

Early Summer News From ACS

PartView Pro Scores High Favorability in Testing

New Windows® Based Parts Department Application is a Free Upgrade for Current ACCESS® Dealers

Automotive Computer Services, Inc. (ACS) is pleased to report that the beta testing phase of PartView Pro has progressed with great success and the initial customer reviews of the product are not only positive, but enthusiastic. What's more, testers have indicated the ease with which their Parts Departments have transitioned to the newer interface. One manager said he didn't see how anyone using the older Parts & Service module couldn't change over to the new PartView Pro with little to no interruption to their daily business. The design and layout of PartView Pro makes the transition to the newer interface effortless for new users.

The main menu and submenus match almost number for number between the two systems, so navigating the module changes very little and there's no fumbling trying to learn new locations for rote tasks. The main difference between the two is that the retiring Parts module employs function keys to engage options and features whereas the sleeker PartView Pro operates with readily visible buttons located on the toolbar and elsewhere on the screen.

With the beta phase of the project progressing as favorably as it has, ACS anticipates widespread general release of the PartView Pro module in the third quarter of this year. As with any new release, the product will be offered on a first requested, first delivered basis. While remote training will be available for dealerships transitioning to the newer module, remote training won't be scheduled unless specifically requested.

Beta testing has revealed that once seasoned Parts module users take a quick look at PartView Pro, they can pick up where they left off in the retiring Parts module.

As announced at NADA in February, the expanded PartView Pro is the result of working with parts managers over the last 15 years. By adding user requested items such as "Quick list" icons and a menu tree to the main screen, navigation has been simplified. To meet the needs of the broad spectrum of users, care was taken to include both 'point and click' and keyboard navigation throughout the Windows-based application.

Two additional examples of user requested tools include telephone number reverse look up (which allow new customers to be added in seconds) and electronic signature capture. Another powerful tool that is now included in PartView Pro is the latest generation of the ACCESS Report Generator. This allows the Parts Manager to quickly and easily build and save custom reports which can be exported to Excel.

PartView Pro includes interfaces for most manufacturers' parts ordering software and parts catalogs, Mitchell 1 estimating, as well as part masters. Part inquiries can be pushed to an RO, invoice or saved as a quote with ease.

As with all the other ACS applications, history is retained forever.

Dealership to customer communication is improved by including an email interface. This allows quotes, invoices, and special order notifications to be emailed with minimal effort.

The expanded PartView Pro is a free upgrade for ACS ACCESS DMS dealerships. PartView Pro wraps up the complete transformation of the ACCESS DMS to its new easy-to-use format.

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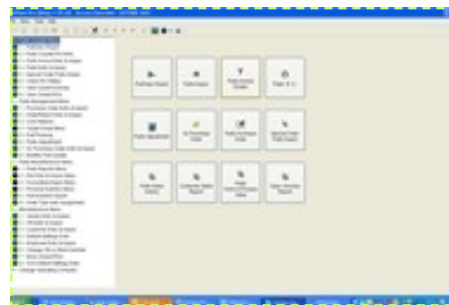
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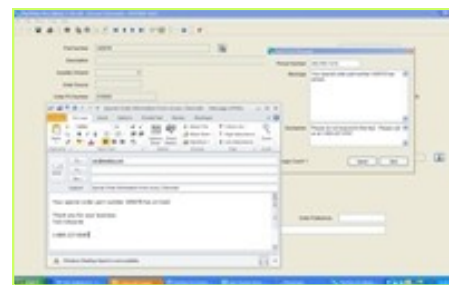
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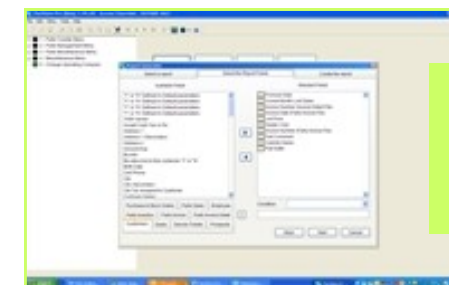
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Email & Text Notification



Drill-Down Windows

RO Lines Visible When Adding Parts



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