Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the June 2018 newsletter for users and partners of Datafile Software.

If you have any suggestions for topics you would like to see covered in future newsletters please contact the team via the email address below.

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Making Tax Digital 2019 – Datafile Compliance

Making Tax Digital is a key part of the government's plans to make it easier for individuals and businesses to get their tax right and keep on top of their affairs, meaning the end of the annual tax return for millions.

Every individual and business now has access to their own personalised digital tax account and these are being regularly expanded and improved. HMRC's ambition is to become one of the most digitally advanced tax administrations in the world, modernising the tax system to make it more effective, more efficient and easier for customers to comply.

Businesses are now being mandated to use the Making Tax Digital for Business system from April 2019 to meet their VAT obligations. This will apply to businesses who have a turnover above the VAT threshold - the smallest businesses will not be required to use the system, although they can opt in.

From April 2019 businesses above the VAT threshold will be mandated to keep their records digitally and provide quarterly updates to HMRC for their VAT via the HMRC's API portal.

Datafile and VAT

The Datafile 2018 software, released in November 2017, includes changes to support the submission of the VAT Form 100 through the Cashbook application to the current HMRC portal.

We are committed to helping our users to ensure that the transition to the new digital tax system is a smooth one.

To help stay informed, you should continue to subscribe to our newsletter and product update releases.

Please Note: MTD Compliance will only be available in the Datafile 2019 version.

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Data Visualisations in Action – B3 Cricket

B3 Cricket are one of the few cricket bat manufacturers who still own their own factory and make their cricket bats in England. Their unique custom service and advanced technology means they can give every player the same level of choice as a top professional player. Players can choose their preferred design from the Series, Custom or Bespoke range.

B3 use Works Order Processing so that when a Sales Order is entered for a Bat, a corresponding works order is automatically generated.

Using the new Data Visualisations module, B3 can now see at any time loading of works orders and the production stage for any Bat.

As production of the Bat progresses then Works Order cards are dragged to the next stage. This also highlights how many hours remaining there are on each Works Order with totals of time remaining for each stage.
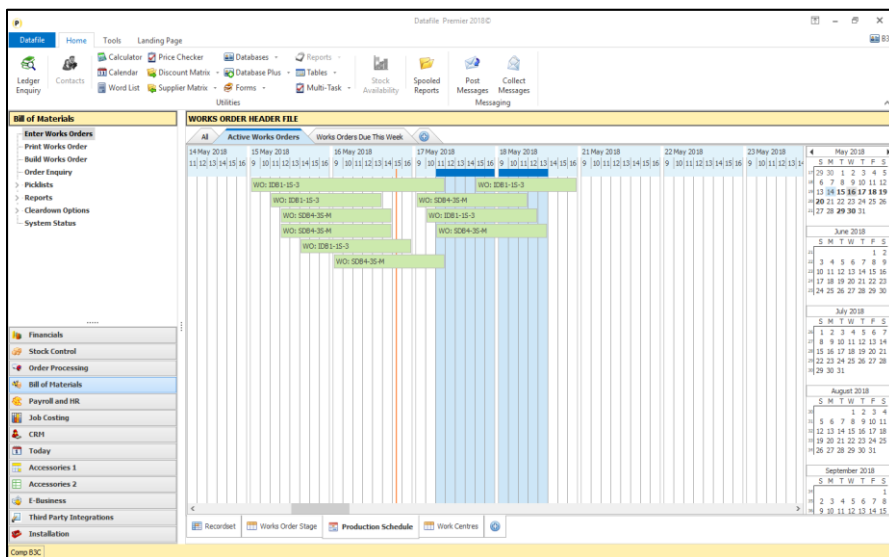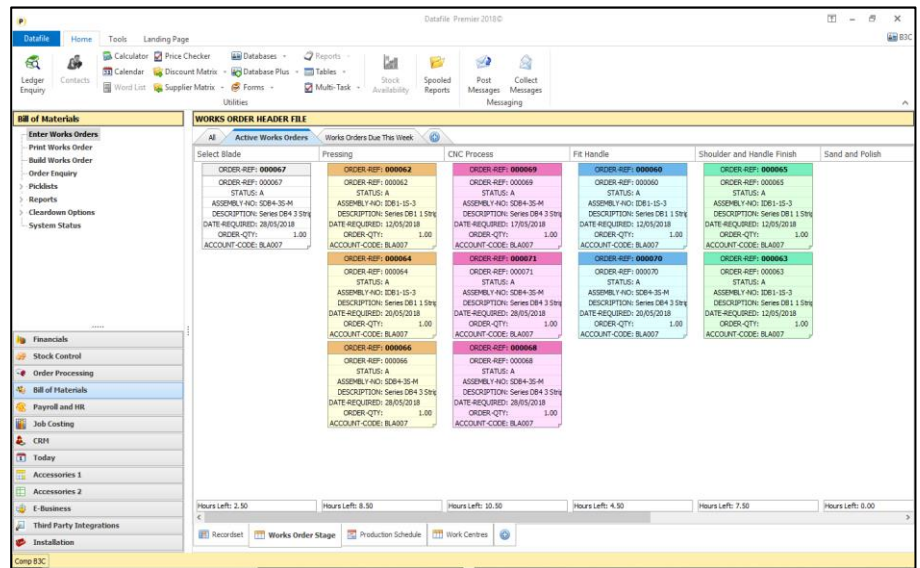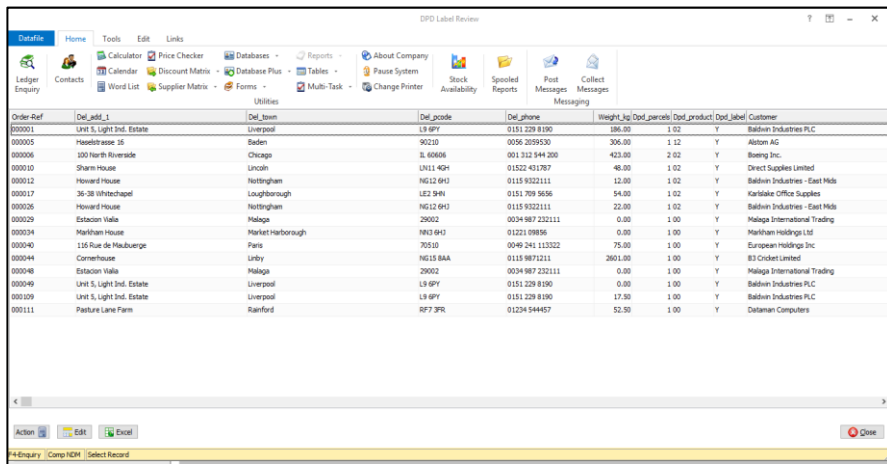
B3 also use the Timeline view on Works Orders to see loading. Orders can be scheduled and rescheduled using drag and drop. Where scheduled dates and times change then an email alert is automatically sent to the sales staff who can keep customers up to date with their Bat delivery date.

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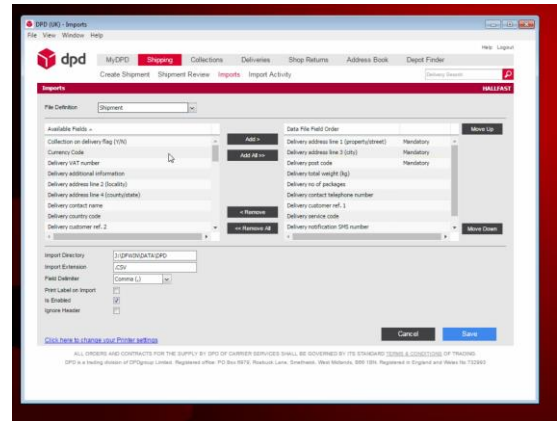Tel: 01772 816 514 Email: office@datafile.co.uk
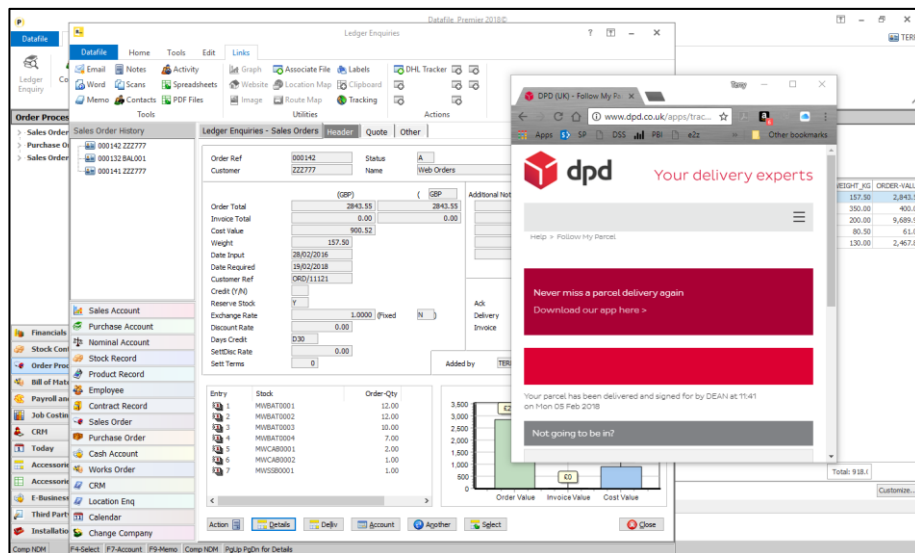
Links to Carrier Systems

Delivery errors can sometimes be caused by incorrect information being entered onto a Carrier's on-line system. With the new DPD Shipment and Consignment Tracking application, the details are output directly from the Datafile so that there's no re-keying of despatch information for label printing.

Consignment references are then imported back into the system so that parcel tracking can be done directly from the Datafile Ledger Enquiries.

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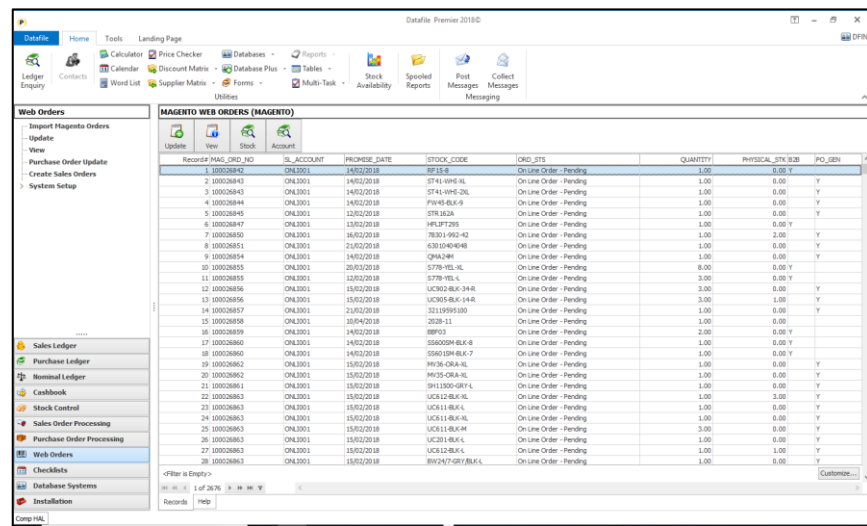Tel: 01772 816 514 Email: office@datafile.co.uk

Client Profile - Hall-Fast Industrial Supplies Limited

Hall-Fast have become one of the East Midlands fastest growing companies and one of the most successful in the Industrial Supplies sector. They previously used Sage Line 50 and several other un-linked systems to manage orders. Significant growth had resulted in increased paper generation and more duplication of effort entering the same information into different places. This additional time and effort was preventing the business from scaling to cope with increased order demand.

Hall-Fast went live with Datafile in February 2018 using our Financial Ledgers with Stock and Order Processing with the brief of reducing paper generation and to automate processes so that data is entered once into a single system.
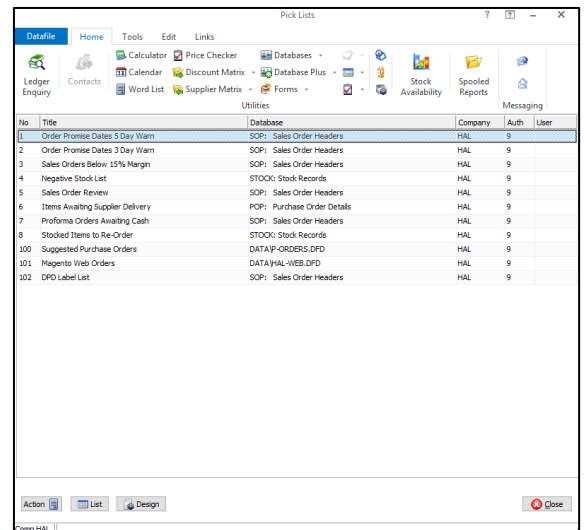

A large percentage of business comes through on line sales via their Magento E-Commerce website. Orders are brought in from the website into a single Datafile form where they are checked before automatically raising Sales Orders along with corresponding Purchase Orders to suppliers.

Rather than paper-based reporting, Hall-Fast use the on-screen functionality in the system for Daily Checklists, to ensure customer promise dates are met, and stock levels are maintained for just in time delivery.

Email alerts have also been set so that when an account is placed on stop or goes over the credit limit, the sales staff are notified automatically.

When drop ship orders are received then Purchase orders are automatically raised and once supplier delivery to customer is confirmed the Sales Invoice to the customer is automatically emailed across.

To see more on Hall-Fast and Datafile please visit our YouTube channel.

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