

### Setting Up the Masterform Interface February 3, 2003

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**OVERVIEW** 

#### THE MASTERFORM OPTION

Masterform by LabelMaster is approved hazardous materials shipping software that generates the shipping papers required by UPS. Masterform supports carriers other than UPS, but the StarShip interface is only available for UPS domestic shipments at this time. The Masterform interface is a separate option and may be purchased by contacting the V-Technologies Sales Department.

In this Interface Guide, you'll find information on:

- ⇒ Masterform Installation
- ⇒ Masterform Setup
- ⇒ StarShip Setup for the Masterform interface
  - ODBC Setup
  - StarShip Setup
- ⇒ Processing Hazardous Shipments

#### THE MASTERFORM INTERFACE GUIDE

You should use this Masterform Interface Guide in conjunction with the StarShip's User's Guide, which provides more specific information related to setting up and using StarShip. In many places, the Masterform Interface Guide displays words as blue "links" that may jump you to related information in the User's Guide for your convenience. You can press the Back button in Acrobat Reader, or use the "Back" navigation arrow at the bottom of the page, to return to the page you were previously viewing.

#### **MASTERFORM INSTALLATION**

#### SINGLE-USER INSTALLATION

Each StarShip user needs to install his or her own copy of Masterform therefore creating his or her own Masterform database.

#### MULTI-USER INSTALLATION

If you are running a multiple user scenario of StarShip, follow these additional steps in order to share the Exchange database used to communicate between StarShip and Masterform.

#### HOW TO MOVE THE EXCHANGE DATABASE

#### # ACTION

- 1 Copy Exchange.MDB from the Masterform installed directory (usually c:\MF\_UPS) to the StarShip data directory.
- 2 Edit the MF.INI file in the Masterform installed directory to modify the Exchange location:

[MASTERFORM for UPS]
dbExchange=Q:\STARW\DATA\Exchange.mdb

3 StarShip will also automatically change the following entry in the MF.INI file to increase the maximum length of the package reference field from 7 to 14 characters:

[MASTERFORM for UPS] WSVersion =5

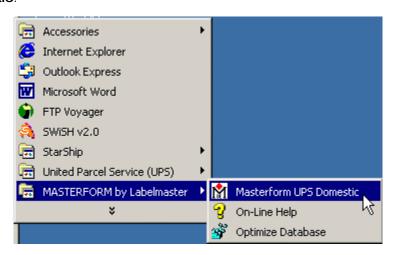
**MASTERFORM SETUP** 

Once you have installed Masterform, please use the following setup procedure to configure it.

#### MASTERFORM BASIC SETUP

#### # ACTION

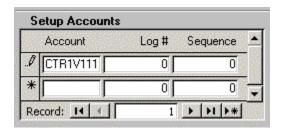
1 From the Windows Start menu, select MASTERFORM > Masterform UPS Domestic.



2 Select the Masterform database and click Open.



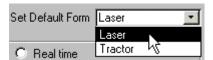
- 3 Click Setup.
- 4 The MASTERFORM Form Fill Wizard appears. In the Account Field, Type in your UPS Account number. It must be the same UPS Account number registered in StarShip.



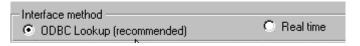
5 Set up the printer for the UPS Approved Shipping Paper by clicking either the Tractor or Laser button, depending upon your printer.



**6** Set this method as default by selecting either Laser or Tractor from the Set Default Form drop-down list.



7 From the Interface method section, select ODBC Lookup.



8 Consult Masterform's help file for information about other settings and configure them according to your needs. Then, click Done.

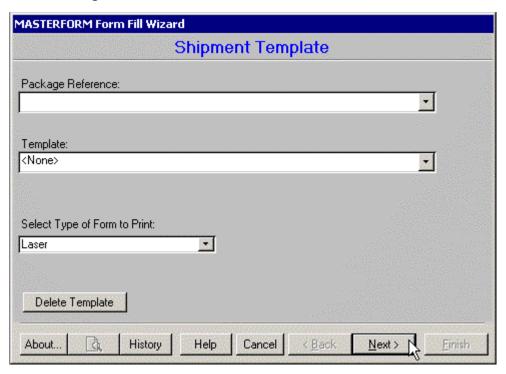
Each Masterform template can include from 1 to 3 hazardous materials. The UN ID number, Proper Shipping Name, Hazardous Class, and Packing Group are stored in the template for each material.

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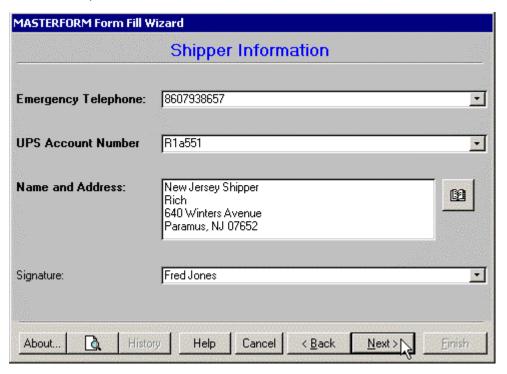
1 Select UPS Approved Shipping Paper from the menu.



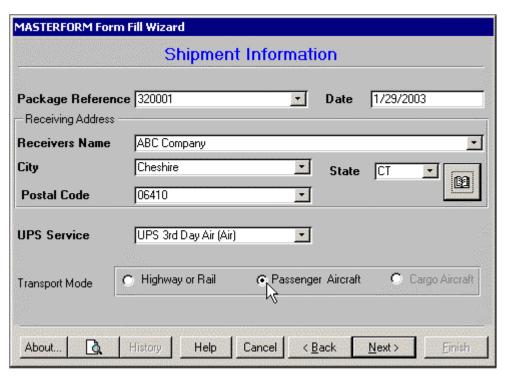
2 The Shipment Template appears. Without altering the default settings on the first dialog box, click Next.



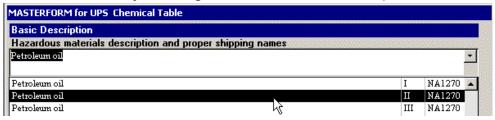
3 In the Shipper Information dialog, type in or select your information. Bold fields are required. Click Next.



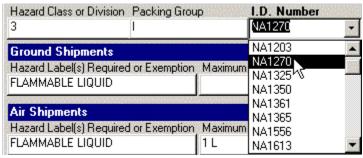
4 Type in or select your information from the Shipment information dialog box and click Next.



In the Proper Shipping Name dialog box, click the magnifying glass button. Select a chemical by choosing its I.D. Number from the drop-down list.

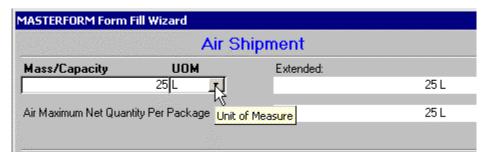


Or, choose its ID number from the I.D. Number field.

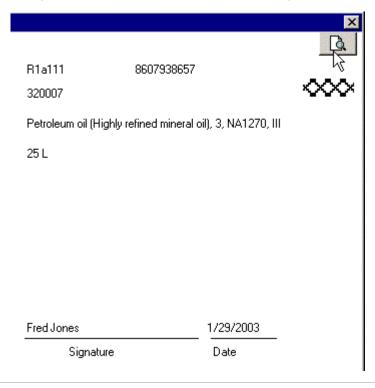


Then, click Select.

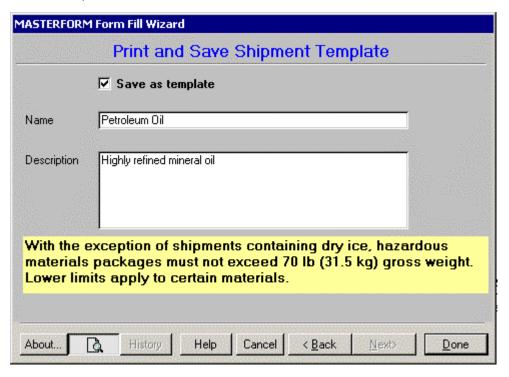
- **6** Complete the Proper Shipping Name dialog box, such as Technical Name and Other Required Information, and click Next.
- 7 In the Air Shipment dialog box, type in or select the appropriate information for the Mass/Capacity and UOM fields. Fill in all required information.



- **8** Click Add to add another chemical to this template or click Finish if you are done creating this template. You may be prompted to provide additional information.
  - If you clicked Finish, the form displays on your screen.
- 9 On the Shipping Paper, select the icon in the upper right corner.



10 In the Print and Save Template dialog box, type in a Name and Description for the template and click Done.



#### STARSHIP SETUP FOR THE MASTERFORM INTERFACE

#### ODBC SETUP

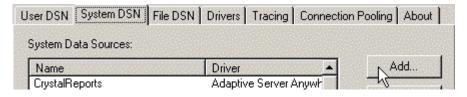
This setup procedure sets up the ODBC driver so that StarShip can correctly access the Masterform Exchange database.

#### # ACTION

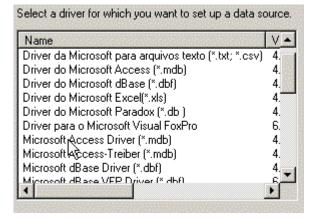
- 1 From your Windows desktop, select Start > Settings > Control Panel. Then,
  - for Windows 95, 98, or ME, double-click ODBC Data Sources.
  - Or, for Windows NT, 2000, XP, double-click Administrative Tools and then double-click Data Sources (ODBC).

The ODBC Data Source Administrator appears.

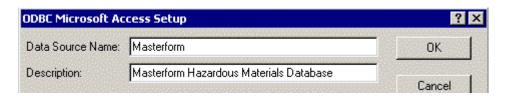
2 From the System DSN tab, click the Add button.



3 Select the Microsoft Access Driver (\*.mdb) and click Finish.



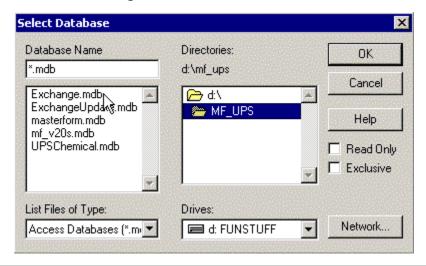
4 Enter the Data Source Name and Description.



5 In the Database section, click the Select button.



**6** Navigate to where the Masterform **Exchange.mdb** file is located, select it, and click OK. Click OK again to save the data source.



7 Click OK to exit the Data Source Administrator.

#### STARSHIP SETUP

Next, set up the StarShip interface for Masterform. You access setup from StarShip's main menu:



#### # ACTION

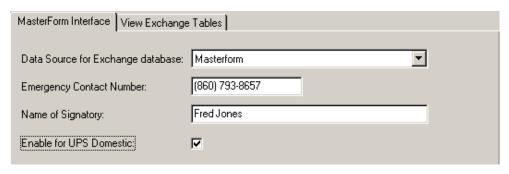
On the Masterform Interface tab, select the Data Source that you configured in ODBC setup.

Note: Be careful not to select the default data source created by Masterform, called HAZMAT. This points to a different database.



- 2 Type in the Emergency Contact Number. This phone number is included with every Hazardous shipment and must be completed in order to process a hazardous package.
- 3 Type in the Name of Signatory. This contact name is also included with every Hazardous shipment. This field is required in order to process a hazardous package.

4 Check the Enable for UPS domestic box to enable the Masterform interface for UPS Domestic shipments.



#### VIEW EXCHANGE TABLES

This tab displays the data in the Masterform Exchange tables and should be used for diagnostic purposes. The following is a general description of each table:

**UPS Templates**: The Templates table lists the Masterform templates you created (See Create Masterform Templates). You must create one or more entries in this table before you can process a hazardous shipment in StarShip.

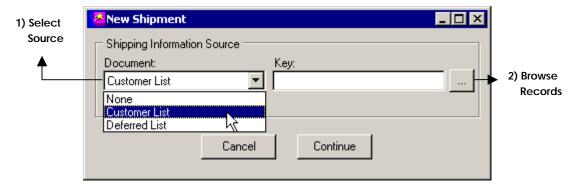
**UPSIn**: For each hazardous package you ship, StarShip writes the following information to the UPSIn table:

- ⇒ Sender and Recipient address: From the shipment header
- ⇒ Package Reference: From the transaction number, iteration number, and carton number.
- ⇒ Emergency contact number and Name of Signatory: From StarShip Masterform Interface setup.
- ⇒ UPS Account Number

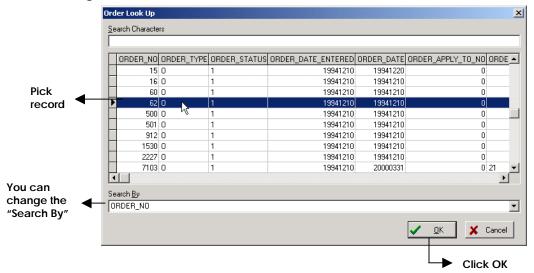
**UPSOut**: When you process the hazardous shipment in Masterform and say yes to the "Save to Shippers Certification" prompt, information necessary to print the Package Level Detail (PLD) is written to this table.

#### PROCESS HAZARDOUS SHIPMENTS

The New Shipment dialog box allows you to select a source document to ship against. If you would like to ship without a source document, see Ship Without a Source Document. Selections are usually Order, Customer or Address records, or the StarShip Customer and Deferred lists.



When connecting to orders, you can populate the Shipping window by typing or scanning the number while in the Key field. Press Continue. Or, browse records by clicking the "..." button.



#### PROCESSING SHIPMENTS

Processing Hazardous shipments includes:

- completing recipient address information,
- entering a package weight,
- selecting a Hazardous template under Package Options,
- printing the shipping papers in Masterform,
- saving the shipment.

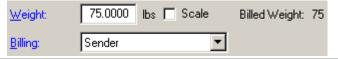
And, shipping papers must be printed before you can post Hazardous shipments. The following steps walk you through the shipping process.

#### # ACTION

1 On the Shipping Window, press the **New** button.



- When the New Shipment dialog box appears, select a Document. If you don't want to select a source document, click Cancel.
  If the New Shipment dialog box doesn't appear, select File > New Source.
- 3 Select UPS as the Carrier and pick a domestic Service.
- 4 Enter the weight, or use a scale to read package weight. Also, enter any other required shipment information. (See the general shipping chapter)



Select the Package Options tab.In the Package Options list, enable the Hazardous check box.



**6** Select a template from the drop-down list. Settings:

Package Reference: Displays the current Package Reference code. The Package Reference must uniquely identify a package to the Masterform system. It can be up to 14 characters. See the Appendix for more information about how the Package Reference is calculated.

#### Status:

You can save the shipment in StarShip without printing the shipping papers. However, you must print the shipping papers in Masteform before you can Post hazardous shipments, and until you do so, the Status will read "Not Printed (cannot post)." When you print the shipping papers, the Package Level Detail (PLD) data is written to the UPSOut table.

- 7 Click the Launch Masterform button if you would like to process the package in Masterform now.
  - (If not, you would save the shipment and print the shipping paper later, before you post shipments in StarShip. Skip to Print Shipping Papers Later.)

- **8** Process the package in Masterform.
  - Enter the Package Reference on the Shipment Template screen, and click Next.

**Tip**: StarShip copies the package reference number to the clipboard. So in Masterform, you can position your cursor in the Package Reference field and press Ctrl + V to easily paste the reference number to your form.

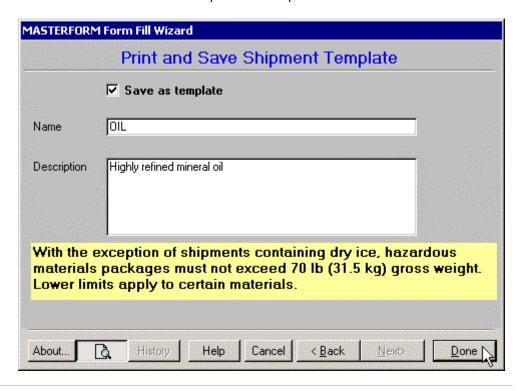
- Complete the Air Shipment screen and click Finish.
- A warning dialog appears indicating that the labels shown in the Labels Required field must match the labels that will be on the package. If you have verified this, click OK.
- Select File > Print. Or, right click on the shipping paper and select
   Print to print the shipping papers.

**Note**: These are the steps that StarShip requires you to perform in order to complete the shipment. However, you are advised to check the Masterform documentation and/or check with your UPS representative to determine if you need to perform additional steps.

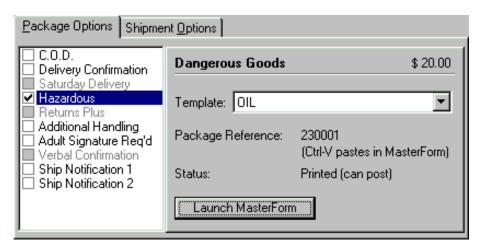
- 9 When you receive the Save to Shippers Certification dialog box, click **Yes**. Saving the shipping papers to the Shippers Certification is the only way that StarShip is able to confirm that they have been printed. You must select Yes here in order to process shipments properly.
  - See the explanation under UPSOut Table in the View Exchange Tables section for greater detail on this topic.



10 Press the Done button to complete the shipment in Masterform.



11 Minimize Masterform and return to the StarShip shipping window. You will see that the Status has changed.



12 If necessary, add more packages to the shipment by clicking Next and repeating the previous steps.

When you are done, click Save to save the shipment.

#### PRINT SHIPPING PAPERS LATER

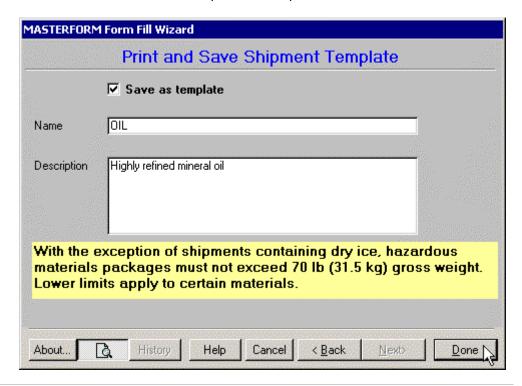
Alternately, you can print the shipping papers later. If you decide to do this, save the shipment(s) and follow these steps before posting:

# # ACTION In the StarShip Shipping window, reopen the Hazardous shipment that you want to post. To do this, click the Open button on the toolbar, select the shipment, and click OK. Go to Package Options and highlight "Hazardous." Process the package in Masterform, then print it. (Step 8 of the Processing Shipments procedure details what you need to do to process packages in Masterform.) Tip: StarShip copies the package reference number to the clipboard. So in Masterform, you can position your cursor in the Package Reference field and press Ctrl + V to easily paste the reference number to your form.

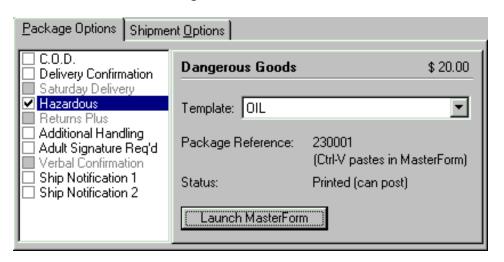
When you receive the Save to Shippers Certification dialog box, click Yes.



5 Press the Done button to complete the shipment in Masterform.



**6** Minimize Masterform and return to the StarShip shipping window. You will see that the Status has changed.



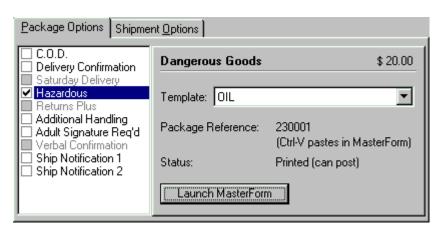
**See also** Changing the Service class of a saved shipment

#### CHANGING THE SERVICE CLASS OF A SAVED SHIPMENT.

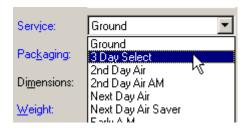
What happens if you saved a Hazardous shipment, printed its shipping papers, and then realize that you need to change the Service class? For example, you need to change the Service on a package from **UPS Ground** to **UPS 3 Day Select**. The following procedure walks you though this scenario.

#### # ACTION

In the StarShip Shipping window, reopen the Hazardous shipment. To do this, click the Open button on the toolbar, select the shipment, and click OK. This is an example of the Package Options tab before changing the service:



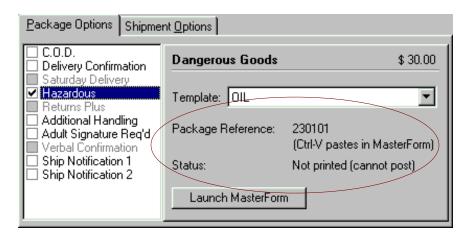
2 Change the Service.



3 Save the shipment. You will see this warning dialog. Click OK.



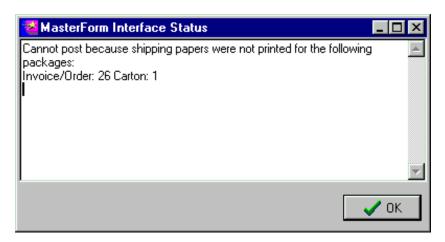
**FYI:** If you reopen the shipment, you'll see that StarShip has generated a new Package Reference #. Also, the Status returns to Not Printed (cannot post) until you reprint the shipping papers:



4 Launch Masterform to process and print the shipping papers, using the steps we outlined in the Process Shipments procedure.

#### POSTING SHIPMENTS

- ⇒ Before posting, verify that you have printed shipping papers for each Hazardous shipment. Then, follow the standard StarShip Post procedure.
- ⇒ If you attempt to post without printing the shipping papers, you receive this dialog box error:



#### VIEWING SHIPMENT HISTORY

You can view hazardous shipment history using the StarShip Ship window. You can only view the shipment in "History" mode, as indicated by the lower left-hand corner of the Shipping window.



## # ACTION 1 From the StarShip main menu, select Ship. 2 In the Ship - StarShip - Current Manifest window, click History.

3 Select a Search By criteria from the drop-down list and click ... to browse a list of all shipments processed within the timeframe specified in Setup > Preferences > Save Shipments for Inquiry.



4 Select the hazardous shipment you want to view and click OK.

The data for the Hazardous shipment displays in the Shipping window. Click Package Option > Hazardous to view hazardous information. The tab displays the data that was sent in the PLD file for the fields shown.



**APPENDIX A** 

This appendix provides additional information relating to StarShip and the Masterform Interface.

#### • HOW IS THE PACKAGE REFERENCE CALCULATED?

The Package Reference is calculated for each package as follows:

ttttttttttttnncc

Where:

ttttttttttt is the transaction number and may be 1 to 12 characters.

nn is the iteration number. It always starts at 00 and increments if you edit a shipment and change hazardous information after printing the shipping papers.

cc is the carton number within the shipment (00 to 99).