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## Gastrend Graphical is now Available

This is an example of the Gastrend Cylinder Balance Inquiry

POXPIN V 10.00 Gastrend - Customer Cylinder Balances Inquiry

COMPANY : 001 Informatiques Trendex Inc. DATE : 12/28/2012

Customer No. : 40275 [GO] [F1] [Next]

Customer Name : ACME INDUSTRIES INC.

Address : 5781 KENNEDY BLVD.  
 TAMPA, FL 33781

Telephone No. : (727) 381-5555

Fax Number : (727) 381-5777

Email Address : sales@acmeindustries.com

Contact : PAUL MONTGOMERY

Discount % : 0.00 % [Français] [Exit]

A/R Balance : 715.15 [Ageing]

Payment Terms : NET 30 DAYS

Salesrep Name : JAMES SMITH

Sales Tax Licence : 16-066-5120

Customer Remark : CUSTOMER REQUIRES P.O.#

Route : Truck : Sequence : 1 Currency : USD

Gas Code	Description	Gas Price	Price Brkt	PreviousMth	Shipped	Returned	Balance	Lease	Free
ACEM	ACETYLENE DISSOLVED MEDIUM	36.5000	Price Brkt1	2	0	0	2	1	0
ACEMCO	ACETYLENE DISSOLVED MEDIUM C/A	36.5000	Price Brkt1	0	0	0	0	0	0
OXY300	OXYGEN COMPRESSED T 300 CUFT	25.9500	Price Brkt1	4	0	0	4	1	0
OXY300C	OXYGEN COMPRESSED T 300 CUFT	25.9500	Price Brkt1	0	1	1	0	0	0
ARG95/CO25MIX	ARGON 95%/CO2 5% COMPRESSED	62.9500	Spec Price	2	2	1	3	0	0

Balance/Prices Lease Rental Cyl.History Gas Prices Gas Stats Special Prices Ship To Addresses \* = Quote Expired

After 5 years of development and rigorous testing, Gastrend Graphical has now been released! Gastrend Graphical allows users to enjoy Windows functionality and access features using the mouse. The new look of the menus and programs makes working with Gastrend even easier. Gastrend Graphical is being used for all new installations and 3 of our existing customers have already upgraded. The new version runs under the Linux operating system. We found that this operating system works better with BBJ, the programming language used for the Graphical version of Gastrend, than Unix. However, the Linux operating system is very similar to Unix and will take little getting used to.

All customers will eventually need to upgrade to this version. Support for the character-based version of Gastrend will only be provided for the next 5 years (up to and including the year 2017). Thus, this year there will be no software updates for customers using Gastrend V9.90.

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This year Trendex became an approved vendor of the AIWD Buying Group. We want to take this opportunity to thank all AIWD members and all our customers.

Please visit our website at [www.trendexsys.com](http://www.trendexsys.com) for more information about upcoming events from this and other associations.

## **Gastrend Software Update Version 10.00**

### **Gastrend Graphical**

#### **Highlights of Gastrend Graphical:**

##### **Support for Windows Mouse:**

With Gastrend Graphical, the mouse can be used. All options that required the use of function keys have now been turned into buttons, which can be clicked with the mouse. However, the function keys can still be used if desired. Users can use the mouse alone, or a combination of function keys and the mouse for maximum efficiency.

##### **Simpler Menus and Programs:**

Programs have been re-organized in the menus for simplicity. All related programs have been placed in the same menu or submenu. Some programs have also been removed as individual programs and can now be found within other programs. For example, you can now access the Sales Statistics by Quantity and Dollar in the Product Inquiry.

##### **Search Bar in Menu:**

The Main Menu tree now contains a search bar, which can be used to quickly find programs by program name or keyword.

##### **Print Preview:**

Users may now view a print preview on screen of each report or list before printing it. Complete invoice details can be viewed in the format of the form and be faxed or emailed directly from server.

##### **Payment by Two Methods:**

Counter Sales invoices can now be paid by two payment methods. For example, a customer may pay for part of an invoice by cash and pay the rest of the amount by Credit Card.

##### **Priced Quotes:**

Quotes are now completely priced with taxes, HAZMAT, transport charges, etc. and printed, faxed or emailed with all charges included. Customers will know the total price at the time of quotation.

##### **Contacts Added in Vendor File:**

6 additional contacts have been added to the vendor maintenance. A new field called Alternate Billing Vendor has also been added. This allows you to enter the buying group vendor or MasterCard vendor number for applicable suppliers. Therefore, you can enter a Purchase Order for Lincoln which you want to pay by Mastercard and when the Invoice is posted it can automatically be transferred to the Mastercard vendor account.

##### **No More Defunct Tasks:**

If a user gets cut off on their PC, the user's session will be terminated and the user will no longer be logged in to Trendex. Because of this, when performing a shutdown on the main console as tdxadmin, you will no longer be able to kill tasks. Any users who are still logged in, must log off on their PCs before the console can be shutdown.

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## Gastrend Optional Software Features

### **Reception with Bar Code Reader:**

Users may receive merchandise using a bar code reader. This option allows the user to call up a pre-existing purchase order and receive the merchandise using a bar code scanner. This will remove any errors of receiving the wrong merchandise.

### **Product/Gas Surcharge:**

This option will allow users to setup an automatic surcharge for specific products/gases that will be charged to any customer who buys the product. The surcharge can be added to the total of the invoice or the rate multiplied by the number of items shipped. The user may change the surcharge rate for specific customers and even remove the surcharge altogether for others.

### **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):**

This option allows the user to create a file and email it to your bank so that vendor invoices may be paid electronically. Therefore, you do not need to print and mail checks to your vendors. Your vendor is paid faster and you remove the paperwork involved. This option allows the user to send the vendor a payment confirmation letter with all the invoices paid. For Canadian customers, you may also pay your employees electronically.

### **Vsifax Fax/Email Module:**

Users with Vsifax (fax/email software) and Unform (laser form software) may fax and email all forms and reports from the Trendex system. All reports emailed will be in PDF format. Users may also copy (CC) one or more other contacts so that they will also receive the fax/email.

### **Counter Sales Cash Drawer:**

We have integrated a cash drawer to the Counter Sales Module. A cash drawer will be connected to the main server and once the user finishes an invoice, the cash drawer will automatically open. This will control access to the cash drawer.

### **Counter Sales Roll Printer:**

You may use a receipt printer for counter sales to save on preprinted business forms. The Counter Sales entry will allow users to choose between the roll printer and the dot matrix printer for the preprinted forms.

### **Kitrend Modules:**

Fill cylinders from bulk tanks and track the bulk gas and cylinder movements. With this module you may also create product kits, which will automatically adjust components and finished goods inventory and calculate costs.

### **Gastrend Lot Control:**

Control gases by lot number. Gastrend has the ability to find out by customer, invoice number and delivery note number where a specific lot number was delivered with all details of that specific lot number.

### **Gastrend Serial Number Tracking:**

Users may enter serial numbers for hardgoods (welding machines) or cylinders in the system. You will then be able to track the products and cylinders by serial number and find out to whom a specific machine was sold and who has a specific cylinder. Users may view this information on an inquiry or print a report. Serial numbers may be tracked from the moment of receiving the purchase order to the invoice on which the product was sold or the cylinder was shipped or returned.

### **Gastrend Delivery Route:**

This module allows users to print delivery slips by route and truck and will automatically create orders in the system.

### **Gastrend Bulk Delivery Route:**

This module will allow users with bulk gases to track each time a customer's bulk tank is filled and when it needs to be refilled again. Gastrend will track the average gas usage per day and advise you when a bulk gas delivery should be made and even automatically print the delivery notes for your driver to deliver the bulk gas.

### **USB Disk Backup:**

Backups can now be done using external USB disk drives. Since these disk drives are completely sealed, there are no issues with dust. Therefore, there are no tape drives or tapes to be replaced.