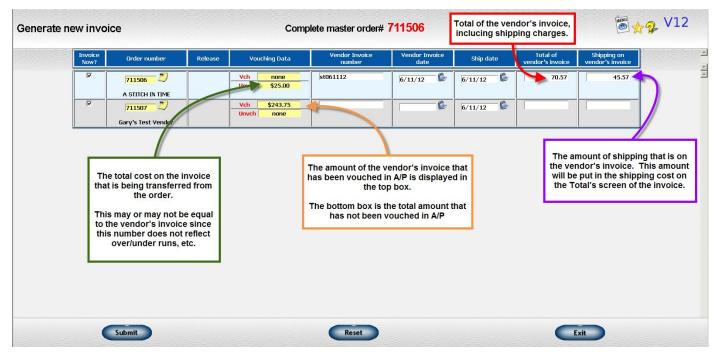


Illustration 33: Entering Vendor Invoices on Customer Invoice for Master Order

3. From the invoice overview screen.

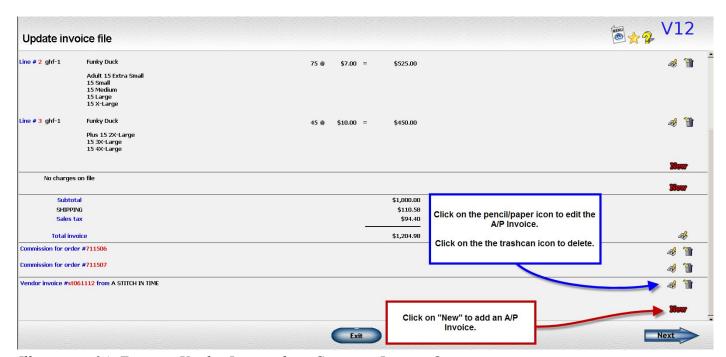


Illustration 34: Entering Vendor Invoice from Customer Invoice Overview

The A/P entry screen in Customer Invoicing is very similar to the one used in the Accounts Payable system. The primary difference is that the "unvouched" cost from the customer invoice is displayed for you to compare to the vendor's invoice amount. The "unvouched" cost is the total of the costs on all line items for the related order less any costs that have been previously vouched.

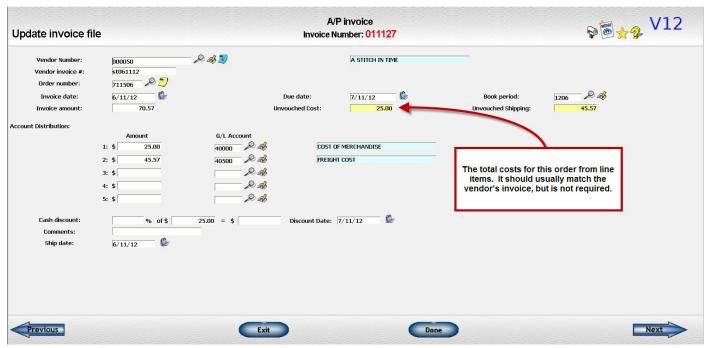


Illustration 35: A/P Invoice Screen of Customer Invoice

### **Key Points**

- Vendor's invoice number must be unique.
  - The system makes the same check in Customer Invoicing as it does in Accounts Payable to make sure another invoice with the same vendor and invoice number is not already on file. This keeps you from paying an invoice twice.
  - o If you receive more than one document from a vendor with the same invoice number, add something to the invoice number to make it unique. For example, if the vendor issues a credit with the invoice number as the original invoice, add a "CR" to the end of the invoice number.
  - For payments for rent or phone where there is no invoice number, make up something such as "November 2007" or "11/15/07-12/14/07".
- You will generally post to the current book period.
  - Since you are invoicing the customer at the same time you are recording the related expense, the current book period is normally the one used and this will be the default.
- Direct expense to one or more general ledger accounts.
  - Enter information on how you want this expense to be distributed to accounting. Enter the G/L account number and the portion of the total expense to be posted to that account.

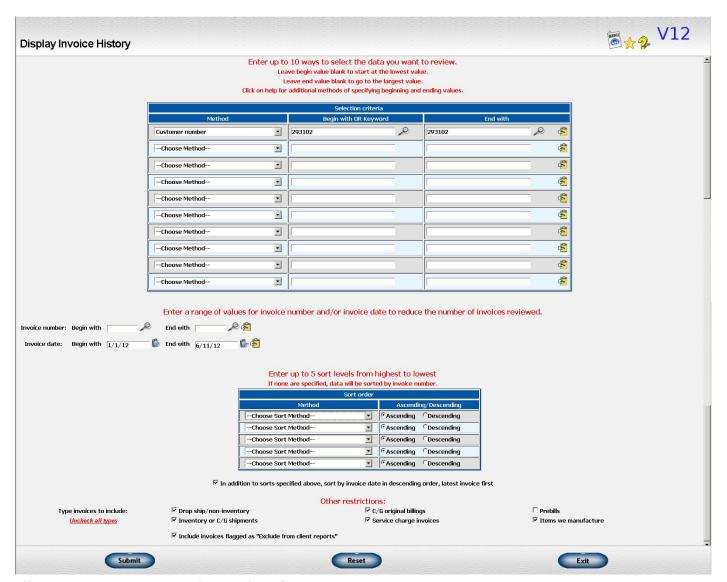
- You may distribute the invoice amount among up to five accounts on this screen. If you require more than 5 accounts, you cannot enter the invoice through Customer Invoicing. You will have to enter it through Accounts Payable where you may enter up to 25 additional distributions.
- Since you are posting the customer's invoice at the same time as you are recording the expense, you cannot use the Prepaid accounts in the G/L distribution when entering the A/P invoice from Customer Invoicing.
- Total of distribution amounts must equal amount of the invoice.
  - The total of the five distribution amounts entered on this screen must equal the total amount of the invoice. You must include at least one distribution.
- The A/P invoice is not posted to the Accounts Payable file until the related customer invoice is closed.
  - If the customer invoice is cancelled, any A/P invoices associated with it are cancelled as well and will NOT be added to Accounts Payable.

#### A few other points to remember...

- An order number is not required.
- **Do not deduct any cash discounts you plan to take from the total of the invoice**. Just enter the amount of the discount in the cash discount amount box.
- You can predefine the accounts normally used by each vendor. These will be filled in automatically each time you start an invoice for this vendor. If you do not need to distribute any money to one of them, leave the amount distributed to that account zero. If you have defined the vendor's accounts as the Prepaid accounts, they will be converted to the regular Purchases/Freight accounts.
- You can control how the due date, cash discount percentage, and cash discount date are assigned by changing the terms information on the <u>vendor set up screen</u>.
- You cannot use the "vouch to order" process from Customer Invoicing. You can compare the quantity and cost data on the individual lines of the customer invoice to the vendor invoice detail as well as compare the total "unvouched" cost to the total of the vendor's invoice. Note that the unvouched cost on the customer invoice does not have to match the vendor's invoice. It is displayed as information to help you in the validation process. For example, the vendor's invoice may be greater than the cost on the customer invoice because it also includes a sample for an unrelated order.

# **Displaying Invoice History**

You may sometimes want to search your invoice history. For example, you may want all the invoices with a specific item number. Or, you may want a combination of methods like all the invoices for particular customer/item combination. This display option lets you define your own search and sort parameters for this type of search.



*Illustration 36: Requesting the Display of Invoice History* 

The screen may look a little intimidating at first but it's not that hard once you "deconstruct" it. Let's look at each section of the screen.

#### **Selection criteria**

In this area you should enter any restrictions you want to place on the data such as only invoices for a specific item or only data for a certain range of ship dates. You can enter up to 10 different criteria. The invoice must meet **ALL** the criteria to be selected. There is also a special place to enter a specific range of invoice numbers and/or invoice dates.

To enter a restriction, follow these 2 steps:

- 1. Pick the type of restriction from the drop down box.
- 2. Enter the range of values you want to include.

If you want to start at the lowest possible value, just leave the beginning value blank. If you want to go to the highest possible value, you can leave the ending value blank.

There are also some special values you can enter:

- **zero** Only invoices where the selected value is zero will be included, such as only invoices with zero selling price
- **notzero** Only invoices where the selected value is **NOT** zero will be included
- blank Only invoices where the selected value is blank will be included, such as blank ship dates
- notblank Only invoices where the selected value is **NOT** blank will be included

For a few fields such as comments and imprint that consist of text data, you will be prompted for a key word. Enter part or all of a word you want to search for. The more characters you enter, the more specific the search will be. Spaces inside a word such as "red cap" are counted but the search is not case sensitive ("Red cap" and "RED CAP" would both be selected).

If you use one of the special values above or you are doing a key word search, no ending value is required.

If you don't have restrictions, you can skip this section completely.

TIP Once you have entered your display criteria and clicked on the "Submit" button, your invoice history will be searched for the requested data. If you restrict the search to a certain range of invoice numbers or invoice dates, this will reduce the number of invoices that must be reviewed.

For example, if you think the invoices you want to review have been entered within the last month, enter a date of one month ago as the beginning invoice date.

#### **Sorting**

If you do not specify any sort criteria, the invoices will be sorted with the latest invoice first. Within each date, the invoices will be sorted in invoice number order.

If you want the invoices sorted a different way, such as by customer, select your sort criteria from the drop down list.

You can indicate whether you want the data listed in "Ascending" (largest value to smallest value, dates from latest to earliest) or "Descending" (smallest to largest, oldest to latest), order.

#### Other restrictions

There are a couple of other restrictions you can select:

# • Type invoices to include

- You may only want to review certain types of invoices like only ones for drop ship orders or only ones for inventory shipments. Uncheck the boxes in front of the types of invoices you don't want included.
- If you have to do credits and rebills for invoices that are reported to a customer for a program, you may only want to include the final invoice and not all your mistakes. You can flag the invoices you

DON'T want included by going to Customer Invoicing, Miscellaneous Functions, Set 'Exclude from Client Reports' Flag. If you don't want these types of invoices included in your display, uncheck the box labeled **Invoices flagged as "Exclude from client reports"**.

## Displaying the selected invoices

Fifteen invoices will be displayed at a time. There are buttons that let you go back and forth between groups of invoices.



Illustration 37: Output Screen for Display Invoice History

A summary of the invoice is displayed and the invoice has not already been closed. The invoice number serves as a link to a full display of all the invoice detail. If you have update permissions and the invoice has not already been closed, you will be able to update the invoice as well. Otherwise, you will be able to just display the invoice.

Just below the invoice, the order number recorded on the invoice will be displayed. If it is a valid order number, you may click on it to review the order detail.

The "dates" column will show various dates associated with the invoice. When the invoice is paid, the payment date will be displayed as well as the number of days required to pay the invoice.

Two icons will be displayed to the right of each invoice to give you easy access to additional information.



Display a PDF showing the invoice. You may print from this display.



E-mail the invoice

# **DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS**

# **Printing/Transmitting Customer Invoices**

The only real document generated in the Customer Invoicing system is a copy of the customer's invoice. There are generally four copies of this form available. They are essentially the same but may be different if necessary. For example, you may want to include commission information on the salesman's copy.

The standard four copies are:

- File copy for your records
- Customer copy marked as "Original"
- Additional copy for the customer marked as "Copy"
- Salesman copy

In addition, you may set up additional formats if you have special requirements.

You can, of course, print or transmit invoices as you do them. However, most users send the majority of their invoices once a day, either just before or after they close the Sales Journal. If you do it just before the close, you can click on the "New" icon to have the range of invoices to be included on the close become the beginning and ending numbers of the process. If you do it after the close, you should enter the first and last invoice number on the close.

# E-mail/FAX/Print invoices according to customer preference

You may want to e-mail some invoices, FAX some invoices, and print the rest of your customer invoices. Here is what you need to do to implement this strategy:

You will need to set the customer's preference for the way they want to receive invoices on the customer file.

If you are e-mailing the invoice, the customer's **BILLING** e-mail address must be on the invoice. The invoices will be e-mailed to this address, **NOT** the e-mail address on the order. Likewise, if you are FAXing the invoice, the **BILLING FAX** number will be used.

**Note** The FAX option is only available to those who have Lakeshore on their own in-house server and have purchased the FAX package.

The billing information on the invoice is initially picked up from the billing information on the order which is initially picked up from the billing information on the customer file. You may occasionally need to change this information. You can access the fields on the "customer-related data" link on the order or on the "general information" screen of the invoice.

Go to Customer Invoicing → Transmit Invoice → E-mail Invoices

Fill out the screen. Here is a sample:



Illustration 38: Email Customer Invoice Request Screen

When you click "Submit", an e-mail will be generated for all the invoices for customers who have a preference for invoices to be e-mailed **AND** have a billing e-mail address on file.

As the e-mail is sent, the invoice is marked as "sent by e-mail" and a note is recorded in the order change log.

If you have a large number of invoices being sent this way, wait a few minutes before going on to the next step to allow time for all the e-mails to be generated.

Go to Customer Invoicing → Transmit Invoice → FAX Invoices

Fill out the screen. Here is a sample:

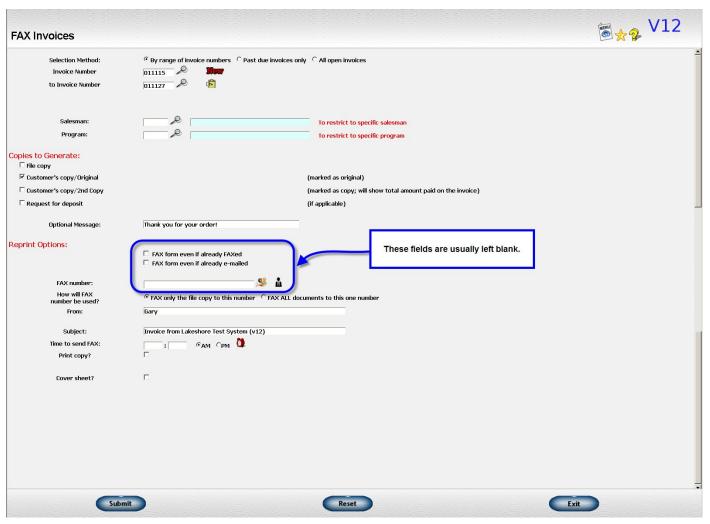


Illustration 39: FAX Customer Invoice Screen Request

When you click "Submit", a FAX will be generated for all the invoices for customers who have a preference for invoices to be FAXed AND have a billing FAX number on file.

As the FAX is generated, the invoice is marked as "sent by FAX" and a note is recorded in the order change log.

If you have a large number of invoices being sent this way, wait a few minutes before going on to the next step to allow time for all the FAXess to be generated.

Finally, go to Customer Invoicing → Transmit Invoice → Print Invoices

Fill out the screen. Here is a sample:

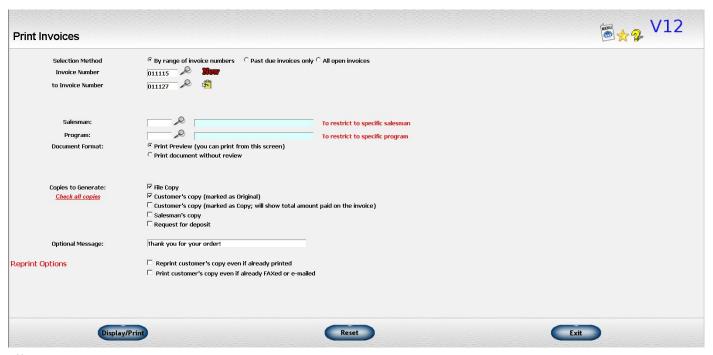


Illustration 40: Print Customer Invoices Request Screen

# **Invoicing Reports**

In addition to the invoice document itself, there are several invoicing reports. This discussion recaps what is available and how you might use each of them. You can find sample reports in the Online Manual.

Sales Journal	Each time you post close invoices, a Sales Journal is produced
	showing the detail.

These reports should be retained as part of your accounting detail. A copy of all journals is also retained in the computer so that you review or reprint as necessary.

#### **Invoice List**

This report lists information in a one-line report in the same format as the Sales Journal. However, you can select and sort the data many different ways. You may also include headings and subtotals. You may exclude the Gross Profit information or substitute cost information instead.

### **Invoice History**

This report is selected and sorted in a similar fashion as the Invoice List. However, you can include more detail. There are two formats--- one that shows all the lines on the invoice and one that shows a summary but with a bit more information than the Invoice List.

#### **Invoice History Item Detail**

This report is an item-oriented report that lets you select individual lines on an invoice. It can include both inventory and non-inventory items.

**Invoice Inventory Activity** 

This is also a line item-oriented report but it includes only items pulled from inventory.

The preceding two reports can be used to report on your customer's program activity. Use the Invoice History Item Detail if merchandise includes drop ship or non-inventory items. Use the Invoice Inventory Activity if all the items come from inventory or consigned goods.

**Royalty Report** 

This report lets you select items in various ways to provide

information for paying royalties.

**Design Royalty Report** 

This report can be used to pay royalties based on a specific design or

artist.

**Item Ranking** 

This report ranks item usage during a period based on quantity, sales or profit. You may select the items to be included according to several

criteria.

This is an excellent report to use for reporting the popularity of various

items in a program.

**Invoice Credit Card Review** 

This report lists invoices that are to be charged to a customer's credit

card.

It can be used as a resource for placing charges manually through a

machine or on a web site.

# **Reporting for Customer Programs**

An important part of running a program is reporting the results to your client. This discussion recaps the reports that are most commonly used. You can see samples of the reports in the Online Manual.

# **Customer Invoicing Reports**

**Invoice History Item Detail** 

This report is an item-oriented report that lets you select individual lines on an invoice. It can include both inventory and non-inventory items. You may select the items to be included by inventory type, an item number range, or by customer.

**Invoice Inventory Activity** 

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type, an item number range, or by customer.

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This is an excellent report to use for reporting the popularity of various items in a program.

**Inventory Reports** 

Item Status This report shows a snapshot of item availability at a point in time. It

can be selected in several ways.

**Inventory Reconciliation** This report shows the changes to the item during a period of time

including receipts, shipments and adjustments.

Inventory Value & Activity

This report shows the quantity and value of inventory at a point in

time. It also shows activity for the month and year-to-date. This makes

it an excellent end-of-month report.

The value is initially set up to be based on list price but the document layout can be adjusted to use a different basis such as selling price if this is more appropriate to your situation. Contact Technical support if

you need this change made.

**Sales History** 

Sales by Item This report shows the sales and quantity for the current period and

year-to-date. You may suppress the gross profit information.

# **CUSTOMER INVOICING SPECIAL TOPICS**

# **Using Credit Cards for Customer Orders**

Several features are included in the system to make it easier for you to accept payments from customers using their credit card.

# Entering credit card information during order entry

If you want to be prompted for credit card information during order entry, check the Order Processing system option "prompt for credit card during order entry?"

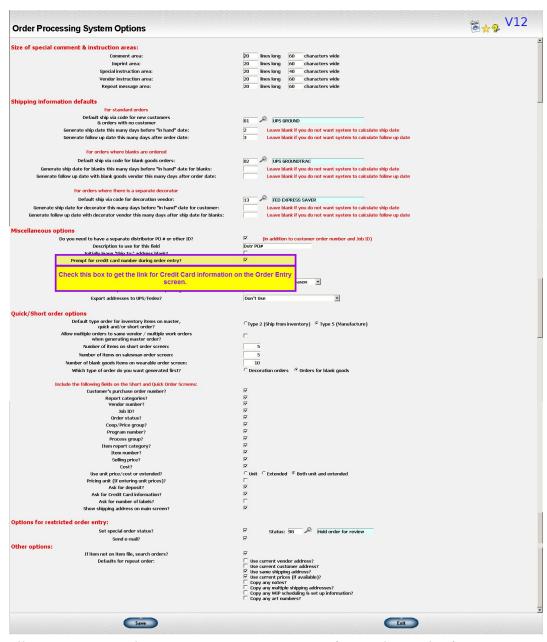


Illustration 41: Order Processing System Options for Credit Card Information on Order Entry Screen

If you have selected this option, you will have a link for the credit card information during the order entry process. The link will be on the "general information" screen of the order as shown below and on the "totals" screen. You may enter or update the information from either screen.

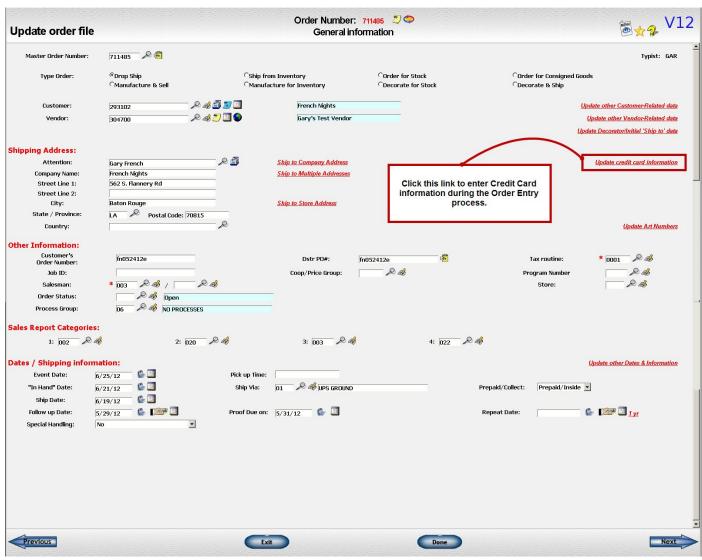


Illustration 42: General Information Screen of Order with Credit Card Information link

On the screen that appears, you will be prompted for the credit card information:

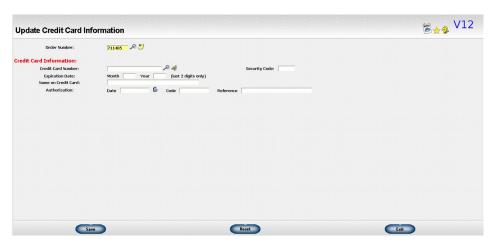


Illustration 43: Update Credit Card Information Screen

#### **Credit Card Number**

The credit card against which the payment will be charged. Some checking is done for the validity of the number itself. This check will warn you of errors in the typing of the number itself only, not the customer's credit situation.

You may store up to 5 customer credit card numbers and related information. Click on the look up icon to look up and select this data. Click on the pen/pencil icon to update this list.

**IMPORTANT!** 

Lakeshore does **NOT** recommend storing your customer's credit card numbers. There is a security risk involved that you should carefully consider before using this feature.

**Expiration Date** The expiration date of the card entered as month, then year.

**Security Code** The 3-4 digit security code on the back of the credit card.

Credit Card Name The name on the face of the credit card.

There is also a place to enter authorization information if you wish.

If you come back to the order later, the link on the order will be changed to a "Paid by" notation following by the type of card and the last 4 digits (see below). You can click on this link to make changes. At this point, if you have a password set up for updating credit card information, you will need to enter this password to display or change the credit card data. You will then see the same update screen as you did when the credit card information was originally added.

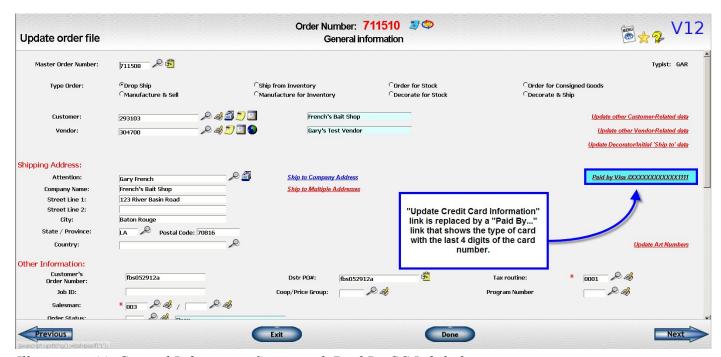


Illustration 44: General Information Screen with Paid By CC Info link

There is also an "Update credit card information" function on the Order Processing, Miscellaneous Functions submenu. It will also require a password if you have one set up.

# Print list of orders using credit cards

At any time during the day, you can request a print out of all orders that are to be paid with a credit card. Information necessary to get credit approval is included as well as any authorization information that has already been entered.

### **Invoicing the order**

When the invoice is processed, if there is a credit card number included on the order, the amount to be charged to the credit card is calculated as

Total of the invoice - Customer deposit amount (if any) = Credit card amount

This amount will be displayed on the invoice "totals" screen. You may adjust it if appropriate.

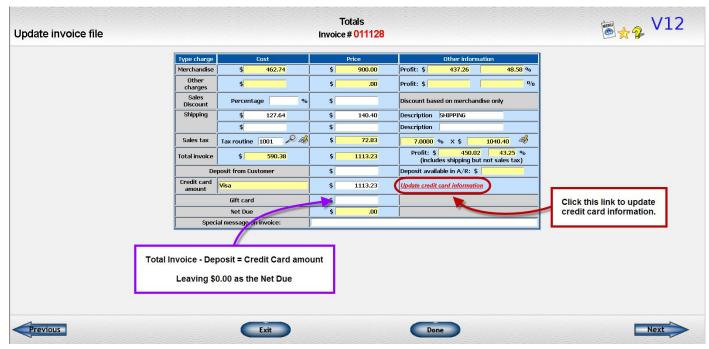


Illustration 45: Totals Screen of the Order Showing Update Credit Card Information

You may also add or update the credit card information at this point. A password is required if you have one set up.

Credit card amount and a notation of the type of card and last 4 digits are usually printed on the invoice form if there is any credit card information stored on the invoice.

### **Invoice Close procedures**

When the invoice is closed, you have two ways the credit card amount can be handled. You indicate on the Customer Invoicing system options which way you want to do it.

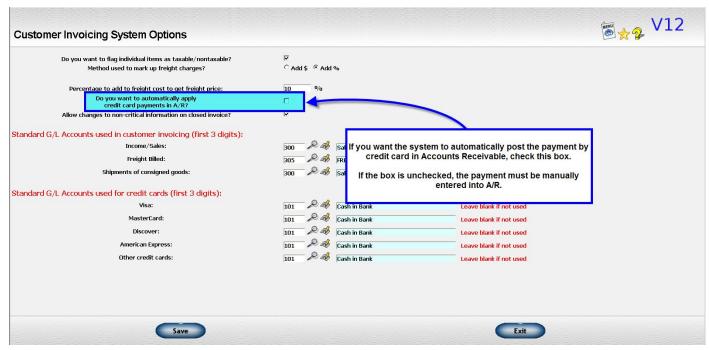


Illustration 46: Customer Invoicing System Options

## Method 1 - Credit card applied to net amount due in A/R automatically when invoice is closed

If you check the option, the credit card amount will be applied to the net due on the invoice much like a customer deposit. If the amount due is zero, the invoice is still posted to A/R for historical reference only.

For the journal entry, the amount that would normally post to the accounts receivable account is posted to the appropriate credit card account. These are set up in the Customer Invoicing system options. You may use a single credit card account or have a separate one for each type of card.

#### **IMPORTANT!**

If you use this method, make sure you have a solid method of ensuring that the credit card charges are actually processed or some type of reconciliation process such as your bank statement.

Since the A/R invoice would normally be cleared, the entry will no longer appear on your open A/R detail. If you forget to place the charge, you will never receive the corresponding cash.

If you use this method and the credit card is rejected, you would need to enter a debit on the A/R file to offset the credit card payment. The G/L account would be the same one used when the invoice was closed.

### Method 2 - Credit card amount NOT applied automatically

If you use this method, the credit card amount is a memo amount only. You would need to enter the actual cash on to the A/R file and apply it to the invoice. This is a more manual method but it gives you a better trail and better control over the process.

There are advantages and disadvantages to each method. Method 1 is helpful if have a large volume of credit cards and/or you do automatic processing of credit cards (described below). Method 2 has better control and is safer if you have a smaller volume of cards.

For either method, at the end of the Sales Journal, a Credit Card Journal is printed listing all invoices paid with a credit card. You can use this as a list of those cards that need to be processed.

# **Automatic authorization and charges**

If you do a large volume of credit card orders, you may want to consider adding the capability of generating a computer file containing requests for authorizations that can be sent to the bank. The bank would check the credit, then return the list indicating whether the charge is authorized or not. If the charge was authorized, the bank will put a "committed" notation on the credit card account for the amount of the order for a certain period of time. If the charge was not allowed, the order could be cancelled.

When the order is invoiced, another file would be generated and the actual charge placed on the customer's card.

This is not part of the system as a standard feature because the structure of the files that must be created and the various procedures required differ from bank to bank. Therefore, some amount of special programming is required. However, many of the mechanisms (capturing the credit card number, etc.) are already in place and make it a feasible project to undertake.

If you would like to consider this option, contain Lakeshore Technical Support for additional information.

#### **Security Concerns**

Unfortunately, in today's world, you must make sure your credit card procedures and information are secure. You may be required to follow certain guidelines or you may be able to set your own policy. We recommend that at a minimum you do the following:

- Do not store your customer's credit card numbers. Although convenient, there is a potential for abuse.
- Set passwords on all credit card related functions. Go to Reference Information → Miscellaneous codes/group 2 → Passwords (specific functions)
  - Enter passwords for the following program names
    - wborccard Update credit card information in order entry
    - wbinvccard Update credit card information in customer invoicing
    - wbcstcc Store credit card information for a customer



Illustration 47: Password Screen for Specific Function

# **Allocation of Production Costs to Invoice Line Items**

As a production-related job proceeds through the various production steps, costs are accumulated for labor and overhead based on the time worked and the labor and overhead rates of the various employees involved. Material usage may also be recorded at the time it is used or at some point prior to the customer invoice being generated. Finally, costs from outside vendors for nonstock material, art, dies, etc. may be recorded through the Accounts Payable system and posted to the job cost. When the customer invoice is generated, all of these costs are accumulated and become part or all of the cost recorded for the invoice. The allocation of these costs to various line items, the effect of overriding the costs generated and the corresponding journal entries can become quite complicated. Each of these topics will be discussed in this section along with several examples from different types of production. The related journal entries and the Inventory/WIP recap that will appear on the Sales Journal will also be included. For simplicity, no tax or freight charges will be included in the journal entry.

Labor and overhead will **ALWAYS** be considered part of the "production cost" and will be allocated to the various items on the order as described below. Material costs may or may not be included in this value.

- If you enter the blank item detail on the line items on the order, then the system knows how to tie the exact material cost for each line item to the cost on the invoice so this cost will **NOT** be included in the "production cost" amount. The cost posted for a line item will be the actual material cost PLUS that line item's portion of the production cost (labor and overhead).
- If you enter your material detail on the processes, as is common in Commercial Graphics, then this type of item-specific posting of material costs is not possible so the cost of the material WILL be included in the "production cost" amount. The cost posted for a line item will be the cost of labor, overhead and material recorded in Work in Process.

## Example 1

First, consider a simple order to screen print 100 cups. The selling price is \$1 each or \$100 for the job and the cost is estimated to be  $65\phi$  each or \$65 for the job. Of this, the blank goods to be used cost  $35\phi$  each for a total of \$35 for the 100 that will be required. The remaining \$30 is the estimated labor and overhead costs.



Illustration 48: Order Line Item Color/Size List Screen

Suppose that during actual production, labor and overhead costs of \$32 are accumulated. All 100 of the cups originally allocated plus 1 additional cup required because of spoilage are removed from inventory using the "UPDATE INVENTORY" step on the Work in Process system menu, accumulating \$35.35 in material costs. The total production costs will then be \$32 + \$35.35 = \$67.35.



Illustration 49: Display Job Cost Detail Screen

Since there is only one line item on the invoice all of the production costs will be transferred to that line on the invoice. The gross profit shown on the order will be \$100 - \$67.35 = \$32.65. Below is a screen shot showing you the information you will see when initially reviewing the invoice.

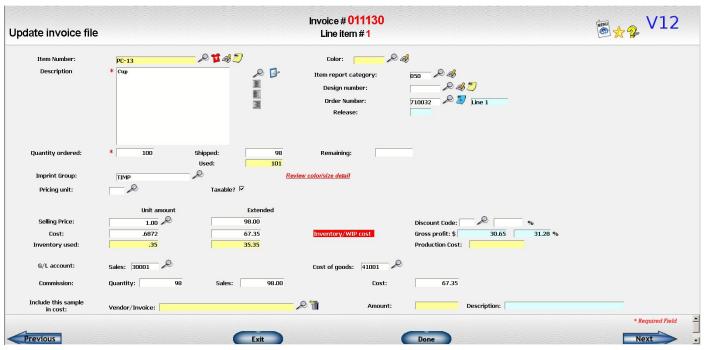


Illustration 50: Customer Invoice Line Item Screen

This is the color/size detail screen before any changes:

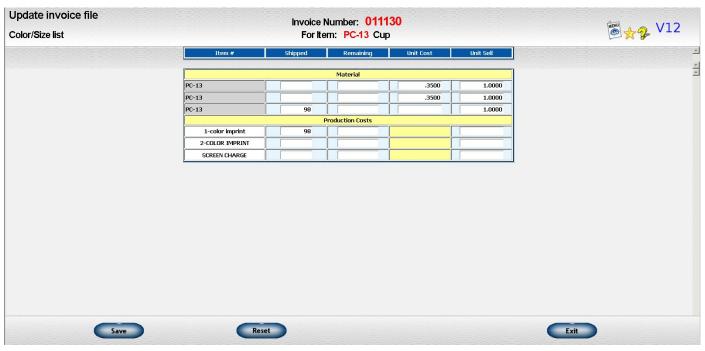


Illustration 51: Item Color/Size List on Customer Invoice

The quantity ordered and shipped should be changed to what you are actually billing the customer and the quantity remaining should be cleared since there will be no further shipments against this order. The extended cost will reflect the cost of ALL 101 of the cups plus the actual production cost. Note that the commission cost may be different if you use commission method 2 (always base commission cost on reference cost) or method 3 (use real cost of material and reference cost for production-related items).

Below are the same two screens after the changes noted above have been made. In this example, commission method 3 is used so the commission cost is different from the extended cost of the line item.

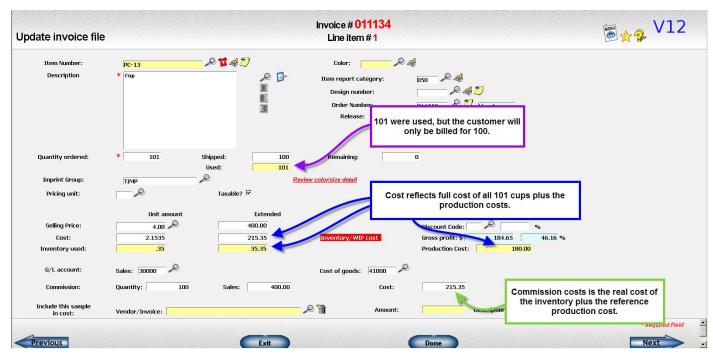


Illustration 52: Customer Invoice Line Item Screen Updated with Production Costs

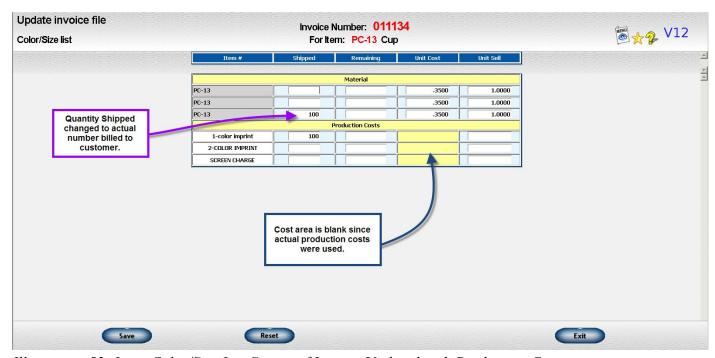
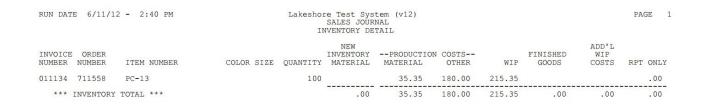


Illustration 53: Item Color/Size List Screen of Invoice Updated with Production Costs

The related journal entry would be:

Accounts Receivable	100.00	
Work in Process	67.35-	(or Finished Goods, if appropriate)
Sales	100.00-	
Cost of goods sold	67.35	

# The Inventory Recap would be:



# Example 2

Some users prefer to remove the inventory at the same time the customer invoice is processed instead of removing it during the production phase. The only drawback to this method is that there is no easy way to record spoilage. If this is not a significant problem for you, this method will work just fine. The screen is similar except that you will not see any "Inventory used" notations. The cost displayed is a preliminary cost based on the cost of the inventory item at the time the order was entered. If a different cost is used when the item is actually removed from inventory, the final cost will be adjusted accordingly.

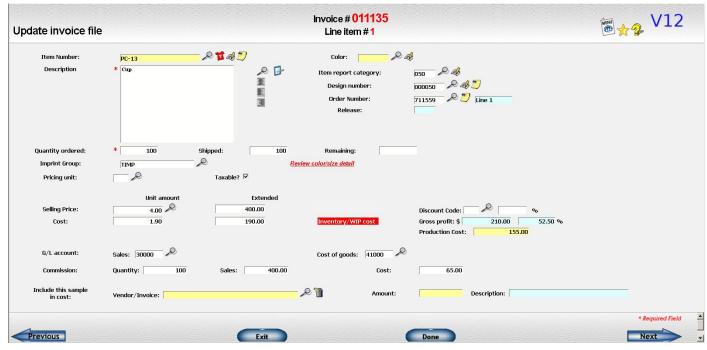


Illustration 54: Line Item Screen of Customer Invoice



Illustration 55: Item Color/Size List on Customer Invoice

The related journal entry would be:

Accounts Receivable	100.00	
Cost of goods sold - inventory	35.00-	
Work in Process	32.00-	(or Finished Goods, if appropriate)
Sales	100.00-	
Cost of goods sold	67.00	

The Inventory Recap would be:

RUN DATE 6/11/12 AUDIT ONLY	UN DATE 6/11/12 - 2:44 PM Lakeshore Test System (v12) UDIT ONLY SALES JOURNAL INVENTORY DETAIL							PAGE	1		
INVOICE ORDER NUMBER NUMBER	ITEM NUMBER	COLOR SIZE	QUANTITY	NEW INVENTORY MATERIAL	PRODUCTION MATERIAL	COSTS OTHER	WIP	FINISHED GOODS	ADD'L WIP COSTS		
011135 711559	PC-13		100	35.00	.00	155.00	155.00				
*** INVENTORY	TOTAL ***			35.00	.00	155.00	155.00	.00	.00		

# Example 3

In certain situations, you may want to use a different cost than the one the system computes. For example, there may be a labor cost that was not recorded through the Work in Process system or you may simply wish to use a different cost for your invoice history reports. You may enter another cost in either the unit cost or the extended cost. In this example, suppose you override the system-computed unit cost of  $67\phi$  with a cost of  $70\phi$ .

The difference between the system-computed cost and your override cost is called the "report only" cost.

**IMPORTANT!** 

The system-computed cost will be used for all journal entries. The "report only" cost will **not** affect any journal entries.

The override cost will **only** be used for invoice, commission and sales reporting purposes.

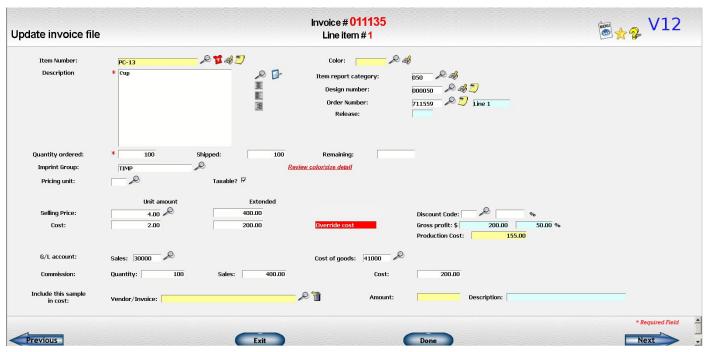


Illustration 56: Line Item Screen of Customer Invoice

The related journal entry would be:

Accounts Receivable	100.00	
Cost of goods sold - inventory	35.00-	
Work in Process	32.00-	(or Finished Goods, if appropriate)
Sales 100.00-		
Cost of goods sold	67.00	

# The Inventory Recap would be:

RUN DATE 6/11/12 AUDIT ONLY	? - 2:49 PM	Lakeshore Test System (v12) SALES JOURNAL INVENTORY DETAIL						PAGE 1		
INVOICE ORDER NUMBER NUMBER	ITEM NUMBER	COLOR SIZE	QUANTITY	NEW INVENTORY MATERIAL	PRODUCTION MATERIAL	COSTS OTHER	WIP	FINISHED GOODS	ADD'L WIP COSTS	RPT ONLY
011135 711559	PC-13		100	35.00	.00	155.00	155.00			10.00
*** INVENTORY	TOTAL ***			35.00	.00	155.00	155.00	.00	.00	10.00

# Example 4

Suppose that upon inspection, 2 of the cups were found to be damaged. You will only ship and bill for 98 of the cups. This example assumes all of the other data is as in example 1, i.e. that the material has already been removed from inventory and posted to the work in process account.

Unlike a shipment from inventory, in this case the extended cost stays the same and the unit cost is recomputed.

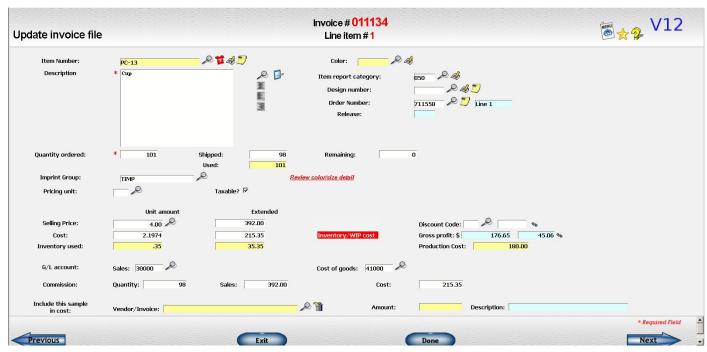


Illustration 57: Line Item Screen of Customer Invoice

The related journal entry would be:

Accounts Receivable	98.00	
Work in Process	67.35-	(or Finished Goods, if appropriate)
Sales	98.00-	
Cost of goods sold	67.35	

### The Inventory Recap would be:

RUN DATE 6/11/12 AUDIT ONLY	- 2:52 PM	Lakeshore Test System (v12) SALES JOURNAL INVENTORY DETAIL							PAGE 1	
INVOICE ORDER NUMBER NUMBER	ITEM NUMBER	COLOR SIZE	QUANTITY	NEW INVENTORY MATERIAL	PRODUCTION MATERIAL	COSTS OTHER	WIP	FINISHED GOODS	ADD'L WIP COSTS	RPT ONLY
011134 711558	PC-13		98		35.35	176.40	211.75			1.05-
*** INVENTORY	TOTAL ***			.00	35.35	176.40	211.75	.00	.00	1.05-

### Example 5

Suppose that the order had been for 1000 stadium cups, 100 commuter cups, and 1 rush charge. The costs accumulated prior to invoicing are:



Illustration 58: Display Job Cost Detail

The portion of the cost due to material usage for a specific item on the order itself is always carried over to the invoice. The production costs will be allocated to the two types of cups. None of the costs should be allocated to the rush charge. Whether or not to allocate production costs are allocated to a particular line item is decided based on the following rules:

- If you have the Commercial Graphics version of the system, production costs are allocated to the first line item even if the item number is not on the item file.
- Otherwise, if the item is on the item file, the value of the "ALLOCATE PRODUCTION COST" flag will be checked. If it is marked as "yes", production costs will be allocated. If it is marked "no", production costs will not be allocated. In this example, you would set up a "reference only" item called "RUSH" that has the "allocate production" flag set to "no" to prevent production costs from being allocated to this line item.
- If the item is **not** on the item file, production costs will **not** be allocated to it. If you have non-stock items to which you want to allocate production, you may need to set up generic "reference only" items with no pricing, etc. that you can use on your orders and invoices to indicate how you want the production costs handled on a particular line item.

The costs would be allocated as shown in the three following screen shots.

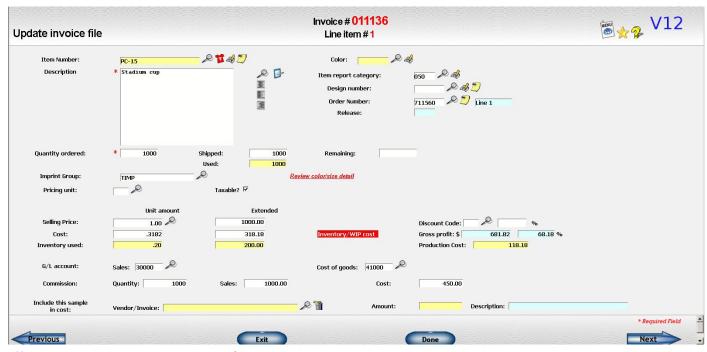


Illustration 59: Line Item Screen of Customer Invoice

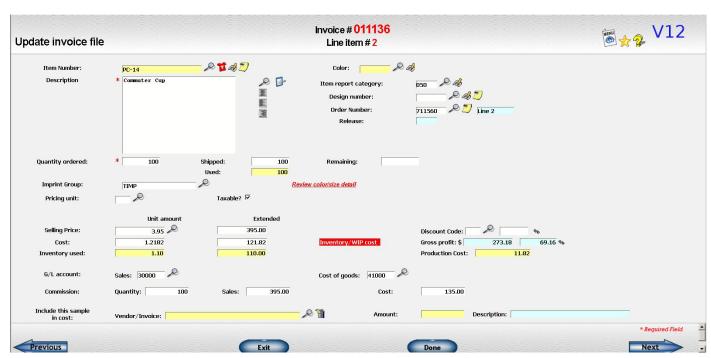


Illustration 60: Line Item Screen of Customer Invoice

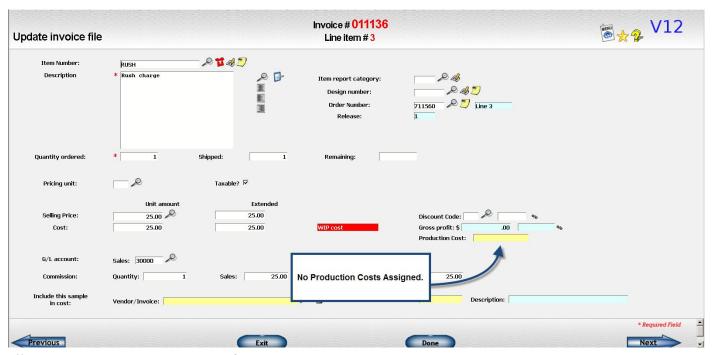


Illustration 61: Line Item Screen of Customer Invoice

The quantity of all the items with the "allocate production costs" flag set to "yes" are added together. The production costs are then divided between the line items based on quantity. The material costs for each item are then added in.

For the example given, the quantity basis for the production allocation would be 1000 + 100 = 1100. The costs on the individual line items would be as follows:

Description	Allocate production costs?	Quantity	Production cost calculation	Material Cost	Total Cost
Stadium cups	Yes	1000	1000 / 1100 X \$500 = \$454.55	200.00	\$654.55
Commuter cups	Yes	100	100 / 1100 X \$500 = \$45.45	110.00	\$155.45
Rush charge	No			\$25.00	\$25.00

The related journal entry would be:

Accounts Receivable	1225.00	
Work in Process	810.00-	(or Finished Goods, if appropriate)
Sales	1225.00-	,
Cost of goods sold	810.00	

# The Inventory Recap would be:

RUN DATE 6/11/12 - 3:15 PM Lakeshore Test System (v12) AUDIT ONLY SALES JOURNAL INVENTORY DETAIL							
INVOICE ORDER NUMBER NUMBER ITEM NUMBE		NEW NVENTORYPRODUCTION MATERIAL MATERIAL	COSTS OTHER WIP	FINISHED WIP GOODS COSTS	RPT ONLY		
011136 711560 PC-15 PC-14	1000 100	200.00 110.00	118.18 318.18 11.82 121.82		.00		
*** INVENTORY TOTAL ***		.00 310.00	130.00 440.00	.00 .00	.00		