

Starter guide for
AB Magique
(For InfoCat Plus users)



AB Magique

Important Message from VL Communications Inc.

Dear customer,

Are you considering switching from InfoCat Plus software to the new AB Magique software? Here are some important points to consider before switching to AB Magique.

You and your employees have been using the InfoCat Plus software for quite some time now. You are very familiar with the software to a point where you are able to execute most tasks with minimal effort. This knowledge has been acquired with time and practice.

The AB Magique trial version has been installed on your computer(s) and we are wishing that you and your employees will have a good practice with it. In fact, if you are the only individual that practiced with the trial and that none of your employees have had the same opportunity, they may face some difficulties performing their regular tasks if they did not spend enough time practicing in the trial version.

We thus advise you to have a meeting with your employees so that they are well aware of the differences between the two programs, and this, with an aim of simplifying the transition.

We are asking you to review the functions that you are using on a daily basis and contact our technical support if you have questions for which you did not find any answers regarding the trial version.

There are also two tutorials to help you familiarize with the software; they are located under the question mark, at the top right, in AB Magique main menu. Those tutorials will guide you through AB Magique.

Remember that any software transition involves developing new habits that will be acquired through repeated execution of the various functions of the software itself.

Please do not hesitate to contact our technical support for questions regarding the migration and/or the necessary equipment for the proper functioning of AB Magique. We wish you a good period of apprenticeship with AB Magique trial version.

Sincerely,

VL Communications Team

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AB Magique software configuration

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Important Notice Regarding the Starter Kit for InfoCat Plus Customers

This starter kit is crucial.

If you do not read this package carefully you may expose yourself to various problems due to your data transfer from InfoCat Plus to AB Magique.

We can guarantee you that if you consider all the elements contained in this starter kit and you execute all the mentioned operations, you will head in the right direction with AB Magique software.

Otherwise, several errors could occur with the AB Magique software.

Our technical support will make sure that you have properly executed the various mentioned operations and will not execute the data transfer if those operations have not been made.

Procedure preceding the data transfer from InfoCat Plus to AB Magique

Transferable Data

Prior to data transfer, certain operations will have to be completed in InfoCat Plus. It is mandatory that you do a day closing in InfoCat Plus before we can start transferring your data over to AB Magique.

Transferable data:

- Customers (excluding vehicles)
- Receivables
- Suppliers
- Payables
- Inventory (except for locations)

Step 1: Customers & Quotes file

Please note that during the data transfer, the information related to the vehicles, the brand, model, cylinder, plate number, etc. will not be transferred to the AB Magique software. This constraint is due to the fact that the vehicles database from the AAIA and the AB Magique software is much more detailed and precise, regarding the models and sub-models, than the InfoCat Plus software. Without those details you run the risk, when using the electronic catalogs included in AB Magique, to select the wrong part for the vehicle or to obtain a warning telling you that there is no part for the selected vehicle. In addition, several additional specifications can be selected for each and every vehicle, such as the vehicle category (sedan, coupe, family, etc.), the drivetrain (FWD, AWD, RWD, etc.), transmission, air conditioning or not, antitheft system or not, color, etc...

Therefore, we strongly advised that you wait for your customer to come to your work place before adding his or her vehicle to your AB Magique database.

When transferring your customers, please note that an "active" account, i.e. an account with a balance over 0.00\$ and for which invoicing has been done in the past directly to the account number, will be transferred. Otherwise, only the "associate(s)" will be transferred. An "inactive" associate that has been transferred will have in his record, in the "City" field, the plate number that was in the InfoCat Plus software, followed by "= plate # in InfoCat", in order to facilitate research in the history.

It is possible to quickly access the history of an "inactive" customer, simply by using the "View the folder" button. You can then use the "City" field by clicking on the magnifying glass and by entering the plate number that was existing in InfoCat Plus. When you have found the desired customer, just click on "Display InfoCat folder" in order to access its history. Please note that the "inactive" associates must not be activated. You must enter the vehicle in the "active" customer file only, in order to avoid having multiple accounts for the same customer.

In addition, if your customer files from the InfoCat Plus software had any "associate" customers, all those have been individually transferred to AB Magique. For example, if you have a customer coming from the InfoCat software who has two (2) vehicles. Therefore, you have a "master" account and two (2) "associates" account. The customer will be

transferred to AB Magique under three (3) individual customer files. You must enter the two (2) vehicles in the same customer file and deactivate the two (2) unnecessary files in order to have the customer only once (please note that your data transfer must have been made). To do so:

- Open AB Magique software;
- Click "**Files**";
- Highlight "**Customers**";
- Then click "**Customers & Quotes file**";
- Find your customer using the scroll bar or the search tool (magnifying glass) to search by name;
- Highlight one of the two (2) files to deactivate and double-click on it;
- In the top left corner of the customer file, you will see a small box called "**Active**". Click the box in order to remove the check mark;
- Click « **Ok** » in the bottom left corner of the screen in order to change your modifications;
- Do the same with the second customer file to deactivate.

"Inactive" customers will still be part of AB Magique customer files. However, they will show in a light gray color and will not be available for billing.

Please note that once your customer has been "deactivated", you cannot produce him/her any invoices.

Step 2: Pending invoices (receivables F10)

If you have pending invoices, i.e. invoices for which the customer does not have an account, but one or many invoices are in the receivables section (F10-Receivables), under "**Collecting pending invoices**", please note that those invoices will not be transferred to AB Magique. You must create an account for each and every customer for which you have pending invoices and associate those invoices to the right customer account. To do so:

- Open your InfoCat Plus software to the main menu;
- Press 1 to access "**Files Edition**";
- Press 1 to access "**Customers & Shop rates**";
- Press "**F6**" to open a search window and enter the first characters of the name, first name, vehicle plate number or phone number of your customer, followed by the "**Enter**" key;
- Using the arrow keys, highlight the desired customer and hit "**Enter**";
- When the desired customer is highlighted, press "**F2**" in order to modify its file;
- You will notice that in the left section of the customer file "**No account**" is written in a light gray color. To create an account for your customer, press "**F5**";
- A confirmation window appears. Press the letter « **Y** » on your keyboard to answer "**Yes**";
- Then press the "**PageDown**" key to save your changes.

Note: You must repeat this step for every customer with pending invoices.

- To be able to associate a pending invoice to a customer account, return to InfoCat main menu;
- Press "**F10**" to access "**Receivables**";
- Press "**2**" to access "**Collecting pending invoices**";

- Highlight the desired invoice, and press on "**ALT-A**" keys to make the association with the customer account;
- You must first enter your user code and enter the account number you wish to associate the invoice to;
- If you do not know the account number, press "**F6**" to open a search window. Enter the first characters of the customer name and hit "**Enter**". Using the arrow keys, highlight the desired customer and hit "**Enter**";
- A confirmation window appears. Press the letter « **Y** » on your keyboard to answer "**Yes**";

Please do the same operation for all your pending invoices

Step 3: Suppliers

If you have suppliers that do not have an account, i.e. occasional suppliers, please note that those will be transferred to AB Magique when importing data, if and only if they have one or many pending invoices. Otherwise, those suppliers will not be transferred. If you still want them to be transferred to AB Magique, you have to open an account for each and every one of them. In order to open an account for an occasional supplier:

- Open InfoCat Plus to the main menu;
- Press 1 to access "**Files Edition**";
- Press 3 to select "**Suppliers**";
- Enter your user code, followed by the "**Enter**" key;
- Press "**F6**" to search by name;
- Enter the first characters of the supplier's name then hit "**Enter**";
- Using the arrow keys, highlight the desired supplier and press "**Enter**";
- Write down the information contained in the supplier's file;
- You must delete the phone number using the "**Delete**" key, then press on "**Page Down**";
- Re-enter the information in the supplier's file;
- When finished, press "**Page Down**";
- The following options appear:

1 – Create payable account: # 10116 (per example)

2 – Occasional supplier to pending invoices

- Using the arrow keys, highlight "**1-Create payable account**", and press the "**Enter**" key to confirm.

You must repeat this step for every supplier that does not have an account.

Step 4: Pending invoices (payables)

If you have pending invoices, i.e. invoices for which the supplier does not have an account, but one or many invoices are in the payables section (F9-Payables), under "**Payment of pending invoices**", please note that those invoices will all be transferred to AB Magique. You still need to sort and eliminate redundant or erroneous invoices. To do so:

- Open InfoCat Plus to the main menu;
- Press F9 to access "**F9-Payables**";
- Press 2 to access "**2-Payment of pending invoices**", then press "**Enter**";
- Using the arrow keys, highlight the invoice to eliminate and hit "**Enter**";
- A window appears. The total amount of the invoice is displayed next to "**Write the amount paid here**". Press the "**Enter**" key;
- A first box labeled "**Discount % if there is one**" appears. Please leave blank and press "**Enter**";
- A second box offering the possibility to add discount in an amount of money appears. Please enter the total amount of the invoice, then press "**Enter**";
- A window called "**Payment made by**" appears. Using the arrow keys, highlight "**Cash**", and press "**Enter**".

Please repeat this step for every invoice that needs to be eliminated

Step 5: Pending estimates & pending invoices (F5-F6-F7)

Pending estimates (F5) or printed estimates (F7) as well as pending invoices (F6) will not be transferred to AB Magique. We strongly suggest you print them in advance, in order to make your life a bit easier and to be able to enter them all in AB Magique software, if applicable.

Step 6: Prices list & Inventory

AB Magique software allows the transfer of your inventory and price lists. When importing your inventory to the AB Magique software you will be able to select only the price lists that you are currently using. However, if you have price lists for which no sales have been made in the past, those lists will not be displayed during the data import and will not be transferred. You should also verify that your line codes, other than the tire ones, in InfoCat Plus are composed with three (3) characters. Otherwise, when importing your data in AB Magique, all line codes with one (1), two (2) or four (4) characters will be transferred as follow:

Example:	Line code in InfoCat Plus:	MO
	Transferred in AB Magique:	MO1
		MO2
		MO3
		Etc...

In order to compensate for the missing character, the software will assign the first character of each part included in the price list. You will end up with the MO line code tons of time, and it is not possible to modify it in AB Magique.

Example: Line code in InfoCat Plus: MOOO
 Tranferred in AB Magique: MOO

In order to compensate for one excess character, the software will remove the last character until the line code has only three (3) characters total.

In order to verify your line codes in InfoCat Plus, you must:

- Open InfoCat Plus to the main menu;
- Press "1" to access "Files Edition";
- Press "2" to access "Inventory";
- Press on "ALT-M" to view the menu;
- Using the arrow keys, move to the far right, in "Miscellaneous";
- Always using the arrow keys, highlight "To list your price lists group codes/CTRL-F10", and hit "Enter";
- When the list is displayed, you can print it by pressing on « F10 ».

If, when verifying you list of group codes (with the exception of tires group codes), you have noticed some codes that do not have three (3) characters, you MUST modify them before the data import. To do so:

- Make sure that your InfoCat software is closed on all of your workstations;
- On your main computer, from your Windows desktop, double-click on the "InfoCat Plus" icon;
- Select "Allprices" (it is important that it is the DOS version);
- Once its open, press "F10" to access the menu;
- Using the arrow keys, move to the right on "Utilities";
- Always using the arrow keys, highlight "Replace numbers of my stock file (ALT-R)" and hit "Enter";
- You must enter all the group codes that do not have three (3) characters in the left column and enter the new group codes, with three (3) characters, in the right column. Make sure you do not use numbers to complete your group codes.

Example: Current group code: BB
 Replaced by: BB1 = Incorrect
 But replaced by: BBW = Correct

Also make sure that you do not use a group code that already exists.

- When finished, press "Page down";
- The following message appears: "Confirmation: Ready to start the replacement of numbers". Press "Enter" on "Ok".
- When the replacement is done, you can close Allprices;
Take note of all the changes made in order to have the opportunity to correct them or change them back after the data transfer in AB Magique.

It would also be important to verify to which departments are associated your price lists. By making sure that they are linked to the right department, you are avoiding having to make further changes in the AB Magique software. Please note that the locations of your items are not transferred. However, all your "service" items, starting with "/" are transferred and the default group code "SERVI", for "service", is automatically associated to those items.

Step 7: Oil & filter environmental fees

Please check if in the InfoCat software, filters and oil items have something written in the "Core" field. If so, the inventory transfer to AB Magique will transfer those amounts in the "Core" field in each and every oil and filters items. You will have to remove them in order to not cause inaccuracy when ordering items in AB Magique.

Irrelevant data transfert

When importing customer files, customers that have not visited your company for over 3 years will not be transferred to AB Magique. Therefore, all customers for which you do not possess archives for more than 3 years will not be part of your customers in AB Magique.

AB Magique preliminary settings

Step 1: Your business name

Your business heading is being printed on top of each of your estimates and invoices, as well as all reports and documents. It includes the following information:

Your business name
Address
City
Province
Postal Code
Phone
Fax (optional)
Your GST number
Your QST number
Your web site (optional)
Your email address (optional)
Your promotion web page (optional)
Your internet order server address (optional)

In order to enter your business heading:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Parameters**";

- Click "**Your business name**".

You must fill in all fields with an asterix (*), the other fields being optional. When the fields have been filled in, you can add a picture (logo) to your invoice header. To do so:

- Click "**Find your logo**" button, located in the top right corner of the screen;
- Select the location of your file;
- When the location has been selected, click the desired picture. It should appear in the bottom left corner of the screen;
- If the picture displayed is the one that you want, click "**Open**". A confirmation window appears. You must click "**Yes**" to confirm. The picture will appear in the top right corner of the window;
- When all fields have been completed and your picture have been selected, click "**Ok**", located in the bottom left corner of the screen, in order to save your settings.

Step 2: Parameters

It is important to properly set the software before you start using it, in order to optimize its performance and the accuracy of the results. To do so:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Parameters**";
- Click "**Parameters**".

Sales taxes rates (%)

Make sure that the percentage of taxes (GST, QST/G and QST/S) is accurate.

Hourly rates

You must enter your hourly rate, your average hourly rate and the number of days of validity of estimates.

Your item numbers to charge storage of tires

If you do tires storage, you must enter your corresponding item number(s). Please note that the tires storage item number(s) must have been previously created in your inventory. When entering your tires storage number(s), do not forget to add a comma before and between them. (Example: , 901, 902, 903).

Your tires storage item number(s) has been automatically transferred to your inventory when importing your data in AB Magique. Also note that your label numbers from InfoCat Plus are accessible in AB Magique, but only as a reference, because AB Magique has generated its own numbers.

Here is how to create a tire storage number:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Files**";

- Highlight "**Inventory**";
- Click "**Create an item record**";
- The first step in creating an item is to enter the line code to which is associated the item. If your item is a service, we strongly suggest that you associate your item to the "**SERVI**" line code, for service, in order to distinguish the products from the services. If "**SERVI**" line code is not in the list, you must create it.

To create a line code:

- Click "**Create**";
- Click the "**Add**" button;
- Enter the characters of your line code, and then hit "**Enter**";
- Click "**Close**" at the bottom of the window.
- When your line code is created, click the arrow beside the field "**Line code**" and select the desired code;
- Enter your item number, followed by "**Enter**";
- Leave the "**Family**" field blank. This is generally reserved for items from different price lists;
- In the "**Description**" field, enter the description of your item, i.e. "**Tires storage**". Please note that you are able to create more than one item of storage. For example, you could have an item for tires storage only, another one for tires and steel wheels and a third one for tires and mags;
- You then have the possibility to attach a note to your item (optional). It will show below your item when billing;
- Choose the specialty to which you wish to associate your item. Click the arrow beside the "**Specialty**" field and select the specialty of your choice. If you wish to create a new specialty, please refer to step 10 of this starter kit;
- The "**Supplier**" field must remain empty, being your own provider of this service;
- In "**Details about the type of item**" section, click the "**a Service**" box in order to put a check mark;
- Enter the desired price in the "**Price-1**" field, and leave the remaining boxes empty;
- Click « **Ok** » to save your item.

When finished, please return to the parameters window by clicking on "**Parameters**" and "**Parameters**".

Monitoring of the minimum profits

You can establish a minimum profit percentage when billing customers. Enter the desired percentage of profit beside "**Minimum profit % for each invoice line**" as well as beside « **Minimum profit % for each invoice** ». You can click the box "**Alert when sale is under the minimum profits**" to put a check mark. When you will bill an item with a percentage of profit lower then the criteria previously set, a reddish face character will appear at the bottom of your estimate or your invoice in order to warn you that the desired profit is not met.

Day of the month to be considered for the calculation...

If you want to add administrative fees (interests) to customers with pending invoices over 30 days (or more), you must first establish the date on which the software must refer in order to calculate the administrative fees. You can enter the first of the month to the 28th (28 being the month of February, the smallest month). Here are some additional details to facilitate your understanding of the administrative fees function in AB Magique.

The calculation of administrative fees is done using the four (4) following parameters:

1. The date of the invoice.
2. The term value (number of days), located in the header of the invoice.
Note: When making an estimate, this field always takes the value entered in the customer file, under **"Invoicing"** tab (usually, the used term is 30 days).
3. The interest rate to apply on pending invoices: If the interest rate (in the "Invoicing" tab of the customer file) has been defined, this value is applied. Otherwise, the software will apply the interest rate entered in **"Parameters"**.
4. The day of the month to consider in order to determine whether the invoice is overdue or not. This parameter is determined by the user (you) in the parameters configuration of the system.

When are the administrative fees applied?

Administrative fees are calculated and applied when using the appropriate button, in **"View your accounts receivable"** and **"Calculate administration costs on overdue invoices"**.

How does the software calculate the administrative fees?

For example, let's assume that you have chosen the 10th of each month as the day of the month to consider for the calculation of administrative fees.

First possibility

If the date, when using the button **"Calculate administration costs on overdue invoices"**, is April 9th 2007 or lower (8th, 7th, 6th, 5th, etc.), the reference date for calculating administrative fees will be the 10th of the preceding month, so March 10th 2007.

Second possibility

If the date, when using the button **"Calculate administration costs on overdue invoices"**, is April 10th 2007 or higher (11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, etc.) the reference date for calculating administrative fees will be the 10th of the current month, so April 10th 2007.

For each receivable accounts, the software analyze each due invoice and performs the following verification:

If, the date of the invoice + the term (i.e. 30 days) is smaller than the reference date, the administrative fees will then be calculated:

Example: March 3rd 2007 + 30 days = April 3rd 2007

Under the first possibility, no administrative fees have been calculated because April 3rd 2007 is higher than the reference date of March 10th 2007.

Under the second possibility, administration fees have been calculated because April 3rd 2007 is lower than the reference date of April 10th 2007.

How are the administrative fees generated?

For each receivable accounts with past due invoices, a new invoice will automatically be produced. The sum of this invoice corresponds to the administrative fees. It includes a list of all invoices that are submitted to the administrative fees. The sum of all those fees is postponed under "**Interest on sales**", in the "**Income sales**", in your general ledger.

Percentage of the interest rate to be applied

You must enter the interest rate that you wish to apply on past due invoices. (Example: 2% is the interest rate generally used). When finished, click the "**Ok**" button in the bottom left corner of the window to save your new settings.

Step 3: Perception modes setup

Perception modes are the different choices that show up when paying a sale invoice or a receivable account. In order to configure those perception modes:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Accounting**";
- Click "**Perception modes setup**".

Seven perception modes already exist in the software. You have the possibility to add, to modify or to delete a perception mode. Please note that for those that do not wish to use the accounting module, a single bank account is available for the perception modes: Bank.

To add a perception mode:

- Click the "**Create**" button, located at the bottom of the screen;
- A yellow field is being added. Enter the perception mode's name and hit "**Enter**";
- Click the arrow in the "**The associated G.L. account**" column, and select the account to which you wish to associate your perception mode.

To modify an existing perception mode:

- Double-click the desired perception mode. You can now change the description as well as the general ledger account to which it's associated.

To delete a perception mode:

- Click the desired perception mode to highlight it;
- Click the "**Delete**" button at the bottom of the screen;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to confirm.

The "**Disable this mode**" column is there to deactivate a specific perception mode. Deleting a perception mode is possible but only if it hasn't been used. If it has been used, you can click the box called "**Disable this mode**" to put a check mark. The perception mode will no longer be accessible for billing.

When all your perception modes have been setup, click the "**Close**" button, located in the bottom left corner of the window.

For those who desire to use the accounting module, you can return to "Perception modes setup" when your chart of accounts has been completed. You will see this step later in this starter kit.

Step 4: Disbursement modes setup

Disbursement modes are the different choices that show up when paying a purchase invoice or a payable account. In order to configure those disbursement modes:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click « **Accounting** »;
- Click « **Disbursement modes setup** ».

Six disbursement modes already exist in the software. You have the possibility to add, to modify or to delete a disbursement mode. Please note that for those that do not wish to use the accounting module, a single bank account is available for the disbursement modes: Bank.

To add a disbursement mode:

- Click the "**Create**" button, located at the bottom of the screen;
- A yellow field is being added. Enter the disbursement mode's name, and then hit "**Enter**";
- Click the arrow in the "**The associated G.L. account**" column, and select the account to which you wish to associate your disbursement mode.

To modify an existing disbursement mode:

- Double-click on the desired disbursement mode. You can now change the description as well as the general ledger account to which it's associated.

To delete a disbursement mode:

- Click the desired disbursement mode to highlight it;
- Click the **"Delete"** button at the bottom of the screen;
- A confirmation window appears. Click **"Yes"** to confirm.

The column **"Associated cheques book"** is for those who wish to print checks from AB Magique software. Click the **"Associated cheques book"** box to put a check mark. You must enter what your next check number will be in column **« Next cheque number »**. If you have more than one bank, you then have the possibility to print checks from more than one bank account (please note that you must have previously created your chart of accounts, see Step 8).

The **"Disable this mode"** column is there to deactivate a specific disbursement mode. Deleting a disbursement mode is possible but only if it hasn't been used. If it has been used, you can click on the box called **"Disable this mode"** to put a check mark. The disbursement mode is no longer accessible for billing.

When all your disbursement modes have been setup, click the **"Close"** button, located in the bottom left corner of the window.

For those who desire to use the accounting module, you can return to "Disbursement modes setup" when your chart of accounts has been completed. You will see this step later in this starter kit.

Step 5: Users (available on the server only)

This option is mainly used to create different AB Magique users. It lets you assign passwords and restrict access to various modules of the software. To do so:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click **"Files"**;
- Click **"Users"**.

To create a new user:

- Click **"New"**, located in the bottom left corner of the screen;
- Enter the user name in the **"Name"** field;
- Enter a password. It can contain numbers, letters or both. Please note that there is a maximum of 10 characters to respect;
- You must re-enter the password in order to validate it;
- In the right chart, you have to put a check mark beside the different sections of the software to which you authorize access to this user. If you wish to give this user all access, click **"Allow all access"**. On the contrary, if you wish to block all access, click **"Deny all access"**.

To modify an existing user:

- Click the desired user to highlight it;
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- Click "**Modify**", located in the bottom left corner of the window;
- You can then modify its name, password and its different access.

To delete a user:

- Click the desired user to highlight it;
- Click "**Delete**", located in the bottom left corner of the window;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate.

Step 6: Technicians

This option is mainly used to create different technicians (mechanics). By assigning a number to each of your technicians, you have the possibility to view their productivity reports. To do so:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Files**";
- Click "**Technicians**".

To add a new technician:

- Click "**New**", located at the bottom of the window;
- Enter the technician name and his hourly rate;
- When finished, click "**Ok**", located in the bottom left corner of the window.

To modify an existing technician:

- Click the desired technician to highlight it;
- Click "**Modify**", located at the bottom of the window;
- You can then modify its name and hourly rate;
- When finished, click "**Ok**", located at the bottom of the window.

To delete a technician:

- Click the desired technician to highlight it;
- Click "**Delete**" located at the bottom of the window;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate.

You have the possibility to delete a technician if it hasn't been used before. If it has been used, click "**Modify**" and click on the "**Active**" box in order to remove the check mark. This way, the technician is no longer available for billing.

When your additions and/or modifications have been made, click the "**Close**" button, located in the bottom left corner of the window.

Step 7: Definition of your fiscal year

The definition of your fiscal year is necessary in order to use the receivables and payables module as well as the accounting module. Maybe one of our technicians has already set it up before you even begun to operate with the software. To verify your fiscal year:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Accounting**";
- Click "**View your accounting**";
- Click the "**Definition of your fiscal year**" button, located in the left side of the screen;
- You must enter the starting and the end date of your fiscal year;
- The function "**Number of days past the end of the fiscal year**" allows you to block all entries passed the amount of days entered. Example: Your fiscal year has been setup to start January 1st 2007 and to end December 31st 2007, and you have entered 90 days in the "**Number of days past the end of the fiscal year**" field. You will be able to make entries in your fiscal year period and 90 days after your fiscal year has ended. In our example, that would be approximately to the end of March. This function avoids errors users could make by entering 2017 instead of 2007. You must also consider the waiting period between the last day of your fiscal year and the day your accountant will give you your adjustment entries. In some cases, this wait can be extended over a period of six (6) months. That is why we suggest that you enter 180 days in the "**Number of days past the end of the fiscal year**" field;
- Click "**Ok**" to save.

Step 8: Your charter of accounts (optional)

Some clarifications have to be made to this section as they relate to the adding, modification and removal of accounts. To setup your chart of accounts:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Accounting**";
- Click "**View your accounting**";
- Click the "**Your charter of accounts**" button, located in the left side of the screen.

The chart of accounts is corresponding to the different categories of accounts such as "Asset", "Liability", "Income sales", "Cost of sales", "Costs operations" and "Costs administration". Those categories include sub-categories attached to them. To create a sub-category:

- Click the desired account (asset, liability, income sales, etc.);
- In the bottom left corner, you see the sub-categories chart. In order to add a sub-category, click "**Create**", located in the top right corner of the chart;
- A yellow field is being added. Enter the desired sub-category name and hit "**Enter**";

Note: Please be careful, because you can not modify or delete a sub-category.

Each of the sub-categories contains general ledger (GL) accounts, which you will find in the right chart of the screen.

To add a general ledger (GL) account:

- Click "**New**", located in the top right corner of the chart;
- Select the desired account number by clicking the arrow next to "**Number**";
- Enter the description;
- If the account is a debit account, you must put a check mark beside "**Debtor account**" (debtor accounts are usually asset, cost of sales, costs operations and costs administration accounts);
- When finished, click "**OK**" at the bottom of the window.

To modify an existing general ledger (GL) account:

- Click the desired account to highlight it;
- Click "**Modify**", located at the top of the chart;
- You can modify the account number as well as the description;
- When finished, click "**OK**" at the bottom of the window.

To delete a general ledger (GL) account:

- Click the desired account to highlight it;
- Click "**Delete**", located at the top of the chart;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate.

Please note that you have the possibility to delete a GL account if it hasn't been used. If it has been used, click on "**Modify**" and click the "**Disabled account**" box to put a check mark. This way, the account is no longer available for billing or entries.

InfoCat Plus chart of accounts will not be transferred in AB Magique. You must create all your accounts as previously explained in this starter kit. You can still print your InfoCat chart of accounts, as a reference. To do so:

- Open InfoCat Plus;
- Select "**AutoAccount**";
- In AutoAccount main menu, press "**F5**" on your keyboard to access "**Miscellaneous**";
- Select "**2-Print the chart of accounts**".

Step 9: Your opening balance (optional)

An opening entry adjusts your general ledger (GL) accounts balance. For those who begin a new fiscal year, the concerned accounts will be the asset and liability accounts. For those whose fiscal year has already started, you must affect general ledger accounts in all categories, including income sales, cost of sales, costs operations and costs administration (in other words, you have to re-enter you trial balance). In order to enter your opening balance:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Accounting**";
- Click "**View your accounting**";

- Click "**Your opening balance**", located in the left side of the screen;
- In order to enter a general ledger account, click the "+" sign next to the desired account category. Click the "+" sign next to the desired account sub-category and you will then have access to your GL accounts;
- To select an account, double-click on it;
- You must then enter the account balance in the "**Debit**" or "**Credit**" column. In order to switch from the "**Debit**" to the "**Credit**" column, hit "**Enter**";
- When the amount has been entered, press the "**Enter**" key to continue to the next line. You must do the same for each ledger account to be treated;
- When you have completed your entry, click "**(F12) Save**", located in the bottom right corner of the screen;

You can print your trial balance in AutoAccount software (InfoCat Plus), it will serve as a "**Your opening balance**". To print your trial balance;

- Open InfoCat Plus;
- In the global menu, select "**AutoAccount**";
- In "**AutoAccount**" main menu, press "**F4**" on your keyboard to access "**F4-Print**";
- Select "**6-Trial balance**" and choose the desired period.

Please note that you can edit the opening balance anytime.

Step 10: Specialties setup

Specialties are categories in which we classify your sales. Your specialties are automatically transferred in AB Magique when importing your data from InfoCat. In order to configure your different specialties:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Files**";
- Highlight "**Inventory**";
- Then click "**Specialties setup**".

To add a specialty:

- Click "**Create**", located at the top of the chart;
- A yellow field is being added. Enter the name of your new specialty, followed by the "**Enter**" key;
- In the "**Associated to general ledger account**" column, you must select the GL account to which you wish to associate your new specialty. For those who do not plan on using the accounting module, you must select "**Sales**". For those who wish to use the accounting module, when setting up the chart of accounts, if you added one or many accounts under the "**Income sales**" category, you will then have more than one choice of association.
- When the associated account has been selected, you must associate a color to your new specialty. To do so, click the arrow next to "**Color associated with this specialty**" and click the desired color. Colors are mainly used to identify quickly each line of an estimate.

To modify a specialty:

- Double-click the desired specialty to highlight it;
- Make your changes and hit "**Enter**".

To delete a specialty:

- Click on the desired specialty to highlight it;
- Click "**Delete**", located at the top of the chart;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate.

Please note that you have the possibility to delete a specialty if it hasn't been used. If it has been used, click on the "**Disabled**" box to put a check mark. This way, the account is no longer available for billing.

When your changes have been made, click "**Close**", located in the bottom left corner of the screen.

Step 11: Emails box setup (optional)

The emails box setup allows you to send: estimates, invoices, account statements, recall letters, etc. by email. To be able to use this function, you must first configure your email as follow:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Parameters**";
- Click "**Emails box setup**".

You must complete the following five fields:

- Your email address
- The user name
- Password
- POP3 server
- SMTP server

Here is how to find this information in your computer:

- On your Windows desktop, open your Outlook Express application;
- At the top of the window, click "**Tools**";
- Click "**Account settings**";
- Click "**Email**";
- Click "**Properties**";
- Click "**Server**".

All necessary information to configure your email for AB Magique is included in this window. Just copy this information in the appropriate field of AB Magique software. When finished, click "**Ok**" to save your settings.

Please note that to send and estimate or invoice to a customer, its email address must have been entered in his customer file.

Step 12: Setting up the appointment reasons directory (optional)

The appointment reasons directory allows you to create all kinds of possible reason as well as an average time to perform the tasks associated to those reasons. Those reasons are directly linked to the appointment grid. To access setup:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Parameters**";
- Click "**Setting up the appointment reasons directory**".

You have the possibility to add, modify or delete an appointment reason.

To add an appointment reason:

- Click the "+" button, located in the top right corner of the window;
- A yellow field is being added at the bottom of the window. Enter the name of the desired reason and hit "**Enter**";
- Click the arrow in column "**Allowed time**" and select the approximate duration of the appointment reason;
- When finished, click "**Close**", located in the bottom left corner of the window.

To modify an already existing appointment reason:

- Highlight the desired reason;
- Click the paper and pencil button, located in the top right corner of the window;
- Change the reason's name and hit "**Enter**" or click the arrow in order to modify the reason's duration;
- When finished, click "**Close**", located in the bottom left corner of the window.

To delete an appointment reason:

- Highlight the desired reason;
- Click the button that looks like a red circle, located in the top right corner of the window;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate;
- When finished, click "**Close**", located in the bottom left corner of the window.

Please note that it also possible to add an appointment reason directly from the appointment grid of AB Magique. In addition, your appointment reasons have been automatically tranferred when importing your InfoCat Plus data.

Step 13: Setting up the worksheets wizard

The worksheet wizard for your technicians allows you to create preset remarks, so that you do not have to enter them manually every time. To access the worksheets wizard :

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Parameters**";
- Click « **Setting up the worksheets wizard** »

You will notice that this window contains two charts. The left chart has a list of all the different specialties such as filters, suspension, exhaust, etc. You can add, modify or delete a specialty:

To add a specialty:

- Click the "+" button;
- A yellow field is being added at the bottom of the chart. Enter the name of your new specialty, and then hit "**Enter**".

To modify an already existing specialty:

- Highlight the desired specialty;
- Click the button that looks like a paper and pencil;
- Make your changes, and then hit "**Enter**".

To delete a specialty:

- Highlight the desired specialty;
- Click the button that looks like a red circle;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate.

In each of the specialties listed in the left chart, related tasks are associated to them, in the right chart. Some related tasks already exist in AB Magique. You can add, modify or delete a related task.

To add a related task:

- Click the "+" button;
- A yellow field is being added at the bottom of the chart. Enter the name of your new related task, and then hit "**Enter**".

To modify an already existing related task:

- Highlight the desired work task;
- Click the button that looks like a paper and pencil;
- Make your changes, and then hit "**Enter**";

To delete a related task:

- Highlight the desired related task;
- Click the button that looks like a red circle;

- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate.

When finished, click "**Close**", located at the bottom left corner of the window.

Step 14: Items inventory locations setup (optional)

For those having a large inventory, AB Magique allows you to associate different locations to your items. First, you have to create your locations and then associate them to the different items of your inventory. To do so:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Files**";
- Highlight "**Inventory**";
- Click "**Items inventory locations setup**".

To create a new location:

- Click the "**+ 1**" button;
- Enter the location description (a maximum of 10 characters must be respected) then hit "**Enter**";
- Click "**Close**", located at the bottom of the window.

To modify an already existing location:

- Highlight the desired location;
- Click the button that looks like a pencil;
- Make your changes, and then hit "**Enter**".

To delete a location:

- Highlight the desired location;
- Click the button that looks like a red X;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate.

To associate a location to an inventory item:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Files**";
- Highlight "**Inventory**";
- Click "**Prices list & Inventory**";
- Find the desired item using the search tools, located in the left section of the screen;
- When you have found your item, double-click on it to view its file;
- At the bottom right corner of the item file, you will see the location field. Click the arrow under the "**Location**" field and select the desired location;
- When the desired location has been selected, click "**Ok**", located at the bottom left corner of the window, to save your changes.

Please note that you can view the location of an item when billing. You must enter the item in the estimate or invoice and click the button that looks like a library, located at the bottom left corner of the estimate or invoice.

Step 15: Tires environmental fees

Specific duty on tires consists on billing an additionnal 3.00\$ fee per new tire. Please note that those fees add themselves automatically when billing one or more tires in AB Magique. If, however, the specific duty is not added automatically when billing:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Files**";
- Highlight "**Inventory**";
- Click "**Prices list & Inventory**";
- In the left section of the screen, enter, by example, "**Goody**" for Goodyear (Goody being the line code) in the "**Line code is**" field;
- Click « **Modify these items...** »;
- A window called "**Modify the following items set...**" appears;
- You must put a check mark in the three (3) following fields:

- The tires tax value with ...	Value : \$3.00
- The specialty with ...	Specialty : Tires
- Check (or not) as being a tire ...	Check if tire ...

- When finished, click "**Apply**", located at the bottom of the window;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to validate;
- Click "**Quit**", located in the bottom left section of the screen;

You must do the same with all your tires line codes.

Specific duties are transferred in general ledger account "**Specific duty to pay**", in category "**Liability**". Moreover, they are included in the "**Remittance of taxes**" section.

Step 16: Oil & filter environmental fee

Environmental fees on oil and filters works as follow: 0.05\$ for each oil liter (bulk), 0.50\$ per filter having eight (8) inches or less diameter and 1.00\$ if higher than eight (8) inches. Moreover, if you sell oil by liter, consider an amount of 0.10\$ per liter: 0.05\$ for oil and 0.05\$ for the container.

Note that environmental fees on filters only apply on oil filters only. However, filters price lists counts more than oil filters, but also air and gas filters. It is therefore impossible to associate environmental fees to a line code, because it would associate the environmental fees to all type of filters contained in the price list and not to oil filters only. You must look out for item numbers for oil filters only.

Example: Let's take FRAM price list. The list contains all kinds of filter. However, if you look closely, you will notice that oil filter starts with code BPH, air filter with CA and gas filter with PCS.

FRA	BPH3612	Oil filter
FRA	BPH3614	Oil filter
FRA	BPH3682	Oil filter
FRA	CA10083	Air filter
FRA	CA10084	Air filter
FRA	CA10085	Air filter
FRA	PCS1144-6	Gas filter
FRA	PCS11441A	Gas filter
FRA	PCS11442A	Gas filter

Once you know that oil filters starts with code BPH, you then have to figure out what are the filters with eight (8) inches or less diameter and which ones are eight (8) inches or more, because environmental fees are not the same depending on the filter diameter. Remember that environmental fees are 0.50\$ for eight (8) inches or less diameter and 1.00\$ for eight (8) inches or more. When those informations have been found, you can proceed to the environmental fees association. To do so:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click **"Files"**;
- Highlight **"Inventory"**;
- Click **"Prices list & inventory"**;
- In the left section of the screen, enter, for example, **"FRA"** in the **"Line code is"** field and enter **"BPH"**, for example, in the **"Item number beginning with"** field (the number you must enter in field **"Item number beginning with"** must correspond to a specific filter category, such as filters being smaller than eight (8) inches or those larger then eight (8) inches;
- Click **"Modify these items"**;
- A chart with 2 tabs appears. Click on the first tab called **"Replace one or more fields by a value ..."**;
- Put a check mark in the **"The environmental fee value with ..."** box;
- Enter the environmental fee value to be applied, 0.50\$ or 1.00\$ for oil filters, followed by the **"Enter"** key;
- When the environmental value has been entered, click **"Apply"**, located in the bottom left corner of the screen;
- A confirmation window appears. Click **"Yes"** to validate;
- When the progression is over, click **"Ok"** to close the window;
- The selling price of these items has been raised of the entered value.

You must do the same for all filters smaller than eight (8) inches, filters larger than eight (8) inches as well as oils. Environmental fees will be added automatically when billing oils and/or oil filters.

Step 17: Directory of price lists

Please note that in order to proceed with this step, you must first create your suppliers and your specialties.

This step is mainly used to configure and update price lists that you wish to use. To configure a price list:

- Open AB Magique;
- Click "**Files**";
- Highlight "**Inventory**";
- Click "**Directory of price lists available from VL server**".

The price lists chart appears. The chart counts two (2) tabs. The first tab is called "**Directory of the price lists you are using**", and is the activated price lists that you currently have. The second tab is called "**Directory of lists provided by VL**" and is all the available price lists at VL Communications.

To add a price list:

- Click the "**Directory of lists provided by VL**" tab;
- Affix checkmark in box next to the desired list;
- A confirmation window appears. Click "**Yes**" to add the list;
- In the left chart, you must enter a line code for the price list. To do so, click the arrow above the field "**Configure your line code for this list**". Then select the desired line code (with the exception of price lists where the line code is included, such as Napa – All products. It is also preferable that you enter the same line code as your supplier. For example, when your supplier sends you a parts invoice, line codes of the billed parts appears on the invoice, in front of the part numbers. If the line code of your supplier for FRAM is FRA, you should enter FRA as well).

If the desired line code is not in the list:

- Click "**Create a line code**";
 - A chart appears in the right side of the screen. Click the "**Add**" button, located on top of the chart;
 - Enter your line code characters, then hit "**Enter**";
 - Click "**Close**", located in the bottom left corner of the chart;
 - Click the arrow below the field "**Configure your line code for this list**" and select your line code.
- Click the arrow below the field "**Associated to supplier**" and select the desired supplier in the list (suppliers appearing in that list are coming from your supplier's data bank);
 - Click the arrow below the field "**Associated to specialty**" and select the desired specialty in the list (in order to create a specialty, please refer to step 10 in this starter kit);
 - When finished, click tab "**Directory of the price lists your are using**" to verify that the list is there (you can configure many price lists before this step);
 - You now have to update the list. To do so, click the icon that looks like a yellow square, located at the very bottom of the screen, in your Windows task bar (right next to the time);
 - A chart called "**Prices list updates manager**" appears in the bottom right corner of the screen;
 - Click "**Review now**";
 - A second chart appears on top of the screen. A "**Reading VL directory**" process is running. The price list(s) that you have previously configured appears;
 - Click "**Run update**", located in the top right corner of the screen;

- A progression runs. When finished, the following sentence appears and blinks: **"Update has been made successfully"**;
- Click **"Close"**, located in the top right corner of the chart;
- Then click **"Hide"** in the prices list updates manager, located in the bottom right corner of the screen;
- Click **"Quit"**, located in the bottom left corner of the screen.

You must do the same for all price lists you wish to add to your directory.

Please note that only the supplier field is editable when it comes to a price list whose group code is included.

Step 18: Printers configuration

Regarding print jobs configuration in AB Magique software, note that almost every window has, at the top right, a field that allows you to select a specific printer. Simply click on the arrow beside the field **"Print on ..."** and select the desired printer.

If you do not select a printer, the software will print on the default printer defined in your Windows operating system.

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