

E.M.A. Computer Solutions has released version 6 of its popular Bodyshop Manager and Business Manager PC-based tools. Both tools greatly simplify the control and management aspects of bodyshops and facilitate optimum loading by maximising available resources (productives, materials and courtesy cars) and automating otherwise time-consuming administrative tasks.

Bodyshop Manager features 30 Status Panels which display all key information paramount to the successful management of the business. Status Panels include: 'Jobs awaiting invoicing', 'Jobs due out today' and 'Parts still to order'.

EMACS Director, Alan Hargreaves, comments: "Unlike other systems, where you have to hunt for information, with EMACS Bodyshop Manager the information comes looking for you."

As a Bodyshop Manager's main job is to buy and sell time, site utilisation and efficiency will increase when the manager becomes fully aware of available resources. In Bodyshop Manager, a shared Site Diary provides a view of the current and scheduled activities of all staff, an internal Messaging System facilitates communication (with unanswered messages escalating to senior personnel) and a Loading Graph of Hours Available updates every six minutes.

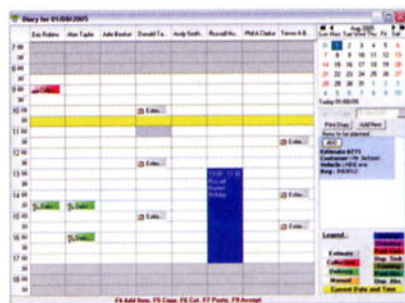
"Bodyshop Manager formalises the relationship between what is currently being done, what needs to be done and what can be done – all in a single, easy-to-use environment that empowers Bodyshop Managers to realise the maximum potential of their businesses."

EMACS Bodyshop Manager also automates many of the essential, but non-profitable, administrative tasks that a bodyshop performs from day-to-day. For example, vehicle owners can be contacted via SMS text as Bodyshop Manager is able to automatically send a message when any of more than 30 conditions (for example, 'Car awaiting collection') are met – plus the user can create custom messages.

Further, the tool automatically generates letters (for example, 'Estimate follow-up letter'). Hargreaves: "Of the dozens of sites in the UK using EMACS tools, and some have been using our tools for 10 years, not a single bodyshop has had to increase its administration personnel even though the shop's throughput has increased by up to 50 percent."

The latest version of Bodyshop Manager also allows for the exporting of data (such as customer and vehicle details) to Audatex and Glassmatics estimating tools. "Bodyshop Manager version 6 is all about eliminating what in 'Lean' terms is known as 'waste' – and having to re-key data which is already on site into another tool is very wasteful," adds Hargreaves.

Bodyshop Manager is an ideal solution for bodyshops, large and small, for use with a bodyshop's dealer manager system (DMS). As for Business Manager, it boasts all the features and delivers all the aforementioned benefits of Bodyshop Manager but adds: creation of job cards; a full parts order and returns system; a full stock control system; and a powerful yet easy-to-use invoicing system (which integrates with many accounting packages).



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