



Model Train Catalogue

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Errors and Omissions Excepted: every care has been taken to ensure that all information in this document is present and correct. If any error or omission is found, please let us know and it will be corrected as soon as possible after verification - email to: support@modeltraincatalogue.com.

Introduction

This software is designed to maintain an inventory of model railway stock and produce reports, typically, for insurance valuation purposes. It is designed to run on Windows operating systems Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7/8 and 8.1, Windows 10.

The design of this software makes it impossible for it to carry any sort of virus. In case of difficulty email support@modeltraincatalogue.com for assistance.

Installation

Please see separate document 'Model Train Catalogue Installation Instructions PDF' obtainable from www.modeltraincatalogue.com/download.html

The Software initially opens in Demo mode until it is registered. In Demo mode the 'New' button will become disabled after the tenth record is entered.

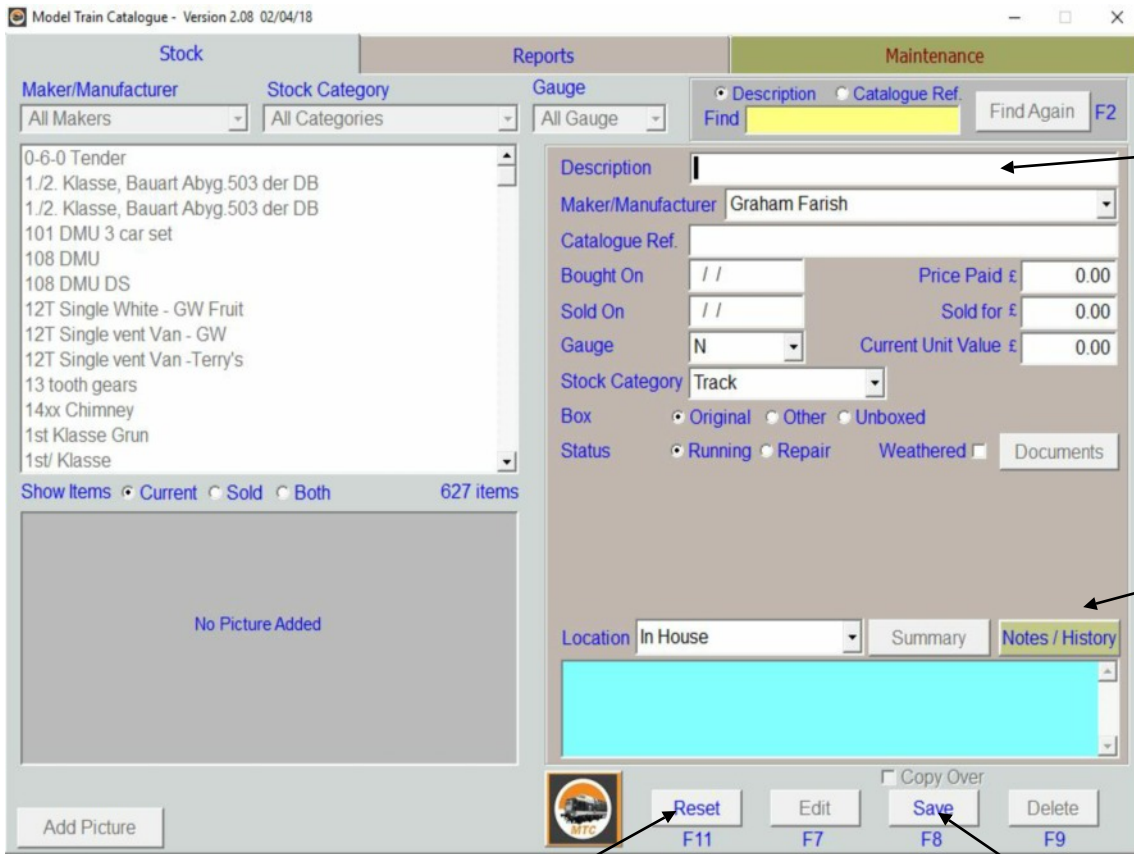
To obtain a Key go to www.modeltraincatalogue.com/buy.html. The Registration Key will be emailed to the buyer whereupon the software can be registered (see page 24 of this manual) releasing the full capacity of the software and re-enabling the 'New' button for further entries.

Stock Screen – Data Entry

The screenshot shows the 'Model Train Catalogue' software interface. The window title is 'Model Train Catalogue - Version 2.08 02/04/18'. The interface is divided into three main sections: 'Stock', 'Reports', and 'Maintenance'. The 'Stock' section on the left contains a list of items, with '12T Single White - GW Fruit' selected. Below the list are filters for 'Show Items' (Current, Sold, Both) and a count of '627 items'. The main area on the right displays details for the selected item, including Description, Maker/Manufacturer, Catalogue Ref., Bought On, Sold On, Gauge, Stock Category, Box, and Status. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Add Picture', 'Reset', 'Edit', 'New', and 'Delete'. A small MTC logo is also present at the bottom center.

To go to the Model Train Catalogue website quickly, Click the MTC logo

Click the 'New' button to open the form for data entry. Function key F8 will do this too.



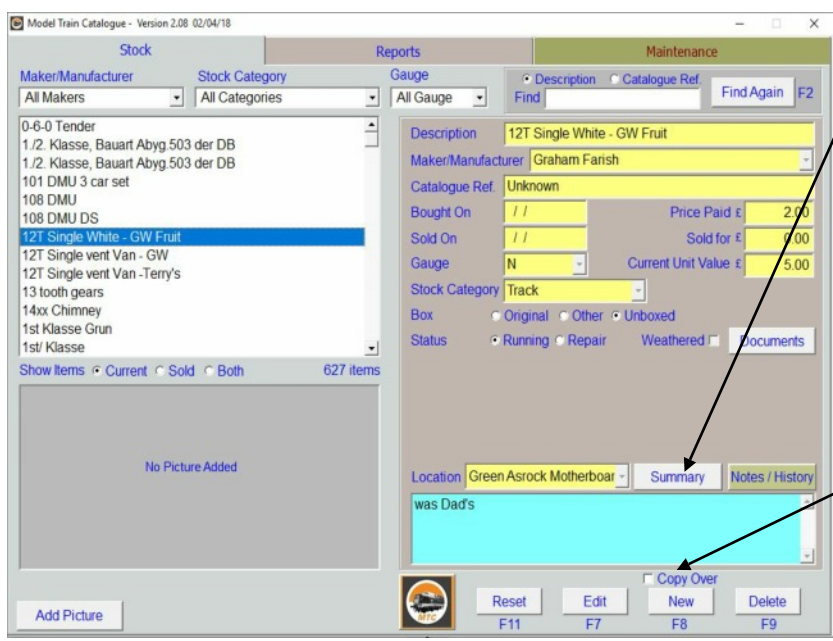
The entry boxes have a white background when ready for entering data.

When there are Documents, the Background colour of this Button changes to Green.

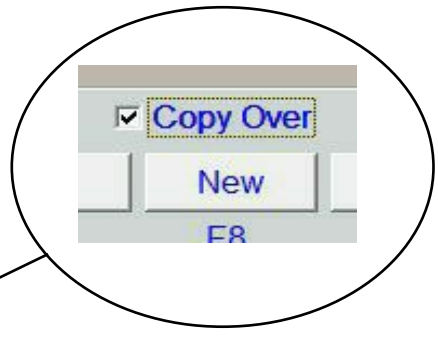
When there are Notes, the Background colour of this button changes to Green.

If necessary this action can be cancelled with the 'Reset' button.

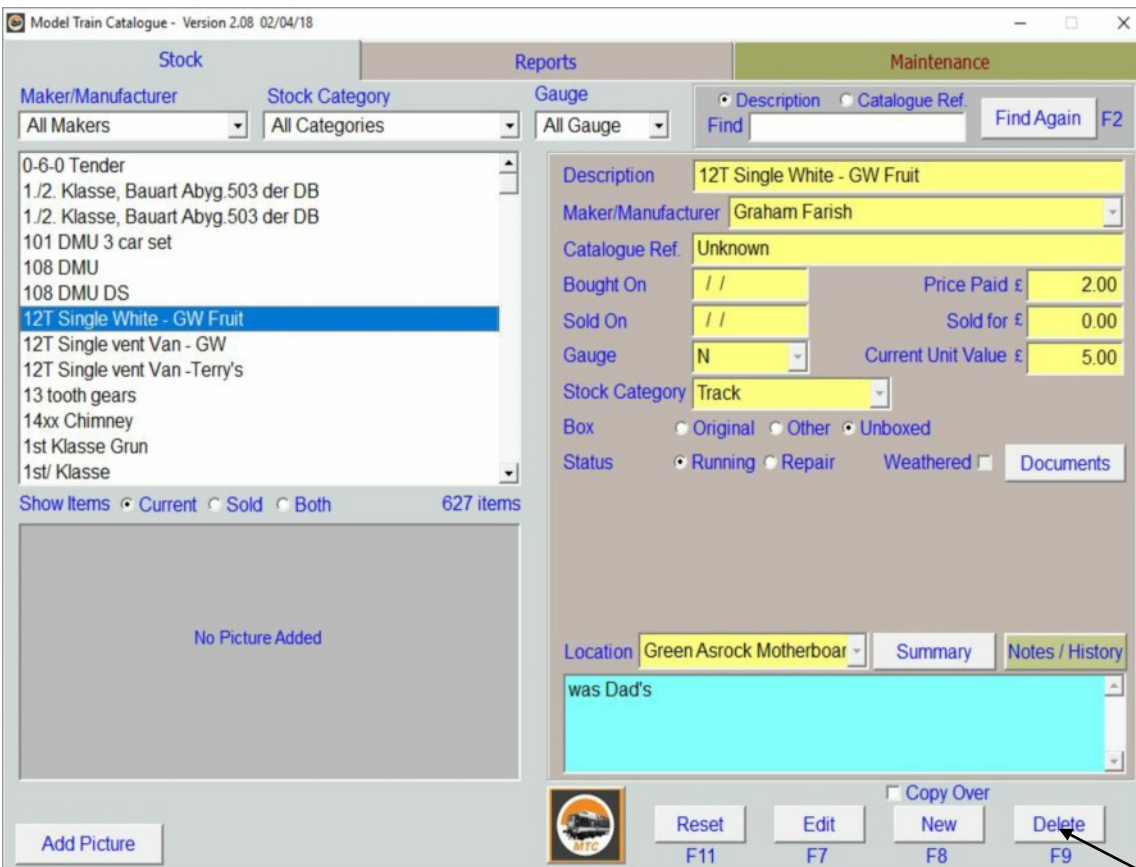
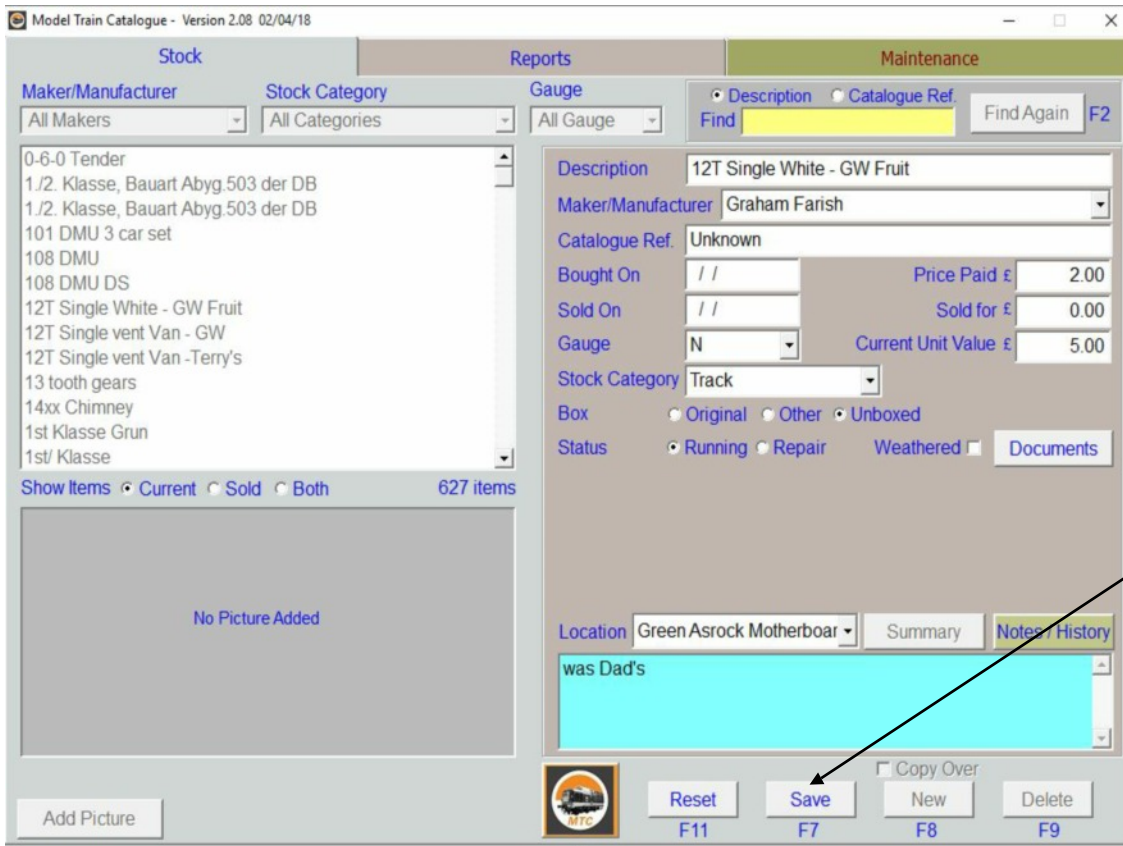
Click the 'Save' button to complete the entry and write it to the database. 'F8' will also 'Save' the entry.



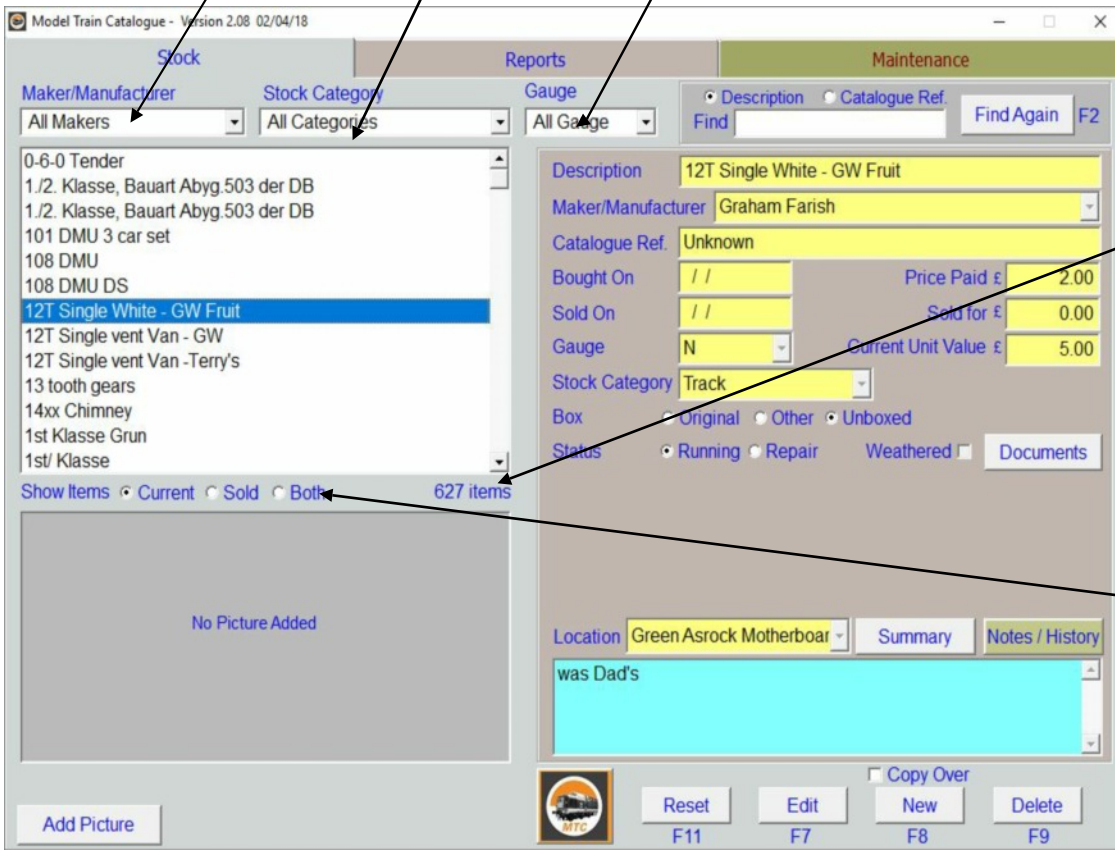
Click 'Summary' button for a summary report Preview on the item. Right-Click to print with a prompt for printer choice.



When multiple instances of the same model are being entered, tick the 'Copy Over' box to retain the current entry's details before pressing the 'New' button. Variations can be entered before saving the new entry.



Choosing the Manufacturer and/or Stock Category and/or Gauge shortens the list
 Right-Click on these filters to rapidly return them to the 'All' condition.



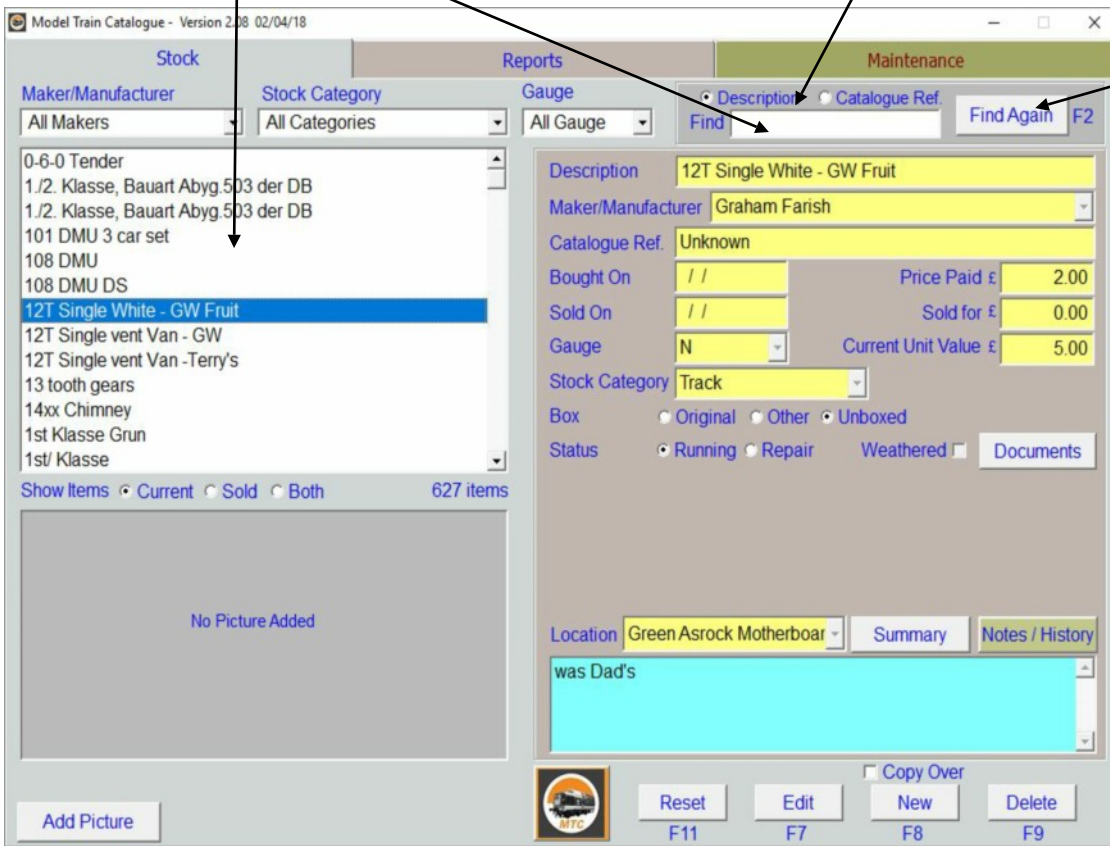
Number of Items count

Also, make the list only show 'Current', 'Sold' items or 'Both' current and sold items.

Search by Description or Catalogue Reference

To search the list enter text and press the enter

Repeat the search.

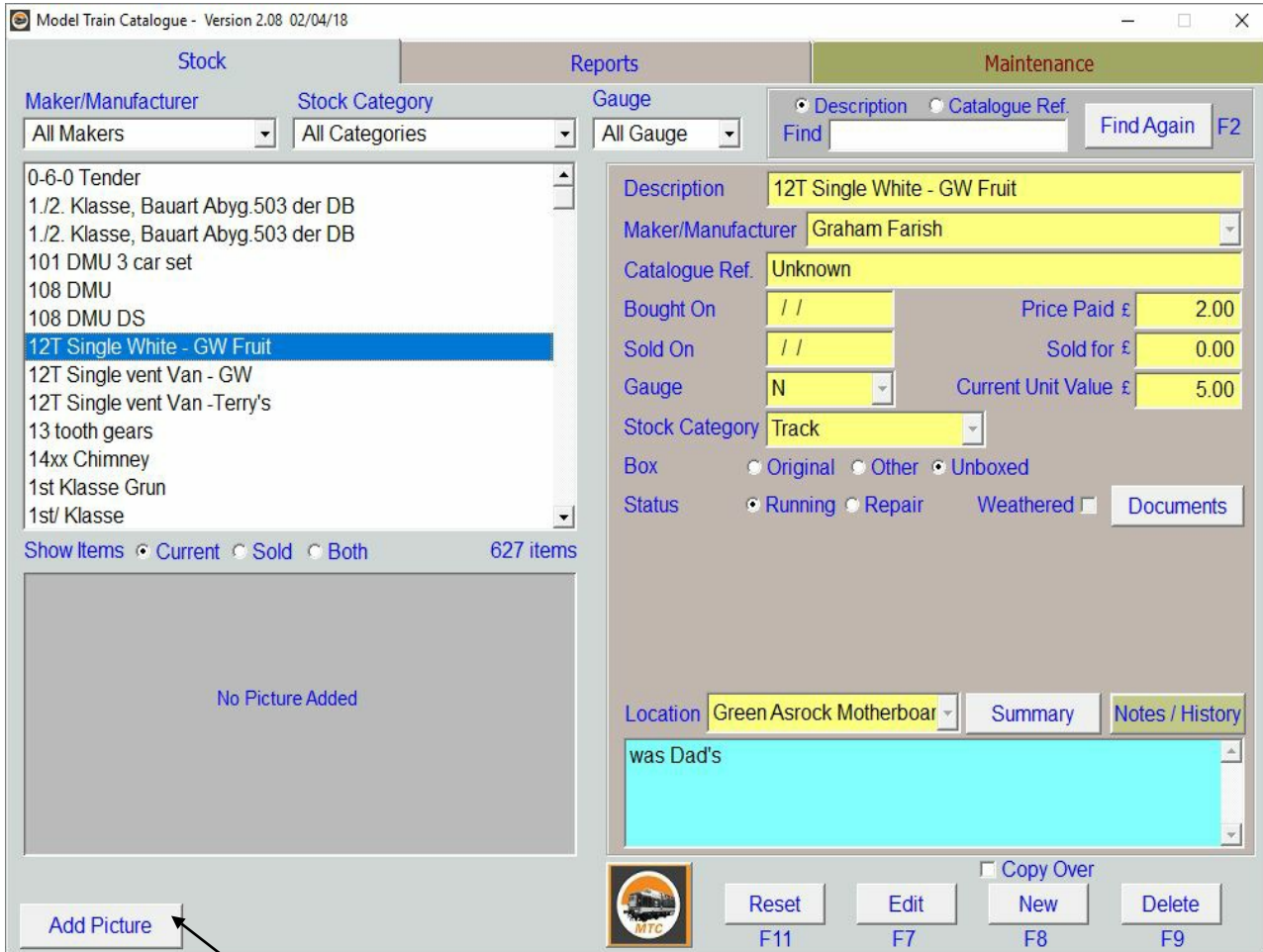


Stock Screen – Adding Pictures

Any number of pictures can be added to an individual item.

Pictures are not moved from their original location but copied instead. This leaves original pictures completely untouched and unmodified. Large picture file sizes are no problem to MTC because the copied images themselves are held in a folder on the hard drive. As long as there is disk space available images can be added.

Picture quality of the original image will determine when and if the picture becomes 'pixilated' i.e. be enlarged so far that the viewer sees the individual pixels that form the image, the enlargement having reached the point at which no further detail can be resolved. Images 'grabbed' from web pages are more likely to become pixilated than images captured on a good digital camera.



To add a Picture for the item, use the 'Add Picture' Button

Graphic format

Animated Cursor

Bitmap

Cursor

Device Independent Bitmap

Exchangeable Image File

Graphics Interchange Format

Joint Photographic Electronic Group }

JPEG File Interchange Format }

Icon

Portable Networks Graphics

Tag Image File Format

Windows Enhanced Metafile

File extension

.ani

.bmp

.cur

.dib

.exif

.gif, .gfa

.jpg, .jpeg,

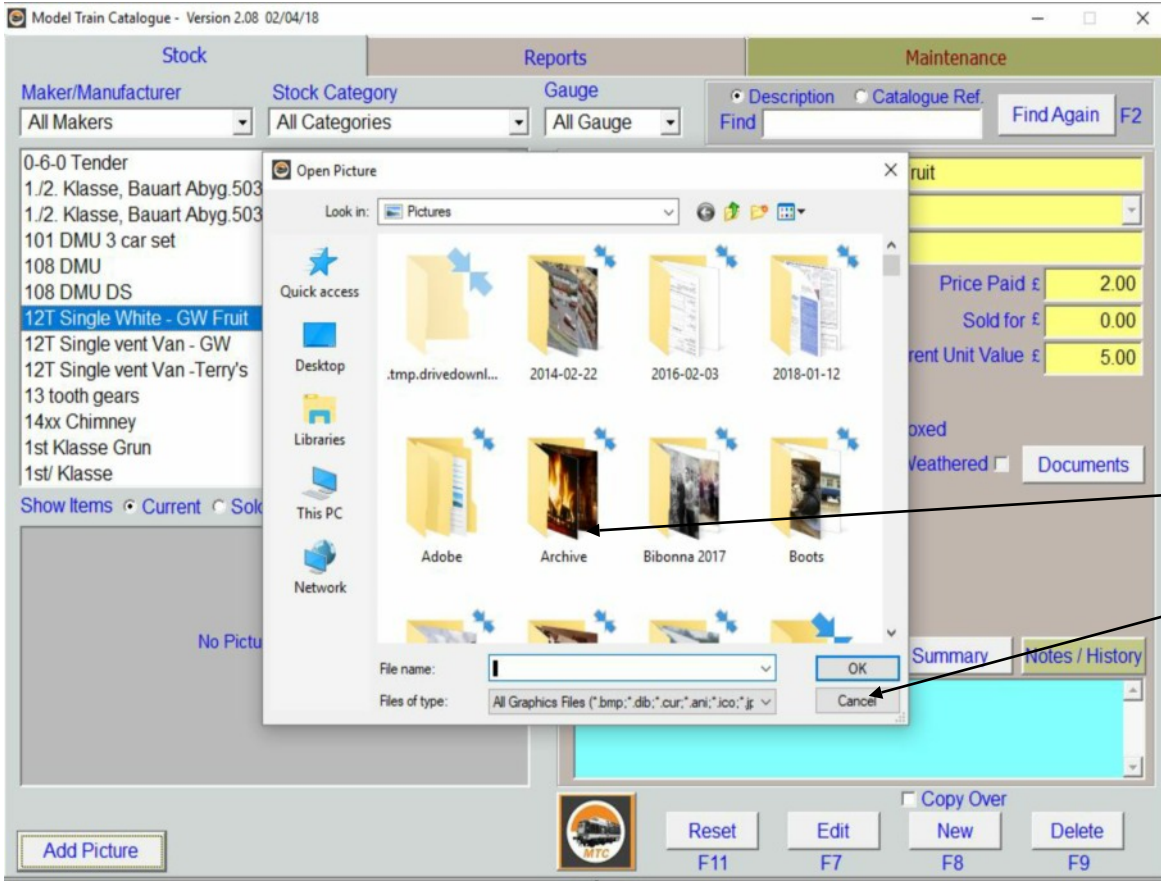
.jpe, .jfif

.ico

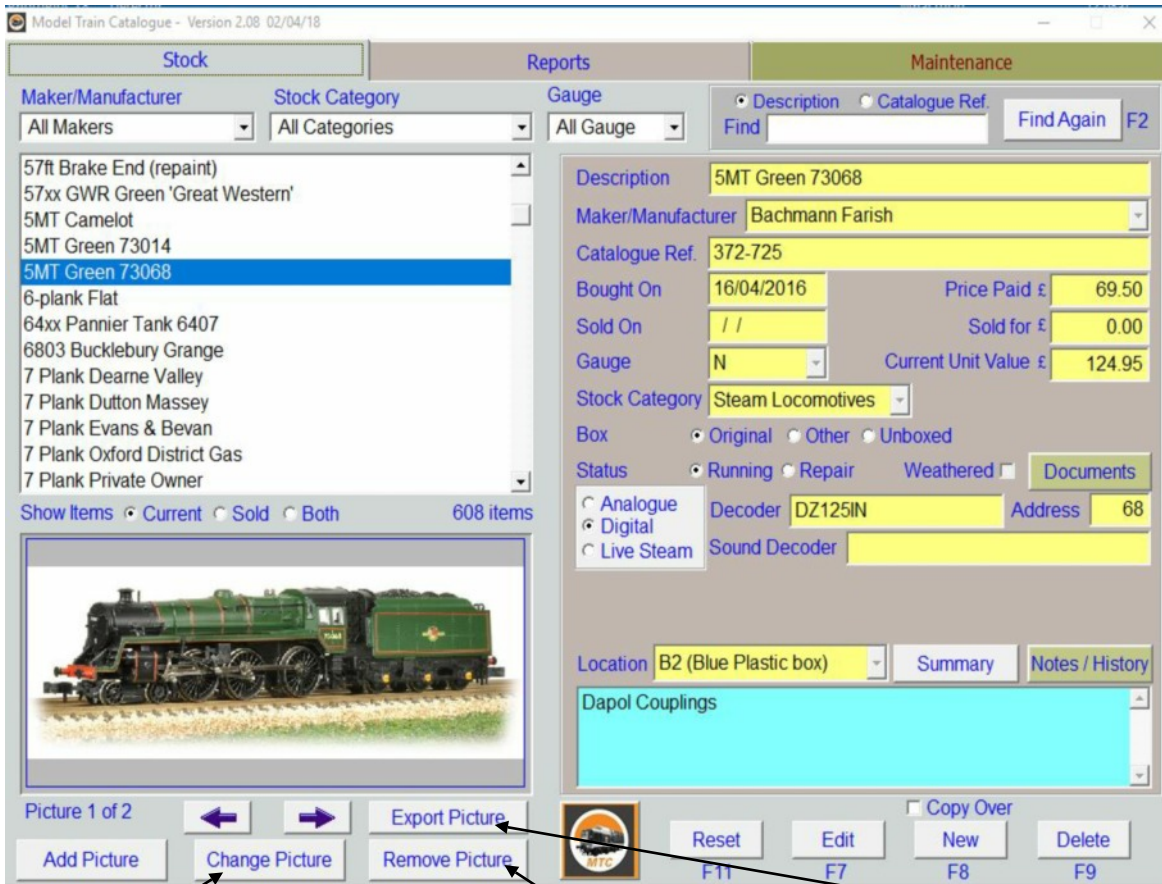
.png

.tif, .tiff

.emf



Select Picture and Click the 'OK' Button
Or
Double-Click the picture



To Change Picture use the 'Change Picture' Button.

To Remove Picture use the 'Remove Picture' Button.

To Export the picture use the 'Export Picture' Button.

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Stock Reports Maintenance

Maker/Manufacturer: All Makers Stock Category: All Categories Gauge: All Gauge

Find: Find Again F2

Description: 5MT Green 73068
 Maker/Manufacturer: Bachmann Farish
 Catalogue Ref.: 372-725
 Bought On: 16/04/2016 Price Paid £: 69.50
 Sold On: / / Sold for £: 0.00
 Gauge: N Current Unit Value £: 124.95
 Stock Category: Steam Locomotives
 Box: Original Other Unboxed
 Status: Running Repair Weathered Documents
 Analogue Decoder: DZ125IN Address: 68
 Digital
 Live Steam Sound Decoder:

Location: B2 (Blue Plastic box) Summary Notes / History

Dapol Couplings


Picture 1 of 2
 Add Picture Change Picture Remove Picture Export Picture
 Reset Edit New Delete
 F11 F7 F8 F9

To move between pictures use the Arrow buttons - these buttons appear only when there is more than one picture for the item.

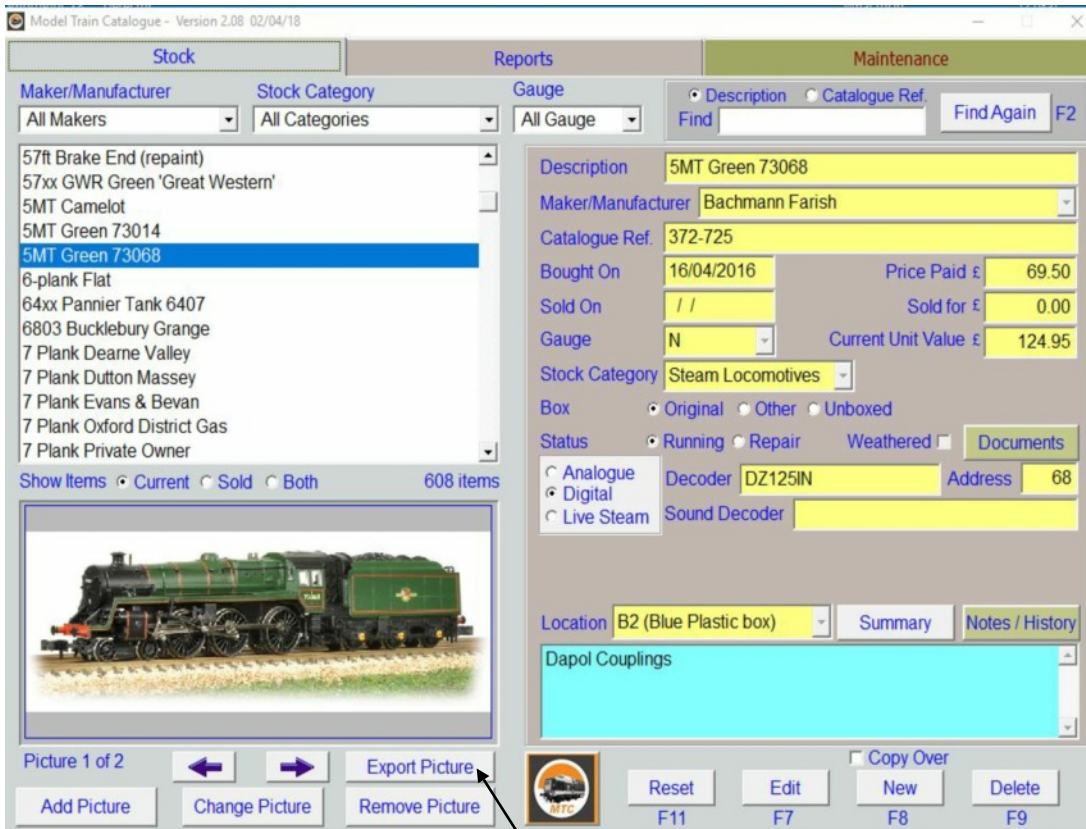
Double-Click the image to view in full screen mode.

Model Train Catalogue - Viewer

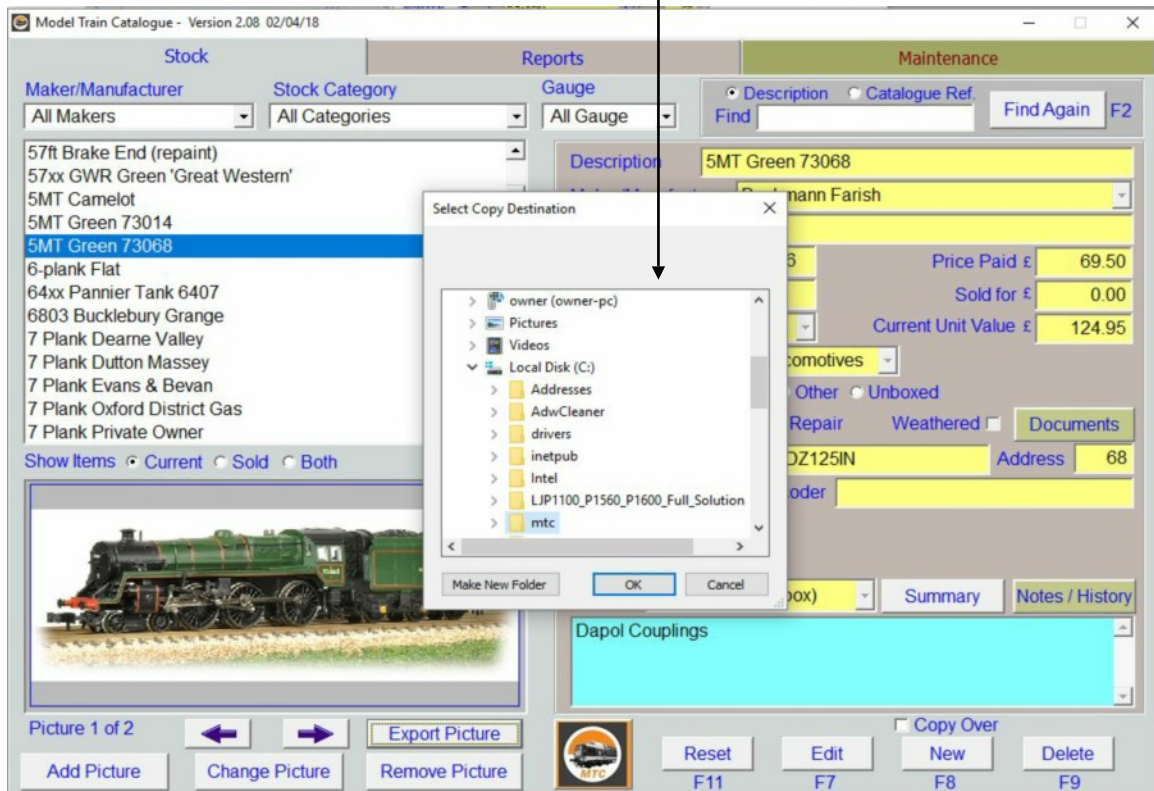
← → Close



Stock Screen – Exporting Pictures

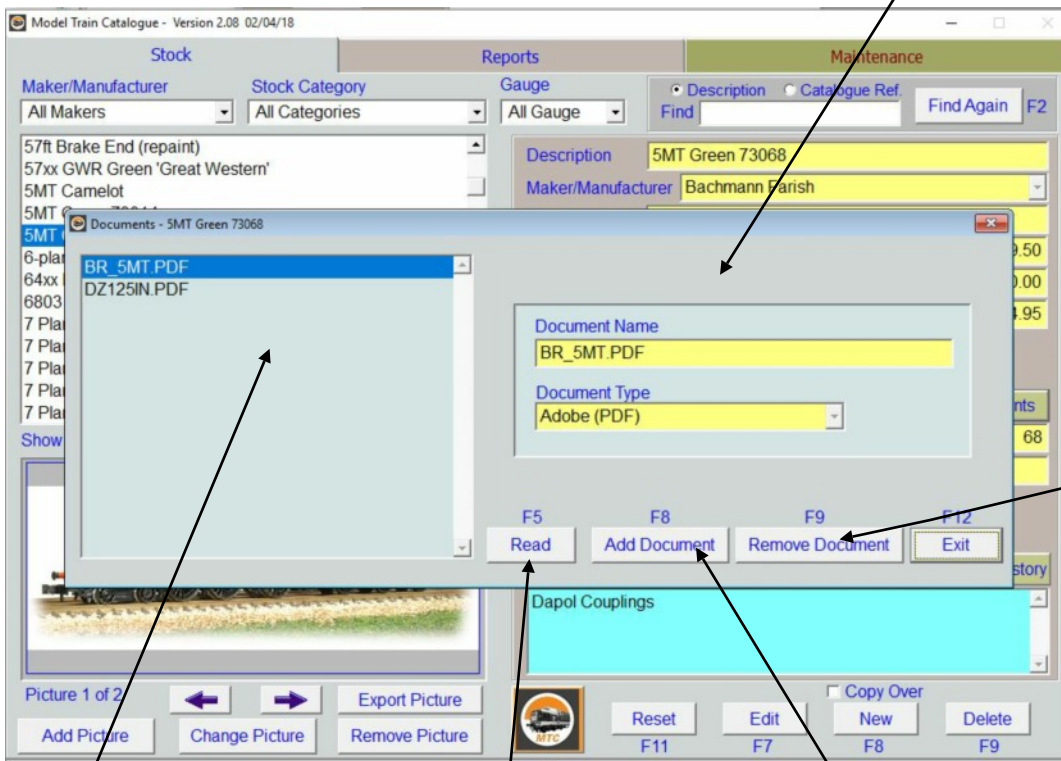
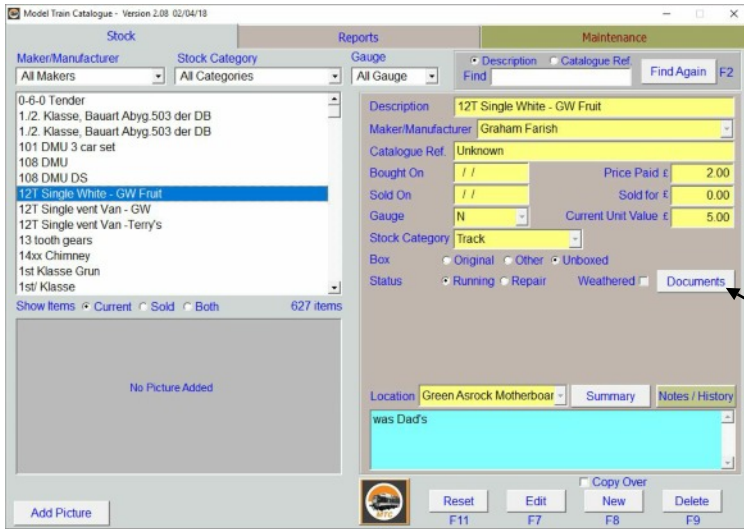


Click 'Export Picture' Button to export picture.
Use this dialogue box to locate the destination.



Stock Screen – Importing Documents

Documents such as service or instruction sheets, relating to the item can be stored. There is no limit to the size or quantity of documents that can be stored other than disk space available on the computer. The types of document able to be stored comprise Adobe PDF, Microsoft Word 2007 - 2010, Microsoft Word 1997-2003, Rich Text Format, Plain Text Format. It relies on the standard Windows file type association to enable documents to be read. Like the Pictures, MTC makes a copy of any documents input, leaving the originals intact.

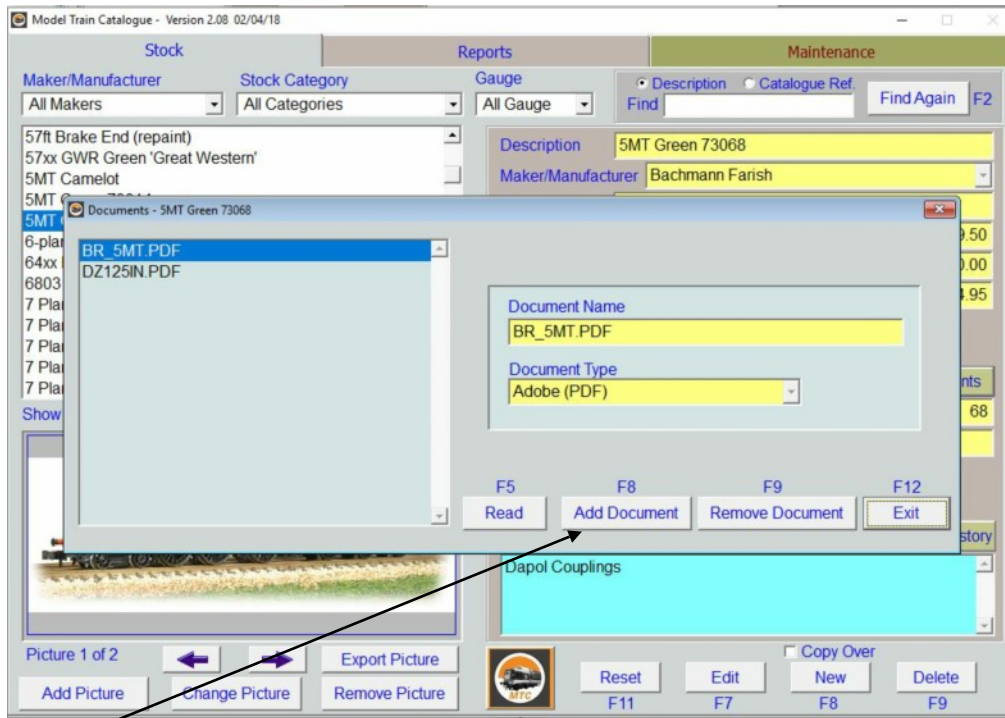


List of Documents

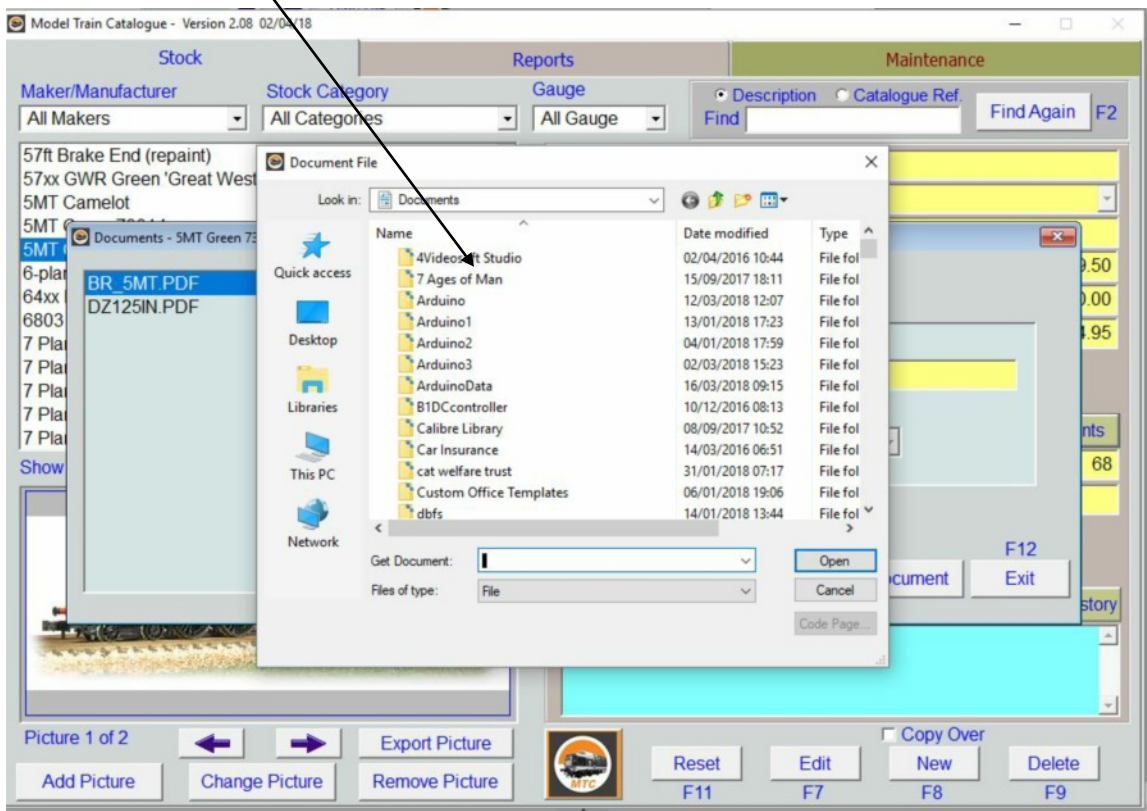
Read a Document

Add a new Document

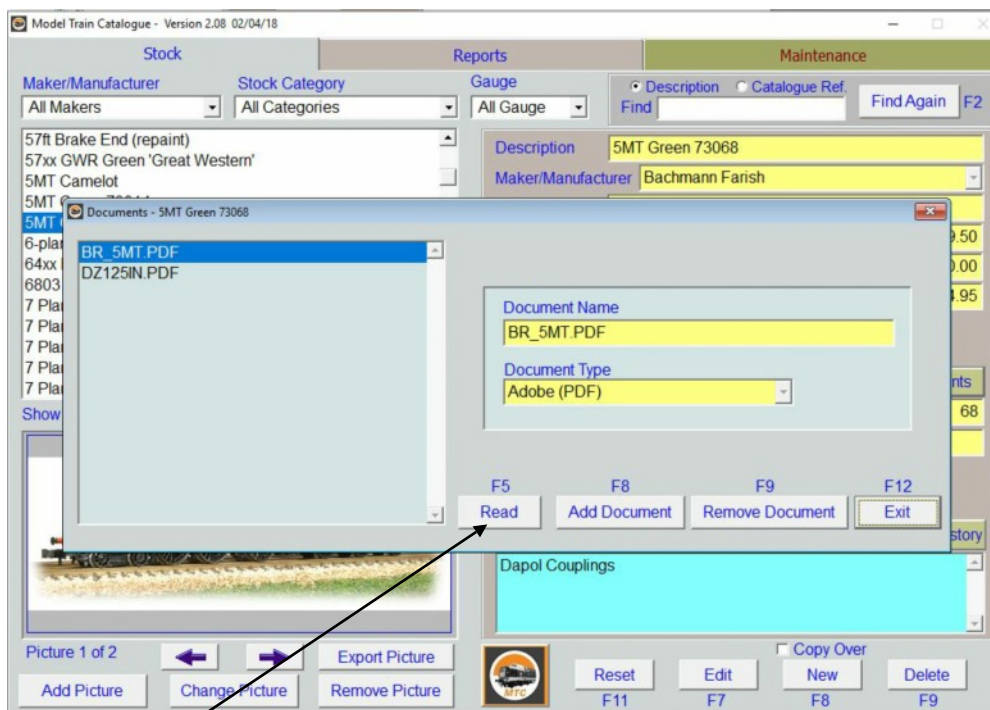
Importing Documents – Add Documents



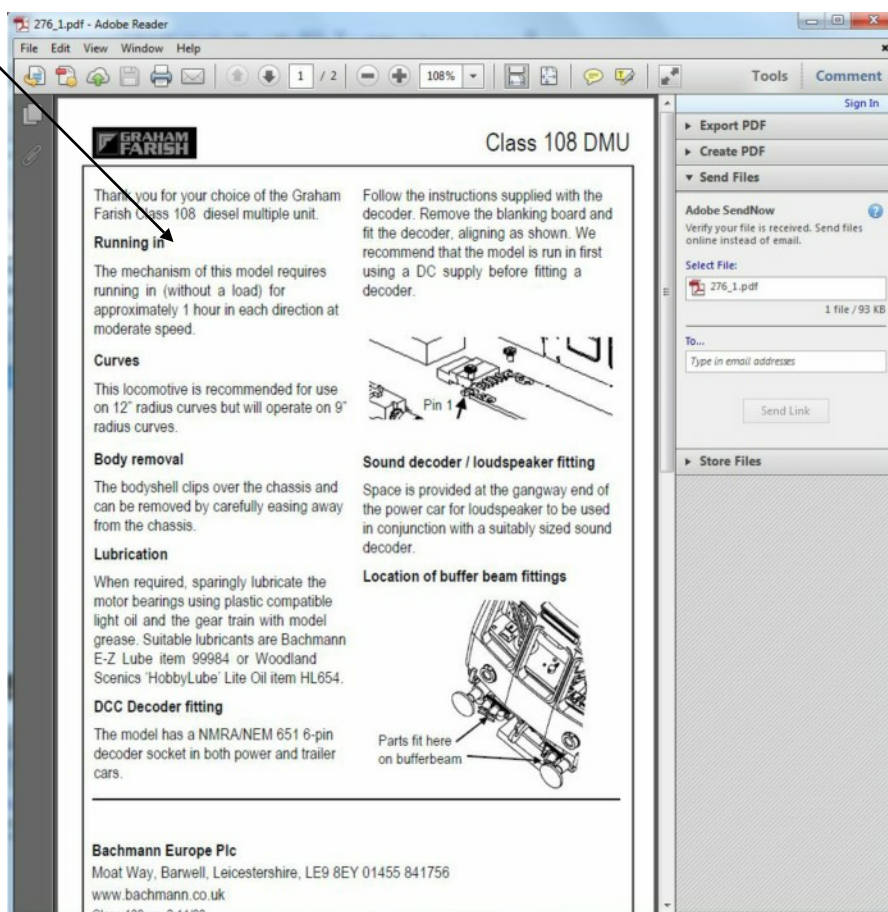
'Add Document' button brings up a dialogue box to locate the document to be added.



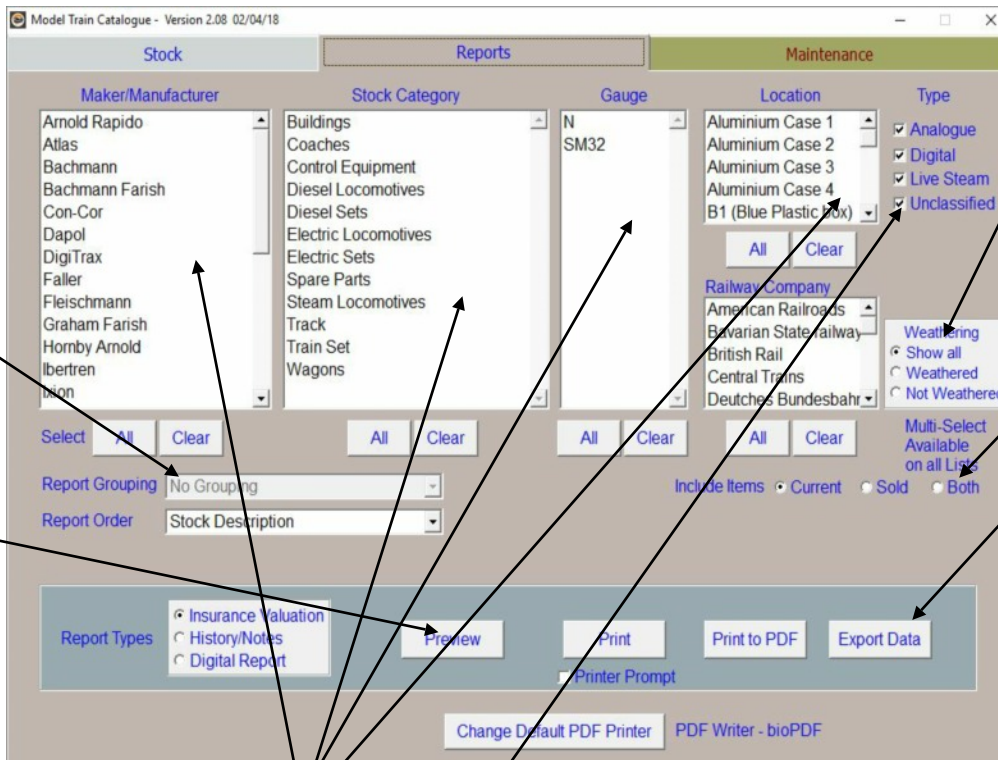
Importing Documents – Read Documents



Read a Document Button calls the associated program from Windows to view the document. In this example an Adobe PDF file has been viewed. This occurs because Adobe Reader (free download) has been installed on the computer. Likewise, to view a Word Document either Microsoft Word or the Microsoft Word Viewer (free download) has to have been installed on the computer.



Reports



Data can be Grouped and totalled by Group.

The Preview button allows the report to be viewed prior to printing.

Select Weathered or Non-weathered

Select 'Current', 'Sold' or 'Both' items to be included.

Export data Available (Only for Insurance Reports).

By selecting on the lists, tick boxes and radio buttons, the data being reported can be filtered down as required. Use Ctrl key+Left-Click to select multiple items in any one or more lists.

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Right-Click for Menu 'Esc' to Exit

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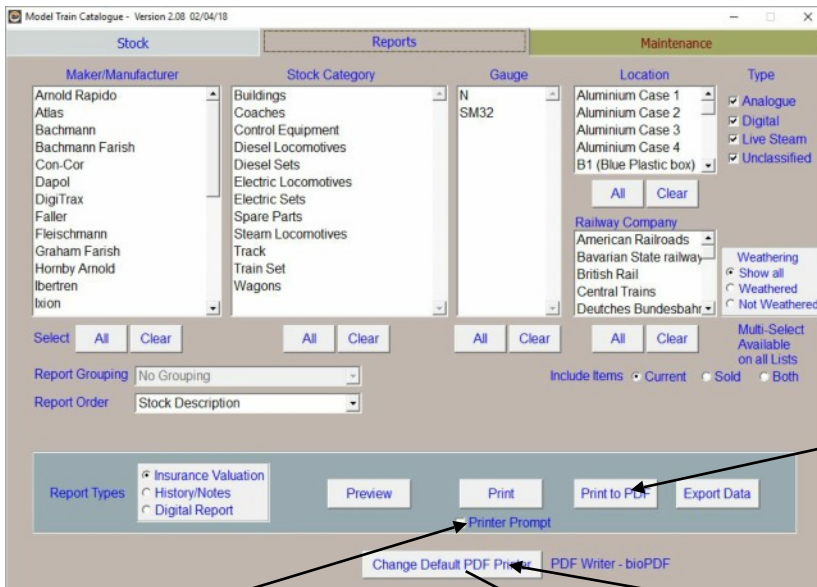
Description	Manufacturer	Cat. No.	Purchase Date	Price Paid	Current Value	Category	Location	Weathered	Type	Gauge
0-6-0 Tender	Fleischmann	7124	/ /	20.00	45.00	Steam Locomotives	With Nick		Analogue	N
2-8-2 BR42	Arnold Rapido	2512	/ /	0.00	50.00	Steam Locomotives	Blue Aluminium Case		Analogue	N
2-8-4 (Berkshire)	Riverossi	9185	/ /	0.00	45.00	Steam Locomotives	Blue Aluminium Case		Analogue	N
2MT Ivatt 2-6-0 Black Late Crest	Bachmann Farish	372-626	08/11/13	89.10	93.00	Steam Locomotives	B4 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
2MT Ivatt 2-6-0 Green Late Crest	Bachmann Farish	372-625	08/11/13	89.10	93.00	Steam Locomotives	B4 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
2MT Ivatt Tank	Mintox	N205	/ /	10.00	40.00	Steam Locomotives	Aluminium Case 3		Digital	N
2MT Ivatt Tank	Mintox	N205	/ /	10.00	40.00	Steam Locomotives	Aluminium Case 1		Analogue	N
2MT Ivatt Tank	Mintox	N205	/ /	10.00	40.00	Steam Locomotives	In House		Analogue	N
2MT Ivatt tender Loco	Mintox	N203	/ /	10.00	40.00	Steam Locomotives	Aluminium Case 1		Analogue	N
2MT Ivatt tender loco	Mintox	N203	/ /	20.00	50.00	Steam Locomotives	Aluminium Case 1		Analogue	N
2MT Ivatt tender loco Green	Mintox	N203	/ /	25.00	55.00	Steam Locomotives	Aluminium Case 1		Analogue	N
3MT Tank	Bachmann Farish	372-325	10/10/10	56.00	101.00	Steam Locomotives	B1 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
3MT Tank Green	Bachmann Farish	372-326	09/05/16	50.00	101.00	Steam Locomotives	B1 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
4-8-8-4 N&W	Riverossi	/ /	/ /	55.00	90.00	Steam Locomotives	Blue Aluminium Case		Analogue	N
4553 Phrya Hall	Dapol	25-010-003	29/01/17	95.00	119.00	Steam Locomotives	In House		Digital	N
4F 0-6-0 Freight	Graham Farish	1845	15/07/07	25.00	/ /	/ /	Aluminium Case 1		Analogue	N
4MT 2-6-0 BR2 tender	Bachmann Farish	372-652	10/10/10	76.00	/ /	/ /	B2 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
4MT BR Tank	Bachmann Farish	372-528	/ /	36.00	/ /	/ /	B2 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
4MT BR Tank 80119	Bachmann Farish	372-536	/ /	101.99	/ /	/ /	B2 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
57xx GIVR Green 'Great Western'	Dapol	25-007-008	20/08/14	65.00	/ /	/ /	Large Aluminium Case		Digital	N
SMT Camelot	Bachmann Farish	372-727*	05/01/15	84.00	/ /	/ /	Large Aluminium Case		Digital	N
SMT Green 73014	Bachmann Farish	372-728	05/11/14	84.00	/ /	/ /	B2 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
SMT Green 73068	Bachmann Farish	372-725	16/04/16	69.50	/ /	/ /	B2 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
64xx Pennier Tank 6407	Bachmann Farish	371-985	31/07/16	80.71	/ /	/ /	In House		Digital	N
6803 Bucklebury Grange	Dapol	25-019-006	08/08/15	120.05	/ /	/ /	Large Aluminium Case		Digital	N
8750 Pennier Tank 3715	Bachmann Farish	371-930	07/07/06	25.00	50.00	Steam Locomotives	B1 (Blue Plastic box)		Digital	N
8F 2-8-0	Bachmann Farish	372-151	09/08/07	43.00	95.00	Steam Locomotives	Aluminium Case 2		Digital	N
8F 48709	Bachmann Farish	372-152	17/05/08	10.00	70.00	Steam Locomotives	Aluminium Case 1		Analogue	N

Click on the square to maximise the screen

- Right-Click on the Preview Page for a menu:
- Navigate pages
 - Zoom size
 - Pages Displayed
 - Print from Preview
 - Close Preview

The 'Esc' key also closes the Preview

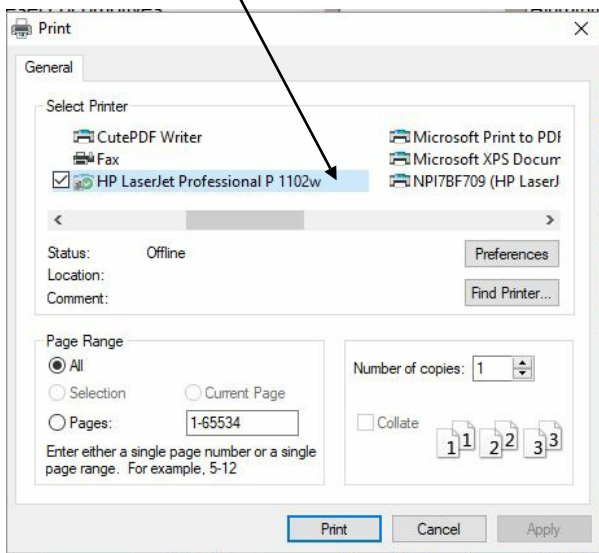
Report Printing Options



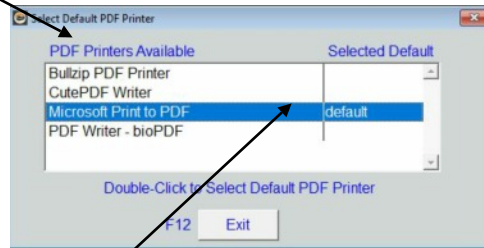
When MTC is started it will check for available PDF printers. The printer name will require 'PDF' in it for it to be included in the list. 'PDF' is case sensitive.

If one PDF printer is available then the 'Print to PDF' button will appear.

Only if more that one PDF printer is available then the 'Change DefaultPDF Printer' button will appear.



If 'Printer Prompt' is ticked then the Print button will show the Windows printers available for selection. Select printer, Apply and Print.



Double-Click on the preferred PDF printer to set it to your MTC's Default. This does not reset the Windows default printer.

The PDF printers tested comprise:

Microsoft Print to PDF - normally defaults to the 'Documents' folder with ability to change.

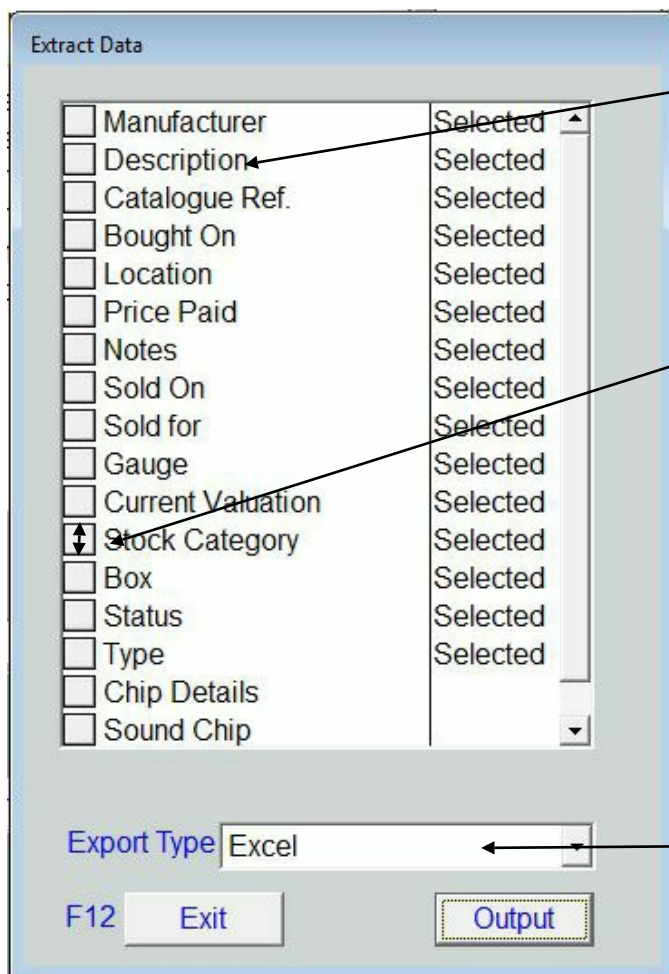
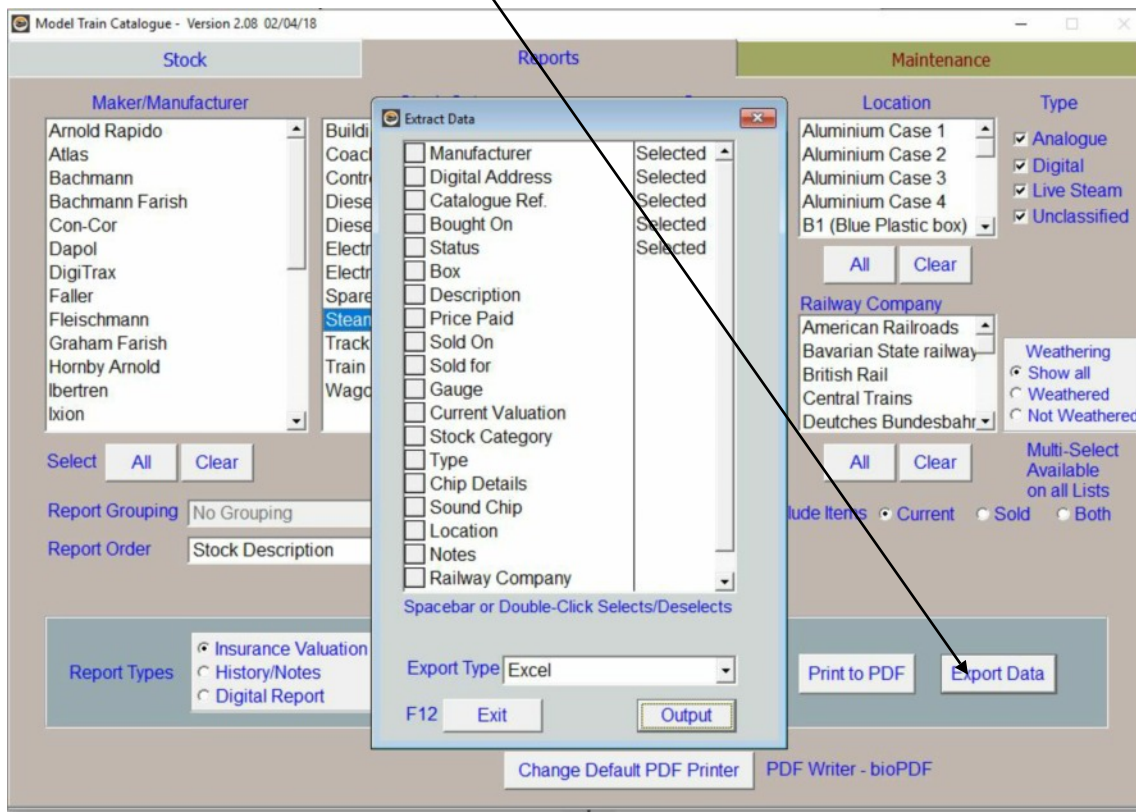
CutePDF Writer - normally defaults to the 'Documents' folder with ability to change.

Bullzip PDF Printer - normally defaults to the 'Desktop' with ability to change.

PDF writer - bioPDF - normally defaults to the 'Desktop' with ability to change.

Reports - Exporting Data

Pressing the 'Export Data' button on the Reports page brings up this screen



Double-Click to Select or de-select a data item for output.

Hold Left-Mouse on the 'mover' button and move it up or down to 'drop' item into the order that data column will be output.

Note: When naming the exported file Windows will not allow the following characters in the file name
 \ / : * ? " < > |

- Output formats available:
- Excel,
 - Comma Separated(CSV)
 - Delimited Text File(TXT)
 - Undelimited Text file(SDF)
 - xBase(DBF)
 - XML(Windows-1252)

Maintenance

To populate the Manufactures selection list, Stock Category list and Gauge list on the Stock screen, three Maintenance screens are provided. All the screens work in a similar fashion.

The purposes behind these lists is a) to ensure complete data integrity when reporting, b) to save typing data multiple times, c) to allow the user the freedom to add any values to any of the lists thereby tailoring the catalogue definitions to their own collection.

Manufacturers/Makers

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Stock Reports Maintenance

Makers and Manufacturers Categories Gauge Location Self Named Backup Screen Size Registered

Arnold Rapido
Atlas
Bachmann
Bachmann Farish
Con-Cor
Dapol
DigiTrax
Faller
Fleischmann
Graham Farish
Guagemaster
Hornby Arnold
Ibertren
Ivion
Kato
Kestrel

Makers/Manufacturers

Name Arnold Rapido

Default

F11 F7 F8

Reset Edit Maker New Maker

Delete

Set the Default Manufacturer

'New', 'Edit' and 'Reset' buttons allow data to be entered and changed.

'Delete' button will remove the record only if it is not in use by an item.

Categories

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Stock Reports Maintenance

Makers and Manufacturers Categories Gauge Location Self Named Backup Screen Size Registered

Buildings
Coaches
Control Equipment
Diesel Locomotives
Diesel Sets
Electric Locomotives
Electric Sets
Spare Parts
Steam Locomotives
Track
Train Set
Wagons

Stock Categories

Name Buildings

Show 'Analogue/Digital'

F11 F7 F8

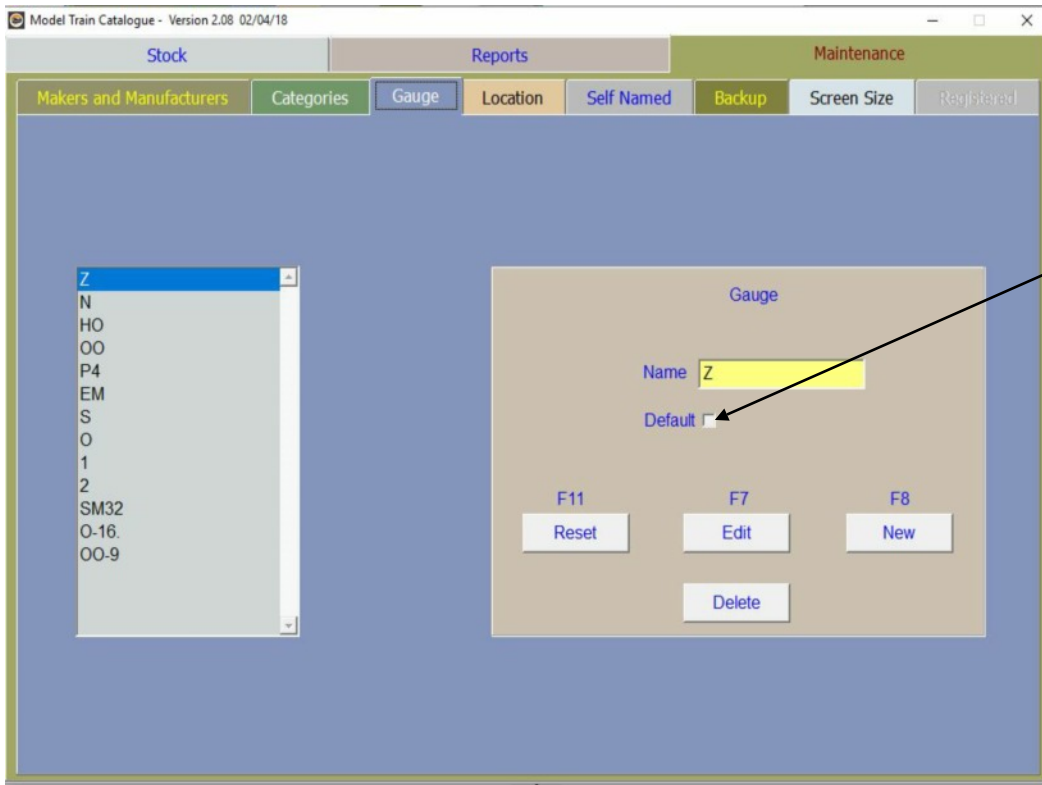
Reset Edit Category New Category

Delete

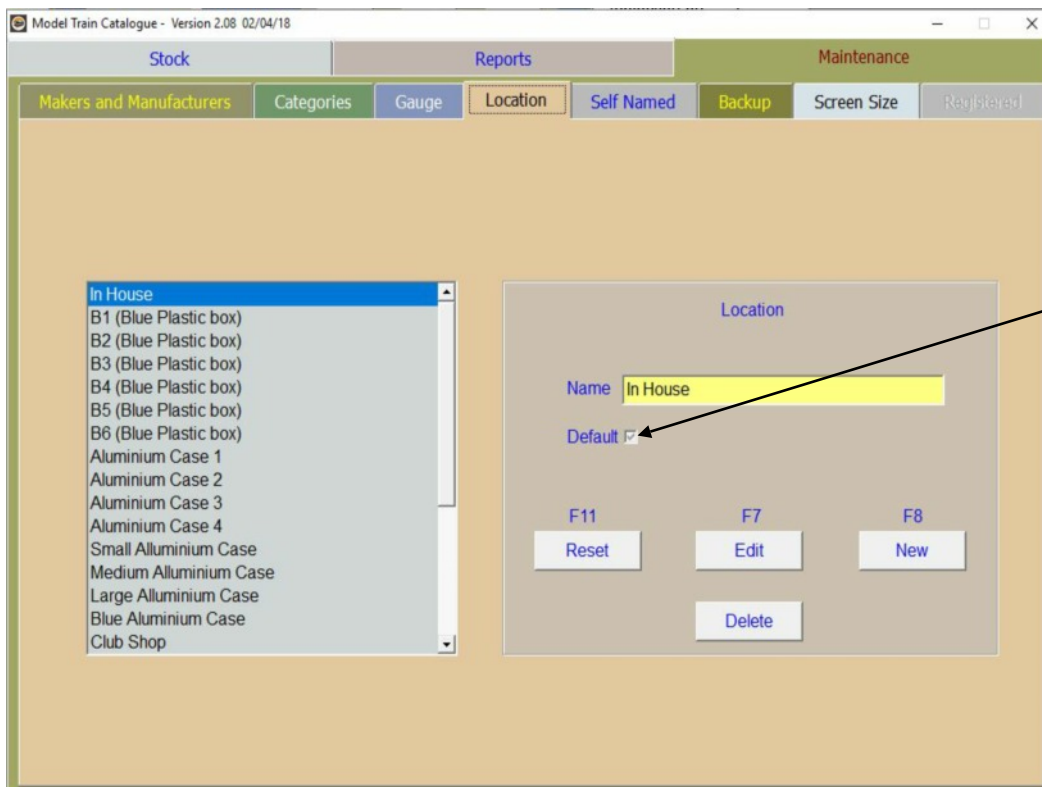
Select 'Show Analogue/Digital' if relevant to the category. It shows or hides the 'Type' on the Stock page.

'Locomotives' could be Analogue or Digital and this should be ticked but as Wagons would be neither this would be un-ticked.

Gauges



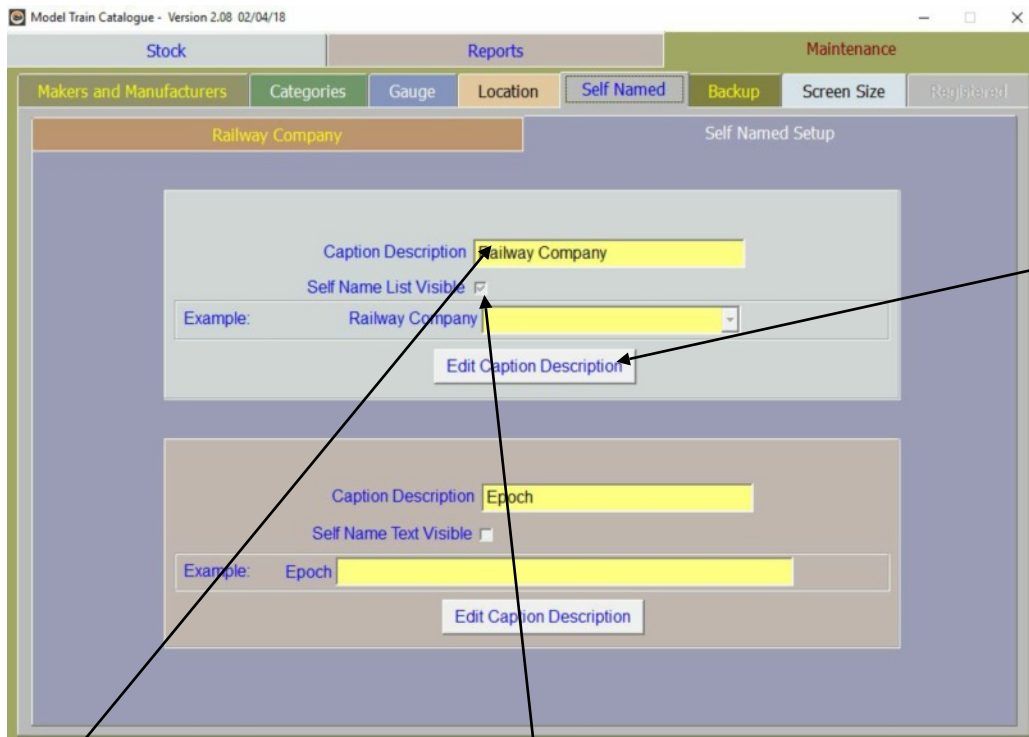
Locations



Self Named Fields

Two Self Named fields are provided for the user to title and use to meet their own special needs. These are invisible on the Stock page until activated in the Maintenance/Self Named page. One of the fields provides a List, working similarly to Makers, Categories, etc. but will contain the users specified data type e.g. Railway Companies, Epoch, Country. The other is a simple Text box. Both fields each allow up to 40 characters to be entered.

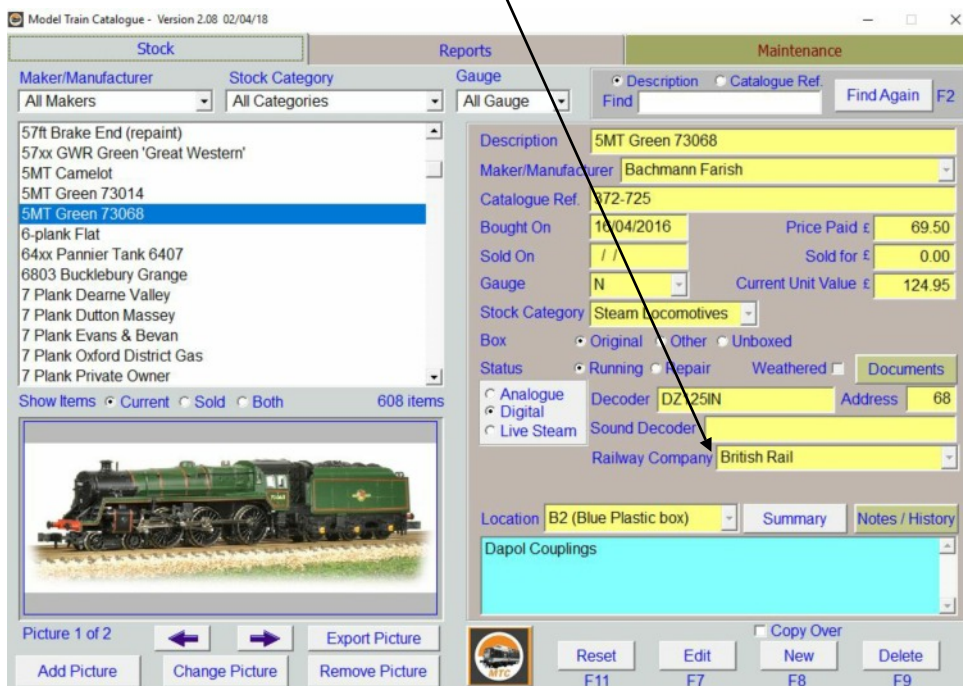
Self Named List:



To Edit the Caption and make the field visible on the Stock page first Click the 'Edit Caption'.

Enter the description here e.g. 'Railway Companies'

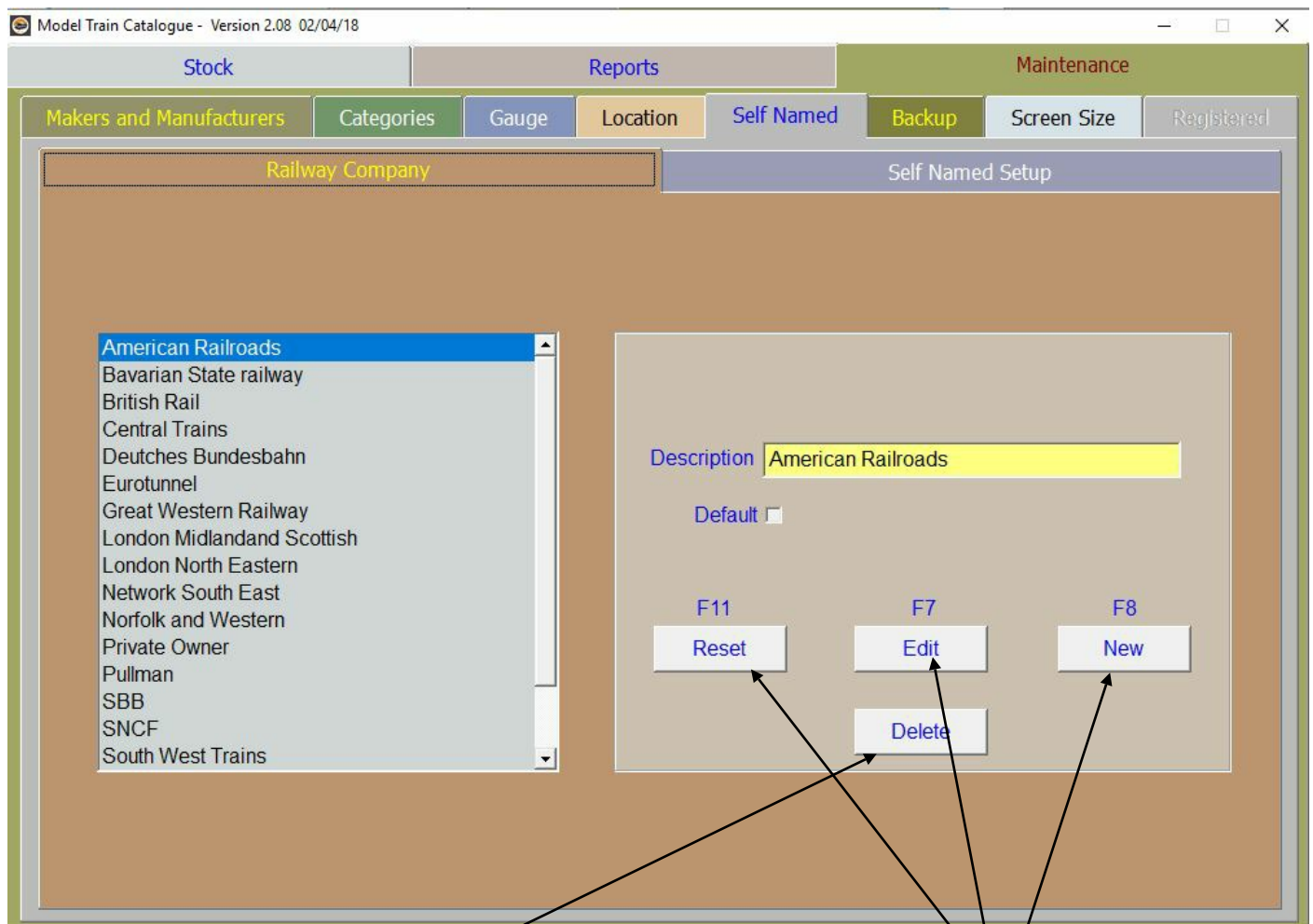
Tick the box to make it visible on the stock page.



To ensure that the Self Named List and its caption fit in the space available, the longer the description, the shorter the List box will be (and vice versa). However, this does not affect the length of data held by the field which is limited to 50 characters. It is just that not all characters will be visible.

Self Named List - Capturing Data

This Page only becomes active when the Self Named List is visible on the Stock Page.



'Delete' button will remove the record only if it is not in use by an item.

'New', 'Edit' and 'Reset' buttons allow data to be entered and changed.

Self Named Text:

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Stock Reports Maintenance

Makers and Manufacturers Categories Gauge Location Self Named Backup Screen Size Registered

Railway Company Self Named Setup

Caption Description Railway Company

Self Name List Visible

Example: Railway Company

Edit Caption Description

Caption Description Epoch

Self Name Text Visible

Example: Epoch

Edit Caption Description

To Edit the Caption and make the field visible on the Stock page first Click the 'Edit Caption Description' button

Enter the description here e.g. Epoch.

Tick the box to make it visible on the stock screen.

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Stock Reports Maintenance

Maker/Manufacturer Stock Category Gauge Description Catalogue Ref. Find Again F2

All Makers All Categories All Gauge Find

57ft Brake End (repaint)
57xx GWR Green 'Great Western'
5MT Camelot
5MT Green 73014
5MT Green 73068
6-plank Flat
64xx Pannier Tank 6407
6803 Bucklebury Grange
7 Plank Dearne Valley
7 Plank Dutton Massey
7 Plank Evans & Bevan
7 Plank Oxford District Gas
7 Plank Private Owner

Show Items Current Sold Both 608 items

Picture 1 of 2 Export Picture Add Picture Change Picture Remove Picture

Description 5MT Green 73068
Maker/Manufacturer Bachmann Farish
Catalogue Ref. 372-725
Bought On 16/04/2016 Price Paid £ 69.50
Sold On / / Sold for £ 0.00
Gauge N Current Unit Value £ 124.95
Stock Category Steam Locomotives
Box Original Other Unboxed
Status Running Repair Weathered Documents
Analogue Digital Live Steam
Decoder DZ125IN Address 68
Sound Decoder
Railway Company British Rail
Epoch
Location B2 (Blue Plastic box) Summary Notes / History
Dapol Couplings

Reset Edit New Delete
F11 F7 F8 F9

To ensure that the Self Named Text and its caption fit in the space available, the longer the description the shorter the Text box will be (and vice versa). However, this does not affect the length of data held by the field which is limited to 50 characters. It is just that not all characters will be visible.

Self Named List - Reports Page:

Model Train Catalogue - Version 2.08 02/04/18

Stock **Reports** **Maintenance**

Maker/Manufacturer **Stock Category** **Gauge** **Location** **Type**

Arnold Rapido
Atlas
Bachmann
Bachmann Farish
Con-Cor
Dapol
DigiTrax
Faller
Fleischmann
Graham Farish
Hornby Arnold
Ibertren
Ixon

Buildings
Coaches
Control Equipment
Diesel Locomotives
Diesel Sets
Electric Locomotives
Electric Sets
Spare Parts
Steam Locomotives
Track
Train Set
Wagons

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SM32

Aluminium Case 1
Aluminium Case 2
Aluminium Case 3
Aluminium Case 4
B1 (Blue Plastic box)

Analogue
 Digital
 Live Steam
 Unclassified

Select All Clear All Clear All Clear All Clear

Report Grouping: No Grouping Include Items: Current Sold Both

Report Order: Stock Description

Report Types: Insurance Valuation
 History/Notes
 Digital Report

Preview Print Print to PDF Export Data

Printer Prompt

Change Default PDF Printer PDF Writer - bioPDF

Like the other Multi-Select Lists, the Self Named List will appear in the Report Grouping List when more than one item is selected.

When the Self Named List is visible on the Stock Page then a change occurs on the Reports page.

To make room for the Self Named List the Location List shortens but still holds all the Locations entered that are used by the Stock Data.

The Self Named List appears underneath.

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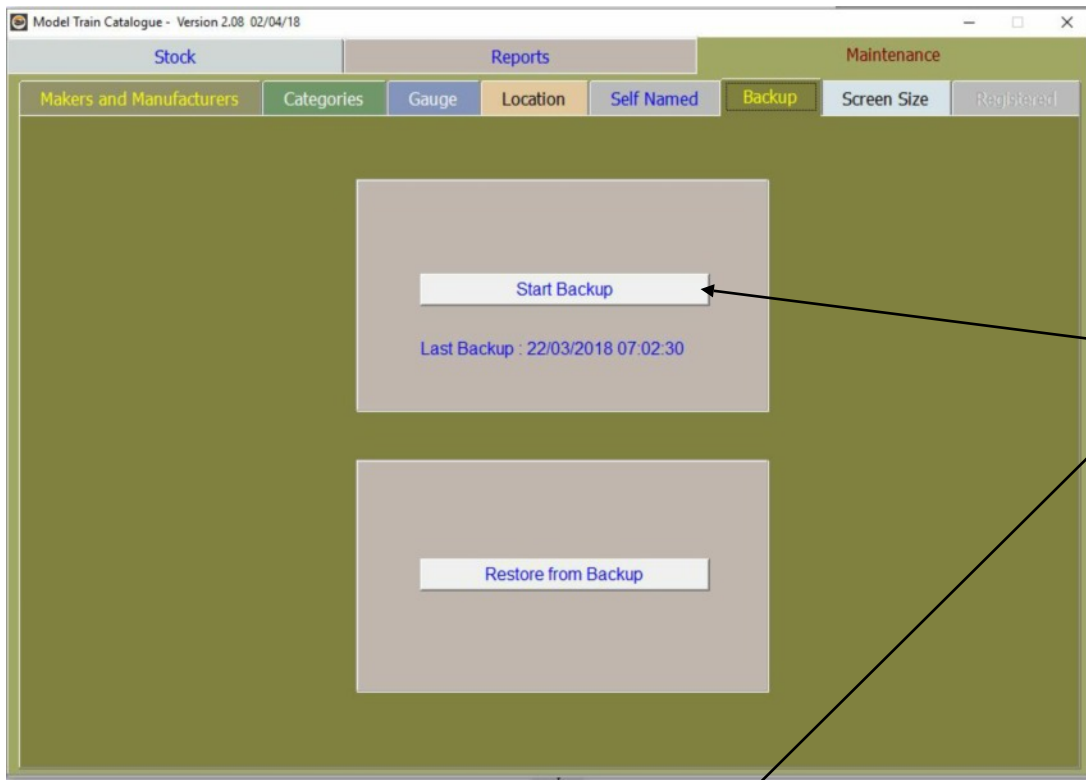
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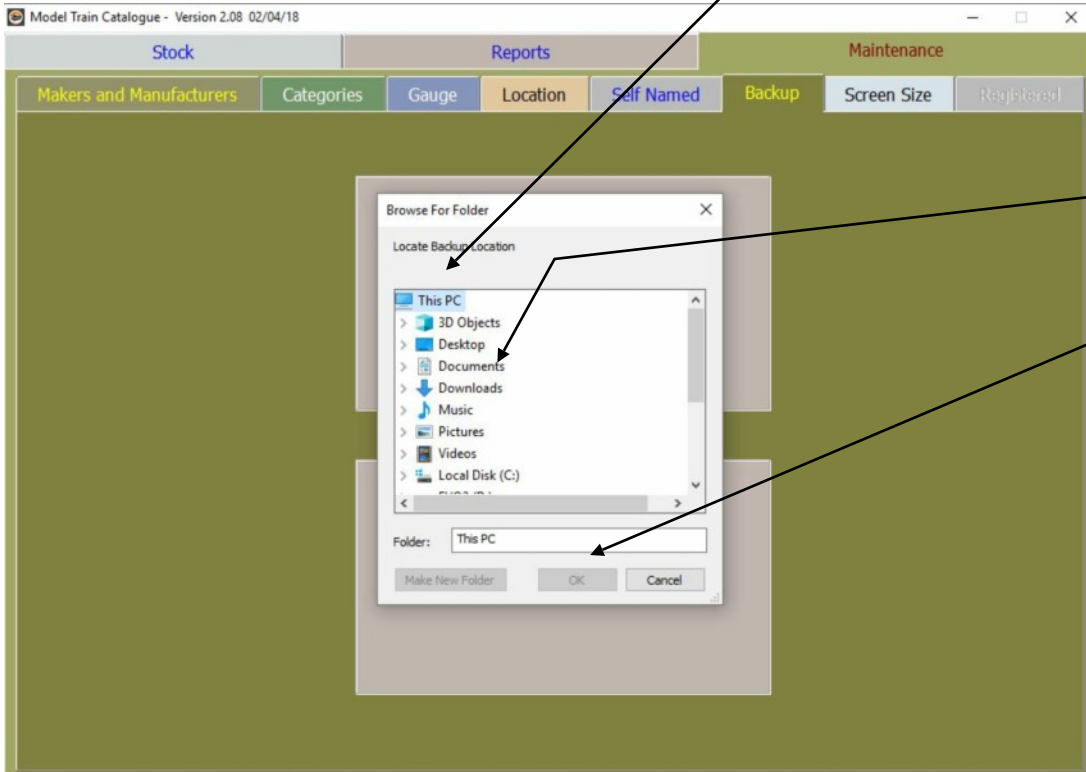
Backup and Restore

To help preserve your data from accidental loss the Backup and Restore feature is available.

Backup



The screenshot shows the 'Model Train Catalogue - Version 2.08 02/04/18' application window. The 'Maintenance' tab is active, and the 'Backup' sub-tab is selected. The main area contains two buttons: 'Start Backup' and 'Restore from Backup'. The 'Start Backup' button is highlighted with a callout box that says 'Click the 'Start Backup' button.' Below it, the text 'Last Backup : 22/03/2018 07:02:30' is displayed. A second callout box points to the 'Start Backup' button and says 'This shows this dialogue box.'



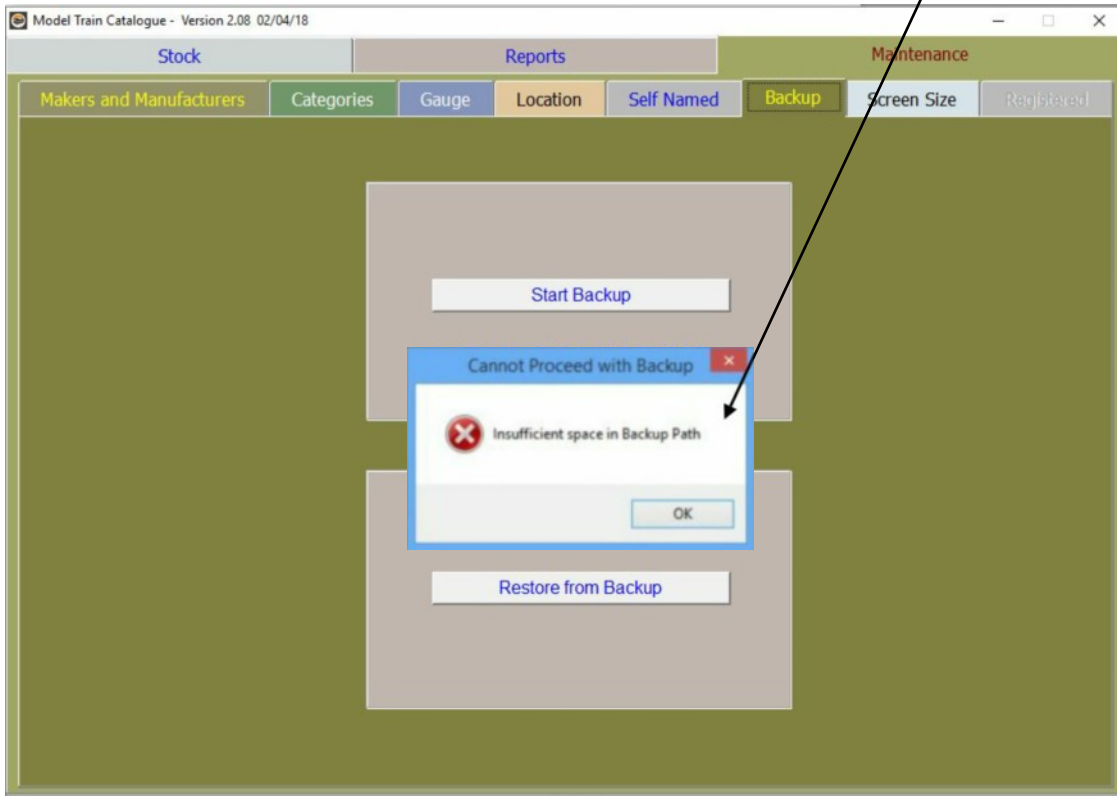
The screenshot shows the same application window, but with the 'Browse For Folder' dialog box open. The dialog box is titled 'Browse For Folder' and has a subtitle 'Locate Backup Location'. It displays a list of folders and drives, including 'This PC', '3D Objects', 'Desktop', 'Documents', 'Downloads', 'Music', 'Pictures', 'Videos', and 'Local Disk (C:)'. The 'Folder:' field at the bottom is set to 'This PC'. There are 'Make New Folder', 'OK', and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom of the dialog. Two callout boxes point to the dialog: one says 'Select the backup location or device.' and the other says 'Click the 'OK' button to start the backup process.'

Select your Backup Device/Location. This can be any drive except the one that MTC is installed on. You can backup to a memory stick, cloud, external hard drive or another internal hard drive by selecting it in the dialogue box.

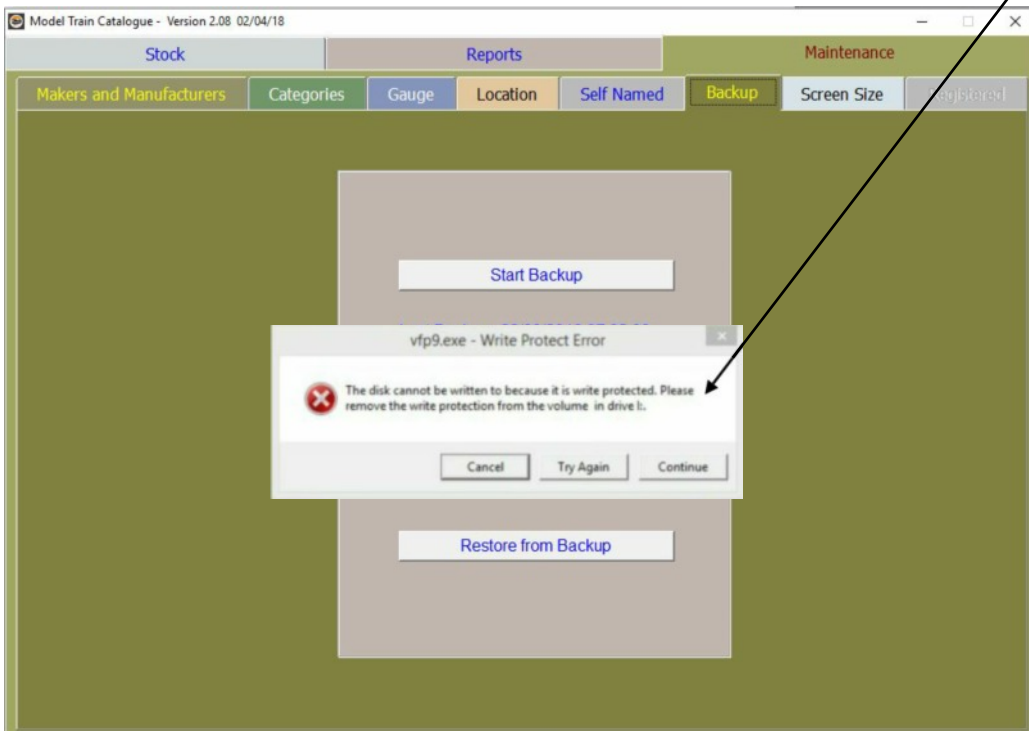
A new folder will be created for the backup files underneath the selected location and named 'MTCBackupYYYYMMDD' where 'YYYYMMDD' is the date of the backup.

Backup - Warning Messages

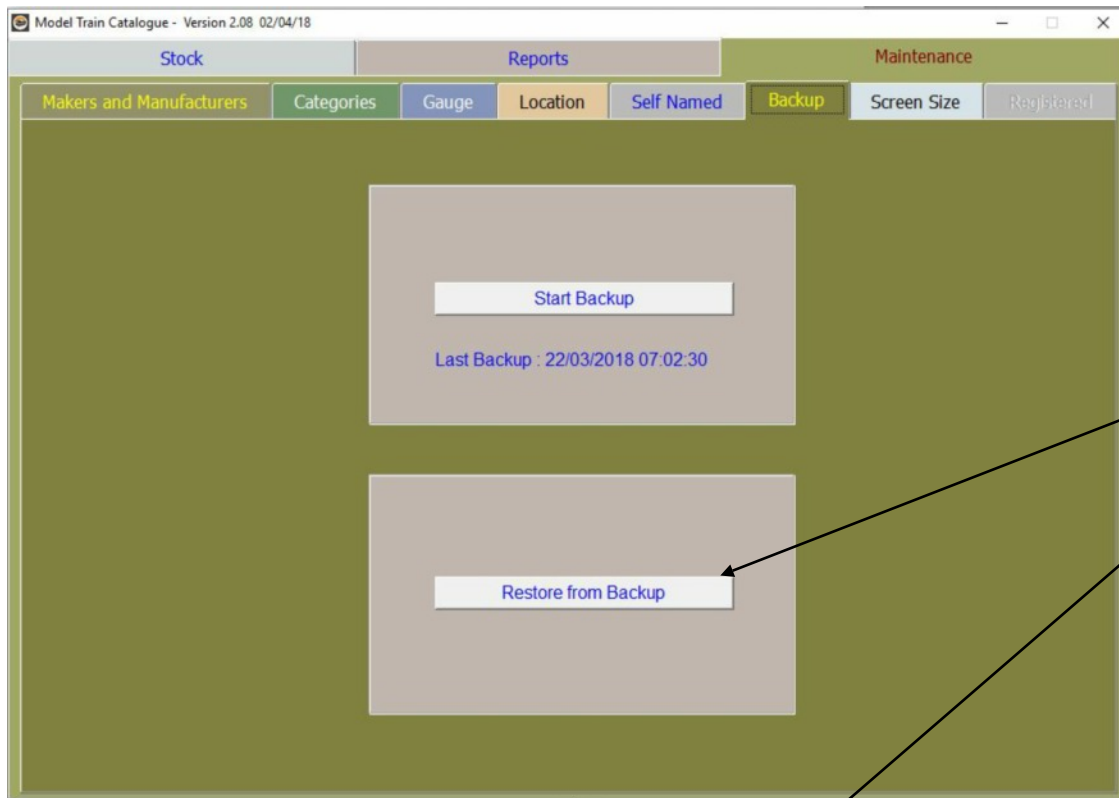
Insufficient space on the backup device will result in this warning message.



If the backup device is write protected (e.g. SD Card) this warning message will show.

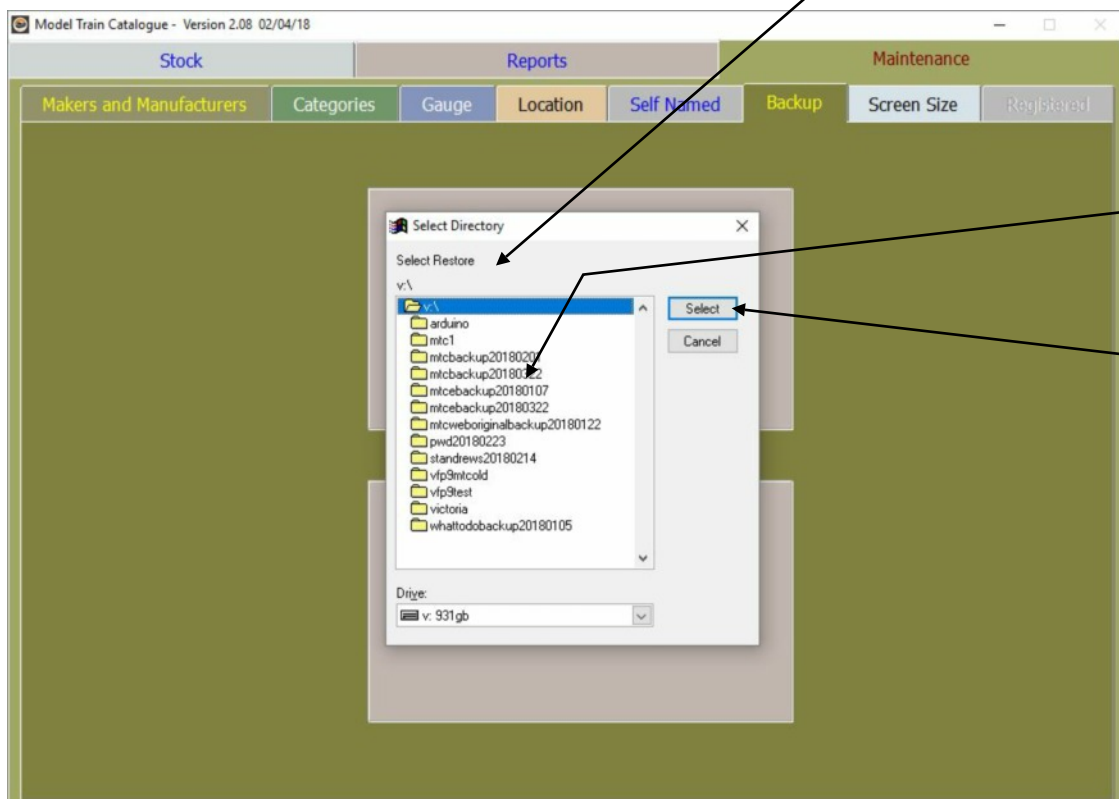


Restore Data



Click the 'Restore from Backup' button.

This shows this dialogue box.



Select the backup location or device.

Click the 'Select' button to start the Restore process.

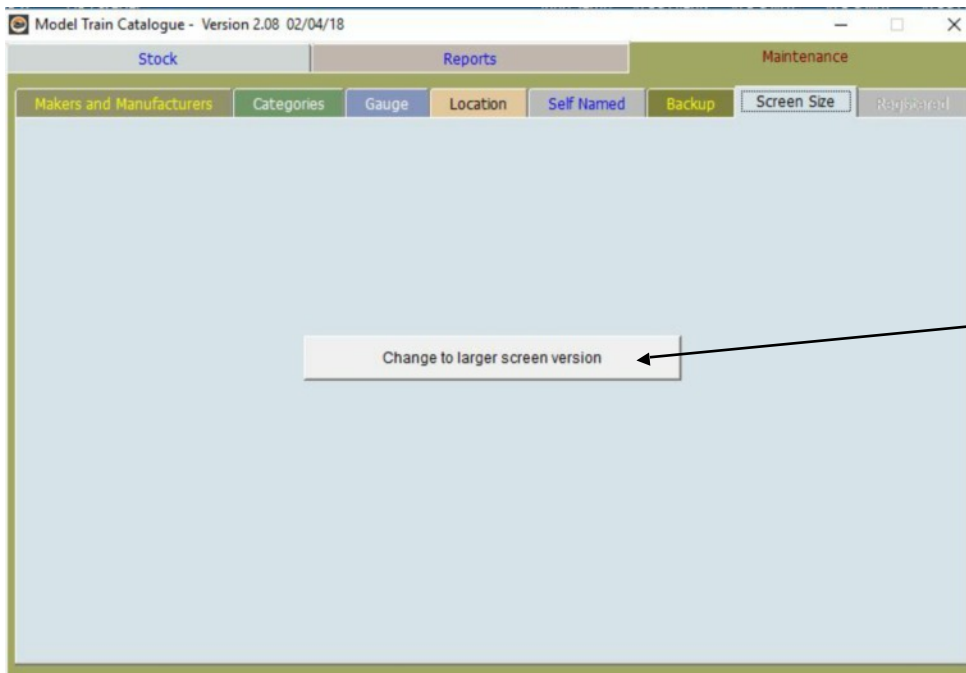
At the end of the process MTC will request that it is shutdown and restarted.

Restore will overwrite any data already in MTC. This feature is not only for post calamity data survival but also useful for moving data to another computer where MTC is installed.

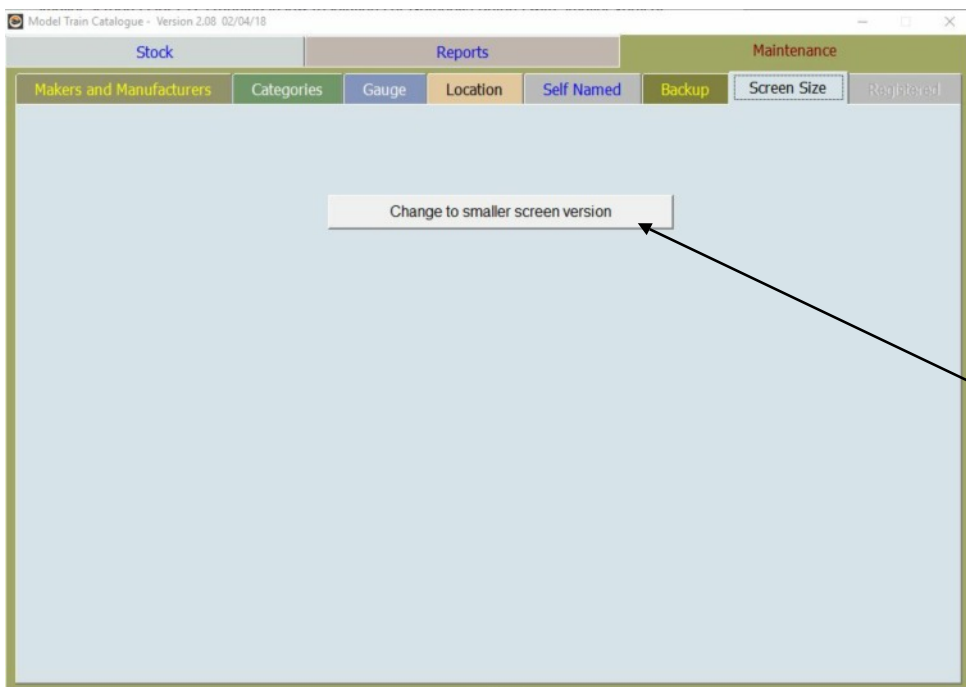
Always close MTC before shutting down your computer otherwise data loss will occur. Similarly if the computer crashes whilst MTC is running there could be data loss. After a calamity, there is an index repair tool downloadable from the MTC website to ensure that MTC is running efficiently.

Screen Size

There are two screen sizes available. The smaller screen is for vertical screen resolutions less than 768 pixels. The larger screen is for vertical screen resolutions greater than 767 pixels. The smaller screen is for PC's running in low resolutions or Netbook/Laptops with smaller vertical screen sizes. The larger screen will never be available if the vertical resolution is less than 768.



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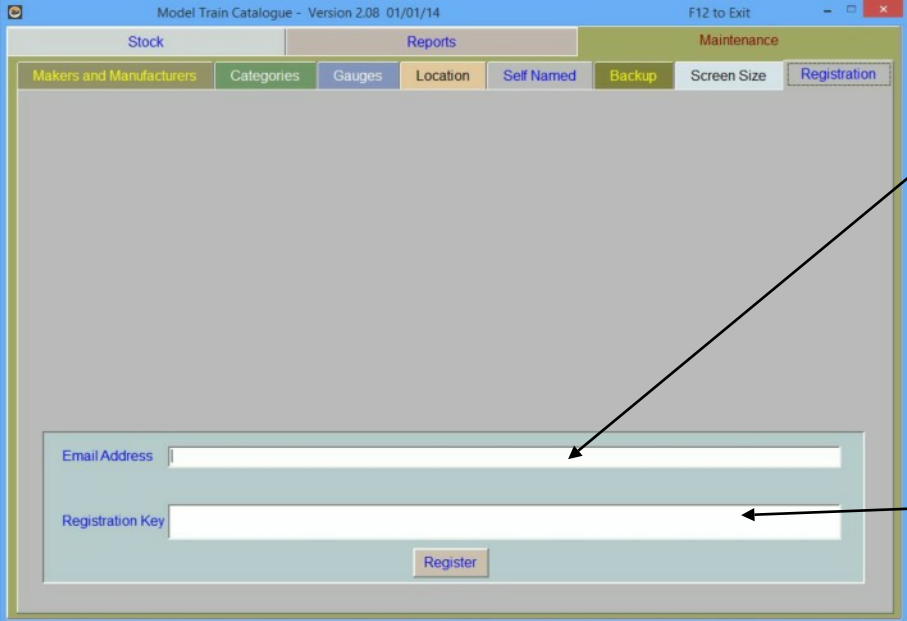
It will be necessary to restart the Model Train Catalogue program to change the screen size.

Licence Registration

Until the software is registered the maximum number of items that can be input is ten. The 'New' button on the Stock page will become disabled once this limit is reached. Once registered the maximum number of items that can be input is two billion.

Registration is done after from email that is returned with the Registration key in response to the PayPal notification of payment. Because of the length of the registration key, it would be best to copy-and-paste it into the Registration key field from the email.

Please note that the registration key generation cannot be fully automated and at certain times, such as late at night, there may be a delay in sending it out to you.



The screenshot shows the 'Registration' tab in the 'Model Train Catalogue' software. The window title is 'Model Train Catalogue - Version 2.08 01/01/14'. The main menu includes 'Stock', 'Reports', and 'Maintenance'. Below the menu, there are several sub-tabs: 'Makers and Manufacturers', 'Categories', 'Gauges', 'Location', 'Self Named', 'Backup', 'Screen Size', and 'Registration'. The 'Registration' sub-tab is active. The registration form contains two input fields: 'Email Address' and 'Registration Key'. A 'Register' button is located below the 'Registration Key' field. Two callout boxes with arrows point to the input fields: one pointing to the 'Email Address' field with the text 'Enter the email address used for Registration.', and another pointing to the 'Registration Key' field with the text 'Copy-and-paste the Registration key here.'

The Quantity Box

Some MTC users have requested the ability to enter a quantity for an item. Typically, for where a rake of identical wagons is to be entered. However, the consequences of having a single record for a quantity of a set of identical items are that if individual items in that set require separate recording of details at a later stage then difficulties will ensue - Example: if one wagon in a set of identical wagons is damaged or sold then it cannot be separated out to individual attention to the data. Also, with only one buying date, it would have to be assumed that all were bought on one day.

To overcome this problem, MTC is designed on a 'one record per item' basis with a 'Copy Over' tick-box to speed up the entry process per individual item. This gives the individual control over a batch of identical items with minimised data entry effort.

However, some MTC users may still have the need for a 'Quantity' box in spite of the loss of individual item detail control. By adding an empty file called QTY.TXT into the C:\MTC folder, the Quantity box becomes available for use on the Stock page. Also, the Insurance Reports and item Summary will show the Quantity, (individual) item value and Total Value (Quantity x Individual item value). When entering prices and values only the single, individual item value should be entered.

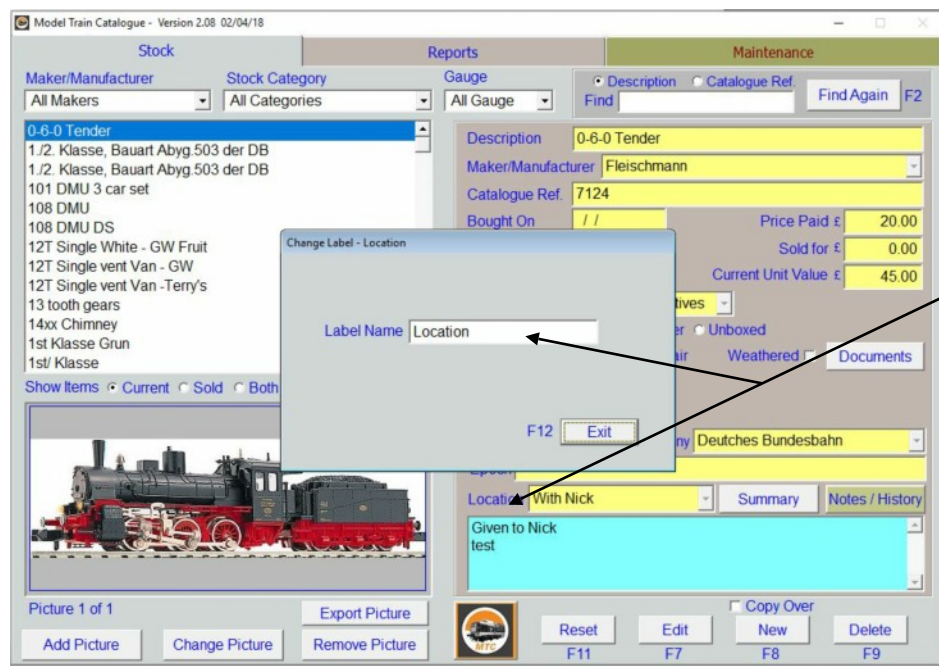
When the QTY.TXT file is not present, then the default quantity is always recorded as 1.

Upgrading the Program

Downloading and Installing another Demo program from MTC Website will upgrade your current version without upsetting your Registration or Data. Always wise to make a backup of data first though. Access to the Model Train Catalogue can be made quickly by Clicking on the MTC logo bottom centre on the Stock page.

Re-Nameable Fields

Alter 'Location' Label



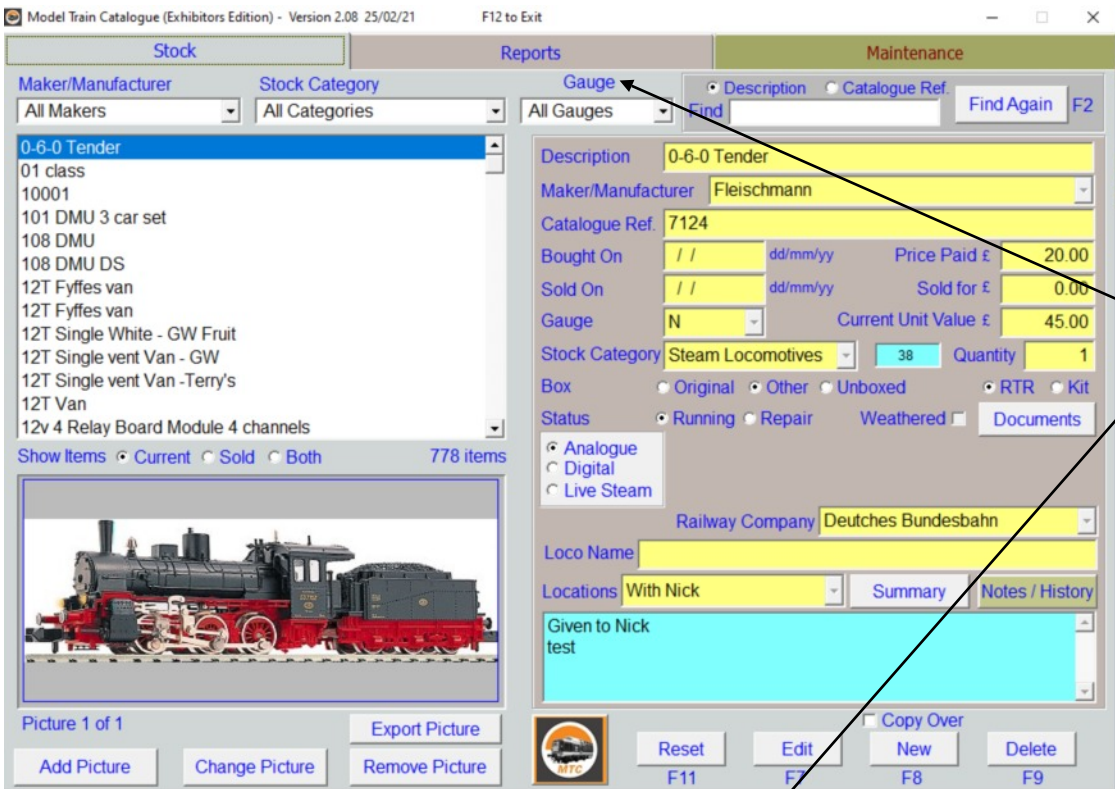
Double-Click on the label 'Location' and this box comes up so that you can rename it to some other use. This will also change the labels on the Reports and Maintenance/Location pages. Try not to make it too long a name!

Note: The relevant Maintenance pages and Report column names will change too.

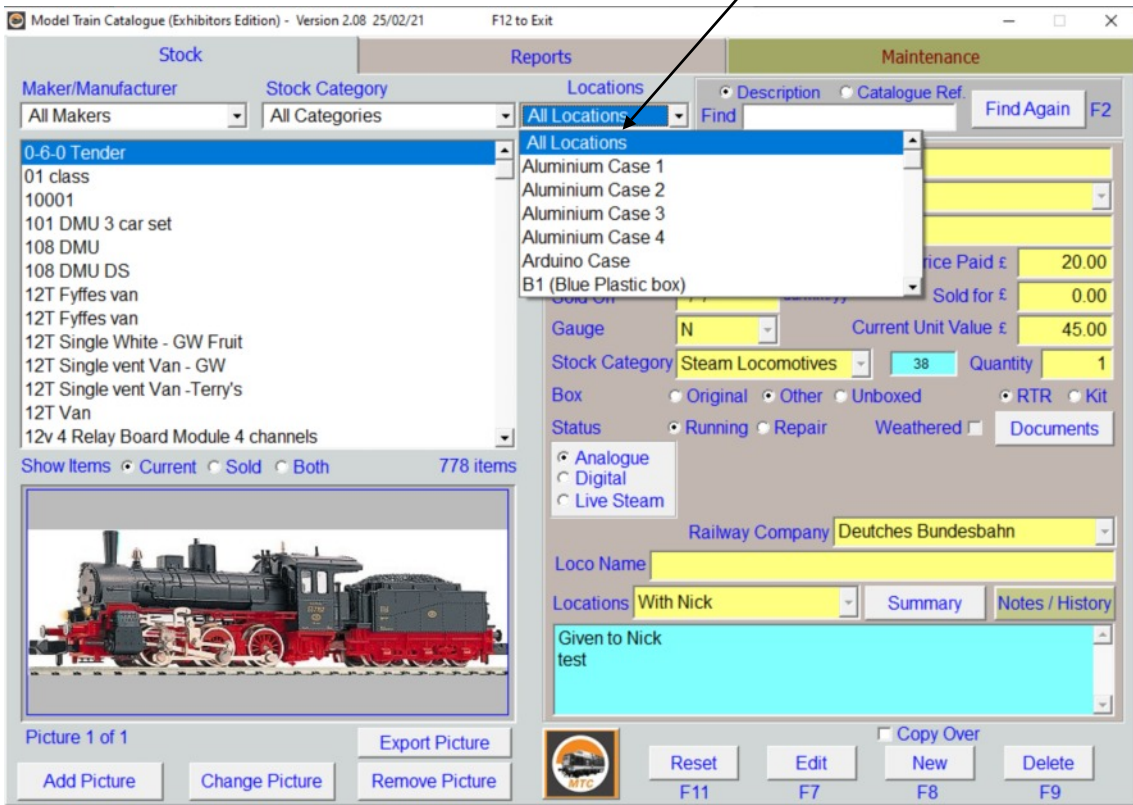
The limitation is in the length of the renamed text. If it is too long it will overlap because the adjacent objects on the screen are static. Likewise the Maintenance page section names will change size accordingly.

Re-Nameable Fields

Alter 'Location' Label (continued)



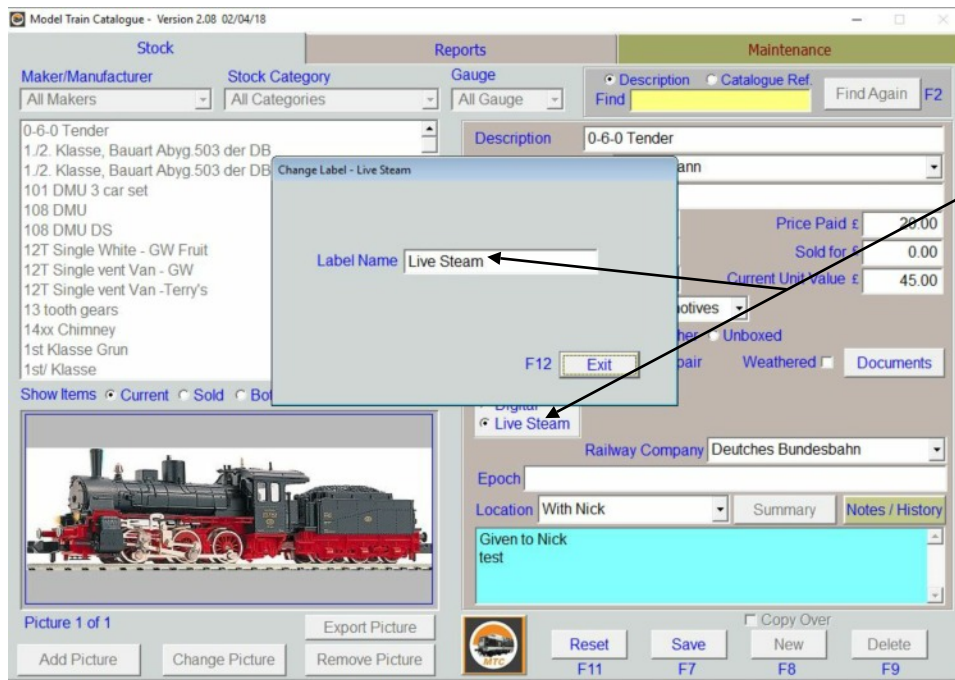
Double-Click the Label 'Gauge' and the 'Location' list will replace



This will allow the main list to be filtered by 'Location'. Double-Click on the 'Location' label to return to 'Gauge' list. This feature will work even if either or both 'Gauge' and 'Location' have been renamed for a different use of these lists.

Re-Nameable Fields - continued

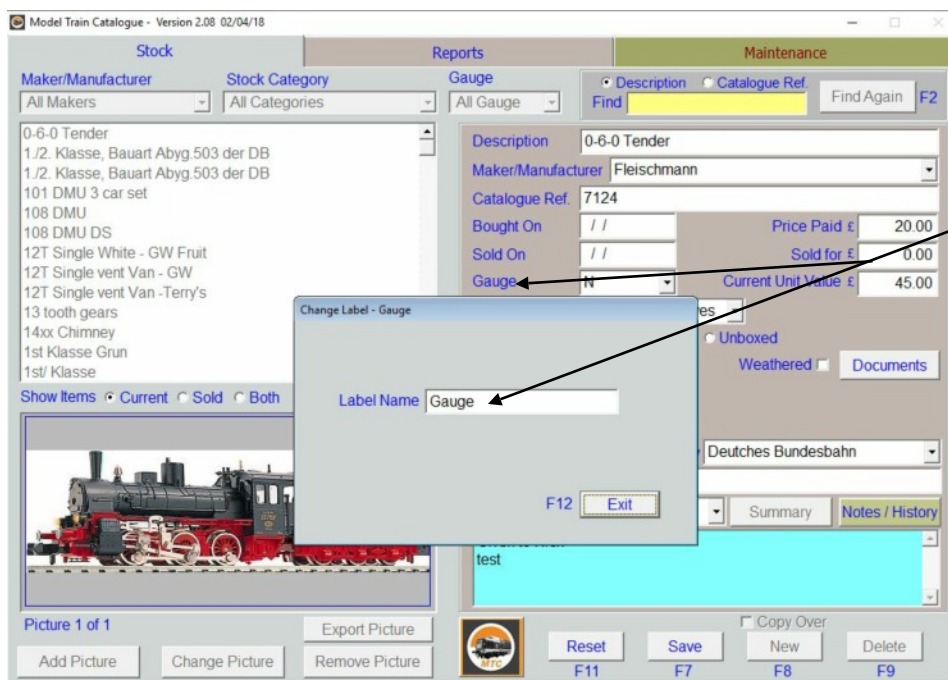
Alter 'Live Steam' Label



Click on the 'Edit' button first. Then Double-Click on the label 'Live Steam' label and this box comes up so that you can rename it to some other use. This will also change the labels on the Reports page. Try not to make it too long a name!

Click 'Exit' and then 'Save' or 'Reset' to complete the change.

Alter 'Gauge' Label



If you only collect one gauge, Double-Click on the label 'Gauge' and this box comes up so that you can rename it to some other use. This will also change the labels on the Reports and Maintenance/Location pages. Try not to make it too long a name!

Return to top and clear Find box



Right-Click on any of these lists will return it to the 'All' position.

Right-Click to Clear the Find box

Using a Cloud or Network Drive for MTC data

1. Right-Click on the MTC Shortcut
2. Select 'Properties' with a Left-Click
3. The Target line has to be changed

The Target line comprises three parts:
C:\mtc\mtc.exe C:\mtc\dbfs\ -cC:\mtc\config.fpw

- a) C:\mtc\mtc.exe - Program Call
- b) C:\mtc\dbfs\ - Data Location
- c) -cC:\mtc\config.fpw - Configuration File

There is a space between each part.

Leave a) and c) as they are.

Change b) to point to the desired data path

Example: D:\mtc\dbfs\

Target line should then look like this:

C:\mtc\mtc.exe D:\mtc\dbfs\ -cC:\mtc\config.fpw

Onedrive Example: C:\users\{username}\onedrive\

If the Cloud folder has a space in it then quotation marks are required in the right place:

Google Drive Example:

C:\mtc\mtc.exe "c:\users\username\google drive\mtc1\dbfs\" -cC:\mtc\config.fpw

BT Cloud Example:

C:\mtc\mtc.exe "C:\users\username\bt cloud\mtc\dbfs\" -cC:\mtc\config.fpw

Left-Click 'Apply' and 'OK' to complete.

Substitute the correct user name for *username*.

