

# TRENDNEWS

TRENDNEWS is a periodic information brochure sent to all our customers to inform them on TRENDDEX's new features and any up coming upgrades.

## UNFORM™ Forms Generator

As most of our customers are aware, they can now print all forms, that is, orders, invoices (cash sales, monthly/yearly rental), statements, purchase orders, quotes, etc... on blank paper using a laser printer. For this option the user is required to buy UNFORM™, a forms generator integrated to our TRENDDEX software and a compatible laser printer. We can print your company logo on the form and recently we have incorporated the printing of bar codes on delivery notes.

Trendex has developed a set of maintenance programs around this option which allows the user to select the number of copies required for each form, enter the designations to be printed at the bottom of each page as well as type in their own Terms and Conditions to be printed on the back of the form, if the user has the duplexing capability on their laser printer.

With this tool, you can print an Order or



Generate forms on a laser with UNFORM™

Invoice or Quote or Purchase Order to the same printer without ever changing forms on the printer. Also, modifications can be made to the form and transferred to you via modem, like all other Trendex programs. We have attached a sample of an order print with bar codes with this newsletter.

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## Bar Coding Capabilities

TRENDDEX has been working with bar codes for the past 16 years. We are able to read the preprinted vendors' bar codes on packaged items as well as print bar codes using your part numbers on labels from a dot matrix or laser printer. The user has a choice of attaching a corded (with 6' cord) or cordless (scans up to 100' away from base) bar code reader to a PC or a terminal. By attaching one of these bar code readers, the user can then scan the items into the TRENDDEX order/invoice entry, cash sales, P.O. entry and Stock Reception screens. By using Bar Code readers you eliminate the problem of entering the wrong part number or using the wrong selling price. We have recently modified the order print to print the customer's

part number as a bar code under the product description. This would allow you to ship goods using bar codes and your customers to receive the goods using bar codes. These bar code readers are very simple to connect to a terminal or PC. We have simply shipped the bar code reader to customers and connected them over the phone with the client's assistance.



## Trendex Future Upgrades & New Features

Version 8.00 of the **TRENDEX INFOTREND & GASTREND** software is almost completed and will be made available free of charge at the end of this year to all our customers with a software maintenance contract. We will be starting with our Infotrend customers and work our way to the Gastrend customers. Each customer will be contacted on an individual basis for the exact date of the upgrade.

Here is a brief overview of the different modifications and new programs :

- \* **TRENDEX** software is now tri-lingual. Users were always able to toggle from English to French, but now we have added Spanish to our screens to accommodate our new Mexican friends.
- \* Multi-currency capabilities for the Accounts Receivable. Users were able to use multi-currency for the Accounts Payable but now you will be able to invoice your customer in a foreign currency (ie.: U.S. Dollar or Peso) and have the system convert the invoice into your domestic currency for accounting purposes based on the currency factor of that day.
- \* Customer Linking will allow users to link different customers to one main Master customer for Cash Receipts purposes.
- \* Bank Deposit Report at end of the Cash Receipts Journal. In some cases you may submit this as a Deposit Slip and would not be required to complete the Bank Deposit Slip. Please contact your bank to verify if this report will be accepted by your bank.
- \* Automatic update of product selling prices each time your cost changes during the P.O. reception.
- \* Packing Slip Merge will allow the user to merge several received packing slips into one vendor invoice.
- \* Outstanding check list and check print by currency and bank code.
- \* At P.O. entry, users will be advised if there is a lower price in the system than price being paid for an item
- \* Printing of customer orders (Delivery Notes) directly from stock reception or the Quote Update to an Order.
- \* Detailed daily demurrage, users can now use different monthly rental options per customer: month end, demurrage, daily rental. User can also print a pre-billing report for verification prior to printing invoices.
- \* Hazmat can be charged on the monthly cylinder rental invoice.
- \* Delivery Route List by truck and route per customer with gas details.
- \* An administrative password can be asked for if products are being sold below the minimum price or below cost.
- \* Inventory Replenishment report will print, if requested, inventory turns, EOQ calculation and all outstanding orders.

**TRENDEX's** trilingual software to accommodate our International customers' needs.



- \* Cash Sales has a new option to ask the user for their Login and Password each time an invoice is entered. This will allow administration to know which user entered the invoice.

All customers will be receiving a detailed list of all the changes before the actual upgrade takes place.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform our customers about several new features presently available with our **INFOTREND & GASTREND** software.

As already mentioned on the first page, **TRENDEX** offers **UNFORM™**, a forms print program to a laser printer and **Bar Coding** capabilities directly from the Trendex system.

We also offer our customers the following software packages :

### FAX CAPABILITIES :

Customers can now purchase **VSIFAX™** a UNIX based fax software package that will allow you to fax purchase orders, quotes, statements, invoices and orders directly from the **TRENDEX** software. This software also allows the user to view a log of all fax transmissions.

### REPORT GENERATOR :

Customers can create their own customized lists and reports using the **TRENDEX** files with the **GENERAL™** report writer.

### COMMUNICATION SOFTWARE:

Customers have the option of converting their **TRENDEX** files to an ASCII format that can be transferred using **TERM** or **TinyTerm™** communication software to a PC and then downloaded to EXCEL or any other PC software.

All the above features are purchased options, please contact **TRENDEX** for more information.

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We, at Trendex, would like to thank all our customers for their contribution to the development and enhancement of our products and for their continued support and loyalty. We look forward to continue to be of service to you in the future.

THANK YOU !