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## 4. Introduction– Inventory Update

The Inventory Update program provides the functions for maintaining the Inventory file. The Inventory file contains a record of every part number inserted. Each part number record contains various fields of information that is broken down into three columns: quantities, pricing and sales analysis. Record information for each part number is viewable on one screen display.

The Inventory Update program operates in one of two modes: update or insert mode. The update mode is used for displaying a part number record that already exists within the Inventory file and/or making changes to one of the fields of information. The insert mode is used for inserting new part number records into the Inventory file.

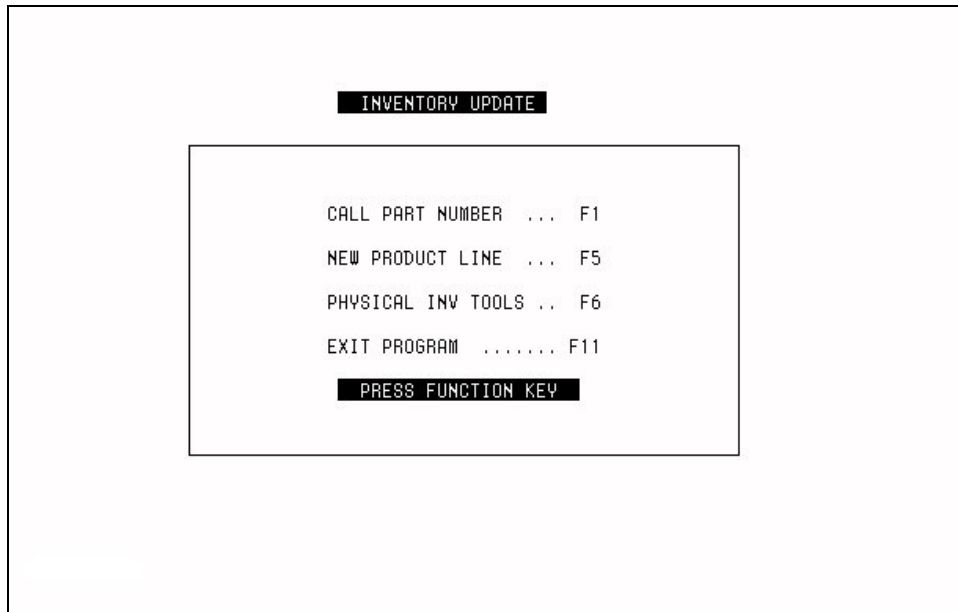
The Physical Inventory Tools program is designed to give management the necessary tools to perform a “physical inventory” on a select group of part numbers in a quick and simple manner.

This chapter of the user's manual will aid and instruct in the correct method of inserting and modifying inventory records, in addition to giving a detailed explanation of all fields of information tracked by part number and how activity from other programs affect the Inventory file.

### 4.1 Accessing/Viewing A Part Number Record

- From the *Autologue Main Menu*, enter **2** (*Inventory File*) and press **<Return>**.

The *Inventory Update* screen will appear as shown:



A part number record can now be displayed by one of two methods:

- ◆ Calling Up A Specific Part (<F1>)
- ◆ Calling Up A Specific Product Line (<F5>)

#### 4.1.1 Calling Up A Specific Part Number

- Press the <F1> (*Call Part Number*) key, enter the part number and press <Return>.

If the part number exists within the Inventory file, the screen will display the part number record as shown:

** INVENTORY UPDATE **					
PRODUCT LINE 130	STANDARD	IGNI	CAT.DATE 08/99	VEND% 73.00	
<b>QUANTITIES</b>		<b>PRICING</b>		<b>SALES ANALYSIS</b>	
QTY ON HAND	1	AVG. COST \$	11.14	CURRENT PERIOD	
UNIT PACK	1	PRICE 0 \$	15.26	UNITS 1	
PER CAR	1	PRICE 1 \$	16.64	CURRENT QUARTER	
UNIT WEIGHT	0 (OZS)	PRICE 2 \$	18.03	VALUE \$ 20.80	
MINIMUM 1	1	PRICE 3 \$	20.80	UNITS 1	
MAXIMUM 1	1	PRICE 4 \$	20.80	PREVIOUS QUARTERS	
MINIMUM 2	1	PRICE 5 \$	33.27	4TH QTR 06 2	
MAXIMUM 2	1	CORE COST \$	0.00	3RD QTR 06 1	
ON/BACK ORD	0/ 0	CORE SELL \$	0.00	2ND QTR 06 4	
CUSTOMER B/O	0	ACQ. COST \$	11.14	1ST QTR 06 3	
FILL B/O	0	FREEZE MIN/MAX	N	4TH QTR 05 1	
WARRANTIES	0	TRACK Y SERIAL N	4DEC N	3RD QTR 05 2	
CORE RETURNS	0	LAB./MISC.	POPULARITY D	REPORT CODES A1	
NEW RETURNS	0	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>		ZONE/BIN 0301	
STOCK OUTS	0	FAN SWITCH			
PART NUMBER	STD-TS-121				
F1 CALL PART	F6 DUP DESC	F7 DUP MFG	F8 FORWARD	F9 BACKWARD	
F2 INSERT NEW PART NUMBER AFTER	TO FOLLOW STD-TS-121		F13 SOURCE PARTS		
F3 MOVE PART NO.					
F4 DELETE PART NUMBER					
F5 NEW PRODUCT LINE	F10 RECORD CHANGES	F11 EXIT	F14 DISPLAY SERIAL NUMBERS		

If the part number entered is *not* in the Inventory file, the screen will “beep” and a *PART NOT FOUND* error message would be displayed on the bottom of the screen.

#### 4.2.1 Calling Up A Specific Product Line

- Press the <F5> (*New Product Line*) key, enter the product line number (0 - 255) of the part to be displayed and press <Return>.
- Press the <F8> (*Forward*) key and the screen will display the first part number within the product line entered.
- Continue scrolling forward to the next part number by pressing the <F8> key again.

The <F8> (*Forward*) and the <F9> (*Backward*) keys enable users to scroll forward and backward through part number records. Use the <F8> and <F9> until the part number desired to be viewed is displayed.

#### 4.2 Scrolling Forward/Backward Through Part Records

Scrolling gives users the ability to easily move from the first part number in a product line to the last part number within the product line.

- Pressing the <F8> (*Forward*) key, while in a product line (<F5>) or viewing a part number (<F1>), will scroll to the next part number in that product line.
- Pressing <F9> (*Backward*) key, while in a product line (<F5>) or viewing a part number (<F1>), will scroll to the previous part number in that product line.

#### 4.3.1 Additional Notes On Accessing/Viewing Part Records

The <F1> (*Call Part*) and <F5> (*New Product Line*) keys may be used any time within Inventory Update to display a different part number or move to another product line. Part scrolling, <F8> (*Forward*) and <F9> (*Backward*), can also be used in combination with the <F1> (*Call Part*) function.

Various inventory reports are available under the *Report Processing Menu* to print all information displayed in the Inventory file. The Inventory Price List and Stock Status Reports are two of the more frequent reports printed.

#### 4.4.1 What Is A Manufacturer Code

Every part number in the Inventory file is entered with a three-character manufacturer code to signify the product's manufacturer name. Part numbers with the same manufacturer code can be broken out into different product lines. This is done to have separate sales history figures for a manufacturer subgroup (Example: AC Delco Spark Plugs and AC Delco Air Conditioning Parts). It's also easier to control pricing!

#### 4.5.1 When Dashes Are Needed

Dashes should never have to be entered except when adding a new part number because the system automatically maintains an index for part number records entered into the Inventory file. The system automatically enters the dash between the manufacturer code and part number in all programs.

#### 4.3 Inserting New Part Numbers

Before inserting new part numbers into the Inventory file, the following information should be collected:

- ◆ Part numbers to be added
- ◆ Product lines in which to add the new part numbers
- ◆ The order/position in which to add the new part numbers
- ◆ Quantities and pricing information
- ◆ Descriptions
- ◆ Popularity codes

Once all the information above is collected, new part numbers can be inserted into the Inventory file.

- First view the part number prior to the position in which to insert the new part number.

**Example:** To insert the new part number **ARE-160** between **ARE-140** and **ARE-170**, first view **ARE-140** by pressing the **<F1>** (*Call Part*) key, entering **ARE-140** and pressing **<Return>**. The screen will display the **ARE-140** part record.

- To insert a part number at the beginning of a product line, press the **<F5>** (*New Product Line*) key, enter the product line number and press **<Return>**.

The program will be in the insert mode and the user can begin entering all new part numbers. Continue with the instructions below but with one exception: the **<F2>** (*Insert New Part Number After*) key does not have to be pressed since the program is already in the Insert mode.

- Next press the **<F2>** (*Insert New Part Number After*) key, enter in the new part number and press **<Return>**.

The screen will display a blank inventory record with the cursor positioned at the *QTY ON HAND* field. The program will now be in the Insert mode!

☞ **Note: Do not insert part numbers in excess of 19 characters!**

- Enter all the quantities and pricing information available, press the **<F10>** (*Record Changes*) key upon completion and the new part number will be added into the Inventory file.

☞ **Note: When entering prices within the price levels 1-5 and core sell fields, the user can enter a gross margin percentage figure followed by the letter G and a price will be automatically calculated and inserted into the specific field the cursor is currently positioned within.**

**Example:** Entering **35G** within the Price 1 field will automatically calculate the price based upon the previous price (price 0) with a 35% gross margin markup and insert the calculated price into Price 1. Entering **10G** within the Price 2 field will automatically calculate the price based upon the previous price (price 1) with a 10% gross margin markup and insert the calculated price into Price 2.

The **<F15>** or **Home** key can be used to move the cursor from *QTY ON HAND* to *PRICE 0* to *DESCRIPTION* fields for quick cursor movement!

After entering new information within each field, press **<Return>**.

☞ **Note: When a new part is entered, the first history field within the part record will contain a value of NEW. Remember to enter previous history information when a part is being reinserted into the inventory file!**

The cursor will return to the **PART NUMBER** prompt and the program will still be in the *Insert mode*.

- To continue inserting part numbers into the Inventory file, enter the next part number and press **<Return>**.

- When finished inserting part numbers, press the <F1> (*Call Part*) key and the program will return to the *Update mode*.

#### 4.6.1 Duplicating A Manufacturer Code

When inserting or displaying part numbers with the identical manufacturer code, the <F7> (*Dup Mfg*) key can be used in place of repetitive typing of the same manufacturer code.

To repeat a manufacturer code when inserting new part numbers, follow the instructions below:

First view the part number prior to the position in which to insert the new part number.

- Next press the <F2> (*Insert New Part Number After*) key and then the <F7> (*Dup Mfg*) key to enter the Insert mode and repeat the manufacturer code.
- Enter the part number and press <Return>.

To repeat a manufacturer code when viewing part numbers with the identical manufacturer's code, follow the instructions below:

The user must first be viewing a part number with the identical manufacturer code as the part number to be displayed.

- Next press the <F1> (*Call Part*) and then <F7> (*Dup Mfg*), the cursor will be positioned at the **PART NUMBER** prompt with both the manufacturer code and dash already entered.
- Enter the rest of the part number and press <Return>.

#### 4.7.1 Duplicating A Description

When inserting new part numbers with identical descriptions, the <F6> (*Dup Desc*) key can be used in place of repetitive typing of the same description.

First view the part number prior to the position in which to insert the new part number.

The description should be identical to the description of the new part number.

- Next press the <F2> (*Insert New Part Number After*), enter in the new part number and press <Return>.

The screen will display a blank inventory record with the cursor positioned at the *QTY ON HAND* field.

- Press the <F6> (*Dup Desc*) key and the description of the prior part number will be repeated.
- Continue adding all other information and then press the <F10> (*Record Changes*) key.

Use of the <F6> (*Dup Desc*) and <F7> (*Dup Mfg*) keys will aid in speeding up the process of inserting new part numbers into the Inventory file.

For information on duplicating a description for a range of part numbers within a product line, see the *Duplicate Inventory Fields* within the *Miscellaneous Functions* manual section.

#### 4.4 Editing A Part Record

To edit a part number record, first view the record and position the cursor within the field to be changed.

- Enter in the new field and press <Return>.

To move the cursor quickly from field to field, several additional function keys have been developed for convenience.

- ◆ The <F15> key moves the cursor from the QTY ON HAND to PRICE 0 to DESCRIPTION fields.
- ◆ The → arrow key moves the cursor to the CURRENT QUARTER UNIT SALES field.
- ◆ The ↑ arrow key moves the cursor to the prior field and the ↓ arrow key moves the cursor to the next field.

In addition, the <F16> key can also be used in place of the <F10> (*Record Changes*) key to update changes to the Inventory file. For more information on function keys, refer to the *Inventory Update Function Keys* and *Inventory Update Design Keys* sections.

Continue making all entries to the part number and when finished, press the <F10> (*Record Changes*) key to write the changes to the Inventory file.

When the <F10> (*Record Changes*) key is pressed while scrolling forward, the screen will automatically display the next part number. When the <F10> (*Record Changes*) key is pressed while scrolling backward, the screen will automatically display the previous part number.

#### 4.5 Moving A Part Number

The function of moving part numbers allows the user to change the order in which part numbers were originally inserted. Part numbers can be moved from one position in a product line to another or even to a different product line entirely.

- ☞ **Part numbers should only be moved after first checking that the part number is NOT on order, vendor back order, customer back order, part of a kit, alternate, supersession chain, a component part for a bill of material master part or on an open workspace!**

First determine where to move the part number and then view the prior part number.

- To move part numbers to the beginning of a product line, press the <F5> (*New Product Line*) key, enter the product line number and press <Return>.



- Press the <F3> (*Move Part No.*) key and the cursor will now be positioned at the **MOVE PART NO** prompt (located in the lower left-hand portion of the screen).
- Enter the part number to be moved after the part number presently viewed and press <Return>.

The program will move the part number and update the Inventory file. The <F10> (*Record Changes*) key does NOT have to be pressed!

Using the <F8> (*Forward*) and <F9> (*Backward*) keys, scroll forward and backwards to verify that all part numbers are in the proper sequence.

Product line 0 (Special Orders) should be reviewed bi-monthly and part numbers to be stocked should be moved to their correct product line number.

#### 4.6 Changing A Part Number

A part number can be changed through the *Change Parts/Product Lines* program within the *Miscellaneous Functions Menu*. Refer to the *Miscellaneous Functions - Change Parts/Product Lines* section of the user's manual for complete details.

#### 4.7 Deleting A Part Number

Part numbers, no longer in stock or obsolete, should be deleted from the Inventory file to make room for new part numbers and products.

- ☞ **Note:** Part numbers should only be moved after first checking that the part number is **NOT** on order, vendor back order, customer back order, part of a kit, alternate, supersession chain or on an open workspace!

View the part number to be deleted.

- Press the <F4> (*Delete Part Number*) key.

An Enter 'Y' to confirm prompt will then appear as shown below:

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** INVENTORY UPDATE **
PRODUCT LINE 130 STANDARD IGNI          CAT.DATE 08/99      VEND% 73.00
QUANTITIES          PRICING          SALES ANALYSIS
QTY ON HAND          1          AVG. COST $ 11.14          CURRENT PERIOD
UNIT PACK            1          PRICE 0 $ 15.26          UNITS          2
PER CAR              1          PRICE 1 $ 16.64
UNIT WEIGHT          0 (OZS)    PRICE 2 $ 18.03          CURRENT QUARTER
MINIMUM 1            1          PRICE 3 $ 20.80          VALUE $ 37.44
MAXIMUM 1            1          PRICE 4 $ 20.80          UNITS          2
MINIMUM 2            1          PRICE 5 $ 33.27
MAXIMUM 2            1          CORE COST $ 0.00          PREVIOUS QUARTERS
ON/BACK ORD          0/ 0          CORE SELL $ 0.00          1ST QTR 07          2
CUSTOMER B/O          0          ACQ. COST $ 11.14          4TH QTR 06          1
FILL B/O              0          FREEZE MIN/MAX N          3RD QTR 06          4
WARRANTIES            0          TRACK Y SERIAL N 4DEC N  2ND QTR 06          3
CORE RETURNS          0          LAB./MISC. POPULARITY D  1ST QTR 06          1
NEW RETURNS           0          DESCRIPTION          4TH QTR 05          2
STOCK OUTS            0          FAN SWITCH          REPORT CODES A1
PART NUMBER      STD-TS-121          Enter 'Y' to confirm IN 0301
F1 CALL PART F6 DUP DESC F7 DUP MFG F8 FORWARD F9 BACKWARD
F2 INSERT NEW PART NUMBER AFTER F13 SOURCE PARTS
F3 MOVE PART NO. _____ TO FOLLOW STD-TS-121
F4 DELETE PART NUMBER
F5 NEW PRODUCT LINE F10 RECORD CHANGES F11 EXIT F14 DISPLAY SERIAL NUMBERS
                        DELETE
    
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- Enter **Y** and press **<Return>** to delete the part number from the Inventory file.

If **N** is entered, the part number will not be deleted from the Inventory file.

To delete an entire product line of part numbers, view the last part number in the product line and begin deleting from the end. After each part number is deleted the screen will scroll to the prior part number.

For large product lines, a program is available within the *Miscellaneous Functions Menu* that allows the deletion of entire product lines or a range of parts within a product line. Refer to the *Miscellaneous Functions - Delete Entire Product Lines* section of the user's manual for complete details.

## 4.8 Fields Of Information

Field	Description
<b>Quantity On Hand:</b>	The current unit quantity available for sale. It may differ from actual shelf quantities due to open workspaces (parts on open workspaces reduce quantity on hand) or purchase orders received but yet applied to the Inventory file. Maximum value accepted is 32,767 units.
<b>Unit Pack:</b>	All purchase orders to vendors must be in even quantities of this value. Purchasing will only order in multiples of the unit pack quantity. Do not set the unit pack value equal to zero (0)! Purchasing automatically orders all part numbers with unit pack equal to zero. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 units.
<b>Per Car:</b>	The quantity required per vehicle. When a part number is called up in point of sale, the Unit Sell quantity in point of sale is set to the per car quantity of each part number. The per car quantity is also used by the Stock Status Report for suggesting minimum and maximum stocking levels based on sales history. Maximum value accepted is 9,999 units.
<b>Unit Weight:</b>	The number of ounces a single unit weighs. Purchase orders printed using the F2 report will list the total weight of all parts ordered. This information is occasionally required for receiving free delivery of merchandise ordered based upon minimum poundage. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 ounces (4,095.9 pounds).
<b>Minimum 1:</b>	A part of the fixed Min/Max order point. Changes to minimum 1 must be manually entered. Generating a purchase order based upon Min1/Max1 will only order parts whose quantity on hand is less than minimum 1. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 units.
<b>Maximum 1:</b>	A part of the fixed Min/Max order point. Changes to maximum 1 must be manually entered. The value of maximum 1 must be at least greater than or equal to the value of minimum 1. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 units.
<b>Minimum 2:</b>	A part of the fixed Min/Max order point. Changes to minimum 2 must be manually entered. Generating a purchase order based upon Min2/Max2 will only order parts whose quantity on hand is less than minimum 2. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 units.
<b>Maximum 2:</b>	A part of the fixed Min/Max order point. Changes to maximum 2 must be manually entered. The value of maximum 2 must be at least greater than or equal to the value of minimum 2. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 units.
<b>On Order:</b>	The total quantity on order from all vendors. This field can only be changed through purchasing. Maximum value accepted is 32,767 units.
<b>Back Order:</b>	The total quantity on back order from all vendors. This field can only be changed through purchasing. Maximum value accepted is 32,767 units.
<b>Customer B/O:</b>	The total quantity of customer backorder units for this part number. Customer backorders are created through point of sale. Maximum value accepted is 32,767 units.
<b>Fill B/O:</b>	The total quantity backordered after filling all branch stores purchase orders against the host store's inventory. This function is only available with the multi-store software.
<b>Warranties:</b>	The total quantity of defective parts not yet returned to the vendor. This field is increased through point of sale and decreased from purchasing. Maximum value accepted is 65,535.
<b>Core Returns:</b>	The total quantity of cores not yet returned to the vendor. This field is increased through point of sale and decreased from purchasing. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 units.

<b>New Returns:</b>	The total quantity of new returns not yet returned to the vendor. This field is increased through point of sale and decreased from purchasing. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 units.
<b>Stock Outs:</b>	The quantity of sales lost because of insufficient quantity on hand. Stock outs are recorded from point of sale when the customer requests to purchase a quantity greater than the quantity on hand. Maximum value accepted is 65,535 units.
<b>Avg. Cost:</b>	This value is calculated based upon the acquired cost of the part received through purchasing. Maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.
<b>Price 0:</b>	Price 0 is a very important part of both the systems' cost of sales formula and inventory value calculation. It normally has the actual cost of the part number unless a vendor discount percentage is setup. Maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.
<b>Price 1:</b>	Price 1 can be used to store a different price value above cost (price 0). It can be used as a selling price level assigned to an individual or a range of specific customer's pricing matrix information. Allows a gross margin percentage figure followed by the letter G to calculate the price based upon the value of price level 0. The maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.
<b>Price 2:</b>	Price 2 can be used to store a different price value above cost (price 0). It can be used as a selling price level assigned to an individual or a range of specific customer's pricing matrix information. Allows a gross margin percentage figure followed by the letter G to calculate the price based upon the value of price level 1. The maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.
<b>Price 3:</b>	Price 3 can be used to store a different price value above cost (price 0). It can be used as a selling price level assigned to an individual or a range of specific customer's pricing matrix information. Allows a gross margin percentage figure followed by the letter G to calculate the price based upon the value of price level 2. The maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.
<b>Price 4:</b>	Price 4 can be used to store a different price value above cost (price 0). It can be used as a selling price level assigned to an individual or a range of specific customer's pricing matrix information. Allows a gross margin percentage figure followed by the letter G to calculate the price based upon the value of price level 3. The maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.
<b>Price 5:</b>	Price 5 can be used to store a different price value above cost (price 0). It can be used as a selling price level assigned to an individual or a range of specific customer's pricing matrix information. Allows a gross margin percentage figure followed by the letter G to calculate the price based upon the value of price level 4. The maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99. Price 5 is also used as the List Price for wholesale and retail customers.
<b>Core Cost:</b>	Core Cost is the core purchase price for a part number. Maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.
<b>Core Sell:</b>	Core Sell is the core price charged within point of sale to all customers unless the customer has a specific price level setup within its Customer/Vendor record. Allows a gross margin percentage figure followed by the letter G to calculate the price based upon the value of core cost. Maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.

<b>Acq. Cost:</b>	The acquired cost value is calculated based upon the actual cost of the part plus any additional costs (duties, insurance, freight, taxes and other charges) that were added onto the purchase order. A weighted average sum of the total additional costs are added and distributed to each part based upon the quantity received. Maximum value accepted is \$999,999.99.
<b>Freeze Min/Max:</b>	When set to <b>Y</b> , protects the min1/max1 values from being changed through the Stock Status Report and Duplicate Inventory Fields programs, thus freezing the min/max values.
<b>Track:</b>	The Tracking software package uses this field for tracking detailed sales history by part number and/or customer for an unlimited period of time based upon hard disk capacity.
<b>Serial:</b>	The Tracking optional software package uses this field for tracking serial numbers for each unit of a part number. Sales and warranty information is tracked by part number and customer.
<b>4Dec:</b>	This field is used to expand the price field to 4 places beyond the decimal point for parts. To enable this option, enter <b>Y</b> within this field before entering prices.
<b>Lab./Misc.:</b>	This field stores a letter from <b>A - K</b> to designate the part number as being nonstandard merchandise. Parts can be coded as labor, discounts, miscellaneous, freight, taxable or non-taxable. Note: When a <b>?</b> is entered within this field, a pop up selection list of all available codes is displayed.
<b>Popularity:</b>	This field stores one of eight popularity codes ( <b>A, B, C, D, W, R, S, O</b> ) to represent movement levels. Pop code <b>A</b> is used to signify very popular items while pop code <b>O</b> is used to signify slow moving or obsolete numbers. Pop Codes can be assigned manually or updated by price updating based upon the manufacturer's national popularity codes or by running the Best Seller Report. The Best Seller Report ranks part numbers based upon sales and determines the store's popularity of an item. Popularity codes can also play an important role in a customer's pricing matrix (see Product Line Update - Pop Pricing) and in sorting most inventory reports.
<b>Description:</b>	This field describes the part number and can be a maximum of 25 alphabetical ( <b>A-Z</b> ), numerical ( <b>0-9</b> ) and slash ( <b>/</b> ) or dash ( <b>-</b> ) characters. Punctuation marks and upper case key characters (i.e. <b>#, %, &amp;</b> etc) cannot be used!
<b>Current Period Units:</b>	This field accumulates sales units until cleared by the creation of a replenishment purchase order on the part number's product line. Current period sales can be used to generate daily replenishment purchase orders, to track weekly sales or even year to date sales. Users may decide to allow this field to accumulate until cleared by the running of a replenishment purchase order or during month end. Maximum value accepted is 32,767 units.
<b>Current Quarter Value:</b>	This field accumulates the invoiced dollar value of sales for every unit sold during the current quarter. Dividing the current quarter sales value by current quarter unit sales gives the average price this unit was sold for in point of sale during the current quarter. Maximum value for current quarter sales value is \$999,999.99.
<b>Current Quarter Units:</b>	This field accumulates the total number of units sold during the current quarter. This field continues to accumulate until rolled and cleared by month end processing during the close of a business quarter. Maximum value accepted is 32,767 units.

<b>Previous Quarters Unit Sales:</b>	Six previous quarters of sales history are maintained to allow seasonal trends and cycles to be monitored and min/max stocking levels adjusted accordingly. Sales quarters are rolled as a function of month end processing and each previous quarter can accept a maximum of 32,767 units.
<b>Report Codes:</b>	This field is used to store report codes of up to 4 alphabetical ( <b>A-Z</b> ), numerical ( <b>0-9</b> ) and slash (/) or dash (-) or asterisk (*) character. We strongly suggest using numeric values only to avoid confusion with popularity codes which are alphabetic. Interim invoices, printed without prices, have the ability to print the report codes for each line item.
<b>Zone/Bin:</b>	This field is used to store zone/bin locations of up to 10 alphabetical ( <b>A-Z</b> ), numerical ( <b>0-9</b> ) and slash (/) or dash (-) or asterisk (*) character. Interim invoices, printed without prices, have the ability to print the zone/bin locations for each line item.

#### 4.9 Labor/Miscellaneous Codes

Eight different Labor/Miscellaneous Codes are available to handle such non-standard merchandise charges such as labor, freight and invoice discounts. These codes, when entered into a part number's *Lab./Misc* field, dramatically affect the way in which point of sale updates the daily sales totals and profit calculations! The codes available are listed below:

CODE	FUNCTION
<b>A &amp; B</b>	Fixed Rate/Floating Labor Charge
<b>C</b>	Fixed/Floating Percentage Discount
<b>D</b>	Floating Dollar Discount
<b>E</b>	Non-Merchandise Miscellaneous Charge
<b>F</b>	Always Non-Taxable Merchandise
<b>G</b>	Always Non-Taxable Labor Charge
<b>H</b>	Always Non-Taxable Miscellaneous Charge
<b>I</b>	Always Taxable Merchandise
<b>K</b>	Percentage Charge

##### 4.8.1 Labor/Misc Codes A & B (Fixed Rate/Floating Labor Charge)

Labor/Miscellaneous Codes **A** and **B** are used for charging fixed rate or floating labor charges. The labor item will be sold as taxable or non-taxable based upon the customer's tax ID field.

Fixed Rate Labor Charge Example: Customers are charged \$5.00 for each brake drum turned. Using the six price levels available and the customers' pricing matrix, different fixed prices can be developed for different customers.

- To create a flat rate labor charge, enter an **A** or **B** within the *LAB./MISC.* field, a description of the labor being performed and pricing information for price levels 0 through 5. (Point of sale does not recognize any core values entered for items coded with *LAB./MISC.* **A** or **B** codes!)

Floating Labor Charge Example: Customers are charge various amounts for custom engine or shop work.

- To create a floating labor charge, enter an **A** or **B** within the *LAB./MISC.* field and a generic labor description. All the price levels (0-5) must have 0.00 as prices.

When calling up an item with a labor/miscellaneous code of **A** or **B** with a unit price of 0.00, the cursor will be automatically positioned under the *LIST* price field.

- Enter the list price and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned under the *UNIT* price field, enter the unit price and press **<Return>**.

All quantity fields of information (*ON HAND*, *ON ORDER* and *BACK ORDER*) are not displayed when calling up a part with a labor/miscellaneous code of **A** or **B** because they are not needed when selling through point of sale.

The labor charges are accumulated under the Labor column subtotals within the Counterman file and the Transaction Register report. Costs of sales for fixed rate or floating labor charges are not accumulated within the Counterman file or the Transaction Register report. The cost of sales within the product line file accumulates for both fixed rate and floating labor charges. If no cost price is setup for an item, the cost of sales will use the entered unit price as the cost when the unit price is entered for the floating labor item being sold.

#### 4.9.1 Labor/Misc Code C (Fixed/Floating Percentage Discount)

Labor/Miscellaneous Code **C** is used for giving a fixed or floating percentage discount during point of sale. This is in addition to a customer's standard or exception pricing matrix. The discount could be offered to a charge customer paying cash for a particular invoice or as part of a special promotional sale. The discount will either include or exclude a credit on the tax amount based upon the customer's tax ID field. The discount is based upon the total unit extended price of all items already extended (Unit Price x Quantity Sold) multiplied by the discount percentage being given. Discounts can also be given on returned merchandise to reflect a handling/service (restocking) charge. The discount dollar amount is deducted from the *NET VALUE OF SALES* within the Product Line record.

- To create a fixed percentage discount, enter a **C** within the *LAB./MISC.* field and the discount percentage as a whole dollar value for price levels 0 through 5.

Example: A 2% discount would be entered as \$2.00 within price levels 0 through 5.
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- To create a floating percentage discount, enter a **C** within the *LAB./MISC.* field and leave all the price levels (0-5) with 0.00 as prices.

When calling up an item with a labor/miscellaneous code of **C** with a unit price of 0.00, the cursor will be automatically positioned under the *LIST* price field.

- Enter the list price and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned under the *UNIT* price field, enter the discount percentage as whole dollars and press **<Return>**.

All quantity fields of information (*ON HAND*, *ON ORDER* and *BACK ORDER*) are not displayed when calling up a part with a labor/miscellaneous code of **C** because they are not needed when selling through point of sale.

The discounted amounts are displayed under the *DISC\$* column heading on the Transaction Register report. They are deducted from the *NET SALES* column subtotals within the Counterman file. The costs of sales for fixed or floating discounts are not accumulated within the Counterman file, the Transaction Register report and the cost of sales within the product line file is not affected.

#### 4.10.1 Labor/Misc Code D (Floating Dollar Discount)

Labor/Miscellaneous Code **D** is used for giving a floating dollar value discount during point of sale. Example: A \$1.50 coupon/rebate. The discount will either include or exclude a credit on the tax amount based upon the customer's tax ID field. The discount dollar amount is deducted from the *NET VALUE OF SALES* within the Product Line record.

- To create a floating dollar discount, enter a **D** within the *LAB./MISC.* field, a description and leave all the price levels (0-5) with 0.00 as prices.

When calling up an item with a labor/miscellaneous code of **D** with a unit price of 0.00, the cursor will be automatically positioned under the *LIST* price field.

- Enter the list price and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned under the *UNIT* price field, enter the discount dollar amount to be given as the unit price and press **<Return>**.

All quantity fields of information (*ON HAND*, *ON ORDER* and *BACK ORDER*) are not displayed when calling up a part with a labor/miscellaneous code of **D** because they are not needed when selling through point of sale.

The discounted amounts are displayed under the *DISC\$* column heading on the Transaction Register report. They are deducted from the *NET SALES* column subtotals within the Counterman file. The costs of sales for discounts are not accumulated within the Counterman file, the Transaction Register report and the cost of sales within the product line file are not affected.

#### 4.11.1 Labor/Misc Code E (Non-Merchandise Miscellaneous Charge)

Labor/Miscellaneous Code **E** is used for miscellaneous non-merchandise charges. Example: freight, delivery or returned check charges. Labor/Miscellaneous code **E** should not be used for miscellaneous merchandise charges.

- To create a miscellaneous charge, enter an **E** within the *LAB./MISC.* field and a description. No other information is required.

When calling up a part with a labor/miscellaneous code of **E** within point of sale, the cursor will be positioned at the **UNIT COST ?** prompt.

- With the cursor positioned at the **UNIT COST ?** prompt, enter the unit cost and press **<Return>**.



- With the cursor positioned under the *LIST* price field, enter the list price and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned under the *UNIT* price field, enter the unit price and press **<Return>**.

All quantity fields of information (*ON HAND*, *ON ORDER* and *BACK ORDER*) are not displayed when calling up a part with a labor/miscellaneous code of **E** because they are not needed when selling through point of sale.

The miscellaneous non-merchandise charge amounts are displayed under the *MISC\$* column heading on the Transaction Register report. They increase the *MISC CHARGES* column subtotals within the Counterman file. The costs of sales are not accumulated within the Counterman file and the Transaction Register report. The *NET COST OF SALES* within the Product Line file are increased by the entered or calculated unit cost.

#### 4.12.1 Labor/Misc Code F (Non-Taxable Merchandise)

Labor/Miscellaneous Code **F** is used to classify a particular part number to always be non-taxable, regardless of the customer's normal taxing status!

- To create a non-taxable merchandise part number, enter all information for a typical merchandise part number and an **F** within the *LAB./MISC.* field.

When the part is called up from in point of sale, it will always be displayed as non-taxable!

#### 4.13.1 Labor/Misc Code G (Non-Taxable Labor Charge)

Labor/Miscellaneous Code **G** is used for non-taxable fixed rate/floating labor charges. It is identical to the labor/miscellaneous codes **A** and **B** except that it will always be displayed in point of sale as non-taxable, regardless of a customer's normal taxing status.

#### 4.14.1 Labor/Misc Code H (Non-Taxable Non-Merchandise Miscellaneous Charge)

Labor/Miscellaneous Code **H** is used for miscellaneous non-merchandise. It is identical to the labor/miscellaneous code **E** except that it will always be displayed in point of sale as non-taxable, regardless of a customer's normal taxing status and doesn't prompt for a unit cost.

#### 4.15.1 Labor/Misc Code I (Always Taxable Merchandise)

Labor/Miscellaneous Code **I** is used to classify a particular part number to always be taxable, regardless of the customer's normal taxing status!

- To create a taxable merchandise part number, enter all information for a typical merchandise part number and an **I** within the *LAB./MISC.* field.

When the part is called up from in point of sale, it will always be displayed as taxable!

#### 4.16.1 Labor/Misc Code K (Always Non-Taxable Percentage Charge)

Labor/Miscellaneous Code **K** is used for charging a percentage charge during point of sale. This charge could be used for situations such as a Canadian provincial tax. This code works exactly as the labor/miscellaneous code **C** except that it works in reverse and is always non-taxable regardless of a customer's normal taxing status. In other words it debits the invoice instead of credits.

The amount charged is based upon Sub-Total dollar amount of the units already extended multiplied by the charge percentage setup within the part number.

- To create a percentage charge, enter a **K** within the *LAB./MISC.* field and the charge percentage as a whole dollar value for price levels 0 through 5.

Example: A 5% charge would be entered as \$5.00 within price levels 0 through 5. A description should also be entered.

When calling up a part with a labor/miscellaneous code of **K** within point of sale, *ON HAND*, *ON ORDER* and *BACK ORDER* quantity information is not displayed and the unit price will reflect the percentage discount being given. Extend the part and the charged amount will be displayed within the *EXTENDED* column.

The charged dollar amount is accumulated within the *NET VALUE OF SALES* within the Product Line record.

#### 4.17.1 Additional Notes

Separate labor and miscellaneous columns are totaled on the Daily Sales Analysis and Transaction Register reports. These columns present a complete breakdown of merchandise, labor and miscellaneous sales figures.

For an in depth analysis of labor sales and profit activity, use several product lines to track sales and profitability by labor service type.

Example:

Product Line 200 Engine Work

Product Line 201 Suspension

Product Line 202 Tune Ups

Product Line 203 Oil Changes

Product Line 204 Brakes

Product Line 205 Transmissions

The system maintains 24 months of sales and profit history for each separate product line.

#### 4.10 Minimum/Maximum Stocking Levels

The Purchasing program uses the following logic when determining which parts need to be order using the minimum/ maximum order points:

- ◆ When the quantity on hand is less than the minimum stocking level selected, order up to the maximum stocking level selected minus the quantity already on order and on backorder plus the customer backorder quantity in multiplies of the unit pack.
- ◆ When the quantity to order is a percentage of unit pack, round up at .50 and greater and down at .49 and less.

Example:

PART NUMBER	QUANTITY ON HAND	UNIT PACK	MIN/MAX 1	ON ORDER	BACK ORDER	CUST B/O	QUANTITY TO ORDER
ACD-R45TS	16	8	64/128	32	0	0	80
MAE-2022	4	2	4/8	0	0	0	0
BCA-A3	-1	1	1/1	0	0	0	2 (Note1)
CSP-N9YC	4	12	48/144	48	0	0	96 (Note2)

Note1: When the quantity on hand is a negative value, purchasing orders additional units to compensate for the negative quantity on hand.

Note2: When the quantity to order is a percentage of unit pack, purchasing will round up at .50 and greater, even if the quantity to order will exceed the maximum.

#### 4.11 Programs That Update Part Records

The table below lists all of the programs and a brief explanation of how they affect and update the Inventory file:

Program	Explanation
<b>Point Of Sale:</b>	Updates quantity on hand, warranties, core returns, new returns, customer backorders, stock outs and current period/current quarter sales.
<b>Purchasing:</b>	Updates quantity on hand, on order, back order, warranties and core returns. Clears current period units field (when running a Replenishment Purchase Order).
<b>Stock Status Report:</b>	Updates min/max 2 field & optionally swaps the min/max 1 & 2 values for parts.
<b>Best Seller Report:</b>	Updates popularity codes.
<b>Price Updating:</b>	Updates prices, descriptions, unit packs, per car quantities and popularity codes.
<b>Automatic Price Adjustment:</b>	Updates prices.
<b>Monthly End Processing:</b>	Optionally clears the stock outs field.

#### 4.12 Report Codes

The Report Codes field provides a mechanism for grouping or classifying parts into a user defined criteria. This information is particularly useful when printing price labels.

Example: The user has defined a code of **4** to mean, "display only" type of parts and has set the code of **4** within all "display only" part numbers within product line 1. To print price labels for only the parts that have a code **4** within product line 1, the user would just have to enter a **4** within the Report Code field when printing labels through the Price Label printing program. It will print labels for only parts with a matching report code!

The report codes field will accept up to 4 alphabetical (**A-Z**), numerical (**0-9**) and slash (/) or dash (-) or asterisk (\*) characters. We strongly suggest only using numeric codes to avoid confusion with the popularity code field that uses alphabetic characters. When printing interim invoices, enter **N** at the **PRINT PRICES (Y/N) ?** prompt and the report codes of each line item will be printed.

#### 4.18.1 Additional Inventory Update Setup Options

Listed below are additional setup options that can be set through the *System Commands - Specify System Setup Options* menu selection:

- ◆ Ability to set a default value for the quantity on hand and min1/max1 fields when new parts are added into the inventory file (**DEFQOH** uservar option)
- ◆ Force users to enter a password and their initials when making changes to the inventory file. The program will prompt for a password when the **<F10>** (*Record Changes*) key is pressed after making changes to an inventory record (**IU\_EDIT** passwd.db option)

#### 4.13 Inventory Update Function Keys

Function Key	Action
<b>F1</b>	Calls up an existing part number.
<b>F2</b>	Insert a new part number.
<b>F3</b>	Moves an existing part number.
<b>F4</b>	Deletes an existing part number.
<b>F5</b>	Calls up a new product line.
<b>F6</b>	Duplicates the previous description.
<b>F7</b>	Duplicates the previous manufacturer's code.
<b>F8</b>	Scrolls one part number forward.
<b>F9</b>	Scroll one part number backward.
<b>F10</b>	Record changes.
<b>F11</b>	Exit program.
<b>F13</b>	Displays the Source Part Entry screen.
<b>F14</b>	Displays serial numbers.
<b>F15</b>	Moves the cursor quickly between the PRICE 0 to DESCRIPTION to QTY ON HAND fields.
<b>F16</b>	Identical to the F10 key.

#### 4.14 Inventory Update Design Keys

Action	Key
Moves cursor one field backward	↑
Moves cursor one field forward	↓
Moves cursor one position backward	←
Moves cursor to the CURRENT QUARTER UNITS field	→
Display a pop up Labor/Miscellaneous codes Help screen when entered within the LAB./MISC. field.	?
Moves cursor one field forward. In order to change data, users must press <Return> and then press the <F10>!	<Return>
Identical to the <Return> key.	<Enter>
Moves cursor between the PRICE 0 to QTY ON HAND to DESCRIPTION fields.	<F15> or <Home>
Identical to the <F10> key.	<F16>

## 4.15 Introduction – Physical Inventory Tools

The Physical Inventory Tools (PIT) program, hereafter referred to as PIT, is designed to give the jobber the necessary tools to perform a “physical inventory” on a select group of part numbers in a quick and simple manner. It's intended to be used before or after normal business hours because the program takes a “picture” of the inventory. By taking a “picture,” we mean that it creates a temporary file that contains the part numbers and their quantity on hand information at that point in time.

There are six mechanisms to select part numbers to be “physical inventoried”:

1. One specific product line
2. A range of product lines
3. A range of parts within a product line
4. A random cycle counting formula
5. Parts manually entered
6. Only parts with a negative quantity on hand

The selected parts' information is stored in a temporary file that in essence has taken a “picture” of the quantity on hands. Next, print an Inventory Count Sheet Report and start comparing and writing down the quantity on hand differences on the report sheet versus what is actually on the shelves. Parts can be added for any parts on the shelf that are not currently in the Inventory file. Next, edit the temporary file with the new quantity on hand figures (quantity differences are automatically calculated) and any new parts that need to be added. Finally, apply the changes to the Inventory file. Part numbers with quantity differences will be logged into an audit file for management to review and print.

To perform a “physical inventory” during normal business hours, the following procedures need to be taken:

Alert all personnel that a particular line of parts is going to be inventoried

Instruct all personnel to post a sticker stating the number of parts sold or returned whenever a part from that line is affected (only if the part hasn't already been inventoried)

## 4.16 Accessing The Physical Inventory Tools Program

- From the *Autologue Main Menu*, enter **2** (*Inventory Update*) and press **<Return>**.
- Press the **<F6>** (*Physical Inv Tools*) key.

If the **INV\_EDIT** password option is enabled, the screen will now display the following:



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a black background and white text. The text reads: "Enter Password to Inventory Tools:" followed by a cursor (a small black square) on the next line. Below that, it says "Please Enter Your Initials:". The entire terminal window is enclosed in a thin black border.

A window will pop up and prompt for a password in order to access the *Inventory Tools Menu*. The format for password entry is as follows:

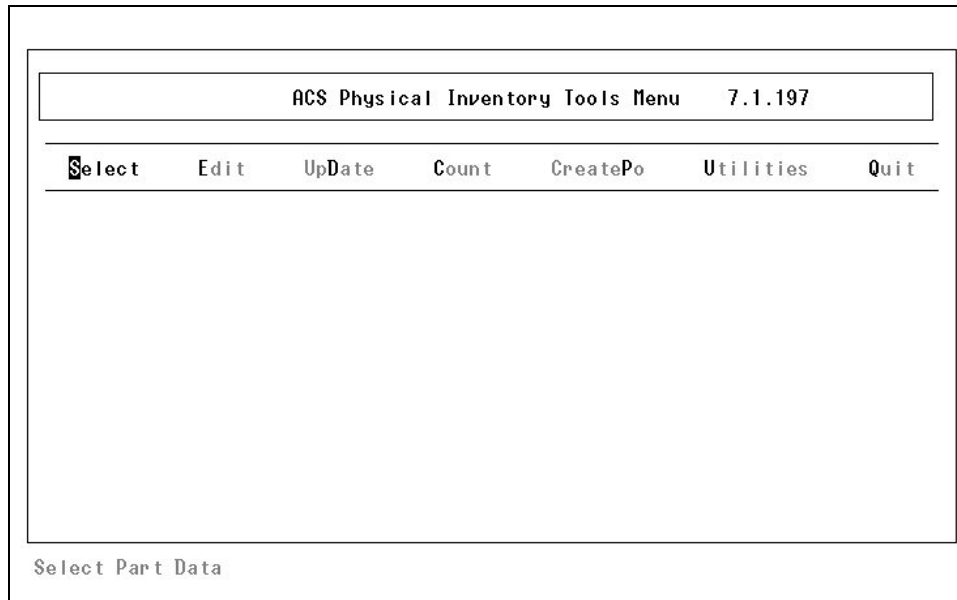
**MM<password>DD**

The **MM** being the 2-digit month and **DD** being a 2-digit day of the current system date. If a password of "SAM" were setup and if today was July 16th, the user would enter **07SAM16** and press **<Return>**.

☞ **Note:** The **MM** and **DD** fields must be 2 digits! If necessary, add a leading 0 to a month or day between 1 and 9!

- With the cursor below the **Enter Password to Inventory Tools:** prompt, enter the password and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor below the **Please Enter Your Initials:** prompt, the user would enter their initials and press **<Return>**.

When the password information is correctly entered or the **INV\_EDIT** password option was disabled, the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu* will be displayed as shown:



This is the starting point for all the functions previously described.

#### 4.17 Selecting Parts Data

The first step in performing a “physical inventory” is to select a group of part numbers. Parts are selected by one of six different methods:

Selection Type	Description
<b>Single Product Line</b>	Selects all parts within one specific product line number
<b>Product Line Range</b>	Selects a all parts within a range of product lines numbers
<b>Range Of Parts</b>	Selects a range of parts within one specific product line number
<b>Cycle Count</b>	Automatic selects parts based upon a Cycle Counting formula which management sets up (optional)
<b>Manual Entry</b>	Allows the user to manually enter the specific parts to be inventoried
<b>Negative Quantity</b>	Selects all parts with a negative quantity on hand

Parts Selection Methods

If the **NO\_NONSTOCKED\_PARTS** uservar option is enabled, non-stocked parts will be excluded from any of the six selection methods. Non-stocked parts are those where the following is false:  $(Min1 + Max1 > 1 \text{ or } Quantity \text{ On Hand} > 0)$ .

#### 4.19.1 Selecting All Parts Within A Product Line

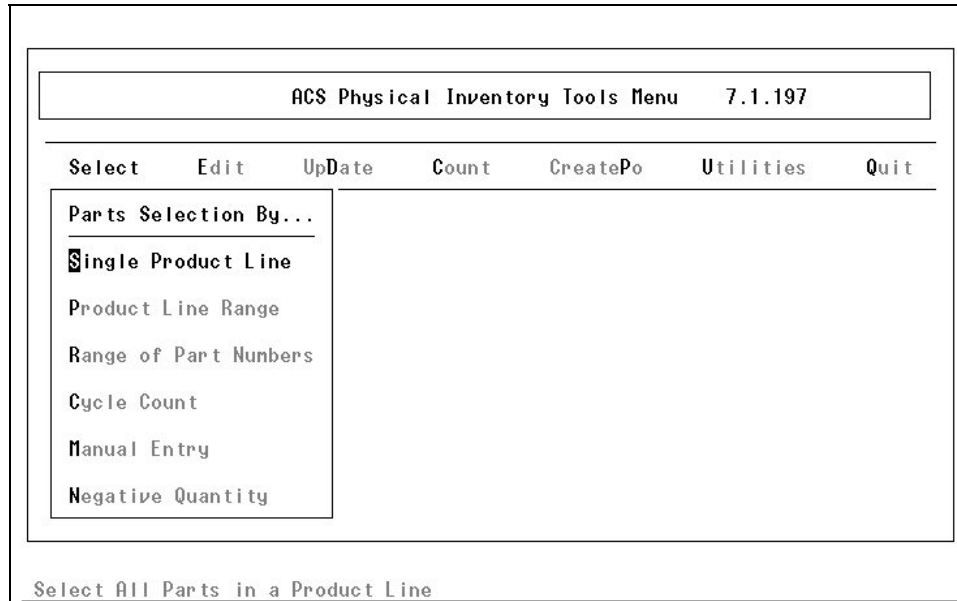
To select all parts within one specific product line, follow the steps below:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Select Data** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **S**.



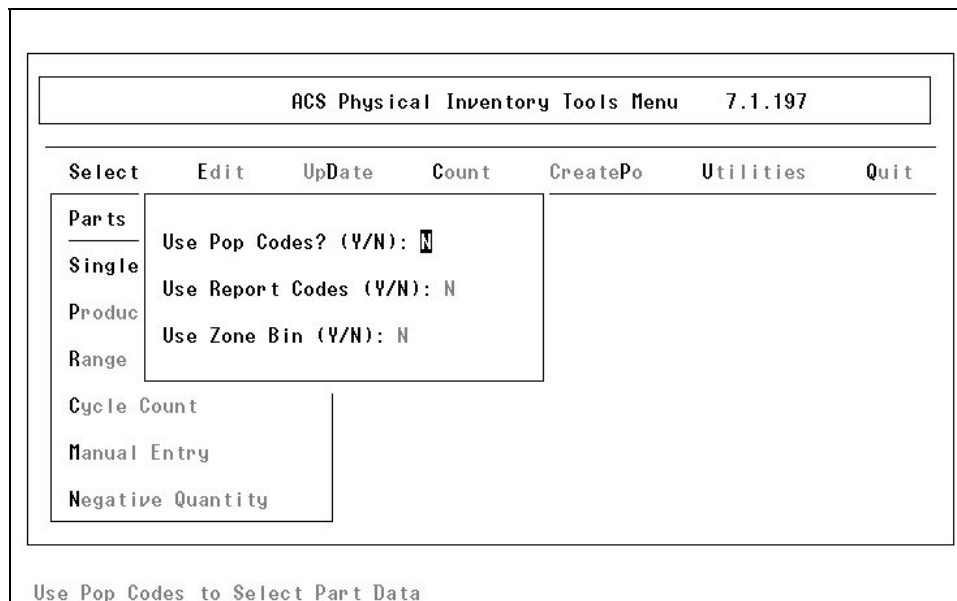
- ☞ **Hint:** Pressing the first letter of the menu option is the quickest way to access any of the options on the menu! Pressing the **↑** or **←** arrow keys will move the cursor backwards from field to field. The **↓** and **→** arrow keys move the cursor forward from field to field.

A *Parts Selection By...* window will now pop up as shown:



- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **Single Product Line** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **S**.

A window will now pop up prompting **Use Pop Codes? (Y/N)**: as shown:



- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Pop Codes? (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by popularity code or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by popularity code.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Pop Codes? (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter valid popularity codes. Enter the popularity codes and press **<Return>**.

- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Report Codes (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by report code or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by report code.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Report Codes (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter report codes. Enter the report codes and press **<Return>**.

- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by zone/bin or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by zone/bin.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter zone/bin. Enter the zone/bin and press **<Return>**.

To have the items selected sorted by zone/bin, enter **.\*** at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) :** prompt. This will select items with and without zone/bin locations.

To have the items selected sorted by zone/bin and only select items with a zone/bin location, enter **[A-Z,0-9]** at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) :** prompt.

A window will now pop up prompting **Enter a Product Line Number** as shown:

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Select	Edit	UpDate	Count	CreatePo	Utilities	Quit
Parts Selection B	Enter a Product Line Number					
Single Product Li	█					
Product Line Rang						
Range of Part Numbers						
Cycle Count						
Manual Entry						
Negative Quantity						
Product Line number to use						

- With the cursor positioned under the **Enter a Product Line Number** prompt, enter the product line number to perform a “physical inventory” on and press **<Return>**.

If the product line number entered doesn't have parts within it, the screen will “beep” and a *No Parts In Product Line !!* error message will be displayed on the lower left corner of the screen. A product line that contains parts should then be entered.

If the product line number entered has parts within it, a temporary file will then be created with all parts and quantity on hand information. The screen will display *GETTING PART DATA Record XXX* in the lower left corner as the parts are being read.

- ☞ **Note:** If the **NO\_NONSTOCKED\_PARTS** uservar option is enabled, only “stocked” part numbers will be selected! A part is considered “stocked” when the following criterion is true:  $((\text{min1} + \text{max1}) > 0 \text{ or } (\text{Quantity On Hand} > 0))$ .

#### 4.20.1 Selecting All Parts Within A Range Of Product Line Numbers

To select all parts within a range product line numbers, follow the steps below:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Select Data** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **S**.
- With the cursor positioned within the *Parts Selection By...* window, use the arrow keys to position the cursor on the **Product Line Range** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **P**.
- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Pop Codes? (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by popularity code or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by popularity code.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Pop Codes? (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter valid popularity codes. Enter the popularity codes and press **<Return>**.

- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Report Codes (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by report code or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by report code.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Report Codes (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter report codes. Enter the report codes and press **<Return>**.

- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by zone/bin or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by zone/bin.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter zone/bin. Enter the zone/bin and press **<Return>**.

To have the items selected sorted by zone/bin, enter **.\*** at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) :** prompt. This will select items with and without zone/bin locations.

To have the items selected sorted by zone/bin and only select items with a zone/bin location, enter [A-Z0-9] at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N)** : prompt.

A window will now pop up prompting **Enter a Product Line Range** as shown:

The screenshot displays the 'ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu' version 7.1.197. The menu includes options: Select, Edit, UpDate, Count, CreatePo, Utilities, and Quit. A sub-menu is open under 'Select', listing: Parts Selection B, Single Product Li, Product Line Rang, Range of Part Numbers, Cycle Count, Manual Entry, and Negative Quantity. The 'Product Line Rang' option is selected, and a dialog box titled 'Enter a Product Line Range' is overlaid. This dialog has a cursor under the 'To' prompt. At the bottom of the main menu, the text 'Beginning Product Line Number' is visible.

- With the cursor positioned below the **Enter a Product Line Range** prompt, enter the beginning product line number to start the range selection from and press **<Return>**.

If the product line number entered does not contain any parts, the screen will “beep” and an error message *No Parts In Product Line !!* will be displayed on the lower left corner of the screen. A valid product line with parts should then be entered.

- If a valid product line number with parts was entered, the cursor will move past the **To** prompt.
- Enter the ending product line number and press **<Return>**.

The ending product line number entered must be equal to or greater than the beginning product line number and not above 255. Otherwise the screen will “beep” and an error message *Invalid Product Line Number - Legal Range is 0 to 255* will be displayed on the lower left corner of the screen. A valid product line number should then be entered.

Up to 100 separate temporary files will then be created with all parts and quantity on hand information for each product line within the range entered. If the product line range contains more than 100 product lines with parts, the program will stop creating files at 100. The user will have to process the first hundred and then select the next batch of 100. The screen will display *GETTING PART DATA Record XXX* in the lower left corner as the parts are being read.

### 4.21.1 Selecting A Range Of Parts Within A Product Line

To select a range of parts within one specific product line, follow the steps below:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Select Data** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **S**.
- With the cursor positioned within the *Parts Selection By...* window, use the arrow keys to position the cursor on the **Range of Part Numbers** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **R**.
- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Pop Codes? (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by popularity code or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by popularity code.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Pop Codes? (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter valid popularity codes. Enter the popularity codes and press **<Return>**.

- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Report Codes (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by report code or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by report code.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Report Codes (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter report codes. Enter the report codes and press **<Return>**.

- With the cursor positioned at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) : N** prompt, enter **Y** to select parts by zone/bin or press **<Return>** to use the default value of **N** and not select parts by zone/bin.

When **Y** is entered at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) : N** prompt, a window will pop up prompting to enter zone/bin. Enter the zone/bin and press **<Return>**.

To have the items selected sorted by zone/bin, enter **.\*** at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) :** prompt. This will select items with and without zone/bin locations.

To have the items selected sorted by zone/bin and only select items with a zone/bin location, enter **[A-Z0-9]** at the **Use Zone Bin (Y/N) :** prompt.

A *Select Parts By Range* window will now pop up as shown:

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu". Inside, a sub-window titled "Select Parts By Range" is open. The sub-window contains two input prompts: "Enter beginning/from Part Number" and "Enter ending/to Part Number". A cursor is positioned under the first prompt. Below these prompts are two checkboxes: "Manual Entry" and "Negative Quantity". At the bottom of the sub-window, there is a note: "Select FROM and TO Part Numbers within a Product Line".

- With the cursor positioned below the **Enter beginning/from Part Number** prompt, enter the part number to start the range selection from and press **<Return>**.

If the part number entered was not a valid part number, the screen will “beep” and an error message *Part Not Found!!* will be displayed on the lower left corner of the screen. A valid part number should then be entered.

- If a valid beginning part number was entered, the cursor will move below the **Enter ending/to Part Number** prompt. Enter the part number to end the range selection to and press **<Return>**.

If the ending part number is not within the same product line as the beginning part number, the screen will “beep” and an error message *Invalid Part Range - Not in the same Product Line!!* will be displayed on the lower left corner of the screen. A part number within the same product line as the beginning part number should then be entered.

A temporary file will then be created with all parts and quantity on hand information. The screen will display *GETTING PART DATA Record XXX* in the lower left corner as the parts are being read.

#### 4.22.1 Selecting Random Parts (Cycle Count Formulation)

The cycle counting selection formula is designed to allow the user to select roughly about 40-50 random part numbers (based on popularity code) on a daily basis and perform a “physical inventory” on these selected numbers. Performing this step daily will ensure that every part number within the Inventory file is inventoried a

specific number of times in a one-year period. This eliminates the need to perform a "physical inventory" on the complete inventory during a weekend and also aids in maintaining tighter inventory control.

- ☞ **Note:** Before parts can be selected through cycle counting, management must setup specific cycle counting formulation parameters. Once the parameters are setup, the Cycle Counting file MUST be initialized! See the *Reset/Initialize The Cycle Counting File* section for details on initialization.

#### 4.17.1.1 Setting Up Cycle Counting Parameters

Using the *Specify System Setup Options* menu option from the *System Commands* menu, setup the following uservar options under the "PIT" section:

- Number of working day in a year (CC\_DAYS\_YR uservar option)
- Number of times to count parts with each specific popularity code during a 1 year period (CC\_POPA, CC\_POPB, CC\_POPC, CC\_POPE, CC\_POPO, CC\_POPE, CC\_POPE, CC\_POPE, CC\_POPE, CC\_POPE, CC\_POPE uservar options)

The number of parts to count per day is then calculated as follows:

$$\frac{(\# \text{ of times per year to count a pop code type } * \# \text{ of parts within a pop code})}{\# \text{ of working days per year}}$$

This yields the number of times a pop code type is to be counted each day.

The totals for each pop code type are then added together to yield the number of parts to count each day.

Parts are then randomly selected to meet the calculated figures as just described.

To have the system automatically select a variety of parts using the cycle counting mechanism, follow the steps below:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Select Data** field using the arrow keys and press <Return> or just press the letter S.
- With the cursor positioned within the *Parts Selection By...* window, use the arrow keys to position the cursor on the **Cycle Count** field and press <Return> or just press the letter C.

The bottom left corner of the screen will start displaying a *Reading XXXX Records* message as part numbers are being selected. A temporary file will then be created with all parts and quantity on hand information.

- ☞ **Note:** The first time a cycle count is selected, it will take several minutes to randomly select parts because it must create and setup some table information that keeps track of which parts have been selected and the number of times it's been counted this year.







#### 4.24.1 Selecting Negative Quantity Parts

The Negative Quantity selection method will automatically select all parts with a negative quantity on hand. This selection method is useful because it only produces the parts that have quantity on hand below zero.

To only select part numbers with negative quantities on hand, follow the steps below:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Select Data** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **S**.
- With the cursor positioned within the *Parts Selection By...* window, use the arrow keys to position the cursor on the **Negative Quantity** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **N**.

The bottom left corner of the screen will begin displaying a *Reading/Extracting Record XXXX* message as part numbers are being selected. A temporary file will then be created with all parts and quantity on hand information.

#### 4.18 Methods Of Walking The Shelves & Editing

Once parts have been selected, the user can use one of two methods to walk the shelves to make sure the quantity on hand information is correct for each of the part numbers.

#### 4.25.1 Manual Editing Method

To walk the shelves and manually change the quantity on hand information, follow the steps below:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Edit Data** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **E**.

The screen will now display a list of all open files, from the most recent to oldest date, within a window as shown:

EDIT - FILE SELECTION LIST				
Select	PL#	Description/Part	Filter/Part	Date
*MANUAL	-01	LIF-817	LIF-817	07/06/06
PLINE	000	DESCRIPTION 1		01/27/06
NEGQTY	000	TST-1	RPT-M-D-A-S-H	01/12/06
PLINE	005	AIRTEX W/P		12/15/05
RANGE	021	BCA-A-2		09/21/05
RANGE	001	XXX-9999999999999999		08/16/05

- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the selected file to be worked on and press <Return>.

An asterisk (\*) character will be displayed next to the date.

- Press the <F11> or <Return> key and the ACS Physical Inventory Editor screen will be displayed along with the selected parts as shown:

Screen	ACS Physical Inventory Editor			Count Sheet
	Qty			7.1.197
Part-Number	Orig	Now	Diff	Description
AIR-AW4090	2	1	-1	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW5050N	1	0	-1	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW5004	0	1	1	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW4049	1	0	-1	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW898	1	0	-1	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW932	1	0	-1	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW953	1	1	0	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW984	1	1	0	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW1018	3	3	0	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW1028	1	1	0	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW1107	1	1	0	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW1114	1	1	0	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW1120	2	2	0	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW1121	1	1	0	WATER PUMP
AIR-AW1137	1	37	36	WATER PUMP

F2-Toggle Screen/Print F3-Files List F4-Toggle Exception/Count/Full Report  
 F5-IU option F6-DupDesc F7-Run Rpt F8-Help F10-Save PgUp-Prev PgDn-Next

Enter the adjusted Quantity On Hand.

### 4.18.1.1 Inventory Count Sheet Report

To start performing the "physical inventory" on the selected parts, the user needs to print an Inventory Count Sheet Report.

- With the cursor positioned under the **Now** column of the first part, press the <F2> (*Toggle Screen/Print*) key to toggle the top left corner from **Screen** to **Printer X** (with **X** being the printer number the report will print to). This controls where the selected report is to be printed.
  - If the upper right hand corner of the screen does not display **Count Sheet**, press the <F4> (*Toggle Exception Report/Count Sheet*) key to toggle the top right corner from **Exception Report** to **Count Sheet**. This tells the program which report will be printed when the <F7> (*Run Rpt*) key is used to generate a report.
  - Press the <F7> (*Run Rpt*) key and the Inventory Count Sheet Report will now be printed to the printer or on the screen.
- ☞ **Note:** When the `PIT_NOCNT_QTY` uservar option is enabled, the current inventory quantities will not be printed on the count sheet report and will print 0 quantities instead.

### 4.18.1.2 Sample Inventory Count Sheet Report

Below is a sample Inventory Count Sheet Report:

Start	Count	Part Number	Zone Bin	Description
-2	_____	BCA-A-2	04-11	TAPER BEARING CONE/CU
1	_____	BCA-01576	03-01	BALL BEARING
2	_____	BCA-510002	02-04	BALL BEARING
2	_____	BCA-513029	06-02	TAPER BEARING ASSEMBL
2	_____	BCA-516000	06-04	TAPER BEARING ASSEMBL
2	_____	BCA-520000	01-01	TAPER BEARING CONE
2	_____	BCA-520100	01-08	TAPER BEARING CONE
4	_____	BCA-A-41	05-09	TAPER BEARING CONE/CU

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Sample Inventory Count Sheet Report

The Inventory Count Sheet Report displays each part numbers starting quantity, an area for quantity counted, zone/bin and description.

The user can now take the printed Inventory Count Sheet Report and start walking the shelves to make sure the quantity on hand information is correct for each of the part numbers. If there are any differences, write the changes in the space provided on the report.

### 4.18.1.3 Entering Quantity On Hand Differences

- Once all the part quantity information has been checked and changes have been made on the report, enter the quantity on hand differences under the **Now** column within the *ACS Physical Inventory Editor* screen.

When the cursor is on a particular part number, the user has the option to press the <F5> (*IU option*) key to pop into the *Inventory Update* screen for that part number and make any changes! Pressing the <F11> key within the *Inventory Update* screen exits the user back to the *ACS Physical Inventory Editor* screen.

- Once all editing changes have been made and the user wants to edit another file, press the <F3> (*Files List*) key to have a pop up window of the open files displayed to choose from.

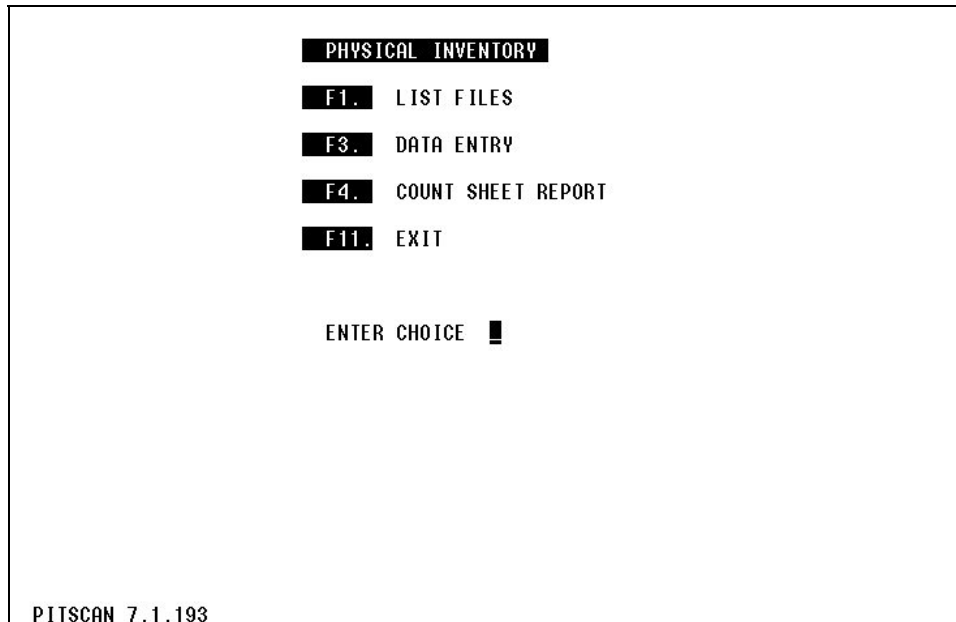
Once all editing changes have been made, pressing the <F11> key will automatically save the changes and returns the user back to the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu!*

#### 4.26.1 Electronic Counting Method

To walk the shelves and electronically count the quantity on hand using a hand held wireless or tethered scanner on a laptop PC, follow the steps below:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Count** field using the arrow keys and press <Return> or just press the letter **C**.

The screen will now display a *PHYSICAL INVENTORY* menu as shown:



#### 4.18.1.4 Selecting A File To Count

- With the cursor positioned at the **ENTER CHOICE** prompt, press the <F1> (*List Files*) key.

The screen will now display a list of all open files within a window as shown:

FILE	PL#	DESCRIPTION	DATE
PLINE	5	AIRTEX U/P	12/15/05
RANGE	1	XXX-9999999999999999	08/16/05
NEGQT	0	TST-1	01/12/06
RANGE	21	BCA-A-2	07/06/06
MANUL	-1	LIF-817	07/06/06

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- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the selected file to count and press **<Return>**.

The edit screen will now be displayed as shown:

DATE: 07/07/06 P.I.T. ENTRY

PRODUCT LINE: 5

TYPE: PLINE

INFO: AIRTEX U/P

BAR CODE:

PART NO:

DESCRIPTION:

QTY:  COST:

MIN:  MAX:

**F1: FIND** **F2: FIRST** **F4: DELETE** **F6: QTY**  
**F7: LAST** **F8: NEXT** **F9: PREV** **F11: EXIT**

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The user can then start walking the shelves and scanning the bar code of a part listed in the file selected. Each time a bar code or part number is entered, the quantity field will be incremented for that part record.

#### 4.18.1.5 Manually Entering Quantities, Cost & Min/Max

- To manually enter a quantity for part that has been scanned, press the <F6> (*Qty*) key, enter a quantity within the *Qty* field and press <Return>. Additionally, the user can edit the cost and min/max values for the part record.

#### 4.19 Updating The Inventory File

Once the selected files parts information has been counted, the changes need to be applied to the Inventory file.

To update the Inventory file with the changes, follow the steps below:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Update Data** field using the arrow keys and press <Return> or just press the letter **D**.

The screen will now display a list of all open files, from the most recent date to oldest, within a window.

- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the selected file to be applied to the Inventory file and press <Return> twice.

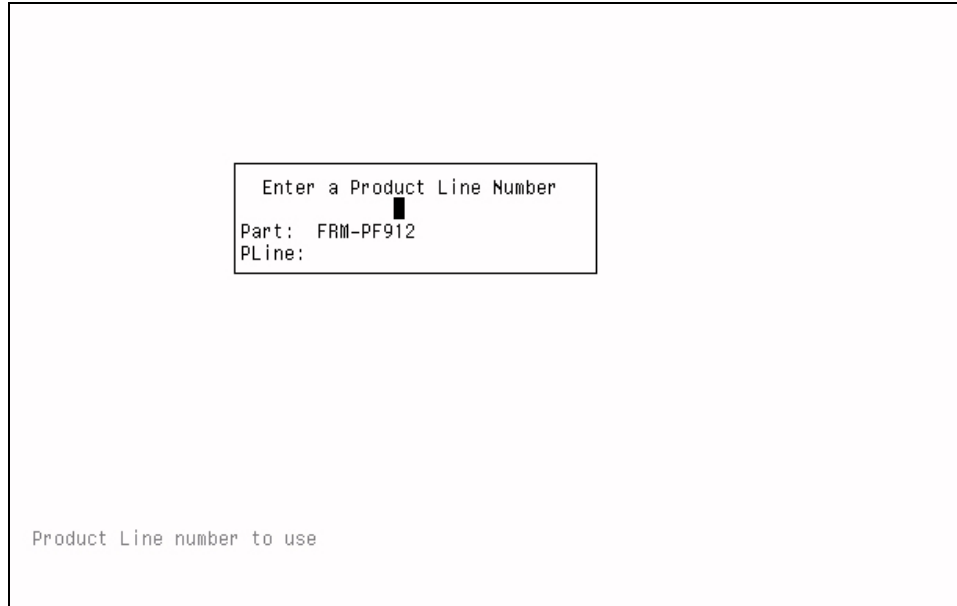
As the file is being applied, an *UPDATING PART DATA Record X* message will be displayed in the lower left corner of the screen. Each part numbers quantity on hand (qoh) will be adjusted according to the qoh differences. If there are no differences, the qoh will be unchanged.

The system automatically audit tracks the following information when adjustments are being applied:

- Initials of the person applying (when a password entry is required) or "**PIT**" when no password is setup
- Each part number with an adjustment to the qoh, the previous qoh value, the current qoh value (after the difference is applied), the date and time it was applied and the field that was modified
- The number of times a part number has been inventoried

#### 4.19.1.1 Adding Parts To The Inventory File

When there are new part numbers entered that currently do not exist within the Inventory file, a window will pop up prompting to enter a product line number for each new part number as shown:



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a prompt "Enter a Product Line Number" and a cursor. Below the prompt, the text "Part: FRM-PF912" and "PLine:" is displayed. At the bottom of the window, the text "Product Line number to use" is visible.

- With the cursor positioned below the **Enter a Product Line Number** prompt, enter the product line number to add the new part number into and press **<Return>**.
  - The product line description will be displayed next to the **PLine:** field heading and a window will pop up prompting **Use For Remaining Parts (Y/N): Y**.
  - With the cursor positioned next to the **Use For Remaining Parts (Y/N): Y** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the **Y** default and use the entered product line number for all new parts found and thus *not* prompt for the product line number each time a new part is found! Enter **N** and press **<Return>** to *not* use the entered product line number for all new parts found and thus prompt for the product line number for each new part found.
- ☞ **Note:** New part numbers added to product lines are automatically appended after the last part within a product line!

#### 4.19.1.2 Exceptions Report

An Exceptions Report is automatically generated and sent to the printer upon updating. It will report all part numbers that had changes to the qoh or price 0 and any new part numbers that were added to the Inventory file.



Below is an example of the Exceptions Report:

Part Range: BCA-A1 - BCA-A10 MM/DD/YY 14:50:39								Page	1
PartNumber	Zone Bin	Description	Starting Qty	Counted Qty	Difference Qty	Cost	Extended Difference	Adjustment	
BCA-A1	04-11	BEARING	2	4	2	5.43	10.86	10.86	
BCA-A3	02-05	BEARING	2	1	-1	6.79	-6.79	-6.79	
BCA-A7LK	06-04	BEARING	2	0	-2	9.98	-19.96	-19.96	
BCA-A10	05-09	BEARING	1	4	3	21.81	65.43	65.43	
Totals					-----		-----	-----	
					2		49.54	49.54	
Grand Totals					-----		-----	-----	
					2		49.54	49.54	

Sample Exceptions Report

The Exceptions Report displays each part numbers zone/bin, description, starting quantity, counted quantity on hand, difference between the starting and counted quantities, cost, its extended dollar amount (cost \* difference) and its adjustment dollar amount. The adjustment column is needed in order to get a "true" dollar adjustment figure when adjusting the inventory value! It only differs from the extended column when the starting quantity on hand is a negative quantity! The report also displays any new part numbers added.

## 4.20 Utilities

Through the *Utilities Menu* option, the user has the ability to perform the following functions:

- Screen view or print an Audit Trail Report for a specific date range
- Update or reinitialize the Cycle Counting master file (keeps track of how many times each part number has been inventoried)
- Screen view or print a Cycle Count Parameters Report
- Enter "what if" cycle counting parameters
- Delete an Edit file
- Screen view or print a Count Sheet or Exception Report for an Edit file
- Reinitialize (reset) the audit tracking file information

### 4.27.1 Audit Report

The *Audit Report* menu option is used to generate a variety of Audit Trail Reports. Listed below are the different types of auditing reports:

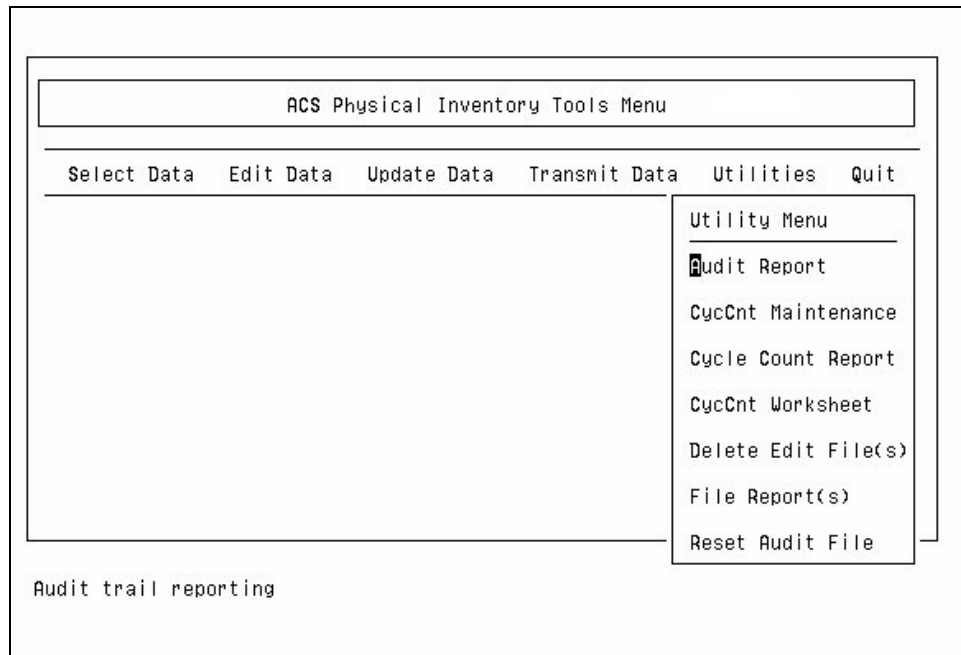
- ◆ Lost Sales
- ◆ Stock Outs
- ◆ P/O Receipts
- ◆ New Purchase Orders
- ◆ Inventory Changes
- ◆ Receipts
- ◆ Customer Changes

Reports can be filtered by a specific date range, product line number or part number. The reports can be either screen viewed or printed. By default, the beginning/ending date range are set for the current system date, the output is directed to the screen, and reports exclude the printing of times/dates changes were made.

To print an Audit Trail Report, perform the following steps:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Utilities** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **U**.

A *Utility Menu* window will now pop up as shown:



- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **Audit Report** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **A**.

An *Audit Report* screen will now be displayed as shown:

AUDIT REPORT	
Report Type	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">           0. Lost Sales            1. Stock Outs            2. Purchase Order Receipts            3. New Purchase Orders            4. Inventory Changes            5. Receipts            6. Customer Changes         </div>
Beginning Date	
Ending Date	
Direct Output to Printer?	
Show Times/Dates changes were made?	
Beginning Customer/Vendor	Ending Customer/Vendor
Product Line	(Leave Blank for ALL)
Part Number	(Leave Blank for ALL)
F10 RUN REPORT      F11 EXIT	
Select the Report you wish to run.	

- With the cursor positioned within the report type selection list window, highlight the desired report type by using the arrow keys or by entering the selection number to the left of the report type and pressing **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Beginning Date** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the current date (default) or enter a beginning date (without slashes) and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Ending Date** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the current date (default) or enter an ending date (without slashes) and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Direct Output to Printer?** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the default value of **No** (Screen View) or press the **<Space Bar>** to toggle the value to **Yes** and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Show Times/Dates changes were made?** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the default value of **No** or press the **<Space Bar>** to toggle the value to **Yes** (to show times and dates changes were made) and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Product Line** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the default blank value (for ALL) or enter the product line number in which to filter the report by and press **<Return>**.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Part Number** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the default blank value (for ALL) or enter a specific part number in which to filter the report by and press **<Return>**.

To generate a report, the <F10> (RUN REPORT) key can be pressed at any time (with or without report filtering values)!

Below are samples of the various audit reports:

Audit File Report					Lost Sales	MM/DD/YY HH:MM:SS	Page	1
Cust No	Part Number	Qty	Date	Time				
3	ABC-WIDGET	1	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS				
Total Lost Sales from MM/DD/YY to MM/DD/YY					1			

Sample Audit File Report - Lost Sales

Audit File Report					Stock Outs	MM/DD/YY HH:MM:SS	Page	1
Cust No	Part Number	Qty	Date	Time				
3	BCA-A10	1	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS				
Total Stock Outs from MM/DD/YY to MM/DD/YY					1			

Sample Audit File Report - Stock Outs

Audit File Report							Purchase Order Receipts	MM/DD/YY HH:MM:SS	Page	1
Trans	Vend No	PO No	Part Number	Qty	B/O	Date	Time			
0	5	33	BCA-A1	10	0	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS			
Total Purchase Order Receipts from MM/DD/YY to MM/DD/YY							10			

Sample Audit File Report - Purchase Order Receipts

Audit File Report						New Purchase Orders	MM/DD/YY HH:MM:SS	Page	1
Vend No	PO No	Part Number	Qty	Date	Time				
5	33	BCA-A1	1	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS				
5	33	BCA-A1	10	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS				
Total New Purchase Orders from MM/DD/YY to MM/DD/YY						11			

Sample Audit File Report - New Purchase Orders

Audit File Report							Inventory Changes	MM/DD/YY HH:MM:SS	Page	1
Int	Part Number	Previous Value	Current Value	Date	Time	Field				
ABC	BCA-A5	8	7	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	QOH				
ABC	BCA-A5	2	3	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	MIN1				
ABC	BCA-A5	4	5	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	MAX1				
ABC	BCA-A5	424	450	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	PRC0				
ABC	BCA-A5	NO DESCRIPTION	BCA BEARING	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	DESC				
RDB	BCA-A1	0	1	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	QOH				
RDB	BCA-A2	1	3	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	QOH				
RDB	BCA-A3	1	2	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	QOH				
Total Inventory Changes from MM/DD/YY to MM/DD/YY							8			

Sample Audit File Report - Inventory Changes

Audit File Report					Receipts	MM/DD/YY HH:MM:SS	Page	1
Cust No	Invoice No	Amount	Date	Time				
3	REFERENCE/#2	20.00	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS				
10	65501	20.00	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS				
Total Receipts from MM/DD/YY to MM/DD/YY					40.00			

Sample Audit File Report - Receipts

Audit File Report Customer Changes MM/DD/YY HH:MM:SS							Page	1
Int	Cust No	Previous Value	Current Value	Date	Time	Field		
ABC	1	100	1000000	MM/DD/YY	HH:MM:SS	CREDITLIMT		
Total Customer Changes from MM/DD/YY to MM/DD/YY							1	

Sample Audit File Report - Customer Changes

### 4.28.1 Cycle Count Maintenance

The *CycCnt Maintenance* menu option is used to update the Cycle Counting file with new parts recently added to the Inventory file. It is also used to reset each part numbers "number of times counted" field (used to keep track of the number of times a part number has been inventoried).

☞ **Warning:** We strongly recommend performing a backup before resetting the file!

#### 4.20.1.1 Updating The Cycle Counting File

When new part numbers have been added to the Inventory file, the Cycle Counting file needs to be updated with these new parts.

To update the Cycle Counting file, perform the following steps:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Utilities** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **U**.
- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **CycCnt Maintenance** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **C**.

If the **INV\_UTIL** password option is enabled, a window will now pop up prompting **Enter Password:**.

- With the cursor positioned under the **Enter Password:** prompt, enter the password and press **<Return>**.

If the password was incorrectly entered, the cursor will move back to the **CycCnt Maintenance** menu option.

If the password was correctly entered, a window will now pop up prompting **Update or Reset/Initialize? (U/R): U**.

- With the cursor positioned next to the **Update or Reset/Initialize? (U/R): U** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the default **U** and thus update the Cycle Counting file with all the new part numbers that have recently been added.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Are You Sure? (Y/N): N** prompt, press **<Return>** to *not* update the Cycle Counting file and thus use the default **N** or enter **Y** and the Cycle Counting file will be updated!

☞ **Note:** The Cycle Count updating process could take several minutes to complete so please be patient!

### 4.20.1.2 Reset/Initialize The Cycle Counting File

Before using the Cycle Count part selection menu option for the first time, the user must initialize the Cycle Counting file! This process will create an index file for all parts currently within the Inventory file. This step is also used when management wants to reset each part numbers "number of times counted" field, which is normally performed at the start of the new fiscal year.

☞ **Note:** All users must be off the system during initialization!

To initialize or reset the Cycle Counting file, perform the following steps:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Utilities** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **U**.
- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **CycCnt Maintenance** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **C**.

If the **INV\_UTIL** password option is enabled, a window will now pop up prompting **Enter Password:**.

- With the cursor positioned under the **Enter Password:** prompt, enter the password and press **<Return>**.

If the password was incorrectly entered, the cursor will move back to the **CycCnt Maintenance** menu option.

If the password was correctly entered, a window will now pop up prompting **Update or Reset/Initialize? (U/R): U**.

- With the cursor positioned next to the **Update or Reset/Initialize? (U/R): U** prompt, press **R** to reinitialize the Cycle Counting file.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Are You Sure? (Y/N): N** prompt, press **<Return>** to *not* reinitialize the Cycle Counting file and thus use the default **N** or enter **Y** and the Cycle Counting file will then be reinitialized!

☞ **Note:** The Cycle Count reinitializing process could take several minutes to complete so please be patient!

### 4.29.1 Cycle Count Report

The *Cycle Count Report* menu option is used to report the following parameters entered through the *CycCnt Worksheet* utility option and their calculated values:

- Number of work days per year
- Number of part numbers per pop code
- Number of times to count each pop code type
- Number of calculated parts needed to be counted per day for each pop code type
- Total number of parts to be inventoried daily

To print a Cycle Count Parameters Report, perform the following steps:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Utilities** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **U**.
- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **Cycle Count Report** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **C**.

A window will now pop up prompting **Screen or Print? (S/P):.**

- With the cursor positioned next to the **Screen or Print? (S/P): S** prompt, press **<Return>** to have the report displayed on the screen (default) or press the **P** (*Printer*) key to send the report to the printer.

The report will be either screen displayed or printed. Shown below is an example Cycle Counter Parameters Report:

Cycle Count Parameters		Thu	Sep	8	HH:MM:SS	YYYY			
Work Days Per Year	250								
Pop Codes	A	B	C	D	W	R	S	O	
Parts Per Code	6096	510	252	103	54	30	173	8	
Times Per Year	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Times Per Day	97	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total Per Day	107								

Sample Cycle Count Parameters Report

### 4.30.1 Cycle Count Worksheet

The *CycCnt Worksheet* menu option is used as a “what if” tool which allows the user to enter different cycle counting parameters and have the program calculate the number of parts that would be randomly selected on a daily basis. The user can then see the calculated “what if” values by using the *Cycle Count Report* menu option. The user will be prompted for the following cycle count worksheet parameters:

- Number of work days per year
- Number of times to count each popularity code type per year

To enter cycle counting parameters, perform the following steps:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Utilities** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **U**.
- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **CycCnt Worksheet** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **C**.

A *Cycle Count Worksheet* window will now pop up as shown:

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu". The menu is divided into three sections: "Select Dat", "Cycle Count Worksheet", and "Utilities Quit".

The "Cycle Count Worksheet" section contains the following prompts:

```

Number of Working Days Per Year:
Times Per Year to Count POP CODE Types
A: █      W:
B:        R:
C:        S:
D:        O:
  
```

The "Utilities Quit" section contains the following options:

```

Utility Menu
Audit Report
CycCnt Maintenance
Cycle Count Report
CycCnt Worksheet
Delete Edit File(s)
File Report(s)
Reset Audit File
  
```

At the bottom of the window, the text "Times per year to count A types" is displayed.

- With the cursor positioned next to the **A:** prompt, enter the number of times to count this popularity code per year and press **<Return>**. Continue entering values for all the popularity code prompts and then a value within the **Number of Working Days Per Year** prompt.

The screen will then return back to the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu* screen.

To see the calculated values, access the *Cycle Count Report* menu option to screen display or print the Cycle Count Report.

- ☞ **Note:** This does *not* actually set the entered values! It's only used as a "what if" tool!

#### 4.31.1 Delete Edit File(s)

The *Delete Edit File(s)* menu option is used to delete individual or multiple part selection edit files. To delete a part selection edit file, perform the following steps:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Utilities** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **U**.
- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **Delete Edit File(s)** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **D**.

If the **INV\_UTIL** password option is enabled, a window will now pop up prompting **Enter Password:**.

- With the cursor positioned under the **Enter Password:** prompt, enter the password and press **<Return>**.



If the password was incorrectly entered, the cursor will move back to the **Delete Edit File(s)** menu option.

If the password was correctly entered or the **INV\_UTIL** password option is disabled, the screen will now display a list of all open files, from the most recent date to oldest, within a window.

- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the selected files to be deleted and press **<Return>**.

An asterisk (\*) character will be displayed next to the date of each file selected.

- Press the **<F11>** key and a *Delete Files* window will be displayed showing the files selected.
- Press the **<F11>** key again.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Are You Sure? (Y/N) : N** prompt, press **<Return>** to *not* delete the selected file and thus use the default **N** or enter **Y** and the selected files will be deleted!

The screen will return to the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*.

#### 4.32.1 File Report(s)

The *File Report(s)* menu option is used to screen view or print an individual edit file. To screen view or print a part selection-editing file, perform the following steps:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Utilities** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **U**.
- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **File Report(s)** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **F**.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Exception Report or Count Sheet? (E/C) : C** prompt, press **<Return>** to print a Count Sheet Report (default) or enter **E** to print an Exception Report.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Screen or Print? (S/P) : S** prompt, press **<Return>** to screen view the selected report (default) or enter **P** to print the selected report.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Print Cost (Y/N) : Y** prompt, press **<Return>** to have the report print the cost (default) or enter **N** to exclude the printing of cost on the report.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Print Quantity (Y/N) : Y** prompt, press **<Return>** to have the report print the quantity (default) or enter **N** to exclude the printing of quantity on the report.
- With the cursor positioned next to the **Exceptions Only (Y/N) : N** prompt, press **<Return>** to have all parts printed on the report print or enter **Y** to only print the parts that have values other than 0 (zero) under the **Diff** (difference) column.

- With the cursor positioned next to the **Line Spacing (1-9) : 1** prompt, press **<Return>** to use the default spacing of single line spacing between each part printed on the report or enter a value from (1-9) and press **<Return>** for line spacing between each part listed on the report.

The screen will now display a list of all open files, from the most recent date to oldest, within a *Print Or View Reports - File Selection List* window.


- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the selected file to be screen viewed or printed and press **<Return>**.

An asterisk (\*) character will be displayed next to the date of the file selected.

- Press the **<F11>** key and the selected report will now be screen viewed or printed.
- If screen viewing, press the **<F11>** key to exit back to the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu* screen.

#### 4.33.1 Reset Audit File

The *Reset Audit File* menu option is used to purge auditing information from the Audit files. This task should be performed periodically because the auditing files can consume a lot of hard disk space. Users have the ability to purge information by a range date.

 **Warning: We strongly recommend performing a backup before clearing out the file!**

To purge information from the Audit files, perform the following steps:

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Utilities** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **U**.
- Using the arrow keys, position the cursor on the **Reset Audit File** field and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **R**.

If the **INV\_UTIL** password option is enabled, a window will now pop up prompting **Enter Password:** as shown:

The screenshot displays a terminal window titled "ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu". At the top, there is a horizontal menu with the following options: "Select Data", "Edit Data", "Update Data", "Transmit Data", "Utilities", and "Quit". Below this menu, the "Utilities" option is selected, which has opened a sub-menu titled "Utility Menu". This sub-menu lists several options: "Audit Report", "CycCnt Maintenance", "Cycle Count Report", "CycCnt Worksheet", "Delete Edit File(s)", "File Report(s)", and "Reset Audit File". In the center of the main menu area, there is a prompt "Enter Password:" with a small black cursor block positioned below it. At the bottom of the terminal window, the text "Re-initialize the Audit File" is visible.

- With the cursor positioned under the **Enter Password:** prompt, enter the password and press **<Return>**.

If the password was incorrectly entered, the cursor will move back to the **Reset Audit File** menu option.

If the password was correctly entered or the **INV\_UTIL** password option is disabled, an *Audit Purge Menu* will now be displayed as shown:

```
AUDIT PURGE MENU

0.  LOST SALES
1.  STOCK OUTS
2.  PUR. ORDER RECEIPTS
3.  NEW PURCHASE ORDERS
4.  SCRATCH
5.  INVENTORY CHANGES
6.  RECEIPTS
7.  CUSTOMER CHANGES
8.  ALL
9.  LIST FILES

Q.  EXIT

PLEASE ENTER A SELECTION: █
```

- With the cursor positioned next to the **PLEASE ENTER A SELECTION:** prompt, enter the number next to the file in which to purge audits information from and press **<Return>**.
- When the selection number entered is between **1** and **8** and the cursor positioned next to the **Enter Number of days to retain :** prompt, enter the number of days in which to retain audit information for. All information that is not within the retained period will be automatically purged from the selected file!
- After the selected file information is purged, the screen will display a message such as *INVENTORY AUDIT FILE CLEARED (Press CR to continue) .:* Press **<Return>** to exit back to the *Audit Purge Menu*.
- From the *Audit Purge Menu*, enter **q** to exit back to the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*.

#### 4.21 Exiting From The Physical Inventory Tools Menu

- From the *ACS Physical Inventory Tools Menu*, position the cursor on the **Quit** field using the arrow keys and press **<Return>** or just press the letter **Q**. Pressing the **<F11>** key will also exit out of the program.