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Revolution User Manual - Setup






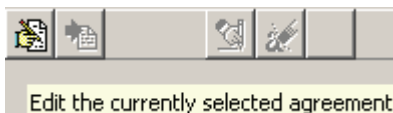
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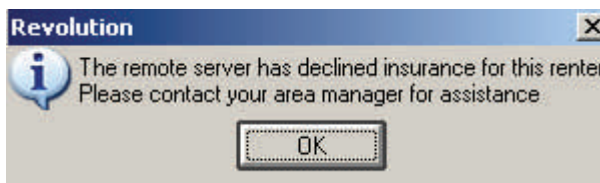


Tips for using this manual and Revolution

- You must submit your MID once a week. Select **Submit MID** from the main menu. You will be prompted **Do you want to submit the MID report**, click on **Yes**. A message will tell you that the file was sent successfully. If the MID report is due you will be asked if you want to submit it as soon as you enter Revolution.
- Keys to be pressed on your computer keyboard will be displayed in **Bold** throughout this manual.
- Use tab to navigate throughout Revolution. The tab key will automatically take you to the next box to be filled in. Shift and tab will allow you to move back a box.
- When shift is highlighting a button, press enter to select it.
- **Red** fields are mandatory and must be completed.
- When making changes in Revolution, click on the **Hand**  to save your changes or  to reject them.
- The **blue book**  button will always take you back to the previous menu.
- The F1 Key on the keyboard will display **Help** for your version of Revolution.
- The F7 Key on the keyboard will display a quick conviction checker. Useful to check quickly if a rental is likely to be accepted.
- The F9 Key on the keyboard will assist you in calculating prices with or without VAT, to two decimal places.
- If you are not sure what function a button performs, hover the mouse over it and a pop-up tip will appear:



- If you wish to reject a renter at any point click on the **No entry**  button. You will be asked **Do you want to decline this agreement**. Click on **Yes** and the following message will be displayed:



This is a good way to decline a renter you are not sure of as it appears that it is the program that has rejected the renter, not you!

- In order to check connection to the remote server: select **About** from the main menu. This section displays some basic program and system information. If you have doubts that you are connecting to the rival server correctly, click on the **Remote server** tab. Make sure you are connected to the internet and click on the **Check remote server connection** button and **Check internet connection** button. Both should be successful. If not, see the next page for troubleshooting tips. If you still have no success, call Rival Support on 0800 328 8833.



PC Setup

As well as being of a high enough specification, your PC also has a few other requirements in order to use Revolution:

- Your PC must have an internet connection. If you have a dial-up connection you will also have the Revolution local server installed. This will enable you to validate rentals without being connected to the internet every time, you must however make sure that you connect to the internet at least once a week (see **Local Server** below). If you have a constant internet connection such as broadband or ISDN you do not need the local server as your rental agreements can be validated by the Remote server through the internet every time.
- Your internet connection should have a firewall, this becomes even more important if you have a constant internet connection. If you have a firewall in place you must ensure that it is setup to allow Revolution through to the internet. You must ensure that program **evrun.exe** is allowed through port 44444 to **rival.idoink.com** and programs **evrun.exe** and **evobackup.exe** must be allowed to FTP (File Transfer Protocol) to site **www.revolutionsupport.co.uk**. You will also require normal internet access to site **www.revolutionsupport.co.uk**.
- You must ensure that your PC is protected against viruses, check if you are already protected. The latest Norton Antivirus software is highly recommended. If you are unable to buy a good anti-virus package you can download **Avast** using the link on the Revolution Support website **www.revolutionsupport.co.uk** which, although not as good as Norton, will offer some level of protection.
- You must ensure that your PC is protected against adware. You can download an adware remover package, **Ad-aware** using the link on the revolution support site.
- You must ensure that your PC is protected against Spyware. You can download spyware remover package, **Spybot** using the link on the revolution support site.

Local Server

The local server is useful for sites without a constant internet connection (sites with a dial-up connection). It enables rentals to be validated on your pc, without requiring the internet connection every time. However it is still necessary for you to connect to the internet at least once a week. Connect to the internet, open Revolution, click on **About** from the main menu, click on the **Remote server** tab and click on the **Check remote server connection** button.

If you change your internet connection to a constant connection such as broadband or an ISDN line, call Revolution Support who will inform you of how to remove the local server from your PC.

Backups

It is essential that you keep backups of your Revolution system in case of any problems. Revolution will take a backup of the system the first time you open it each day. This backup is saved to the hard drive and is useful for when your software goes wrong. If the computer itself is not working you may not be able to access these backups and so external backups are also recommended.



Backups

Revolution Support recommends that you take a daily backup to an external device, such as floppy disk, CD-ROM, zip drive, memory stick etc.. It is recommended that you use a separate disk/tape/stick for each day of the week. This way if one of your disks fails, you will still have several other backups available to you. Make sure that you keep your backups in a safe place such as a water and fire proof safe.

If you do not keep backups you are at risk of losing all of your renter and company database, price tariffs, personal settings, rental agreements and reports.

Performing a backup

Close **Revolution**.

Open **Revolution Backup** or **Revolution Toolbox**, you will find it in the list of programs in the start menu.

Click on **Backup your data**

The default place for the backup to be saved is in the Backup folder within the PCVRData folder.

Usually the location of this is C:\PCVRData\Backup\. This saves the backup to your PC. You will see a warning telling you that if you save here any previous backups will be lost. Click on **Proceed**.

To save the backup to another drive, such as the floppy disk drive, click in the **Drive** drop-down box.

Click on the drive you wish to save to e.g. a:[]]. Make sure your disk is in the drive and click on **OK**.

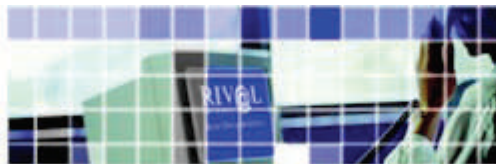
You will see a message telling you when the backup is complete.

If you are using a PC running on a network using a server and the PCVRData folder is held on the server, you may already have your own backup procedure.


Networks

- In Windows Regional Settings ensure that the long date style is applied as ddMMMMyyyy.
- If you have Revolution on more than one pc, make sure that the date and time are set the same on all machines.
- If your PC is on a network, it is recommended that your data is held on a server.

If you do not have the skills on site to solve your own software, network and hardware problems you need a local easily and quickly accessible maintenance service.



Revolution

When Revolution is installed onto your PC, a shortcut to the program  will be placed either in your program list in the Start Menu or directly onto your desktop. Double-click on this to start the rental software. A log-in screen will appear, just type in your name and press **Enter**. This name will be logged on any reports that you process.

The first time you open the program each day a backup will be performed.



The Main Menu

Agreement processing

General maintenance

Reports

Month/year end

Submit MID

Reservations calendar

About

Exit

Please read on for a detailed discussion of each Main Menu option, or use the Contents page to skip to the section required.

Real-time

As you look at the screen notice that the time and date is displayed in the bottom right hand corner. The name of the user who logged in is shown as well. You will also see the version number in the bottom left hand corner, e.g. 1.09.37. If you are on a network ensure that the time and date are set the same on all PCs. You must not change the system clock once it is set, this will lock up Revolution.

Revolution - General Maintenance

Most of your initial program setup will be completed by the person who comes to install Revolution. This setup is carried out within **1.Setup and general information** and you may occasionally need to make adjustments to this section. From the main menu, click on **General maintenance**, then click on **1.Setup and general information**.



Revolution - General Maintenance

Setup and general information

You will see that this section is split into many different tabs, just click on the tab required to view that screen.

Revolution for Car & Van Rental - [Location File Maintenance]

Location | Price tariff | Extras | Source codes | Utilities | Return to menu

Name and address | Defaults | VAT/Nominal | Insurance | Text boxes | Price list bands | System | Passwords | Monthly summaries | Backups

Company name: Car & Van Rental

Address: The Street

London

NW1 8DS

Telephone: 0800 400500

Fax: 0800 400600

e-mail address: rental@carandvanrental.co.uk

Web domain name: www.carandvanrental.co.uk

Licensee name: Car & Van Rental

VAT registration number: 1111111111

Bank name:

Bank sort code:

Bank account number:

ISP: Wanadoo

Any changes made and saved within Setup and general information will only take effect after you have exited and re-opened General maintenance.

Location

Name and address - Contains information relating to your company such as name, address, contact details, bank details and internet connection type. It is **ESSENTIAL** that you have an internet connection type entered in order to connect to the Rival server for insurance validation. *Licencee name* - The business name should be the same name as on the Licence Agreement. This appears on the rental agreement and if it is wrong could bounce back in Court as a judge could deem the rental agreement not to be legally enforceable. It also has Data and Consumer Protection implications.

Defaults - These will be entered on initial setup and should not need to be changed.

VAT/Nominal - Here all of your VAT/Nominal codes are set up. These are already setup and should not need to be changed unless the government advises changes.


Insurance - Your insurance rates are set up here, as well as your Remote server site ID and Remote server IP address (essential for connecting to the Rival server). These will be entered on initial setup and should not need to be changed unless you are advised to do so by Rival support.

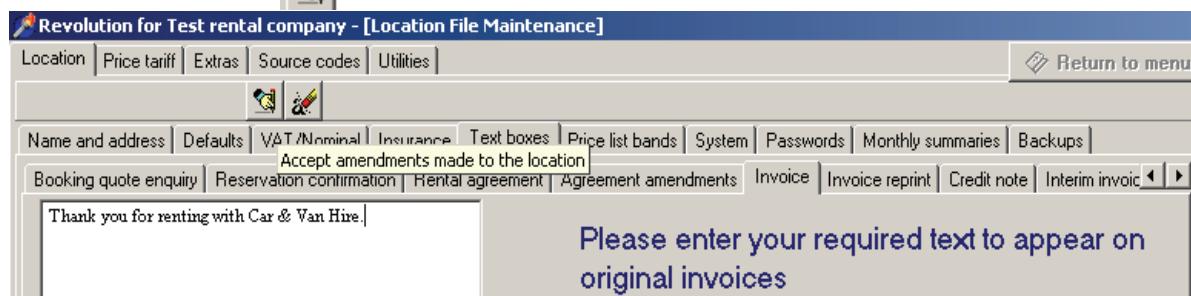
Text boxes - You can use this section to set up the text that will appear at the bottom of various documents.



Revolution - General Maintenance

Setup and general information

Text boxes - For example, you wish to enter the text 'Thank you for renting with Car & Van Hire' at the bottom of original invoices. Click on the **Invoice** tab, type your text into the large white text box, and click on the **Hand**  button in order to save your changes.



Revolution for Test rental company - [Location File Maintenance]

Location | Price tariff | Extras | Source codes | Utilities | [Return to menu](#)

Name and address | Defaults | VAT/Nominal | Insurance | **Text boxes** | Price list bands | System | Passwords | Monthly summaries | Backups

Accept amendments made to the location

Booking quote enquiry | Reservation confirmation | Rental agreement | Agreement amendments | **Invoice** | Invoice reprint | Credit note | Interim invoice

Thank you for renting with Car & Van Hire.

Please enter your required text to appear on original invoices

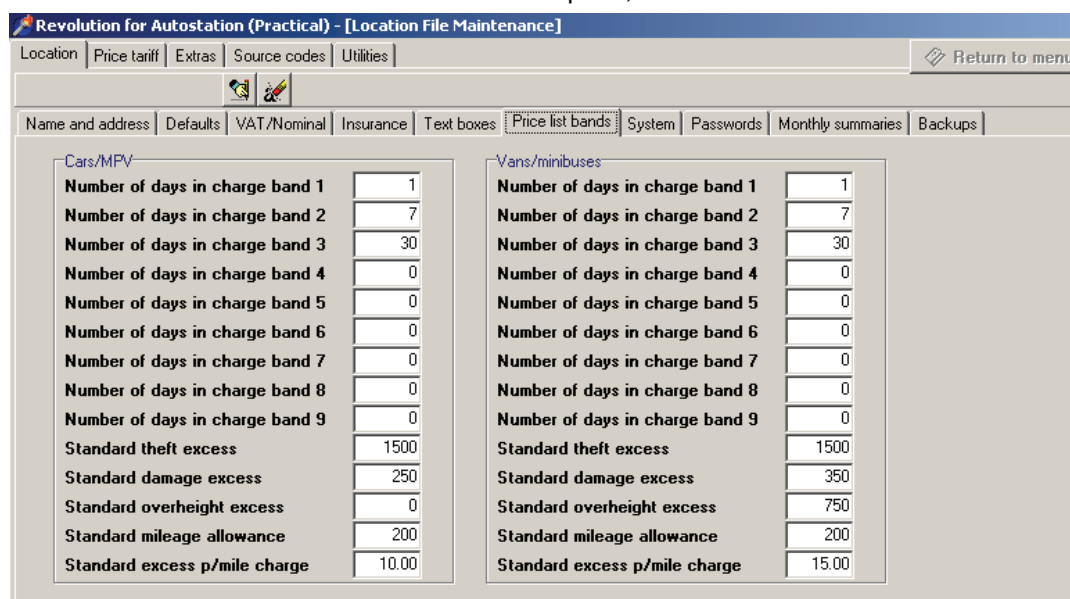
Price list bands - Price bandings need to be set to mirror the price tariff you quote to your customers e.g. 1-6 days , 7-28 and 29 plus. This is a matter of local preferences but if it does not match the tariff quoted over the phone you will get a lot of invoices wrong. Mileage allowances are already in pence and do not need a decimal point.

The standard excesses are also set here. These are just the defaults you will see when you are setting up your price tariff, and can be changed. Set the excesses to the lowest excess you expect to allow. Normal settings are £250 basic minimum excess for cars and £350 vans, £1500 Theft excess for all. 200 Free miles per day with 10p inc VAT for cars and 15p in VAT for vans inclusive.

This section is split into two, Cars and MPVs on the left, Vans and minibuses on the right. The

Number of days in charge band X sets the number of days in each charge group of your price tariff.

For example, if you want to charge a set price for rentals for 1 day, a weekly price, a monthly price, a price for rentals over a month and a weekend rental price, the Price list bands would look like this:




Revolution for Autostation (Practical) - [Location File Maintenance]

Location | Price tariff | Extras | Source codes | Utilities | [Return to menu](#)

Name and address | Defaults | VAT/Nominal | Insurance | Text boxes | **Price list bands** | System | Passwords | Monthly summaries | Backups

Cars/MPV		Vans/minibuses	
Number of days in charge band 1	1	Number of days in charge band 1	1
Number of days in charge band 2	7	Number of days in charge band 2	7
Number of days in charge band 3	30	Number of days in charge band 3	30
Number of days in charge band 4	0	Number of days in charge band 4	0
Number of days in charge band 5	0	Number of days in charge band 5	0
Number of days in charge band 6	0	Number of days in charge band 6	0
Number of days in charge band 7	0	Number of days in charge band 7	0
Number of days in charge band 8	0	Number of days in charge band 8	0
Number of days in charge band 9	0	Number of days in charge band 9	0
Standard theft excess	1500	Standard theft excess	1500
Standard damage excess	250	Standard damage excess	350
Standard overheight excess	0	Standard overheight excess	750
Standard mileage allowance	200	Standard mileage allowance	200
Standard excess p/mile charge	10.00	Standard excess p/mile charge	15.00

Remember if you make any changes, click on the **Hand**  button to save your changes.



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Setup and general information

System - Use **System** to view information about your Revolution system and dates of when reports were last run.

Passwords - If you already have passwords set up, you can clear them all by clicking on the button.



Clear all passwords

To set up a password for a section of the program, choose the section you wish to password protect by clicking on the option from the drop-down menu, press the tab key and type your password in the **Enter password** box. Click on the **Hand**  button to save your changes. Make sure that you remember any passwords that you set up!

Monthly summaries - This section displays summary statistics for every rental month, useful for analysing what is happening with your rental revenue, insurance that is being charged, and work in progress figures.

Backups - This section displays information on any backups and/or restores that have taken place on the system.

Price tariff

The price tariff is set up here for use in agreement processing. If you already have a price list at the time Revolution is installed, this will be set up for you.

You should set up as many groups as you have different vehicle types on your rental fleet. Similar vehicles can be grouped together i.e. Mix makes but not models of differing engines sizes, doors, specs and age.

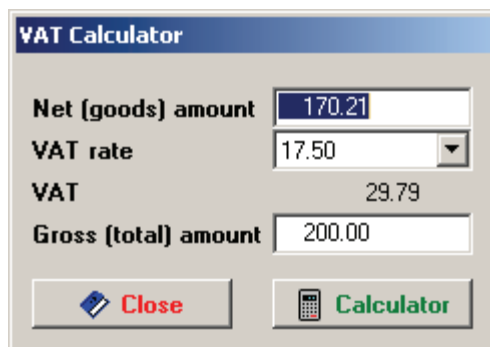
All prices must be set for each group. Missing prices in the Price Tariff will make WIP incorrect when rental agreements get extended and prices revert to the price list.

You must set the vehicle to the correct vehicle type in Price Tariff. If you do not you could declare wrongly on the MID report. As this is a legal requirement it must be accurate. Failure here could jeopardise your insurance cover. The choices are Car, Van, Minibus, MPV or 7.5 tonner.

VAT Calculator

All prices that are entered into Revolution must be excluding VAT. The VAT calculator can help you work out the amounts to be entered onto the system.

Press the F9 key on your keyboard and the calculator will appear. You can enter your total price including VAT in the **Gross (total) amount** box, press enter and the amount minus VAT (the amount to enter onto Revolution) will be displayed in the **Net (goods) amount** box.



The screenshot shows a window titled "VAT Calculator". It contains the following fields and values:

Field	Value
Net (goods) amount	170.21
VAT rate	17.50
VAT	29.79
Gross (total) amount	200.00


At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Close" (with a blue icon) and "Calculator" (with a calculator icon).




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
Setup and general information


Price tariff

To create a new price group - click on the **Insert a new vehicle group**  button. Read the pop-up questions and click on **Yes** or **No** accordingly. You must then enter information for the new vehicle group, including the minimum excesses you wish to impose, MOT information, and the price tariff (all ex vat) for the new group. The prices you input will be charged on a rental agreement when you rent a vehicle in that Group.

Whatever excess (Damage or Theft) is set here will be printed unless it is raised by an individual agreement. It will be overridden by the Remote server if it is set too low or if the renter is a high insurance risk. The days charged groups are displayed depending on how they were set up in

Location, Price list bands. Once you have entered all the information required, click on the **Hand**  button to save the new vehicle group tariff.



To adjust an existing pricing group - Click on the group you wish to adjust from the list at the bottom of the screen. You can adjust your hire charges by deleting an amount, entering the correct amount, and clicking on the **Hand**  button.

To delete an existing price group - click on the tariff you wish to delete from the list at the bottom of the screen. Click on the **Dustbin**  button.

The price list you create can be printed from **General Reports, 1. Price Tariff**.

Extras

This section displays the list of extras you can choose from in agreement processing. It is a list of all charges other than time and mileage. You can pre-set charges as you see fit.

Click on an extra from the list to view details. To adjust values, click in the appropriate box, delete the value, enter the required value, and click on the **Hand**  button to save the changes. If you do not wish to save your changes, click on the **Reject changes**  button.


It is possible to set common extras with an auto-prompt feature so that they are applied to every rental agreement where they may be deleted if not required.




You can print or view the list of extras from **Reports, 4. Extra charges list**.

If you require a new extra, please contact your Account Manager or Revolution Support on 0800 328 8833.

Source codes

Here you can adjust existing source codes, delete, and add new ones. The source codes are used in agreement processing, to find out how a new renter has heard of you. This can be useful for marketing purposes.

To delete a source code, click on the code from the list and click on the **Dustbin**  button to delete it. You may only delete source codes that you have created.

To add a new source code, click on the **Insert a new source code**  button. You will be asked **Do you wish to add a new source code**, click on **Yes**. Enter a new code and description and click on the **Hand**  button to save the new code, click on  to reject it.

You can print or view the list of source codes from **Reports, 5. Customer source code list**.



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Utilities

You should not use this section of the program unless advised to do so by Revolution Support staff. If you are using Revolution across a network, make sure that all other PCs are logged out of Revolution.


The utilities section is used to change the status of vehicles when for some reason they have been stuck in the wrong status group, for example, if Revolution displays that a vehicle is booked out when you know that it is not.




You can return from Setup and general information to the main menu at any time by clicking on:

 **Return to menu**

Breakdown cover



You can setup and edit the breakdown cover list here, for use in Fleet Maintenance when adding vehicles to your fleet. From the Revolution main menu click on **General maintenance, 2.Breakdown cover**. Here you can adjust existing breakdown covers and add and delete new ones.


To delete a breakdown cover, click on the breakdown agency from the list and click on the **Dustbin**  button to delete it.


To add a new breakdown cover, click on the **Insert a new breakdown code**  button. You will be asked **Do you wish to add a new breakdown code**, click on **Yes**. Enter a new code, description and emergency telephone number and click on the **Hand**  button to save the new code, click on  to reject it.

Makes and Models

You can edit, add and delete makes and models here. From the Revolution main menu click on **General maintenance, 3. Makes and models**.

To edit an existing make/model click on it from the list displayed and the information for that make/model will be displayed in the edit boxes in the top half of the screen. Click in the box you wish to change, delete the value and enter your new value. Click on the **Hand**  to save your changes or  to reject them.

To delete an existing make/model, click on it from the list displayed and click on the **Dustbin**  button. You can only delete it if it has never been used.

To add a new make/model click on the **Insert a new vehicle type**  button. Tab through all of the boxes, entering all of the information for the make and model you are adding. Model description is your own way to describe the model e.g. Focus 5dr 1.4. The number of miles to the first service and how many miles between services and number of weeks will prompt reminders later. Enter the accurate model type e.g. Focus.



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Makes and Models

It is important to set the correct **Insurance type** in Makes and models for MID purposes and discriminate between Private car, MPV/Minibus or Commercial Vehicle/Van. If you do not, you could declare wrongly on the MID report, as this is a legal requirement it must be accurate. Failure here could jeopardise your insurance cover. If your Makes and Models are set up correctly in the beginning your mandatory report will always be accurate and involve no extra work to produce.

The derivative fields should be set up as below.

The Vans and Buses Derivatives need to show:

The Wheelbase LWB/SWB/MWB etc

The Body type HITOP/Luton/BUS/Curtainside etc

Tail lifts T/L

The Derivative for a car needs to show things like:



LX, Ghia etc

EST/SAL/Hatch

A for Auto, M for Manual

If the vehicle is a Bus a box is revealed to enter the number of passenger seats e.g. 12


If the vehicle is a Van a box is revealed to enter the Weight (tonnes) e.g. 3.5

Click on the **Hand**  to save your changes or  to reject them.

Fleet Management

Putting a vehicle 'on the fleet' is the way your vehicles are accepted by your insurer and logged by the MID, Motor Insurance Database. All vehicles covered by an Insurer are notified to the MID in order that insured drivers are protected. This is a Europe wide Directive so that uninsured drivers can be immediately identified in cases of fraud and accidents.


You can add, edit and delete vehicles from your fleet as well as adding insurance claims, by clicking on **General maintenance, 4. Fleet management**, from the main menu. These are the vehicles you will choose from when you are producing rental agreements. Ensure you have the correct Make/ Model and Derivative set up, otherwise you will need to set up a new one.

To add a new vehicle click on the **Insert a new vehicle**  button. You will be prompted **Do you wish to add a new vehicle**, click on **Yes**.

You have the choice of 3 types of vehicle: -

Owned- i.e. purchased for the Rental fleet, this is a permanent vehicle.

Leased- i.e. leased for the rental fleet for a fixed term.

Temporary- sub-hired in to supplement the fleet, usually for one specific rental only, these vehicles are signalled by the **Egg timer**  button.



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Fleet Management

The next prompt is **Is this vehicle going to be on fleet for more than one rental** Click on **Yes** for a permanent vehicle, **No** for a temporary vehicle.

If you choose a permanent vehicle you will be prompted **Is this vehicle leased**. Click on **Yes** or **No**.

Now enter the registration number, making sure it is correct as this cannot be altered later, only deleted.

Click in the **Price Tariff** drop-down box to choose the appropriate charging group depending on whether the vehicle is a Car/MPV or VAN/Bus. This cannot be altered later.

Car/MPV's		Van/Minibus's	
Mini	1000cc	Mini	7-8 cwt's
Economy	1200cc	Economy	SWB One Tonners
Compact	1300cc	Compact	LWB One Tonners
Intermediate	1600cc	Intermediate	1-3.5 Tonners LWB/High Roof
Standard	1800cc	Standard	3.5 Tonners
Full Size	2000cc	Full Size	7.5 Tonners
Premium	MPV's*	Premium	Minibuses (all seats)

Each vehicle inputted will be allocated a Unit Number, this number cannot be altered once a vehicle has been accepted. At the end of its rental life it must be disposed of on the day it is no longer insured from.


All additions and disposals must be declared to your Insurer within 7 days. This is done weekly by submitting the MID report to Rival, who will then notify the MID.

Tab down, entering all of the information that you have. Please note that unless you have all of the required information you will not be able to add the vehicle. The **Remote server group** is set correctly according to the make and model and the tariff group that the vehicle has been set to. Ensure that the Insurance type of the make and model you have selected matches the type of vehicle on the price tariff or you will get an error.

The Companies listed in the **Breakdown provided by** drop-down box are set up in **General maintenance, 2.Breakdown cover**.

Insurance Value is a rough guess at the CAP Book price.

Once you have finished entering the information, tab to the **Add vehicle** button and press **Enter** on the keyboard. Alternatively press **Escape** on the keyboard to reject the new vehicle.


If the vehicle you are adding is a leased vehicle you will now have to enter the lease costs and return mileage. Click on the **Hand**  button to save your changes.






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If the vehicle is not a leased vehicle you will now have to enter the depreciation amount per month. If you wish to enter the depreciation yearly percentage, place a tick in the box:

Depreciate by percentage per year ☐ Click on the **Hand**  button to save your changes.


To edit an existing vehicle click on it from the list displayed and the information for that vehicle will be displayed on various tabs across the screen. Click in the box you wish to change, delete the value and enter your new value. Click on the **Hand**  to save your changes or  to reject them.

To delete an existing vehicle from your fleet, double-click on it from the list displayed. If the vehicle is an owned vehicle and the vehicle is NOT currently out on an agreement, you will see a **Dispose of vehicle** tab. Click on the tab, if the vehicle is written off, place a tick in the box. Enter the amount the vehicle was sold for and who to, and click on the **Dispose** button. You will be asked **Do you really wish to dispose of this vehicle**, click on **Yes**. If the vehicle is a temporary vehicle you will not see the **Dispose of vehicle** tab. Instead, click on the **egg timer**  button at the top of the screen. You will be asked **Do you really wish to remove this temporary vehicle**, click on **Yes**.


To reinstate a temporary vehicle to your fleet, click on the **Key**  button from the **Fleet maintenance** menu. You will be asked **Do you wish to reinstate a temporary removed vehicle**, click on **Yes**. You must type in the full registration of the vehicle you wish to reinstate and press **Enter** on the keyboard. If you have entered the registration of a previously removed vehicle, the vehicle details will be displayed and Revolution will prompt **Do you wish to reinstate this removed temporary vehicle**, click on **Yes** and the vehicle will be put back on the fleet list.

To add an insurance claim the vehicle must be available. Click on the insurance claim button  and follow the insurance claim instructions listed in the **Agreement Processing** manual.

Service History

You can add new service history item by clicking on **General maintenance, 5. Service History**, from the main menu. You can view your fleet in the grid at the top-right of the screen. Click on the vehicle you wish to view or add service history items for and you will see the details of that vehicle appear in the bottom section of the screen. Click on the **Service history** tab to view previous service history items. To add a new service history item click on the **General** tab and click on the **Insert a new service history item for this vehicle**  button. In the **Inventory type** drop-down box select the service history type, then fill in any other relevant information and click on the **Accept this inventory item** button. You will be asked if you really wish to add the service history, click on **Yes**.




Customer special rates

Once familiar with Revolution you may want to enter Special Rates for your regular customers rather than quoting 'off the cuff' prices, as this makes things much easier for other members of staff. You can set up special rates by clicking on **General maintenance, 6. Customer Special Rates**, from the main menu. Any existing special rates will be displayed to the right hand side of the screen, click on one to edit it. If you make any changes make sure you click on the **Hand**  button to save them. Once a renter has rented using a Special Rate, next time they rent the same group of vehicle the previously used special rate will be applied.



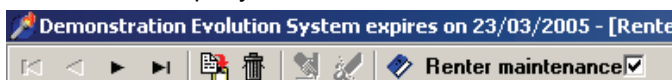
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Customer special rates


To enter a new special rate click on the **Insert a new special customer rate**  button, and click **Yes** when asked if you are sure you wish to add a new rate. Select the group for which you wish to add a new special rate from the drop-down box, enter a code for the new tariff, and click on the **Add code** button. You can then fill in the mileage and rental charges for the new tariff and click on the **Hand**  to save. To delete an existing special rate, click on it in the table on the right and click on the **dustbin**  button.


Renter database


When you enter a rental agreement for a new company or person, they will automatically be entered into your renter database. You can also view, edit and enter new renters into your renter database by clicking on **General maintenance, 7. Renter database**, from the main menu. You will be presented with the renter database, if you wish to view the company database, remove the tick from the **renter maintenance** box on the menu bar:



To add a new renter, make sure you are in renter database view, and click on the **Insert a new renter**  button. When asked **Do you wish to add a new renter** select **Yes**. Enter as much information as you can, ensuring to enter the renter's first and middle names as they appear on the driving licence. Once you have finished, click on the **Hand**  button to save. You can enter a new company in the same way in company database view.

To find an existing renter or company, you can type the name or beginning of the name into the **search surname or company name** box and the names which match the letters you have typed will be displayed. Once you have clicked on the name of the renter/company, their details will displayed in the bottom half of the screen. You can then add or edit information and click on the **Hand**  button to save changes.

To delete a renter or company, that renter/company must not have ever been on a rental agreement. Select the name from the list and click on the **Dustbin**  button.

You can transfer a renter into a company but also only if they have never been on a rental agreement. You will see a **Transfer this renter to be a company**  button. Click on this, you will be asked if you are sure, click yes and the renter will move into the company database.





Please note Payment details do not appear in renter database. If you rent to a person who wants their Credit Card number deleted you must raise a new Rental to that person, when asked whether you are using the same CC details say YES, alter all fields to 0 and proceed the rental 'on account'. Close and invoice it immediately [within 59 mins] at £0 hire charge, it will not incur any fee or revenue days.

Bad Renters

You can tag a renter as being a 'bad renter' by placing a tick in the **Bad renter** box on the **General** tab within the renter database. This will ensure that if this renter is selected for an agreement you will get a large **Insurance Risk Potential** message on your screen to remind you.



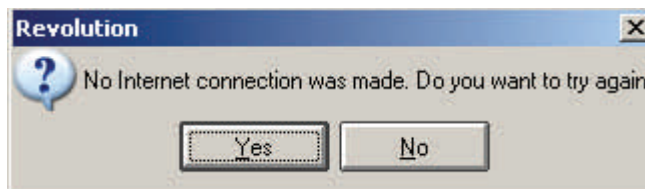
Label Formats


Here you can set up label formats for use when creating labels for mail shots to your renters and/or companies (From the main menu **Reports, General Reports, 8.Mailshot labels print tool**). Setup label formats in **General maintenance, 8. Label formats**, from the main menu. Click on a current label from the list to edit it. If you make any changes click on the **Hand**  button to save. To add a new label format click on the **Insert a new label format**  button. Enter a new label format code for your own reference and click on **Accept**. Enter the measurements for the labels you wish to use and click on the **Hand**  button to save. To delete an existing label format, click on it from the list and click on the **Dustbin**  button.

Trouble-shooting

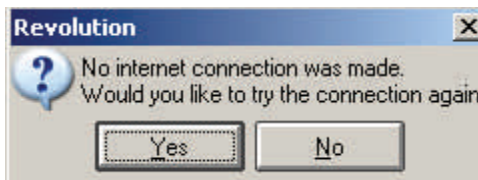
Connection Problems

Revolution needs an internet connection in order to contact the Rival server for validation and to send the month end and MID reports to Rival Head Office. If there is a problem with the internet connection Revolution will inform you with an error message:



If you are not sure whether you are connecting or not, select **About** from the main menu, click on the **Remote server** tab and click on the button:  **Check remote server connection**

If you see this message then you have a problem:



Things to check:

- Ensure that your internet connection is working by opening up Internet Explorer and checking that you can open up web pages.
- Do you have a firewall? If so make sure that it is set to allow programs **evrun.exe** and **evobackup.exe**.
- Is your internet connection through a network? Ensure that any routers are set to allow program **evrun.exe** through port 44444 to our server **rival.idoink.com** and allow programs **evrun.exe** and **evobackup.exe** to FTP (File Transfer Protocol) to site **www.revolutionsupport.co.uk**.

If you process rental agreements while you are not connected to the internet, the excesses will be raised. You will only be able to use your system for one week before being locked out of the system. It is essential that you make Revolution support staff aware of the problem and fax through copies of any rental agreements processed whilst not connected to the internet, to **0121 773 1875**.



Trouble-shooting

Excesses are raised by Rival or insurance is declined - Scoring

Each rental is validated by the Rival Server which applies points to certain important pieces of information. If a rental does not score over a certain number of points then the excesses for the agreement will be raised. This is because Rival deems the renter to be of a higher insurance risk. If the rental scores even less points the rental may be rejected altogether because the insurance risk is too high. If your excesses are raised or the rental is rejected and there is no obvious reason why, check all of the information you have entered. Employment type, Personal ID, convictions and payment method have a lot of points allocated to them and so it is important to pay a lot of attention to these fields. For example, the more ID you have for the renter, the more points you are able to score, making it more likely that Rival will accept the rental. If you are still rejected and cannot see why, call Rival on **0800 328 8833** and choose the insurance option.

Message when you are not connected to the internet

You will see the following message along the top bar of the program when you are not constantly connected to the internet:  **Revolution for Test rental company Remote server connection required in 7 days**

This reminds you that you must connect to the internet within the number of days specified, in this case 7 days. If you have connected to the internet but this message has not cleared, select **About** from the main menu, click on the **Remote server** tab and click on the **Check remote server connection** button. If you see a message saying the check was successful, exit Revolution and open it again. The message will have cleared.

If you are not connected to the internet when you run the Month End

To resend a month end, go back to the Monthend option on the main menu where you will be prompted to resend, a message will ask you to make sure you are connected to the internet, click on **Proceed**. A message will display when it is sent and then you will be able to produce new Agreements.

To reprint a month end report, select **Reports, Stored month end reports** from the main menu.

If you are not connected to the internet when you try to submit the MID

The MID report requires an internet connection to be sent through to Rival Head Office. If you were not connected when you run the MID Report, make sure that you run it the next day when you have an internet connection. The report can only be submitted once in a day and so the option to select this report from the drop-down box will disappear after you have ran it and appear again the next day. If you have an internet connection problem ensure that you fax the report through to **0121 773 1875** until the connection is working again.

Cannot open Revolution

Make sure that the computer or server that the Revolution Data (PCVRData folder) is held on is switched on and working correctly. Check the network connections between the two machines.

Manual agreements

If you cannot use Revolution and Revolution Support advise you to use a manual agreement, always ensure that you enter the manual agreement onto Revolution as soon as possible and inform Rival Insurance on **0800 328 8833**.