

# ACCPAC® Plus™ Accounting Year 2000 Disclosure

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## Dear ACCPAC Plus Client,

**Do you know if your business is ready for the Year 2000?** Hardly anyone has escaped hearing rumors about how potentially catastrophic the Year 2000 problem is. Why such a big deal? It's because the Year 2000 problem may affect computers, software programs, and every other electronic device with an embedded microchip. And these chips are everywhere.

**What does Year 2000 compliance mean?** ACCPAC INTERNATIONAL software product is designed to accurately handle Y2K date storage and date manipulations.

**One purpose of our letter is to help you with information about your ACCPAC Plus Accounting software.** Year 2000 compliance is especially critical for ensuring the accuracy of accounting data. In addition, we encourage you to analyze all the components of your accounting system for Year 2000 compliance.

**ACCPAC Plus Accounting.** ACCPAC Plus Accounting applications at the following version levels (or higher) and with the most current Program Temporary Fix<sup>1</sup> (PTF) applied have been tested for Year 2000 compliance.

Accounts Payable	6.1A
Account Receivable	6.1A
General Ledger	6.1A
Inventory Control	6.1B
Job Costing	6.1A
LanPak	6.0A
Order Entry	6.1B
Payroll (Canadian) <sup>2</sup>	6.0P
Payroll (US) <sup>2</sup>	6.1D
Retail Invoicing <sup>3</sup>	6.1B
Sales Analysis <sup>3</sup>	6.1A
Windowing System Manager	6.1A

ACCPAC Plus Accounting versions 6.0 and 6.1A not listed above were designed to handle dates beyond the Year 2000, but due to the fact that these versions were introduced in the late 1980s and early 1990s, they have not been specifically tested for Y2K compliance. We do know that they contain the following Y2K issues:

- Accounts Payable Vendor Transactions Report has a default date of 12/31/99 in the "Include transactions from" field, which means you must manually change the date to print transactions dated later than 12/31/99.
- Tabbing through a 2-digit date field may change the year. For example, if you tab through the "Start" field when editing a customer or vendor record, the date may be re-interpreted to a 21st century date (e.g. Jan 25, 1986 will be changed to Jan 25, 2086).
- When the current date is beyond 2000 and you try to delete customers or vendors inactive in 1989 (or earlier), the date will be interpreted as 2089 and the records will not be deleted.

<sup>1</sup>A PTF contains a modified version of one or more program modules. A PTF is not an upgrade or a product replacement; it is a temporary program fix that is valid only until an update to the software product is released which incorporates this change.

<sup>2</sup>Only the most current version of Payroll is supported.

<sup>3</sup>This product has been discontinued.

In addition, earlier versions interpret two digit dates as follows:

When the System (DOS) Date is:	And the last two digits of the year in the Transaction Date are:	Versions earlier than those listed above will interpret the year as follows:
1900-1989	00-99	1900-1999
1990-1999	10-99	1910-1999
1990-1999	00-09	2000-2009
2000-2009	00-89	2000-2089
2000-2009	90-99	1990-1999
2010-2089	00-99	2000-2099
2090-2099	00-09	2100-2109
2090-2099	10-99	2010-2099

<sup>\*</sup>The transaction date can be a date you manually enter into an ACCPAC Plus Accounting application or a date that the application calculates.

In order to ensure a smooth transition to the 21st century, we urge you to consider upgrading to the current version of ACCPAC Plus Accounting. You should take action before

- your Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable or Inventory Control applications compute a due date later than 12/31/1999, or
- you enter a transaction date later than 12/31/1999.

**Hardware and software.** Older model PCs, and that can mean PCs manufactured as late as 1997, may be affected if the computer's BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) was not designed to update the century digits from 19 to 20. As a result, the digital clock in the computer, which tracks both time and date, may be incorrect. Some software applications depend on this clock as the source for the time and date information needed by the application. So if the clock is wrong, the results produced by the application may be wrong.

**Network operating systems.** If you are running your accounting system on a network, then be sure to research whether your networking hardware and software are capable of handling the Year 2000.

**How can you test your hardware and software?** Many manufacturers are publishing Year 2000 product status reports on their Internet websites. These websites are an invaluable source of information. Another option is to find a reputable professional who can test your hardware to determine if the BIOS is capable of handling the Year 2000 accurately. If it's not capable, decide if you need to repair or replace the hardware. After this decision is made, then evaluate your software applications.

**ACCPAC INTERNATIONAL, INC. has several product lines that are Year 2000 compliant.** They invite you to consider the following three options for your business:

- The current version of ACCPAC Plus Accounting
- ACCPAC for Windows Small Business Series
- ACCPAC for Windows Corporate Series

Don't wait to prepare your accounting system for the Year 2000. Act right now. Give yourself time to research the best, most cost-effective solution for your business. Learn more about the current version of ACCPAC Plus and ACCPAC for Windows at our website [www.accpac.com](http://www.accpac.com). We hope this information about ACCPAC Plus Accounting and Year 2000 helps you plan a problem-free transition to the next century.

Sincerely,

Bill Copeland  
Vice President of Marketing

## ACCPAC INTERNATIONAL has a Year 2000 accounting solution for you...

### ACCPAC Plus Accounting, Version 7.0/6.5

If you wish to stay with DOS, the current versions of all ACCPAC Plus Accounting applications have been enhanced to handle dates accurately in the Year 2000 and beyond. Enhancements requested by clients have been released in the most current versions of the applications.

Upgrade price is \$250 US / \$350 CDN per module.

### ACCPAC® for Windows

Many of the enhancements ACCPAC Plus clients have requested are included in both *ACCPAC for Windows Small Business Series* and *Corporate Series*.

#### Enhancements such as:

- Larger, more flexible account numbers.
- Up to 5 budgets per account.
- Up to 99 years of data and statistical information.
- Enter transactions for a future fiscal year prior to closing the current year.
- General Ledger control accounts for subledgers.
- Built-in financial reporter that links to spreadsheets such as Microsoft Excel.
- Extra fields in customer, vendor and employee records for users to customize.
- Bank reconciliation integrated with Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable and Payroll.
- Integration with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Exchange.
- Integration with the latest technology so you can do things like send reports to an e-mail address.

**Small Business Series** If you are ready to move to Windows, and are a single user of ACCPAC Plus or have up to five users, then consider our ACCPAC for Windows Small Business Series as the solution for Year 2000 compliance. The Small Business Series is designed to provide small companies with an affordable, comprehensive accounting system. The Small Business Series includes separate packages for General Ledger • Accounts Receivable • Accounts Payable • Order Entry • Inventory Control • System Manager • LanPak. And if you need Purchase Orders or Payroll, or you have more than five users, these functions are available in our ACCPAC for Windows Corporate Series product line. Purchase Orders and Payroll are completely compatible with the Small Business Series packages.

**The trade-up price** to ACCPAC for Windows Small Business Series for a single user installation consisting of General Ledger, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable and System Manager, is \$1400 US / \$1960 CDN – a savings of up to 50% off the suggested retail price.

**Corporate Series** ACCPAC for Windows Corporate Series is a complete multi-tier financial management system designed specifically for medium to large businesses. The Corporate Series supports both Microsoft SQL Server and Btrieve databases, and runs on Windows NT and Novell NetWare. It supports an unlimited number of users. The modular design of ACCPAC for Windows Corporate Series allows businesses to tailor the applications to precisely match their needs. In addition, ACCPAC for Windows Corporate Series can be combined with products from the ACCPAC Development Partner Program to create vertical solutions for specific industries.

ACCPAC for Windows Corporate Series modules include: • General Ledger • Accounts Payable • Accounts Receivable • Order Entry • Inventory Control • Payroll (US, Canadian) • System Manager with Crystal Info • BrioQuery Reporting and Analysis • Purchase Orders • SmartSales • LanPak.

**The trade-up price** to ACCPAC for Windows Corporate Series for an installation consisting of General Ledger, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, System Manager is \$2850 US / \$4150 CDN – a savings of up to 50% off the suggested retail price.

### Find out more about these products

ACCPAC Plus and ACCPAC for Windows are marketed by ACCPAC INTERNATIONAL Business Partners in your area. To find out which product is the best Year 2000 solution for your business, call your ACCPAC INTERNATIONAL Business Partner. If you don't have a local Business Partner, call us at **1-800-808-7000** and we'll arrange for a Business Partner to contact you.



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