ALERE® Business Applications

New Features

REVIEW OF NEW FEATURES AND CHANGES IN THIS RELEASE

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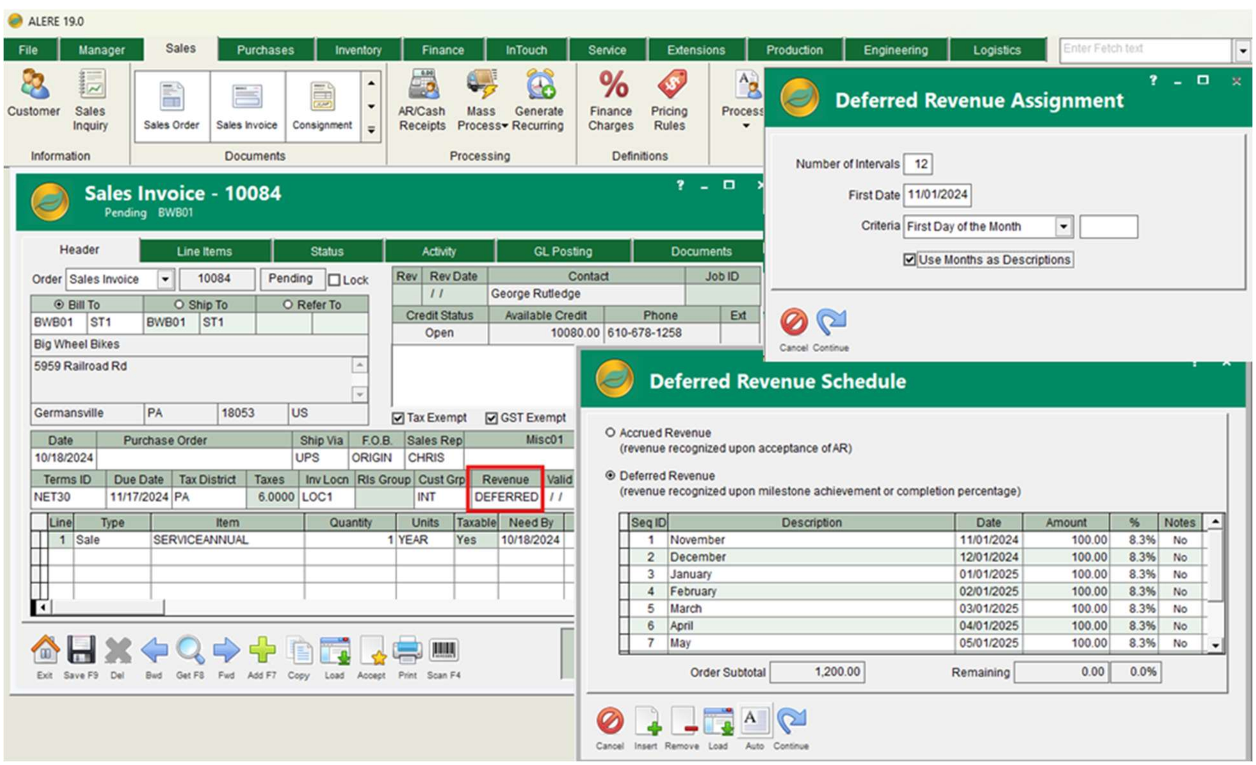
Accounting New Features

The ALERE Sales Module has been enhanced to support the deferring of revenue on sales orders and sales invoices when customer payments are made in advance of products being received or services being performed.

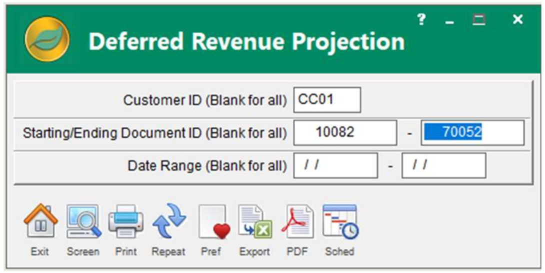
One example of deferred revenue is an annual subscription where payment is made at the beginning of the subscription year but only one month's revenue is recognized each month. Percentage of completion contracts may also involve deferred revenue where, for example, a down payment is made but the revenue cannot be recognized until a certain percentage of the job has been completed.



A revenue recognition schedule can be defined for each order or invoice. Once defined, this schedule can be adjusted as needed up until the revenue is recognized. This ALERE enhancement includes changes to the GL Default Accounts and Sales Document screens. Additionally, a new Deferred Revenue screen and several new Deferred Revenue reports are being added to the Sales Module.

The four new reports added in the Sales module are:

- The Deferred Revenue Projection report shows the anticipated revenue from deferred revenue orders and invoices based on the dates entered in the Deferred Revenue Schedule. The report includes filters on document ID, customer and date range. The report shows individual documents ordered by date then document number.   Sales > Control > Deferred Revenue Projection

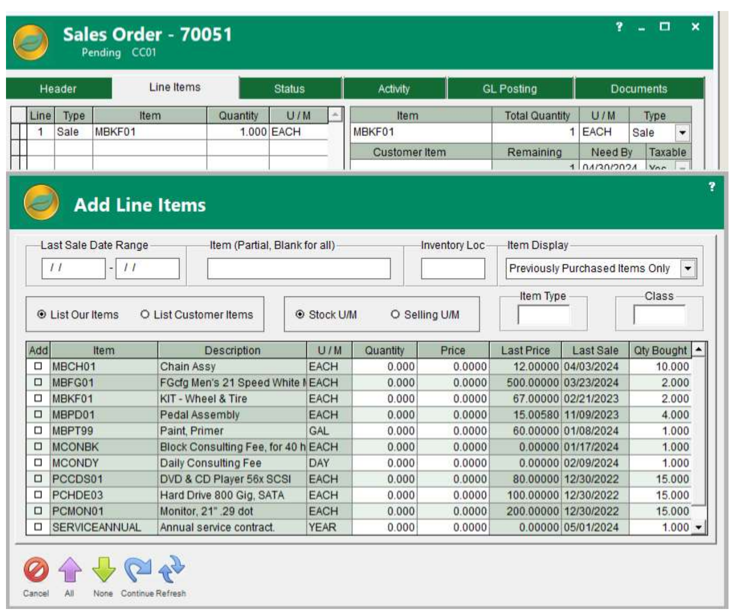


- The Deferred Revenue Schedule report shows the revenue schedule as defined on the Deferred Revenue Schedule screen from the Sales Order. Sales > Control > Deferred Revenue Schedule

- The Unrecognized Deferred Revenue report shows a list of outstanding deferred revenue amounts as of the entered date by order with the recognized and deferred balances. Sales > Control > Unrecognized Deferred Revenue

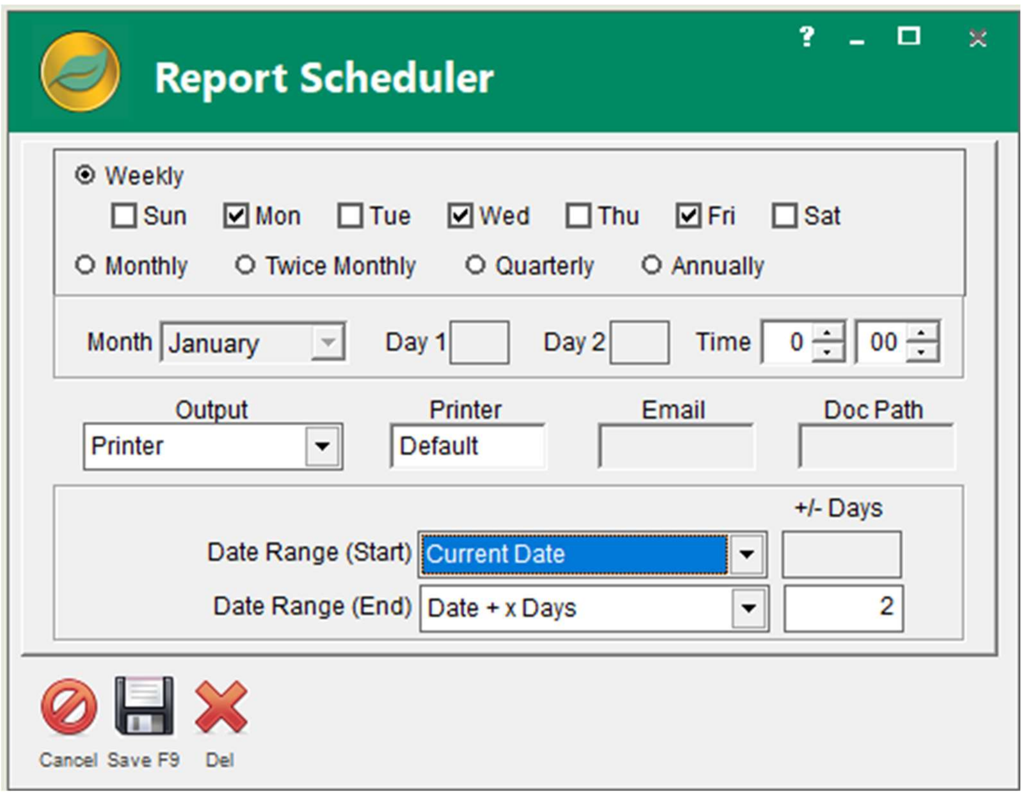
- The Deferred Revenue Journal report shows the GL activity associated with the Deferred Revenue Sales Orders and manual Sales Invoices. This report can be used to reconcile deferred revenue postings. If a date range is selected, the report shows a starting balance and all the postings to or from the deferred revenue account (include document ID and customer) with a running balance. If an “As Of” date is selected, a list of the outstanding deferred revenue amounts as of the entered date is generated showing the document ID along with the deferred balance on each order. Sales > Activity > Deferred Revenue Journal

Rapidly add Sales Order Line Items by right clicking on the Add button on the Sales Order screen Line Items tab. This brings up an Add Line `multiple lines at once with filters for the Item, Item Type, Product Class, Inventory Location and Last Sale Date Range. And gives you the ability to either see only items that have been previously sold to that customer or all items.



The new Report Scheduler screen allows the ALERE reports to be scheduled for periodic automated running. The screen provides the ability to set the interval that the report will be run; such as one or more days in a week, once or twice monthly, quarterly or annually. The day of week or month can also be set, as well as the time of day to run the report. The screen also allows the setting of the type of output for the report such as printing it, emailing it or creating a PDF or Excel file from it; along with information for the specific printer, email address or output document path where applicable. Any dates from the report options will also be listed on the button of the screen, so that rules can be defined for those values when the report is run. The definitions defined in the report scheduler screen will be later used by the ReportOutput application to automate the running of any reports scheduled.

Example showing a Report Scheduler for the Sale Order report set to run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8am for the current date to two days in the future outputting to the default printer.



ACH

Debit Memos & AP payables can now be included in the Mass payments ACH process.

New ACH Reference Number filter and Order By options were added to the ACH Register report.

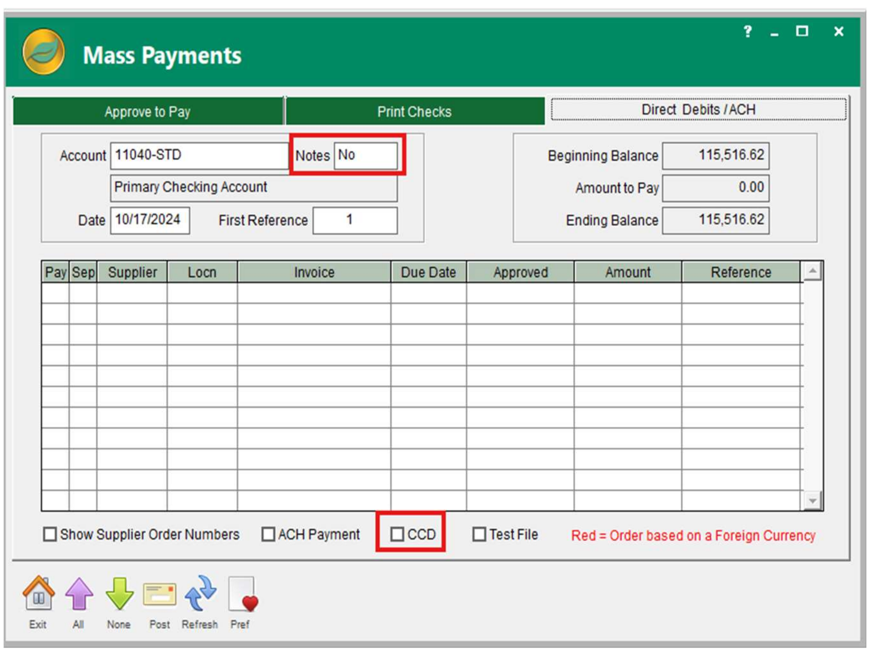
ACH payment emails can now list the invoices in a vertical column-oriented format.

Automated ACH Emails can now contain a list of Supplier Invoice Numbers. This is set up in the Global Code Definitions screen for Email Message Text in a similar manner to the other embedded information.

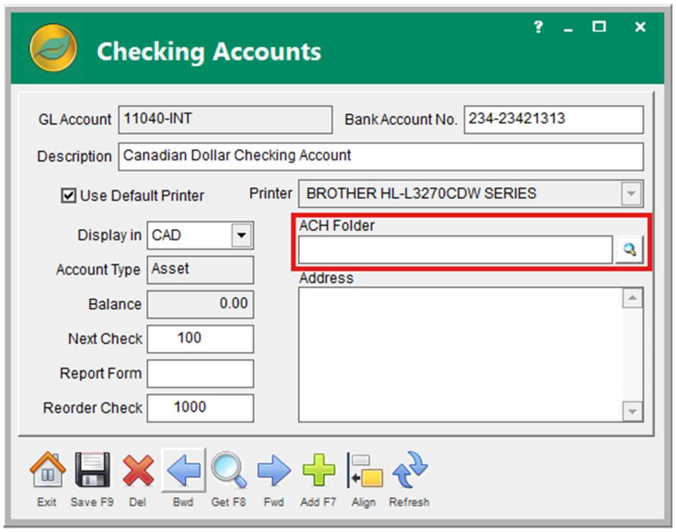
ACH Register Report now displays the Document type and the Supplier Invoice Number.

The Mass Payments Direct Debits/ACH tab has a new CCD checkbox allowing a CCD (Cash Concentration and Disbursement) formatted ACH payment rather than a PPD (Prearranged Payment and Deposit) formatted ACH payment to be made.

Mass Payments Screen now has a field to enter Notes on a Direct Debits or ACH Posting.

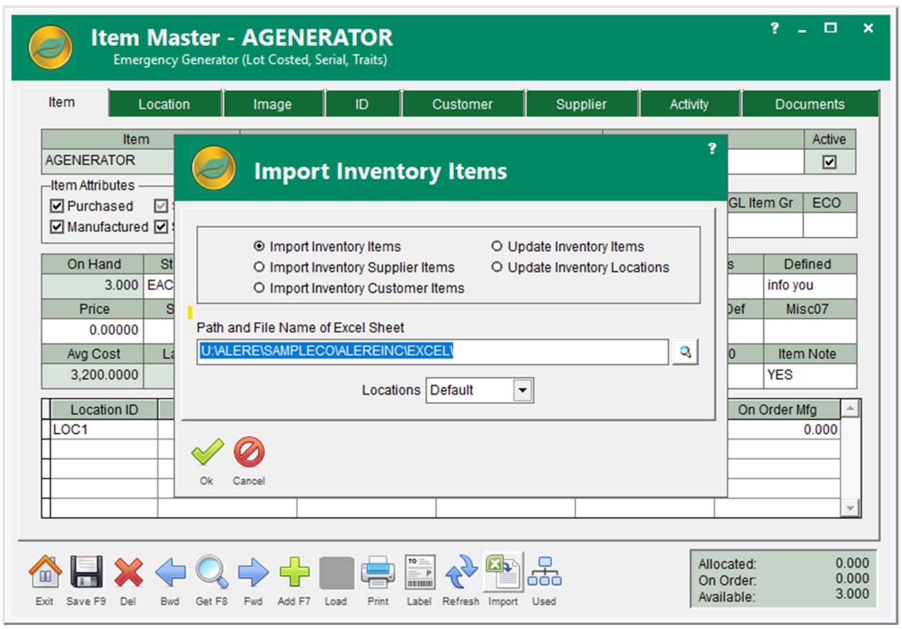


A new ACH Folder field was added to the Checking Accounts screen. This allows a specific folder to be assigned for the ACH files created for each specific checking account.



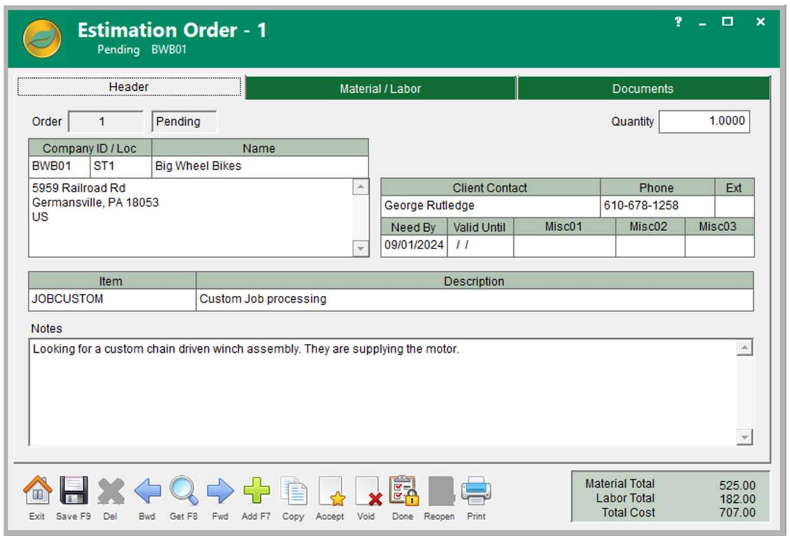
Inventory

Inventory – A new import for Customer Item Numbers was added to the Inventory Import screen.



Job Cost Module

A new Estimation Order screen was added to the Job Cost Module. This screen allows the creation of an order for estimating the cost. The order does not require that the customer and/or principal finished item exist within the ALERE system when created. The material list and labor can also be added to the order regardless of whether the items and labor grades have been previously entered into the system or even if they are left blank. The order will calculate the estimated cost of the finished item based on the material and/or labor entered.



A New Estimation Orders report was added to the Job Cost Module. This report displays the relevant information about the estimation order(s) selected.

Manufacturing

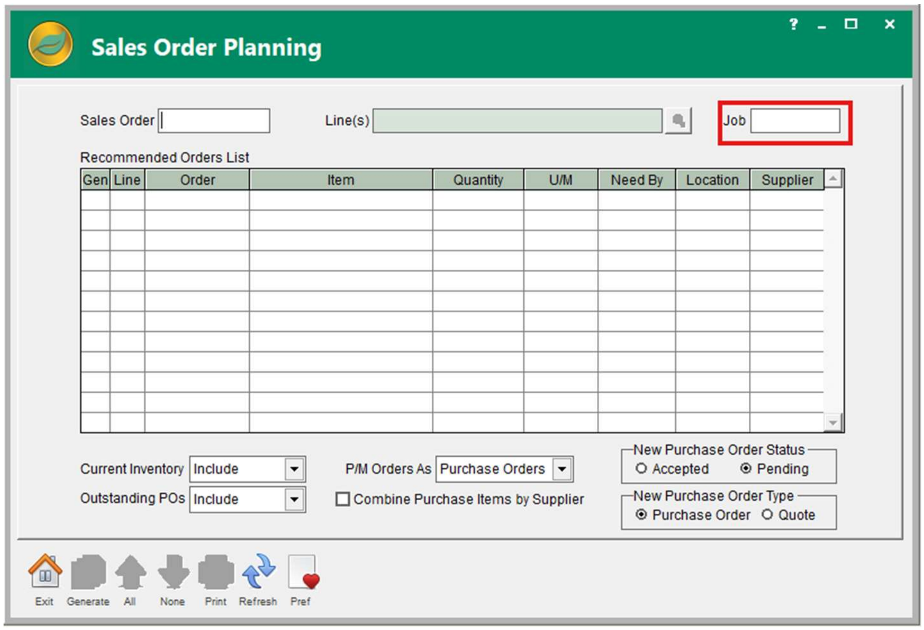
A new Forecasting screen was added to the Plan Module. This screen allows Excel forecasting spreadsheets to be defined for use with ALERE. The Plan Orders, Order Push Pull and Item MRP Planning screens, as well as the MRP Planning and Order Push Pull reports have a new option to select the forecast spreadsheet to be included in the Plan/MRP processing.

The Plan Generate Purchase Orders screen now has a new field added to link newly created Purchase Orders to an existing job.

A new Exclude Non-Stock Items checkbox` was added to the Plan Generate Purchase Orders and Generate Transfer Orders screens.

Additional bar codes for the Ship To Store, Ship To Bin, Ship From Store, Ship From Bin, Quantity and TBQ Transaction Type were added to the Bar Code version of the Transfer Order report

The Sales Order Planning screen now has a new field to link newly created Purchase or Work orders to an existing job.



New Reports and Report Options

Physical Inventory Sheets Report - A new Active Status option was added to the Physical Inventory Sheets report.

Report preferences were changed to allow the setting of relative dates in a similar manner to screen preferences.

A new Active Items report to show what orders are active for an item across Sales, Purchase, Transfers, Work Orders and Service was added to the product.

Miscellaneous New Features

Copying an AP Payable or Debit Memo now allows the order to be copied to the other document type.

Inventory Module - A new version of the Bill of Lading report was added to the Inventory Module for Transfer Orders.

Sales Return Screen - Choosing the option to print a Pick List from the Sales Return screen will now print a Receiving Ticket for the Sales Return.

InTouch Call Activity Report now has a new Salesperson filter was added.

Master Items Report now has a A new Active Status filter added.

InTouch Call Sheet now has QR codes added for contact information.

New Permissions

IRBL = Bill of Lading (Transfer Orders) Report

SMDR = Deferred Revenue Screen

SRDJ = Deferred Revenue Journal Report

SRDP = Deferred Revenue Projection Report

SRBU = Unrecognized Deferred Revenue Report

SRDZ = Deferred Revenue Schedule Report

SRPA = Packing List Report

WRLG = Open Orders (Manager) Report

WFRS = Access Report Scheduler

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