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USER MANUAL

for Pocket Appraise Full

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1 Background

This manual covers the basic screen functions of Unwired Solutions Pocket Appraise Full (PAF) handheld application. PAF is used to inspect/appraise vehicles taking the place of handwritten forms. This eliminates the need to physically submit the forms to the head office and re-key or encode the data. This handbook explains the basics for using the handheld device and is aimed at the Pocket Appraise *Full* version of the handheld software only.

2 Setting up the Application

2.1 Hardware Prerequisites

The installer program for this version of the handheld software is designed to run specifically on a HP iPAQ 2210 devices. A LifeView FlyCam-CF digital camera for the Pocket PC is required if the user wishes to take digital photographs but is optional, inspections can be completed without the camera. No other handheld or digital camera devices are supported by this version of the software. A standard SD memory card of 32mb or above is also used by the application to backup data. The memory card is optional and the application can run without it, however, the user will be warned to backup data if they run the software without an SD memory card in the device. A CompactFlash modem may also used to connect to the server, although advanced users can either use a Pocket PC docking cradle, a Wireless LAN card or a BlueTooth connection to send data to a BlueTooth compatible mobile phone, sending data over a GSM mobile phone network. Finally, Infra-Red or BlueTooth capable printers, such as the Canon BJC-55 portable printer are supported by the application, enabling the user to print off vehicle inspection reports directly from the handheld using an infra-red connection.







FlyCam Digital Camera with Flash



SD Memory Card



Compact Flash Modem



Canon BJC-55 Portable Printer

The majority of the hardware for this application is shown above, but field operatives are often provided with additional items of hardware such as "Aquapac" weather proof cases, car chargers, mains chargers etc.

Various manufacturers manuals are generally provided with each device listed above and the user is invited to read these device specific manuals for details about that device, such as power buttons, battery charging etc. Such topics are not covered in this software specific manual.

2.2 Application Installer

This section covers installing the application.

2.2.1 Installing from an SD Card

This section shows how to install the application from a Secure Digital memory card – the installation program needs to be run only once on the handheld device or when the device has lost it's battery charge as follows:

- 1. The SD card slot is located on the top of the iPAQ 2210 device. Make sure the SD Card is inserted properly the card inserts fully into the device until it clicks do not use force when entering it into the device.
- 2. Use the File Explorer application on the device to navigate to a folder called \(\int \text{Storage Card}\) as shown below:



3. Locate the files called "pocket appraise full (full install).cab" and "eVB runtime.cab" – then go to section 2.3 to learn how to install the application.

2.2.2 Installing from a Desktop PC

If an SD card is not supplied, ask your administrator for the installer file. This can be e-mailed to you so it can be accessed from your desktop PC. You will need a desktop cradle connected to your PC and a copy of Microsoft ActiveSync provided with your Pocket PC to perform this type of installation. See your Pocket PC user guide manual for details on this software.

- Using Windows Explorer on your desktop, locate the "pocket appraise full (full install).cab" "eVB runtime.cab" files
- 2. Make sure the Pocket PC cradle is connected to your desktop and you have ActiveSync and any necessary drivers installed. Dock the device and ActiveSync should connect, as denoted by the green icon on your system tray on your PC. If you do not see the window below then double click on this icon to show this window:



3. You should be able to see the device directories from Windows Explorer as denoted by *Mobile Device* or else click the "Explore" button in the Active Sync window above to browse the device. Copy the "pocket appraise full (full install).cab" and "eVB runtime.cab" files from the desktop into a directory on the device, such as *Mobile DeviceWy Documents*:



Now use File Explorer to locate the files on the handheld device as shown in section 2.2.1 previously.

2.3 Installing the Application

Once you have located the installation cab files as described in the previous sections, perform the following:

- 1. Ensure **no** hardware such as a LifeView FlyCam-CF camera or a CompactFlash modem is attached to the device.
- 2. Using File Explorer on the device, locate the installation files "pocket appraise full (full install).cab" and "eVB runtime.cab" and double-tap on each file icon on the handheld to run it and install the application, accepting all defaults by clicking on Yes or Yes to All and wait for the installation to complete:





If you already have the application installed or indeed it is currently running you will receive these warning messages:



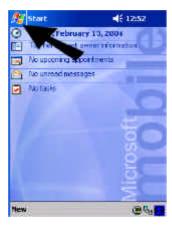


- 4. Attach the LifeView FlyCam-CF camera to the device, if available.
- 5. Insert the SD card, if available.
- 6. The application should now be ready for use. Click on *Start->Programs->Pocket Appraise* to run the application as shown in the next section.

2.4 Running the Application

2.4.1 Running the Application

Click the Start menu and the icon for the application will either be shown in the Start Menu itself, or in the "Programs" folder:







2.4.2 Copy Protection / First Running Application

The very first time you use the application on a freshly installed device (i.e. the first run after a full installation) the application will ask for a validation key. The software will only ask for this validation key once when a device is freshly installed i.e. when you install the application onto a new device or after a battery has been left to run flat on the device. When you run the application, the following window below will appear:



These validation keys are provided by the software authors, Unwired Solutions Limited, based in Milton Keynes. A key should have been provided with your device as described below – if you do not have the file as described, please call or email Unwired Solutions on 08700 110 880 or email sales@unwired.co.uk – you will need to have your Device ID (serial number) ready which is unique to your device. Without this key you will not be able to use this software.

Most users will be given their device validation key as part of the set-up files used to install the application. A text file will have been placed on the device in the "Program Files\Pocket Appraise\Device Keys.txt" (or other similar filename). Locate this file using file explorer, and tap the Device Keys.txt file to open it.

The file will contain text similar to this:

ID:

4G22DW34G00K

PAF:

2B52DD98BF51FD3F62A7A07BF4ECF8A7

Locate a Device ID in this file which is the same as that shown on the copy protection screen shown earlier. If you do not use a matching Device ID as displayed by the copy protection screen previously, then the key will not work for your device and you will not be able to run the application.

Copy the long 32 character text string after the Device ID (by double taping to highlight just the key text with the pointer).



Now you need to copy this key to the clip-board, either tap and hold the pointer on the highlighted text and choose "Copy" from a pop-up menu, or bring up the on-screen keypad by clicking the keyboard icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen and tap CTRL followed by C on the keypad. *Make sure you do not copy any space or hard returns before or after the text as this will not work – just the text to the last character needs to be copied.*

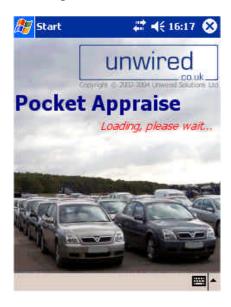
Now click the OK in the top right-hand corner to close Pocket Word and then close File Explorer and the application should be the topmost screen, otherwise locate the icon and run the application again.

Tap in the validation key field and paste the text into it (do this by keying in CTRL followed by V on the on-screen keypad). The key text you copied, e.g. **2B52DD98BF53FD3F62A7A07BF4ECF8A7** should appear in the field. *Make sure there is no spare space character at the end of the text you pasted, or even before the beginning, just the actual characters, otherwise the key will be invalid.*

Hide the on-screen keyboard by clicking the icon in the bottom right-hand corner, then click the grey OK button on the screen and the application should be ready for use. You should not be asked to key in the validation key again unless there is a need to reinstall the application. If the key you enter is not valid you will get an error message – make sure there is no space following the key text – if you have any difficultly, telephone Unwired on +44 (0) 8700 110 880 or e-mail devsupport@unwired.co.uk.

The next section describes each screen within the application and its use.

3 Splash Screen



Purpose:

The splash screen is displayed to the user when the application is first started. The screen remains displayed while the application loads background files and initialises screens. You may see a warning message pop-up, on top of this splash screen if the SD memory card is not inserted into the device – please see the later section on using SD memory cards at the end of this document for further details on these messages.

Accessed from Screens:

When the application is first started from the Start menu on the device.

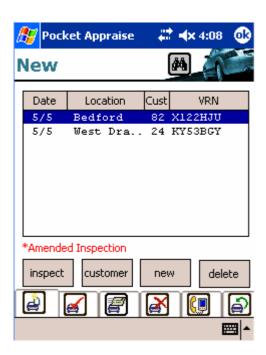
Exit to Screens:

Automatically goes to New Job List screen upon completion of any initialisation processes.

Notes:

When the application loads, it does a number of processes and it may take some time for the New Job List screen to appear. It is normal for the splash screen to stay on for about 30 seconds. It is best that you close all applications on the device before running Pocket Appraise (please refer to section 24.1 to see if other applications are running).

4 New Jobs



Purpose:

This screen displays a list of current (new or amended) jobs. These jobs have either been created by the user on the device, or were booked jobs (partially completed) sent to the device from a server. The tabs along the bottom of this screen represent jobs lists of inspections at different status'.

Accessed from Screens:

Splash Screen

Tab

Using the New Tab

on Tab Strip at the bottom of the screen.

Exit to Screens:

Using any other Tab on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.

Exit application by clicking on the *ok* button at the top right of screen.

Notes:

Status of jobs listed in this screen is new, amended inspections are denoted by * before the date List is sorted by location, date & time and customer number in ascending order.

Processes:

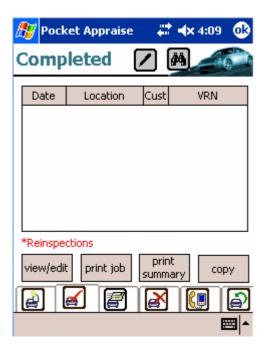
Inspect: Opens the selected inspection ready for editing.

Customer: Opens the selected inspection's customer details ready for editing.

New: Creates a new inspection and opens the new inspection's customer details in edit mode.

Delete: After confirmation, permanently removes the inspection file, and all associated files (including pictures and signatures)

5 Completed Jobs



Purpose:

To display a list of completed and re-inspection jobs. These jobs have either been marked as completed by the user, or are re-inspection files sent to the device from the server.

Accessed from Screens:



Using Completed Tab

on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.

Exit to Screens:

Using any other Tab on Tab Strip at bottom of screen. Exit application by clicking on the *ok* button at the top right of screen.

Notes:

Status of jobs listed is completed or re-inspect denoted by * at the start List is sorted by date & time, location, contract_id in ascending order

Processes:

View/Edit: User is asked whether to view or edit the inspection. View opens the selected inspection in readonly mode, meaning the user would not be able to change any field in the inspection. Opening in edit mode deletes all signatures associated with the completed inspection. But the user will be asked to confirm and warned that signatures will be deleted. Actual signature files and reference to them in the inspection file are removed.

Print Job: Prints the currently selected single inspection. The inspection can be printed with or without costs. See Appendix A for a sample printed report.

Print Summary: Prints summary report, listing *any inspections that match the currently selected inspection* details with same date, contract, and location (town).

Copy: User will be asked if they want to copy basic details, or full details for re-inspection. Creates a new inspection file which will appear in the new job screen:

Basic Detail File copy: Just basic vehicle data, i.e. copies only these details: make, model, derivitive, body type, transmission, fuel, engine size, seats.

Re-inspect Copy details: Copies all details except: Result, all signatures, customer address (lines 1-4 and postcode)

Assigns customers signature of the selected inspection to all inspections done on that day under the same contract at the same location (address 3 – town). Then reports how many inspections have been affected.

Sent Jobs



Purpose:

To display a list of jobs that have been sent to the server, but not yet deleted from the device. The jobs remain on the device for 1 day after sending to the server, after which time the handheld will clear the jobs off the device automatically.

Accessed from Screens:



on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.

Exit to Screens:

Using any other Tab on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.

Exit application by clicking on the *ok* button at the top right of screen.

Notes:

Status of jobs listed is sent

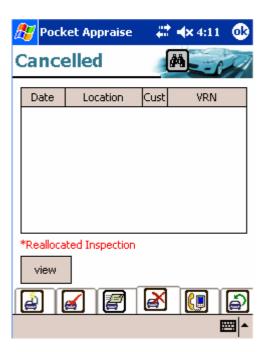
List is sorted by date & time, location, contract_id in ascending order.

Processes:

View: Opens up selected inspection in read only mode, user will not be able to change any field in the inspection.

Resend: Changes the status of the selected inspection to completed. This will refresh the sent list to take account of the inspection that has disappeared off the sent list onto the completed list. On next connection to server, job will be resent.

7 Cancelled and Reallocated Jobs



Purpose:

To display a list of jobs that have been cancelled or reallocated to a different inspector by the server, but not yet deleted from the device. After being cancelled, the jobs remain on the device for 1 day, after which time the handheld will clear the jobs off the device automatically.

Accessed from Screens:



on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.

Exit to Screens:

Using any other Tab on Tab Strip at bottom of screen. Exit application by clicking on the *ok* button at the top right of screen.

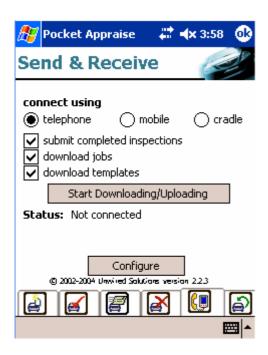
Notes

Status of Jobs listed is cancelled, reallocated inspection is denoted by * at the start List is sorted by date & time, location, contract_id in ascending order

Processes:

View: Opens up selected inspection in read only mode. User will not be able to edit any field in the inspection.

8 Send & Receive



Purpose:

To allow the user to specify what data is to be transferred to and from the server, to start the data transfer process, and to launch the configuration screen.

Accessed from Screens:

Using Send & Receive Tab on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.

Exit to Screens:

Using any other Tab on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.
Configure Screen accessed via the *Configure* button
Exit application by clicking on the *ok* button at the top right of screen.

Notes:

Displays copyright in left lower corner, version number in right lower corner.

Re-inspections: These are always uploaded/downloaded regardless of the setting in the tick boxes. See *Communication section for further information.*

Connect Using: Selecting telephone or mobile then uses a RAS dialup connection. Cradle simply assumes a connection (ActiveSync). Selecting telephone or cradle ticks all of the 3 boxes below it. Selecting mobile, it unticks the download templates option, as this could take a while. The user can override these settings. Selecting "mobile" uses a RAS dial-up connection called "mobile" which must exist. Selecting "telephone" uses the RAS dial-up connection as specified in the configure screen.

Submit Completed Inspections: Ensures that completed inspections are sent to the server.

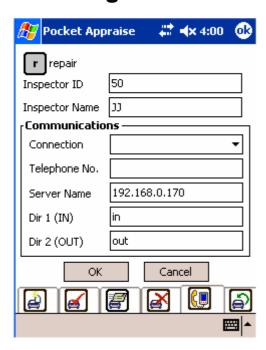
Download Jobs: Ensures that new jobs are downloaded from server.

Download Templates: Ensures that templates (lookup lists) that have changed (later version) are downloaded from server.

Start Download/Uploading: Connects to the server and downloads/uploads data. Please make sure that the device has some way of connecting to the server (i.e. ActiveSync or modem or mobile phone) and that there is a backend setup. See communication process section.

Configure: Displays the configure screen.

9 Configure Communications



Purpose:

To allow user to specify inspector, connection, and server settings for data transfer.

Accessed from Screens:

Send & Receive screen

Exit to Screens:

Send & Receive screen by clicking on *OK* or *Cancel* buttons Set a new connection, by specifying in connection field.

Notes:

InspectorID: Used to prefix inspection filenames to ensure uniqueness and identifies the inspector by a unique ID. *If unknown, please ask for your unique Inspector number from Technical Support.*

Inspector Name: The inspector name is printed on reports.

Connection: The connection name to use when dialling the server. To create a new connection select "New Connection...", this will display the new connection screen.

There must be a connection called "**mobile**" present in order to use "mobile" as the method of connection in the Send & Receive screen. The system automatically selects the "mobile" connection when the connection method is set to mobile.

Telephone No: Allows the default telephone number associated with the current connection to be modified

Server Name: (Mandatory): Specify the IP address of the FTP server e.g. 192.168.0.170. *If unknown, please ask for your Server IP number from Technical Support.*

Dir 1 (IN): Name of the FTP directory on the server where files are placed by the device. *If unknown, please ask for the FTP IN directory from Technical Support.*

Dir 2 (OUT): Name of the FTP directory on the server where files are downloaded from to the device. *If unknown, please ask for the FTP IN directory from Technical Support*.

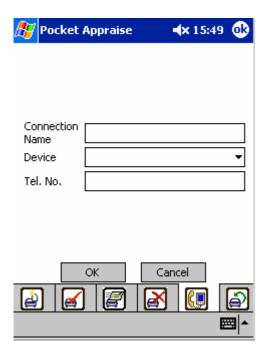
Processes:

OK: Saves the configuration settings immediately to submit.xml file. Returns to the Send & Receive screen.

Cancel: Leaves the configuration settings unchanged. Returns to the Send & Receive screen.

Repair: Only use this button if instructed to do so by Technical Support. This button will scan the device for actual inspection files and regenerates all the job lists for each of the job screens. This may take some time if there are lots of inspection files on the device as the process has to open each file to work out the current inspection status and assign it to the correct job list screen.

10 New Communication Connection



Purpose:

To allow user to set-up new dialup connections for use in the configure screen.

Accessed from Screens:

Configure

Exit to Screens:

Configure screen by clicking on OK or Cancel buttons

Notes:

Connection Name (Mandatory): As appears in configure screen

Device (Mandatory): Modem to use selected from list

Tel No (Mandatory): Full number (inc STD code) to dial in order to connect to server.

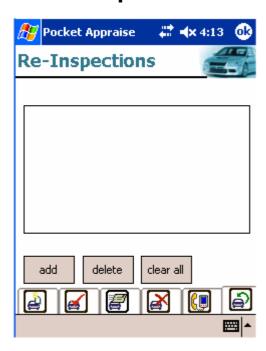
Saving: Connection details are saved by the Operating System in the registry, rather than in a configuration file.

Processes:

OK: Creates a new connection

Cancel: Returns to the Configure screen without creating a new connection

11 Re-Inspections



Purpose:

To allow the inspector to enter a list of registration numbers of vehicles that have previously been inspected and are stored on the server. During the Send & Receive data process, these inspections are downloaded to the device in order that the vehicle may quickly be re-inspected without starting a fresh inspection.

Accessed from Screens:

Using Re-inspection Tab on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.

Exit to Screens:

Using any other Tab on Tab Strip at bottom of screen.

Exit application by clicking on the ok button at the top right of screen.

Processes:

Add (bottom left): Makes the registration box and further add button appear. Will allow user to enter the registration details.

Delete: Deletes the selected registration from the list.

Clear All: Clears the registrations from the list. User will be asked to confirm this request.

Add (top right): Adds the registration entered (mandatory) to the end of the list. The button and the registration text box and label then disappear.

12 Notes on Entering Data on Inspection Screens

Navigation between inspection data entry screens is accomplished by utilising the tab strip at the bottom of the screen, as follows:

Vehicle details – such as make, model, registration etc.

Tyre details

I yre details

Option details

Damage details

Aesult / signature details

On the upper right hand of the inspection screens, these functions are available:

Save the inspection to a file, or exit the screen back to the job list if in read-only mode. Can save and continue with an inspection, or save and return back to the job list, as required.

Enter/view vehicle notes (on vehicle details screen) or customer notes (on customer screen). This is a catch all and allows further details to be entered where there is not already an entry field on the screen for that information

Enter/view inspection messages. This is used by inspectors to note any software/ hardware or inspection data problems they may have, and can be monitored back at head office. It is a way for inspectors to pass messages back to head office that don't necessarily relate to the inspection.

Take a vehicle photograph for re-marketing purposes. This is related to the vehicle and not a specific item of damage. See the later sections for a detailed discussion on taking a picture.

Data entry keypad:



Data entry for numeric obly fields is achieved using the numeric keypad (above) which is displayed automatically for all relevant fields when you tap on them.



Date values are entered using the calendar utility (above) whish is also displayed automatically for all relevant fields.



Alphanumeric data is entered using the usual PocketPC input methods such as pop-up QUERTY keyboard and *transcriber* handwriting recognition. See the Pocket PC user guide for more details on data entry and other basic Pocket PC functions.

13 Customer Details





Purpose: To allow the inspector to enter details about the customer and the contract.

Entry Screens:

New Jobs List (Customer and New buttons)

On the main screen, user can access the customer fields by selecting an inspection and clicking on the customer button.

When a new inspection is created, the customer fields will need to be filled up first before the user can carry on entering the vehicle details.

Exit Screens: If user accessed the customer fields by clicking on the customer button, clicking *ok* or *cancel* will return you back to the New Jobs List screen. If user accessed the customer fields by creating anew inspection, clicking *ok* or *cancel* will redirect you to the Vehicle Details screen.

Mandatory fields: these fields need to be entered to successfully save the customer details: Contract Name, Customer Name, Date, Town

Related fields:

Contract Name: Selecting an entry in the list automatically populates the following fields for the selected contract (that is, if data exists):

- ? Customer Name (screen 1)
- ? Company Name (screen 1)
- ? No/Street (screen 2)
- ? Area (screen 2)
- ? Town (screen 2)
- ? County (screen 2)
- ? Postcode (screen 2)

Screen Navigation:

Move to customer screen 2 (address details)

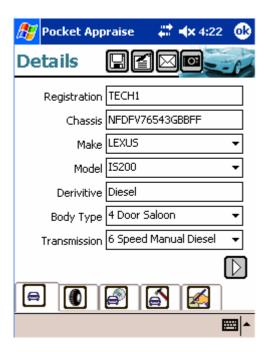
OK: Saves the customer details to the inspection XML file. Returns to screens defined opposite.

Cancel: No data is saved. Returns to screens defined opposite.

or button: Click to display and edit full customer notes details screen. This is a different field to the vehicle notes which is edited by clicking on the vehicle screen.

Move to customer screen 1 (customer details)

14 Vehicle Details Page 1 of 4



Purpose:

Allows inspector to enter details needed to identify the vehicle (Page 1 of 4).

Entry Screens:

From main screen via *inspect* button. Redirected from Customer screen when creating a new inspection. Any inspection screen via tabs at bottom

Exit Screens:

To any inspection screen via tabs at bottom New Jobs list via save button Vehicle Details page 2

Mandatory fields:

There are a number of fields that are mandatory (must be completed) in order for the application to:

To save an inspection you must enter: Registration

To exit screen to other inspection screens: None

To mark the whole inspection as complete you must enter:

Registration

Make

Model

Body Type

Colour

Fuel

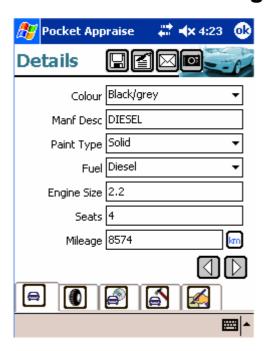
Engine Size

Mileage

Related fields: Model list: is dependent on the value in the Make list. The model list is initially empty when no Make has been selected. When you select a Make, the values in the Model list changes/clears as well.

Screen Navigation: Move to vehicle details screen 2

15 Vehicle Details Page 2 of 4



Purpose:

Allows inspector to enter details needed to identify the vehicle (Page 2 of 4).

Entry Screens:

Vehicle Details pages 1 or 3

Exit Screens:

To any inspection screen via tabs at bottom New Jobs list via save button Vehicle Details pages 1 & 3

Mandatory fields: To mark the whole inspection as complete you must enter data for these fields:

Registration

Make

Model

Body Type

Colour

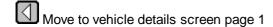
Fuel

Engine Size

Mileage

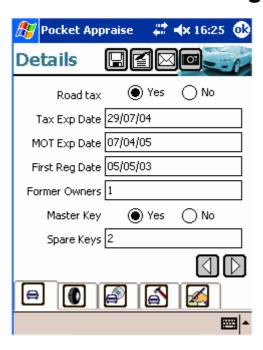
Screen Navigation:

convert the value entered in mileage field (assumed to be kilometres) to miles by dividing by 1.6. User will be asked to confirm if he really wants to convert data from kilometer to miles.



Move to vehicle details screen page 3

16 Vehicle Details Page 3 of 4



Purpose:

Allows inspector to enter further details needed to identify the vehicle (Page 3 of 4).

Entry Screens:

Vehicle Details pages 2 or 4

Exit Screens:

To any inspection screen via tabs at bottom New Jobs list via save button Vehicle Details pages 2 and 4

Mandatory fields: To mark the whole inspection as complete you must enter data for these fields:

Registration

Make

Model

Body Type

Colour

Fuel

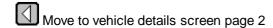
Engine Size

Mileage

Related fields:

If Road Tax field is No then Tax Exp Date field is disabled.

Screen Navigation:



Move to vehicle details screen page 4

17 Vehicle Details 4 of 4



Purpose:

Allows inspector to enter details needed to identify the vehicle (Page 4 of 4).

Entry Screens:

Vehicle Details page 3

Exit Screens:

To any inspection screen via tabs at bottom New Jobs list via save button Vehicle Details page 3

Mandatory fields: To mark the whole inspection as complete you must enter data for these fields:

Registration

Make

Model

Body Type

Colour

Fuel

Engine Size

Mileage

Related fields:

If Service Book field is No then the following fields are disabled:

- ? Service History
- ? Last Srvd By
- ? Last Srv Date
- ? Last Srv Mileage

Screen Navigation:

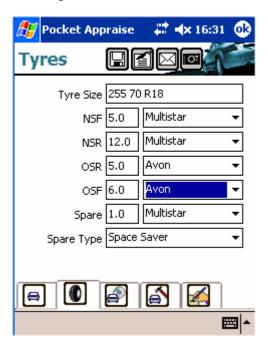
Displays an aide memoir screen which displays notes about missed service costs relating to that contract. This is designed to help the inspector remember the costs (varies by contract) to charge the customer for missed services. As shown below:



This data is for reference only, it does not form part of the inspection data.

Move to vehicle details screen page 3

18 Tyres



Purpose:

In addition to the vehicle details, tyre details are also needed for a complete assessment of the vehicle.

Entry Screens:

Any inspection screen via tabs at bottom

Exit Screens:

To any inspection screen via tabs at bottom New Jobs list via save button

Mandatory fields:

There are a number of fields that are mandatory for the application to

Save: None.

Exit screen to other inspection screens: None

Mark as complete: All fields apart from the "Spare Type" drop-down

Related fields:

When selecting the NSF (top) tyre manufacturer the following 4 (NSR, OSR, OSF, Spare) manufacturers are automatically set to the same as NSF, regardless of their current value. But each one of these can be changed to other values. So if you have different manufacturers on each tyre, you should set the NSF manufacturer first before moving on to the other tyres. Tyre depth fields are automatically converted to one decimal place after exiting the numeric keypad for that field.

19 Vehicle Options



Purpose:

To add any options available in the vehicle, e.g. sunroof, electric windows, etc.

Entry Screens:

Any inspection screen via tabs at bottom

Exit Screens:

To any inspection screen via tabs at bottom New Jobs list via save button

Mandatory fields:

There are a number of fields that are mandatory for the application to

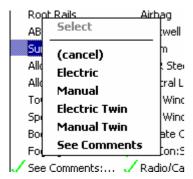
save: None exit screen: None

mark as complete: None - the presence of options is not mandatory on an inspection

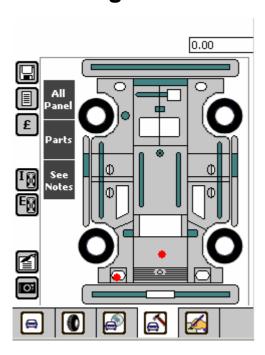
Screen Navigation:

Click on an item in the list to tick or untick that item – ticked items, indicate that as an option on the vehicle.

Note: If there are additional details to the item you clicked (e.g. sunroof can be manual or electric, etc.), a pop-up sub-list will appear containing details about the selected option. Click on the detail. The item will appear checked in the list along with any detail you have selected. To deselect an item, click on the item again and the green tick should disappear.



20 Damage / Parts Assessment



Purpose:

Any damage assessment or parts required for the vehicle can be specified on this screen. Where possible, digital photographs can be taken as evidence and attached to each damage / part item entered. You can enter as many damage spots as required and take one digital photo and enter manual notes for each damage item. The inspector determines what action is needed to rectify each item and a cost can be entered for each item accordingly.

Entry Screens:

Any inspection screen via tabs at bottom

Exit Screens:

To any inspection screen via tabs at bottom

Mandatory fields:

There are a number of fields that are mandatory for the application to

save: None exit screen: None

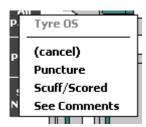
mark as complete: None - the presence of damage is not mandatory on an inspection

Screen navigation:

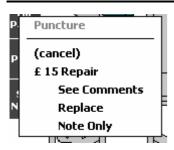
To add damage, tap on an area in the flat car where the damage is.

If there exists a sub-location, a list will appear, tap on the sub-location in the list.

Otherwise, a fault list pop's up, as below. Tap on the fault from the list.



Lastly, an action list will appear specifying the cost of each action as well. Select an action.

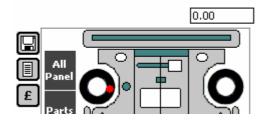


Notice that on the topmost part of the screen, with each selection you made, the text you selected appears so you can keep track of the damage that you have just entered. The cost of repairing the damage appears as well.

Tyre OS: Puncture: Repair

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You can choose to add one picture to each damage item (click on), see the next section for more details on taking digital photos. You can add a note (click on) at this point. see below, or you can choose to save the damage by clicking on ■. When you save the damage, a red dot ∞will appear on the area and the damage details on the top of the screen as well as the cost field will be cleared.



Damage marker (red dot a): Displays the description of the damage clicked at the top of the screen, including price in the text box.

On the left hand side of the screen, these functionalities are available:

Save the current damage item. Existing damage will still be shown (-red dots not be cleared), but the top line text (Bonnet: Dent: Paint) will be cleared. Update the running total.

View damage entered: displays a pop-up list of damage as below:

Select (cancel) Bonnet: Scratch: Paint

Tyre: Flat: Replace Headlight: Cracked: Replace

Selecting an item will display the following pop-up:

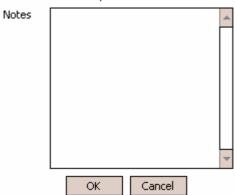
Edit/View/Delete? (cancel) **Pictures Notes Delete**

Selecting "pictures" displays the picture full screen with 3 buttons "Retake", "Keep", "Delete" (only visible if not in read-only mode) deletes this item of damage (including pictures, notes etc) after confirmation. Selecting "notes" display the notes screen and allows changes (if not read-only mode).

Running total: When clicked, displays a message box showing the running total:



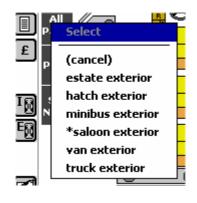
Add/edit note for current damage item. Displays a note box where you can enter notes for the particular damage (each damage item has an individual note).



Add new picture to current damage item: displays a take picture screen and will attach the picture to the current damage item. See the later section on digital photography.

Change Interior Flat Car: the application can specify the damage locations using a number of different vehicles flat car images (kipper views). Use this button to change to the interior flat car image to find the one that best describes the vehicle (e.g. estate car, van). However, you may have only been provided with one flat car image for your application, in which case you will be unable to change the image.

Change Exterior Flat Car: the application can specify the damage locations using a number of different vehicles flat car images (kipper views). Use this button to change to the exterior flat car image to find the one that best describes the vehicle (e.g. estate car, van). However, you may have only been provided with one flat car image for your application, in which case you will be unable to change the image.



Once you have entered damage items onto a flat car image and when you

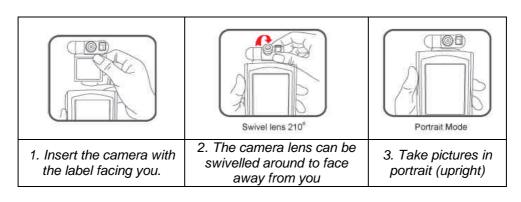
click the or to switch flat car views, the flat car that you have entered damage onto it will show a * next to the flat car name as shown on the left. The * indicates the flat car you have entered damage on. If you choose a different flat car image to the one you have begun to enter damage then a warning message will be displayed as shown on the right.



20.1Taking Pictures



The camera is inserted into the top of the iPAQ 2210 unit with the graph label facing towards you as shown on the left. Push the camera gentle into the device until it clicks into place. The camera lens can then be swivelled around to face away from you. Do not force the camera into the slot, it will only fit in the device in one way around as shown on the left.



The camera buttons are used throughout the application to take pictures of specific damages and/or pictures of the vehicle for remarketing or evidence purposes or to show specific faults/damage to a vehicle. The camera is accessed on both the main vehicle details screen or through the damage/parts assessment screen. One single image can be taken for the whole vehicle on the vehicle details screen and an unlimited number of damage items / photographs may be entered on the damage/part screen.

When the camera button is pressed and no picture has already been attached, the preview screen is displayed immediately:



This gives a live video feed from the camera.

The user can adjust the focus ring on the camera lens if needed:



Select the captured image size you need by clicking on the options menu. By default, the picture will have a resolution of 640x480:



If you need to use the built-in flash, you can set the flash to on using the options menu:



If you are using the flash, please make sure that you set the correct distance. Use the *Set Flash Distance* Option, and this could be set to 300cm, 150cm, 100cm, 50cm to indicate how far away you are from the objects being taken. When taking a photo with a flash, the light on the left hand side on the rear of the camera turns to red. This indicates that the Pocket PC is charging the flash discharge unit. Wait for this light to turn back to green before clicking on *Capture*. Please note that use of flash drains the battery.

There is also an option for night capture, set this to on if needed. This option will only work if the <u>flash is set</u> to on.

The reverse option reverses (flips) the image currently displayed on screen, this is for when the lens is rotated towards the front on the Pocket PC.

To take a photo, click the *Capture* item on the menu. This captures the image on screen at the resolution you previously specified. When a photo is successfully taken, the preview screen closes and after a few seconds, displays a preview of the captured image:

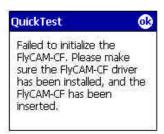


The user can now choose to keep the image by clicking on *close*, or delete the image and choose not to attach any picture by clicking on *delete*, or discard the image and retake picture by clicking on *retake*.

You are free to insert and remove the Camera in and out of the device while running the application.

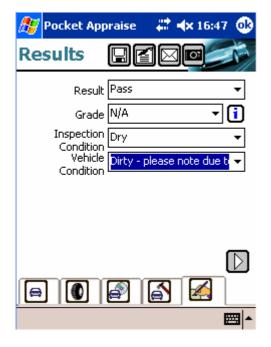
However, do not try and remove the camera out of the device while attempting to take a photograph (using the live video preview) as this may result in damage to the camera unit.

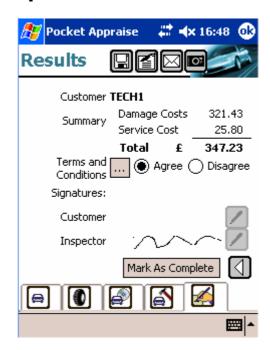
If no camera is inserted into the Pocket PC and the camera button is pressed, the user will receive this error message:



Check to make sure the camera is inserted the right way around in the Pocket PC and it is pushed fully down into the device. Do not use excessive force when inserting the camera into the slot, it will only fit in the device in one way around and should slide into the slot quite easily.

21 Results / Mark as Complete





Purpose:

A vehicle will be graded by the inspector and the inspection will be marked as complete so it can be passed on the server on next connection

If result is "missing" then mandatory items will not be checked.

Mandatory items that must be present in order for the inspection to be marked as completed are shown on the basic vehicle details screen.

Mark as complete process checks mandatory items and warns the user if no damage or no options is defined. It is optional to include options and damages to the inspection. The warning is just to make sure that the inspector did not forget to capture the data.

Screen navigation:

Displays aide-memoir for grade explanations (contract specific)

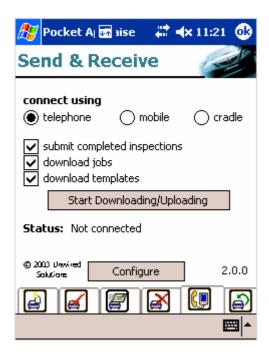
Allows the inspector to capture a signature of both the operator and the customer / site manager. Tap on this button and it displays a signature capture window as below:



Use the pointer as you would a pen to sign across the line (though it is suggested that you sign a little more slowly).

OK: accepts the signature and Cancel: discards the signature

22 Communications Process



When you click the "Start Downloading / Uploading" button, the following sequence of events occurs:

Step 1. Dial-up Server. The handheld establishes a connection to the central server. The number dialled and modem used depends on the configuration settings (e.g. cradle/mobile/landline selection).

Step 2. Once the device has dialled and signed into the central server it then opens up a data connection to the central server. The configuration options allow the server name, file directories and user names to be set. These should be set-up for you and there should be no need to change these settings. You may be is prompted for password before dialling commences, ask your support liaison for this information.

- Step 3. Data transfer between the device and server then occurs.
- Step 4. Shutdown the data link.

22.1 Data Exchange Process Details

Data file transfers with the central server occurs is in the order below. Each stage will display various status messages in the Status field of the screen above:

- ? **Re-Inspections**: if there are vehicles to be re-inspected, a request is sent to the server.
- ? Delete Files: On connection to the server, the device will check which files are to be deleted and attempt to delete them. All jobs that have been sent or reallocated or cancelled and have been on the device for more than one whole day will be permanently deleted. All files associated with these jobs are also permanently deleted.
- ? **Upload files:** All completed jobs and files associated with them, like signatures and pictures are sent to the central server. A copy remains on the device for one day.
- ? **Download jobs from server:** Download new jobs from the server.
- ? **Send a confirmation summary to server:** Device will send a confirmation to the server upon completion to inform the server what files the device has received.
- ? Download templates from server: Download templates from the server templated are useful information such as Make and Model drop-down items and other useful information. Only template items which are different from the central server are passed to the device to save connection times.
- ? Provide a report to the user: A message window will show a summary of the files sent and received to/from server.

23 Notes on Using SD Cards for Data Backups

SD or Secure Digital memory cards are small digital cards which do not require battery power to retain their contents. When the application saves inspection data, photographs and signatures, it saves 2 copies of everything, it two different places:

- 1. In the VPAQ File Store folder and
- 2. In the \Storage Card folder

Both of these directories do not require the device battery to retain their contents and are not going to be wiped when the device is hard resets (as is the case when the battery is allowed to run flat). This is to make sure that no data or images are lost due to batteries running low or device being made unusable.

Note that if no SD card is inserted in the device, the application will warn the user when it is first started but still enable the user to continue to use the application but duplicate copies of data will not be stored.

To ensure all data is kept consistent across these two storage areas it is best to never remove the SD card from your device, unless directed to do so by technical support.

If the SD card is not formatted correctly i.e. has become corrupt, the user will get the message below when they turn on the device or plug the SD card into the device:



If you choose no then the card will not be formatted but may be unusable – **contact Technical Support if you see this message**.

If you choose yes to the Storage Card Warning message, then the device will format the SD card and display:



SD cards have a small read/write enable switch on the side of the card and protects the card from being written to, much like a floppy disk:



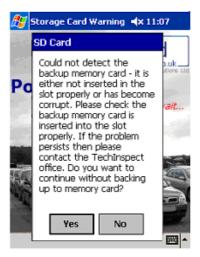
Do not write protect the SD card. When starting the Pocket Appraise software, if the SD card is not formatted or the write-protect switch is on then the user will get this message:



If you press No, then the device will attempt to read the card again and display the same message if it can't access the SD card.

When the application is first started, it will check the contents of the SD card. If the SD card is blank then the device will copy all data files, signatures and photos to the SD card. Conversely, if the iPAQ File Store is blank then all data, photos and signatures are copied off the SD card onto the device. This automated measure ensures consistency of data in the event of loss of one of the file storage locations. This should offer fault tolerance against any loss of data.

If no SD card is in the device then the user will see this message when they first start the application:



If the user clicks No, then the application will try and re-detect an SD card and display the message if it is still unable to locate and SD card. The user can either check the SD card is correctly inserted in the device or insert a card if one is not already present and press No to redetect the card.

If the user presses Yes, the application will carry on without backing up to the SD card. Clicking Yes will display this message:



The user can click the OK circle to carry on without performing a backup to the SD card.

24 Batteries & Power

24.1 Changing / Installing the Removable Battery



To change the battery on the iPAQ 2210 device follow these step:

Step 1 -Opening the latch

Step 2 -Swinging the door open

Step 3 -Removing the door

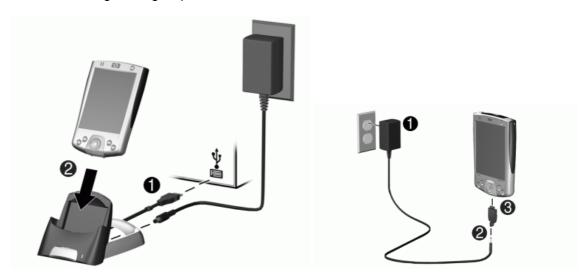
Step 4 – Remove battery using the tabs

Insert the replacement battery into the device as soon as is possible. The battery will only fit in the device one way around with the pins aligned to the device. Careful not to short or fuse the power connector pins on either the battery or the device.

Note that when you remove the main battery from the unit, the device has 10-15 minutes on an internal backup battery before all program and set-up information on the device will be lost (hard reset) and the application will need to be reinstalled and the software key reapplied – no data, photos or signatures will be lost however if the SD memory card has been used while running the software.

24.2 Charging the Device

Charge the device using a docking cradle / mains adapter or you can connect the device straight to the AC Adapter or a Car Charger using a special connector.



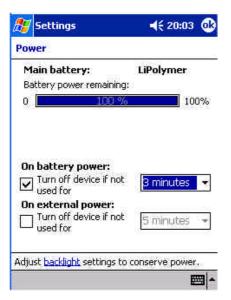
NOTE: Do not attempt to charge the device with a different charger such as a mobile phone charger as this may damage or destroy the device.

24.3 Viewing the Battery Level

Click on Start->Settings then the System tab to bring up the system settings screen.



Then click on the battery power icon Power to display the battery levels:



25 Other Useful Pocket PC Functions

25.1 Closing All Running Applications

It is best that you close all running applications prior to running pocket appraise for optimum performance. There are a number of ways to do this, the best are discussed below:

Click on Start->Settings then the system tab to bring up this screen





and click on the Memory icon Memory

Click on the "Running Programs" tab along the bottom of the screen to bring up this screen:



This lists all the currently running programs you have in memory. It is ok to leave just ActiveSync (if the device is docked) and File Explorer running. And you can close all the other applications. To close an application, you may highlight it from the list and click on *Stop* button. Or you can choose to *Stop All* applications. If you are synced to the desktop, this might stop the ActiveSync as well.

For other useful information about using Pocket PC's see the device user guide or find on-line help which may be provided by a device manufacturer's web site.

26 Appendix A

This section shows page 1 of 2 giving an example of a report printed locally from the handheld device.

TECHINSPECT Vehicle Inspection Sheet

09/05/2004				
REG NU	MBER:	CHASS	IS NO:	NAME:
0053	BVYC .	YV1SW799	942381301	Volvo
ADDRESS	Tristar Cars Ltd Atlas Bus. Cent Wythenshawe	l, Rooms 95-98 re, Symons Way		
	M22 5PP	Tel No:	0161 498 8607 /	
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MAKE:		MODEL:	DERIVATIVE: V70 D5 SE AU	Estate
VOLVO		V70	COLOUR:	PAINT TYPE:
ENGINE:		GEARBOX:	-	Solid yhh
2401	5 Spe	ed Auto Diesel	Blue	INITIAL REG:
MILEAGE: 08585		TAX:	MOT:	22/09/2003
TYRES Make:		Tread:	SERVICE DETAILS:	
TINES MORE.		Tread.	History:	
NSF Regal		1.0	Date:	
NSR Mixed		2.0	Mileage:	
OSF Tornec)	3.0	Serviced By:	
OSR Good ri	ich	5.0	Sciviced by.	
SPARE Regal		8.0		
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TYRE SIZE:	255 R17			
OPTIONS				
Alloys Factory		Body Kit Facto		Roof Rails
Sunroof Manual	Twin	See Comments	-	Alarm 2 Key Fob
Airbag Dvr		PWR Steering		Elec Windows Rear
Climate Control		Radio/Cassett	e Aftermarket	CD Multiplayer Aftermarket
Heated Seats		TV See Comme		Suede Half
Trouble Comm		7.000		
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DAMAGE LINES				
Location	Sub Location	Damage Type	Damage Action	Recharge
1 Roof Center	***	Previous Rep	air Note Only	
2.F/Wing OS Cer	ter	Dent Large	Replace Panel	
3.F/Wing OS Fro		Damage	Repair + Paint	
4.Light NSF		asherMissing	See Comments	
5.Door Glass OSI	-	Holed	Repair Small	
6.Spare Wheel	Locating Bolt		Replace	
7.Door NSR Glass	_	Previous Rep	=	
8.Seat Base OSR		Previous Rep	-	
9.H/Rest NSF		Multi Cuts	Repair Large	
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TECHINSPECT Vehicle Inspection Sheet

REG NUMBER:	CHASSIS NO:	NAME:
QU53VYC	YV1SW799942381301	Volvo
PARTS NOTES		
Re-instatement costs for prior repairs that late	r become apparent as being sub standard will be invol	ced to the client
VEHICLE CONDITION	<u> </u>	
Dirty - please note due to vehicle	/weather conditions you could be liab	le to further charges on this vehi
INSPECTION CONDITION		
Overcast - please note due to vel	nicle/weather conditions you could be	liable to further charges on this
Customer signature	vo	olvo
Inspector signature		
Result:	Date:	Client Ref:
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Building 140		
The Fire Station Thurleigh Airfield Business Park		
Bedford Basiless Fulk		
Bedfordshire. MK44 2YP		
Note NFA designates wear and tear of	commensurate with the age and mileage of	the vehicle.
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