Metered PMs

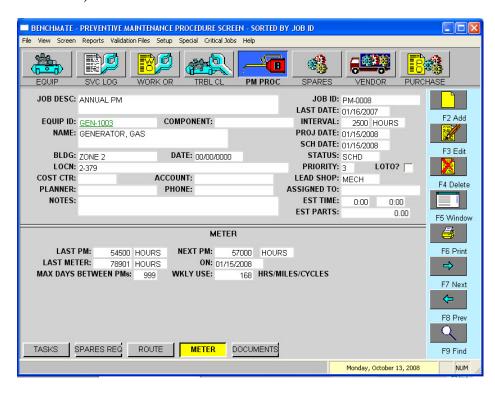
This document describes <u>meter based</u> PM scheduling based upon equipment or vehicle <u>use</u> rather than a fixed number of days, weeks, months or years. These screens are involved:

- 1. **Preventive Maintenance** –to set up interval between PMs based on miles/hours/cycles.
- 2. **Equipment** enter weekly usage (for more accurate scheduling) and maximum meter value (to account for meter recycling)
- 3. **Meter Readings** You must periodically (e.g.: daily or weekly) enter each equipment's hour meter value or mileage. Benchmate uses this information to adjust the Schedule Date for meter based PMs based on actual equipment use and remaining hours or miles to the next PM.

Preventive Maintenance Screen

The PM screen contains most of information necessary to schedule equipment and vehicle PMs based on usage. (Each equipment or vehicle can have several PMs.) These entries are:

- LAST DATE
- PROJECTED DATE
- INTERVAL (2 fields)
- SCH DATE
- LAST PM
- NEXT PM
- LAST METER
- MAX DAYS BETWEEN PMs



LAST DATE

The LAST DATE serves as a <u>base</u> for calculating the initial PROJ & SCH DATES. When a date is entered, Benchmate calculates the PROJ & SCH DATE dates based on the interval (hours or miles) and estimated usage.

For cycles, Benchmate sets the PROJ & SCH DATE to the LAST DATE + MAX DAYS or LAST DATE + 1 YEAR if there is no MAX DAYS. Note: PMs based on CYCLES are treated specially as it is difficult estimate the <u>number of days</u> before next PM is due. By setting a maximum interval, it is assured that the PM will be scheduled. When the meter value exceeds the NEXT PM value, Benchmate will change the SCH DATE to the current date so it will immediately appear on current job schedules.

INTERVAL

This consists of the number of hours/miles/cycles and the units themselves. Some examples:

- 3000 MILES
- 1000 HOURS
- 10000 CYCLES

PROJ DATE

The PROJECTED DATE is calculated based on estimated daily use for this equipment and miles/hours/cycles remaining. You may not enter a date in this field.

SCH DATE

The SCHEDULED DATE is the <u>actual</u> date the PM is to be done. Initially the SCH DATE is identical to the PROJ DATE. However, you may modify the SCH DATE to indicate when you want to do the job.

LAST PM

You must place a value in this field when setting up this PM. Benchmate will then update this value each time the job is closed (Service Log screen).

NEXT PM

Benchmate adds the INTERVAL to the LAST PM to determine the hours/miles/cycles at which the next PM should be performed.

LAST METER

These fields show the equipment hours/miles/cycles and date the last time the meter was recorded or the job closed.

MAX DAYS BETWEEN PMs

This field shows the maximum number of days allowed between PMs. Benchmate will not schedule a PM past the LAST DATE + MAX DAYS.

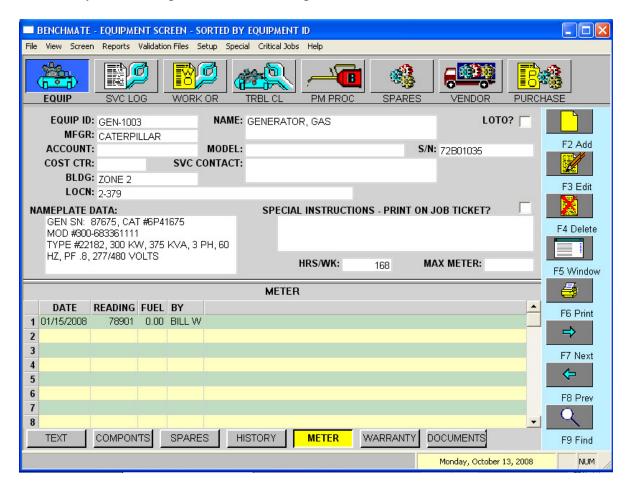
WKLY USE

This value is <u>copied from the equipment screen</u> to show the estimated equipment or vehicle use. It is used to get a better estimate of the number of days remaining before a PM when the equipment is typically used for only a few, predicable hours weekly. It is not used for CYCLES.

Equipment Screen

HRS/WK

The HRS/WK field helps to estimate the remaining days to the next PM if the equipment is usually operated for just a few hours daily. The example shows 168 hours per week which is 100% use.



The PM Schedule Date is adjusted each time the equipment's run time meter is entered. For example, if the PM were scheduled in hours – say an interval of 1000 HOURS – and the equipment were used 40 hours per week (5.7 hours/day), Benchmate would initially schedule PM after 175 days (1000 hours/5.7 hours per day = 175 days) from the last date the meter was read.

Notes:

- 1. Weekly use must be a minimum of 4 hours or 25 miles. Otherwise, Benchmate will assume 24 hours daily or 35 miles weekly.
- 2. Weekly use is not used for CYCLES scheduling.

MAX METER

The maximum meter reading should be entered if it is likely the cumulative run-time will exceed the maximum meter value. If a value is entered, Benchmate will restart at zero should the cumulative run-time be exceeded.

METER WINDOW

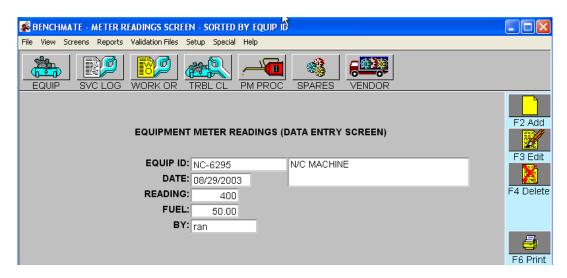
The fifty most recent meter readings and associated dates are shown. This list is updated each time a meter value is entered on the Meter Readings screen or Forms.

Meter Data Entry

The equipment meter values (hours/miles/cycles) must be entered regularly for Benchmate to schedule PM service based on actual equipment usage. This can be done through the Meter Readings Screen, or the Meter Entry Form.

METER READINGS SCREEN

This screen is selected from the Menu Bar ($\underline{\mathbf{S}}$ creens \rightarrow METER READINGS).



Each screen corresponds to a <u>one meter reading</u> for an equipment or vehicle. The following data must be entered.

EQUIP ID

This entry is validated against the Equipment file.

DATE

Represents the actual date the equipment or vehicle meter was read. While Benchmate inserts the current date into this field, it can be changed if the actual date is different.

READING

The value displayed on the equipment meter or vehicle odometer.

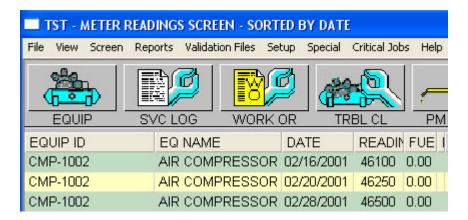
FUEL

The gallons (or liters) of fuel added. This field is optional. This information is used to prepare a <u>Fuel</u> <u>Consumption</u> report.

BY

Indicates the person entering the data.

The Meter Readings List View presents a 'spread sheet' like view of the meter readings. It can be sorted by either DATE or by EQID/DATE using **F9 Find**.

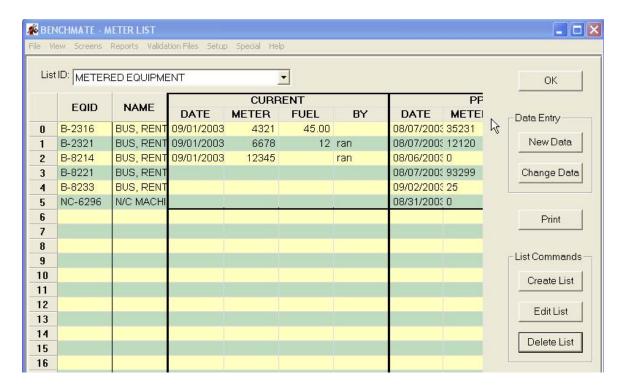


METER ENTRY FORM

This screen can be used to:

- 1. Quickly enter meter data using a list view rather than one screen at a time and
- 2. Correct the most recent meter readings.

It is selected from the Menu Bar (Special → METER ENTRY FORM). It displays the current and previous meter reading for each equipment on the equipment list. You may create 10 lists. Select the form using the List ID field.



Buttons to the right of the form provide for creating forms and data entry.

The form is divided into three vertical regions:

1. The first contains the equipment information – the EQID & NAME. Entries must match up with equipment on the Benchmate Equipment screen.

- 2. The CURRENT area represents the most recent meter reading for the associated equipment. These entries can be changed in necessary. If the entry is empty, the most recent reading has been moved to the PREVIOUS area. The empty fields can be used for a new reading.
- 3. The PREVIOUS area contains the second most recent reading for the associated equipment. It can be used to compare against the CURRENT information and cannot be changed.

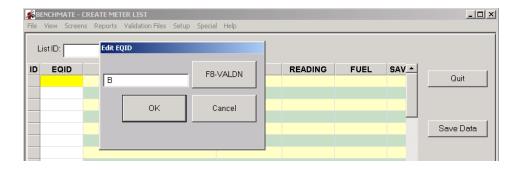
The buttons, right side of the screen, are arranged in two groups – Data Entry and List Commands – plus the Print button.

List Commands

The three buttons in this group create, modify and delete the equipment lists.

Create List

This button is used to create new lists. Each list is stored in the database and can be recalled for data entry. Clicking **Create List** displays an empty screen with the EQID column enabled for data entry.



Each EQID entry is validated against the Equipment file. When a valid entry is selected, the Equipment Name is copied to the list. When you click **Save Data**, you will be asked to name the list. Pick a name that is easy to remember such as "Bus Route". The list is then saved and may be recalled at any time.

Edit List

Click this button to add, change or delete equipment on the selected list. Do not use to enter meter or fuel data.

Delete List

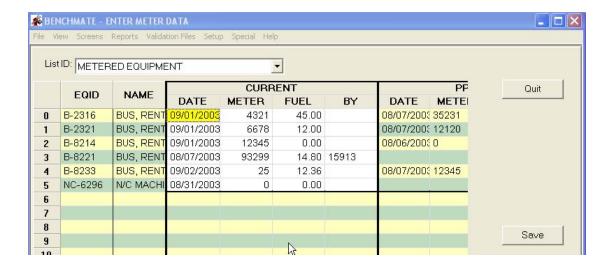
Click this button to delete the displayed list. You will be asked to confirm before the list is deleted.

Data Entry

These buttons control data entry into the meter reading fields – DATE, READING, FUEL & BY.

Enter Data

Use this button to modify CURRENT meter data or enter new data if an entry is empty. These entries are shown with a white background with the active field highlighted (yellow background). When you click Save, the modified entries will be saved and the associated PM screens updated.



New Data

Use this button to create an empty CURRENT area for new meter data. The PREVIOUS area will show the most recent data. When the Save button is clicked, the new entries will be saved to the Meter Readings file and the associated PMs updated.

Print

Click to print the displayed list. You may send the output to either the selected printer or to a tabbed text file.



The tabbed text file can be loaded into a spreadsheet or database. A 'blank' – with only the equipment list – tabbed text form can be loaded into a database or spreadsheet for data collection. The completed form can then be downloaded into Benchmate database to update the PM schedules.

