ALERE® Business Applications

NEW FEATURES

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ALERE® Accounting
version 6.5

A Review of the New Features and Changes In this Release

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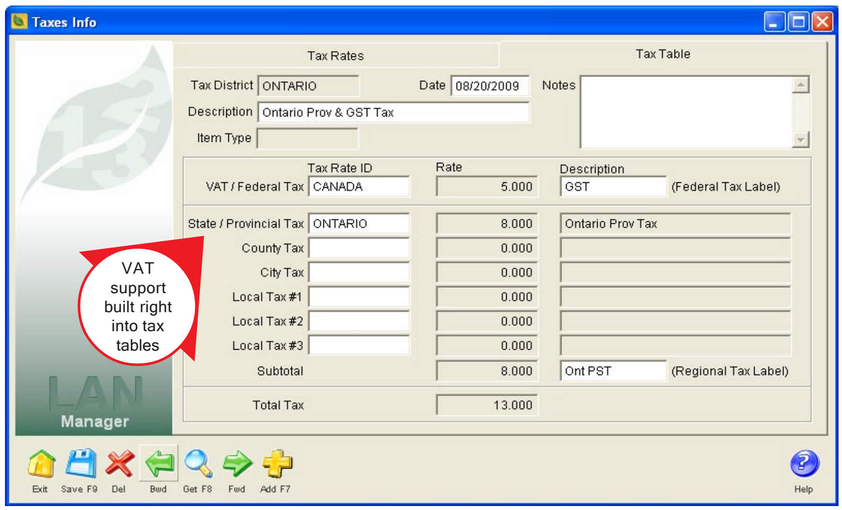
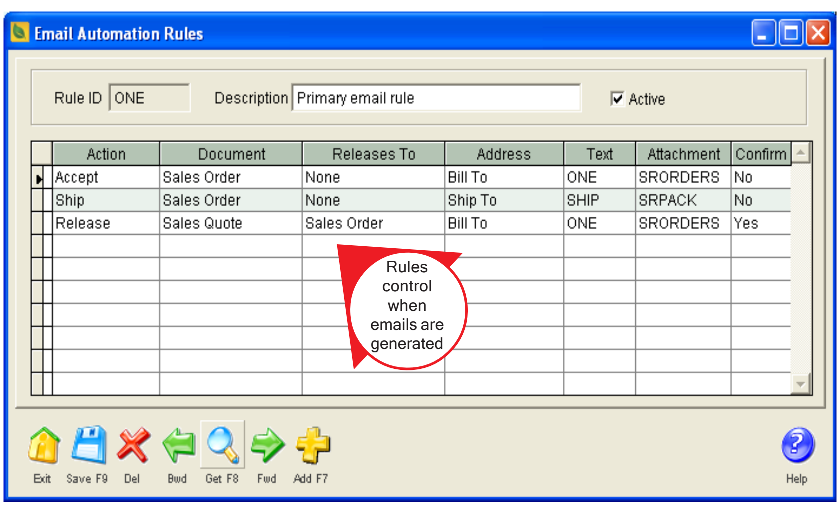
Value Added Tax (VAT) - VAT support is now an integral part of ALERE Accounting! Built right into the tax tables, implementing and managing VAT is as simple as creating a new tax rate. GST check boxes added to customer and supplier records easily let you identify which companies are subject to VAT rules. Separate general ledger accounts track outbound sales and inbound purchases. Labels entered into the Federal and Regional tax label fields are used on sales order, invoice, and purchase order reports to identify the tax.



The GST Tax Listing report is modeled on the report submitted to the Canadian Revenue Agency and will provide information on the GST taxes owed.

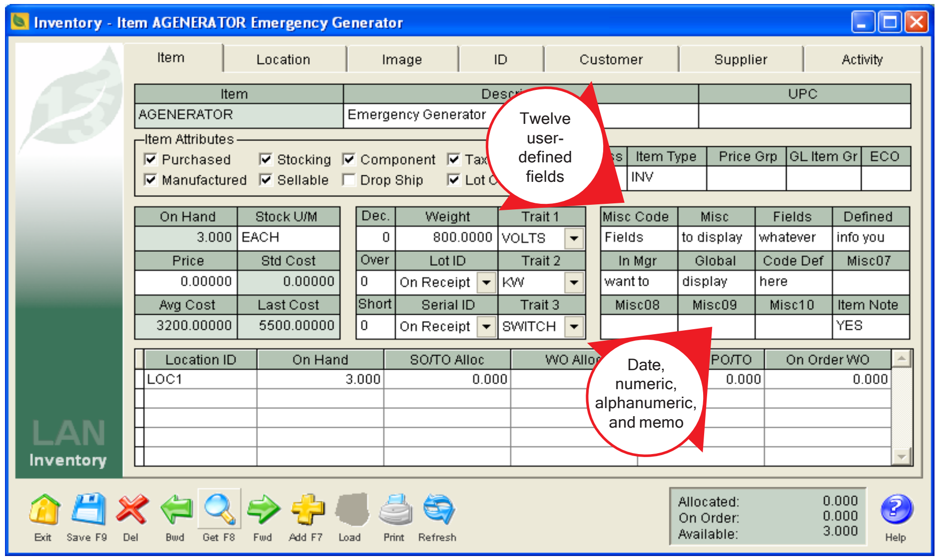
Email Button - Added to the **Print** button screen on key Sales and Purchase screens is an **Email** button that will automatically convert the order into a PDF file and send it via email! You can add a stored note to the email or actually bring up the email to enter your own personalized message.



Email Automation - Now you can set up your system to automatically acknowledge orders received from customers, electronically send them an invoice when their orders are shipped, or release purchase orders and have them sent to the suppliers. At key points in the sales and purchases processes, emails can be auto-generated and a PDF of the accompanying document attached and sent. To control what gets sent and to whom, groups of rules can be defined and assigned to individual companies. For example, one group could contain rules that send emails when an order is accepted, when it is shipped, and when it is invoiced. That particular group of rules could then be assigned to any company.

PDF Reports - Every report in ALERE can now be turned into a PDF file to make it easy to share and add to an email. Even reports that are printing multiple documents, a range of sales orders for instance, can be automatically turned into multiple PDF files. It is as simple as clicking on the **PDF** button on the report option screens!

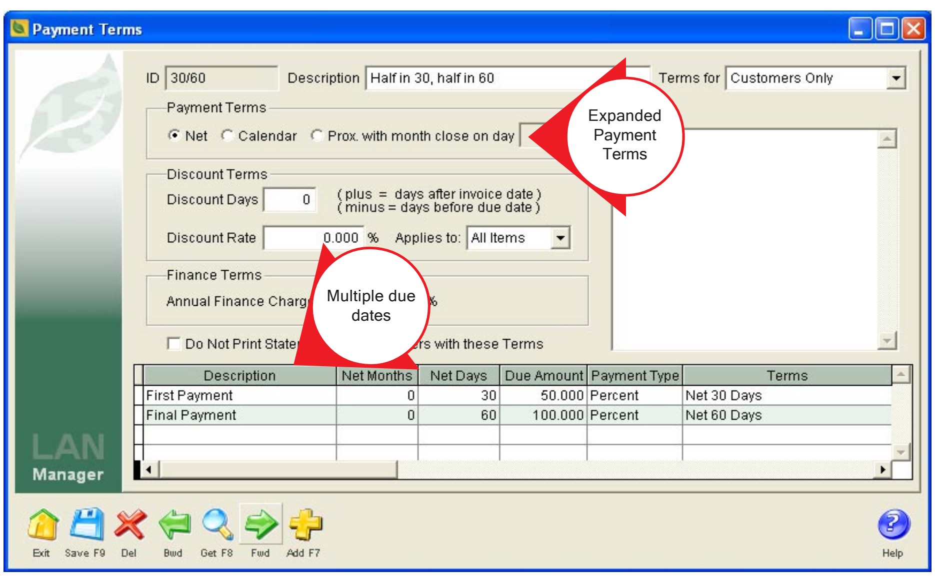
User-Defined Inventory Fields - Eleven new user-defined fields have been added to the Inventory and Non-Stock Items screens to make a total of twelve available for each item. These fields can be customized for your company's use. For example, they could be used to track company of origin, status of an item, a reference catalog, the scale, etc. Acceptable choices can be defined for each field and then supported by pop-up windows where you can choose them. The fields can be set up to accept the following data types: alphanumeric entries; date fields; as numeric fields with decimal points; or one as memo fields to add notes .



Exchange Variance Report - This new report for the Multicurrency Module provides a summary of currency variances that occur, for example, between when an invoice is written and when a payment is received.

Supplier Locations - Defining all the supplier locations that you can order an item from just got a lot easier! Simply leaving the supplier location field blank on the *Supplier* tab of the inventory screen signifies that the item is available at all of the supplier's locations.

Expanded Payment Terms - A third payment term, called **Calendar**, has been added to the existing Net and Prox terms. Essentially what the Calendar term does is to allow payments to be scheduled based on a calendar date you select. For example, an invoice could be set to come due the 15th of November.



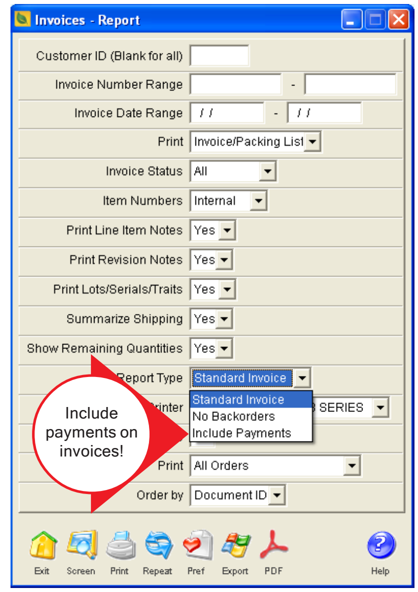
Multiple payment dates can be defined. For example, you can set up a customer payment schedule so that they have three payments of $1,200 each that come due the 15th of January, March, and May. Or have a schedule where 10% is due now, 40% the first of next month, 40% the first of the second month, and the final 10% due the 1st of the third month.

Another big change is how discount days are calculated! When the days entered are positive, the discount due date is calculated by adding the number of days to the invoice date. When the days entered are negative, the discount due date is calculated by subtracting the number of days from the invoice due date. The same plus or minus discount days applies to the calculation of Net terms, Prox terms and Calendar terms.

You can also specify who may use the payment terms: customers, suppliers or both!

The **Payment Terms** screen has been extensively redesigned to make the creation and maintenance of terms very smooth and easy!

Include Payments - Payments can now be optionally printed on customer invoices.



Item Tab - Added to both the *Customer* and *Supplier* screens, the *Item* tab provides a list of all your item numbers that have an equivalent customer or supplier number. The new tab makes it relatively easy to add new cross references and edit existing ones.

History/Payment Button - Now with a simple push of the button you can readily see the history and payments made against a sales invoice on the *A/R Cash Receipts* screen!

Sales Inquiry Graph - Now when you are using the sales graph on the *Sales Inquiry* screen to analyze sales trends, you can build the charts for specific customers!

Proceed to New Order - When an order returning items to inventory is processed a credit memo is automatically created. Now you can have that credit memo displayed for you to review or work with.

Future Activity Filter - The *Future Activity* screen in the Inventory Module allows you to review the list of sales orders, purchase orders, and manufacturing orders that will have an impact on the future of your inventory levels. There are several ways of filtering this list. Company locations have been added as one of the ways of filtering this activity.

Tax Credit/Expense - Sales or GST tax may now be accrued in an account other than the default sales tax expense account that is specified on the *Default General Ledger Accounts* screen.

Customer Inventory Info - Default customer minimum order and order increment quantities can now be set up for each item in inventory.

Distributed Tax Option - This option gives you the choice of including sales tax expense in the cost of the items being purchased for inventory.

Company Default Paths - A new tab, called ***Default Paths***, has been added to the *Company Defaults* screen in the Manager Module. This tab allows default paths to be set up for where the chart of accounts is imported from, where custom modifications reside, where the company icon can be found, where reports export their data to Excel files, and where reports will place the PDF files that are created.

Mass Key Changes - Now large numbers of key changes can be accumulated on an Excel spreadsheet and then imported and processed all at one time.

WorldView Interface - A tighter integration has been implemented between ALERE and WorldView. Buttons have been added to screens to invoke WorldView according to the context of ALERE. For example, when you view a specific sales order, the WorldView button will retrieve that sales order or, optionally, the pick list or packing list of that sales order.

Order by Line Item - Two more search methods have been added to the Fetch retrieval tool. Now you can enter an item number and quickly look up which orders and the line number it is on in either Sales or Purchases!

Calendar Expansion - The pop up calendar has expanded the number of weeks that are visible from six to eight!

New Installer - A new installer is now used to install and set up ALERE Accounting which is compatible with 64 bit operating systems.

New Print Button - All newly created sales invoices can now be printed from the *Mass Invoicing* screen.

Inactive Accounts - A general ledger account that is marked “Inactive” on the chart of accounts will now be marked by a triangular yellow icon.

Remitting Notes - Supplier remitting notes have been added to the *Supplier* tab of the *Inventory* screen.

Customer Location - Testing GL custom accounts can be done for customer locations.

Zero Balances - The *Balance Sheet* and *Income Statement* reports will optionally exclude accounts with zero balances whether or not there has been activity.

Change Notes - Comments can be added or changed on all order types even after the order has been completed or voided.

Report Changes - A number of options have been expanded or added to reports. Here is a list:

- General browser order - Order ID on browsers is now in descending order.
- Customer & Supplier Reports - Added option to sort by state.
- Queued Sales Orders Report - The report can now be filtered by location.
- Sales Analysis Report - The ***Customer ID*** option now accepts partial entries.
- Sales Analysis Report - The report can now optionally be filtered by a company's status.
- Customer and Supplier Reports - Can now be ordered by **State.**
- Sales Order Report - A new **Pro Forma Invoice** choice has been added to the ***Report Type*** option.
- Sales Invoice Report - The "Due Date" is now printed on the report.
- As of Inventory Balance Report - A Detail option controls the display of Location, Store and Bin information.
- 12 Month Balance Sheet & Income Statement Reports - The short period captions have been replaced with complete descriptions.

User Rights - New user rights have been added as follows:

- **MMEM** Email Automation Rules Screen
- **SRGS** GST Tax Listing Report
- **XRCV** Currency Exchange Variance Report

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