

# **Easy Sample Module**

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### **User Guide Conventions**

The following conventions are used in this guide:

This guide contains a module description, standard cycles (checklists) for operation, and a description of each object released with the module. The module description provides the intended application or use of the module and any comments that relate to this specific module.

The standard cycles are to be used when operating the software to ensure that all necessary steps are being taken in the correct order. Each step in a cycle is denoted with a letter that is surrounded by parentheses indicating that the step is optional.

Underlined words in a cycle step indicate a menu description for an object as it appears on the standard released Fleet-Net® <sup>®</sup> for Windows menu. Since menus are user-customizable, your menu descriptions may vary. The object descriptions provide detailed instructions for using each object.

**Notes:** Provides an area to write in notes for operating a program.

# **Easy Sample Terminology**

Footnotes	Can be used to make comments referencing a trip or time point.
Headways	The amount of time between buses at a specific stop. For example, a different bus stops at Main and Mill every thirty minutes, thirty minutes is the headway.
Public Schedules or Timetables	A published schedule of times when buses operate. A single schedule group's trips to where buses follow the same path or pattern and usually represent one route or line. These schedules often change seasonally to reflect adjustments in passenger riding habits (i.e. school holiday, community events, etc.).
Route or Line	A group of trips to where buses follow the same path.
Run or Run Assignment	A group of trips, on one or more lines, operated by a driver. The run is the operator's daily work assignment.
Sign up or Pick or Bid	A schedule change when operators choose a new run assignment.
Stop	A physical location of where a bus may pick up or drop off passengers.
Time point	A stop on a bus trip where a bus will always stop.  Operators, to ensure that the bus is running according to schedule, use time points.
Trip	One bus travels the full path of a route.

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# **Easy Sample Module Description**

Selecting Trips for surveying is as easy as 1, 2, and 3.

- 1. The first is selecting the Survey Type and Trips to sample.
- 2. The second is downloading/uploading the trip and stop information to/from the handheld data collector.
- 3. The third editing/printing the data that was received from the handheld data collector.

Easy Sample is used to collect Ridership using the sample methodology defined by NTD reporting. Handheld data collectors are used to store the actual on-board counts. Random trips are downloaded into each unit with a day worth of sample trips. In addition to NTD sampling the combination of software and handheld data collectors can be used to check dwell times and can be used for special trip passenger count surveys.

## **Easy Sample Implementation**

It is understood that the Systems Administration Guide had been followed completely and that all other modules are working prior to the Easy Sample installation. Sign-ups must be entered or imported from the Public Schedule database before utilizing the Easy Sample Module.

As with all Fleet-Net for Windows modules, the module must first be installed as directed in the System Administration Guide. Briefly, this includes (1) installing the server files (data, program, and client master databases and contents of the Add-ins folder), (2) copying the client master for individual use.

- 1. Copying files from Email or CD.
  - a. Copy the Easy Sample directory from either the email or CD that was sent to you. It is suggested to copy the new directory to your existing Fleet-Net for Windows (FNW) directory.
  - b. From the <FNW Root>\Psion\Comm sub-directory copy NtLcc.dll, Ut16wlcc.dll, Wlcc.dll to the Windows System directory on each workstation that will be using the applications.

NOTE: Your data collectors will come with the software pre-installed in them when shipped from Fleet-Net. The following steps will only need to be done if the programming has been lost or the batteries were removed from the unit.

- 2. Initial Loading of software
  - a. Place the Data Collector in the docking station.
  - b. Select the *Menu* button at the Psion splash screen. Use the arrows to select the System Screen.
  - c. Press *Menu* and move the Left arrow to the *SPEC* tab. Select *Remote Link* and use the arrows to turn the link **ON**.
  - d. Access the <FNW Root>\Psion\Install sub-directory via Explorer. Run Psisetup.exe
    - i) By following the prompts, select file name Fnet.ctl from the install folder and proceed. The Psisetup will attempt communication with the Data Collector. If communication is not completed, check the Setup prompt to verify correct Com Port settings.
    - ii) Press **OK** to use the internal disk for the remainder of the setup. The applications will be copied to the Data Collector. *DO NOT remove the unit from the docking station at any time in which the Com Port is open.*
    - iii) Press **OK** to exit Psisetup when the installation is complete.

# **Data Collector Initial and Cycle Steps**

The Easy Sample Implementation process has to be completed before proceeding with the following data collector initial setup procedures. Steps A – G have been completed prior to shipping by Fleet-Net Corporation.

a.	Formatting <u>Time and date</u> on the Data Collector.
b.	Install EasySamp.app on the Data Collector.
c	Obtain the <u>Serial number</u> and <u>Unit ID</u> from the Data Collector.
d.	<u>Create Database</u> for Easy Sample application on the Data Collector.
e.	Obtain Application passwords from FNC – Las Vegas Office
f.	Enter application passwords via <u>Application</u> of the <u>System Info</u> tab of the Data Collector.
g.	Identify which Com port will be used: C and 19200, via Setup Com Ports.
h.	Setup <u>Security</u> password that will be used to reset databases in the Data Collector.
i.	In Fleet-Net for Windows (FNW), identify the serial number of
j.	Identify the Serial Port to be used to transfer data from the Data Collector via Setup Serial Port on the ES01 menu in Fleet-Net for Windows.
Cycle steps to	be followed from creating databases to resetting the databases.
a.	<u>Create Database</u> for each application after file has been transferred and/or reset on the Data Collector.
b.	Enter data for the Easy Sample application on the Data Collector.
c.	Prepare FNW to <u>Upload/Download Trips (Psion)</u> on the ES02 menu by selecting the Serial number and of the Data Collector being transferred.
d.	On the Data Collector, select <u>Transfer Data</u> from the Selections tab.

\_\_\_\_\_e. After transferring the Data run the Ride Check Trip Edit
Report and then check for Missed Trips. Both of these items can be found on the ES02 menu.

\_\_\_\_f. Once the data has been updated and the current data in the Data Collector is no longer needed, Reset the Database.

Resetting Databases:

\_\_\_\_ a. After data has been uploaded or is no longer needed, select Reset Database from the Application menu.

b. \*\*Optional\*\* Create new databases for next session after resetting or prior to entering data.

RETURN

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Setup/Cycle cont.

## **Setup of Data Collectors**

The following steps are to be done on the Data Collectors prior to using the Easy Sample system. Your Data Collectors will come with the software pre-installed in them when shipped from Fleet-Net. The following steps will only need to be done if the programming has been lost or the batteries were removed from the unit.

Note: The Data Collector has a backlight button. It is the top-right button on the unit. The Contrast button just to the left of the backlight is used to lighten or darken the screen.

- 1. Skip to step # 2 If the batteries were not removed. If the batteries were removed and the Psion splash screen is displayed, press the *Menu* button. Use the arrows to select the System Screen.
- 2. Press *Menu* again and move to the <u>Ctrl</u> Tab.
  - Select System Configuration.
    - i) Move to the <u>System Formats</u> Tab. Select <u>Time and date format</u>. Use the Left and Right arrows to change the Date format from day/month/year to Month/Day/Year.
    - ii) Press *Menu* again. The <u>Ctrl</u> tab should display. Select <u>Set time and date</u>. Change the time and date to reflect the current.
- 3. Press *Menu*. Go to the <u>Apps</u> tab. Select <u>Install</u>. Use the arrows to select **EasySamp.app** and press **Enter**. After installing the new icon(s) display.
  - a) Press **Enter** on the **Easy Sample** icon to Load Easy Sample and Select the *Menu* button and move to the System Info tab.
    - i) Press **Enter** on the <u>Serial No</u> form to display the Serial number and Unit Id number. These numbers are used to generate application passwords. The passwords will come installed in the units with a hardcopy for your files. If you should require another copy of the passwords these two numbers would be required to generate the passwords.
- 4. Press *Menu*, the <u>System Info</u> tab should display. Select <u>Create Database</u>. Press **Enter** to create the FnFtCreateSystemTable.
- 5. Press *Menu*, the <u>System Info</u> tab should still display. Select the <u>Application</u> form. Enter the Application (module) Code for the module you are licensed for.
  - i) Application code would be **ES** for easy sample. Our Las Vegas office will generate the Password.
  - ii) When password is accepted, press **Esc** to exit.

### Setup of Data Collectors cont.

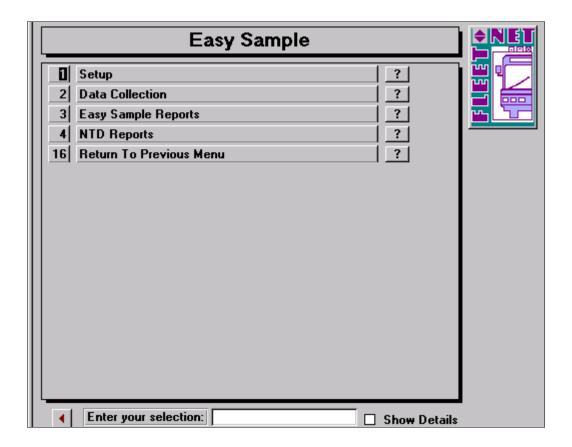
- 6. Press *Menu*, the <u>System Info</u> tab should still display. Select the <u>Security</u> form. Select a new password that will be used to reset the databases. The units have been programmed with the password **GO**. Use a password that you will be able to remember.
  - Confirm the new password by re-entering it. Press Esc to exit to Easy Sample Menu.
- 7. Press *Menu*, the <u>System Info</u> tab should still display. Select the <u>Setup Com Port</u> form. If using the docking station to transfer the data, change the **Com Port** to **Port C**. *To do so, press Delete and type a C and then press Enter*. Change the **Baud Rate** the same way to **19200** from 9600. Press **ENTER six times** to save the settings. After exiting, re-enter the Setup Com Port to verify the settings were changed.
  - a. If transferring the data using the serial cable, the com port should be set to A and the baud rate should be set to 19200.

The data collectors are now ready to be used for route sampling. Trips will be downloaded into the unit and then used on the routes to obtain the boardings of each stop. After the data has been collected for the trips that were sampled, the user will transfer the data from the collector to Fleet-Net for Windows Easy Sample database. At this point various reports may be ran to obtain the sample totals.

# **Initial Setup**

Before Easy Sample can be implemented Public Schedules/Timetables would have to be built or imported into Fleet-Net® for Windows.

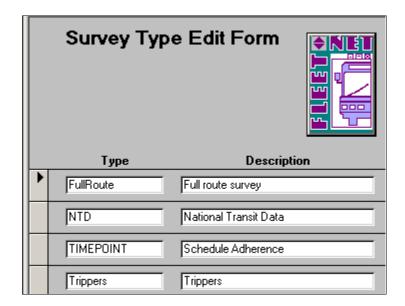
The following steps must be completed.



	Easy Sample Setup	♦ NET
1 2 3 4 5 6 9 12 16	Modify/Add Survey Types  Modify/Add Vehicle Capacities  Modify/Add Fiscal Year  Setup Serial Port  Setup Handheld Units  Surveys Needed  Modify/Add Public Schedule Data Base  Symbol Startup Path  Return To Previous Menu  ?	
4	Enter your selection: Show Details	

# **Modify/Add Survey Types**

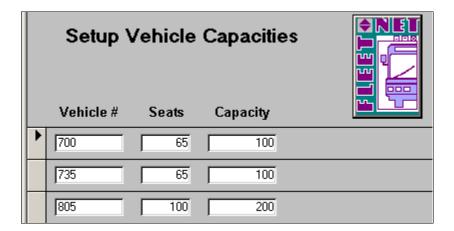
Survey types are user defined and given a description. The following provides an example of some types that have been defined.



Field	Description
Туре	Define the name(s) of Survey(s).
Description	Enter the description of the specified survey.

# **Modify/Add Vehicle Capacities**

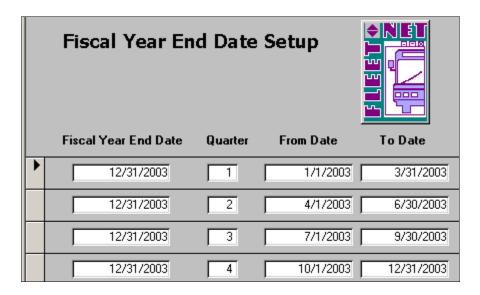
Vehicles that will be used to obtain the samples are identified along with their capacities.



Field	Description
Vehicle #	Enter the vehicle number.
Seats	Enter the number of seats on specific vehicle.
Capacity	Enter the maximum number of passengers for specified Vehicle.

## Modify/Add Fiscal Year

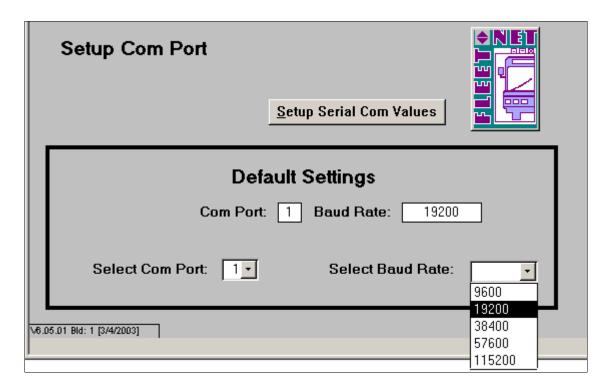
Identify the fiscal year end dates and each date range representing the four quarters. This is used to identify which time period is being used for the sampling.



Field	Description
Fiscal Year End Date	Enter end of year date
Quarter	Enter a specific quarter
From Date	Enter the beginning date for specified quarter
To Date	Enter the ending date for specified quarter

### **Setup Serial Port**

This is used to identify which Com Port is being used with the docking station and what Baud Rate is used to transfer the data from the handheld data collectors.

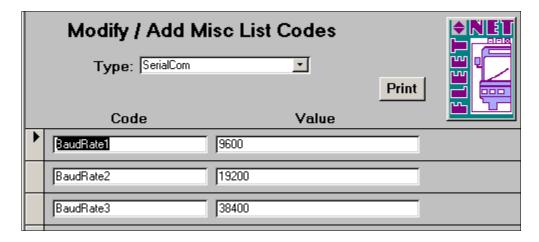


# **Default Settings**

Once the values have been identified via <u>Setup Serial Com Values</u>, you may select which Com Port and Baud Rate will be used to transfer the data. These settings come pre-loaded but may be edited.

Field	Description
Com Port	Defaults to the Com Port selected from the Select Com Port drop down list
Baud Rate	Defaults to the Baud Rate selected from the Select Baud Rate drop down list
Select Com Port	Select from the drop down list to select a Com Port.
Select Baud Rate	Select from the drop down list to select a Baud Rate.

Setup Serial Com Values- Clicking on this button displays the following pre-loaded codes:



Type - Select "SerialCom" from the drop down list

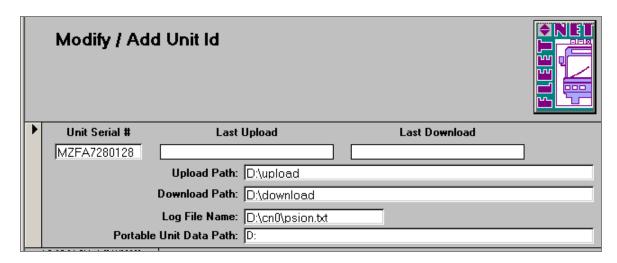
The pre-loaded Codes and their Values will display. These can be edited as needed.

Print - Selecting this button produces the following hardcopy report of the codes that are identified:

	Fleet-Net Corporation Easy Sample Setup Param	
Туре	Code	Value
SerialCom	BaudRate1	9600
SerialCom	BaudRate2	19200
SerialCom	BaudRate3	38400
SerialCom	BaudRate4	57600
SerialCom	BaudRate5	115200
SerialCom	Comport1	1
SerialCom	Comport2	2
SerialCom	Comport3	3
SerialCom	DefBaudRate	19200
SerialCom	DefComPort	1

### **Setup Handheld Units**

This is used to identify the handheld data collectors used in the sampling process. Once identified, they can be used to download trips or upload the data from the collectors.



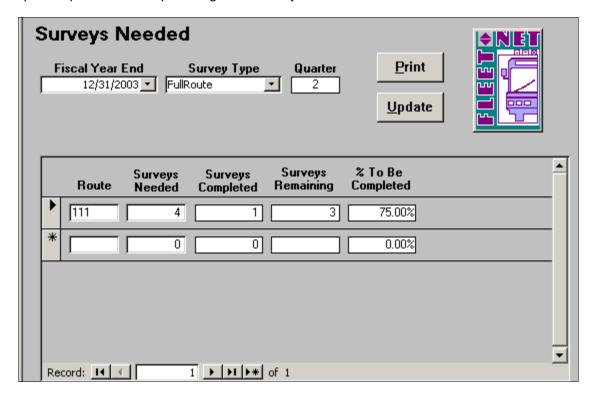
Field	Description
Unit Serial #	The number that uniquely identifies the bar code unit.
Last Upload	Defaults with the date and time that last upload was done.
Last Download	Defaults with the date and time the last download was done.
Upload Path	Used only with PERCON Portable Data Collectors Unit(s). An intermediate area for data to be stored prior to updating the Easy Sample database.
Download Path	Used only the PERCON Portable Data Collectors Unit(s). An intermediate area for data to be stored prior to the downloading to the handheld unit.

Note: The paths should be unique for both uploads and downloads.

Field	Description
Log File Name	The log file name is defined for keeping track of the upload and download errors.
Portable Unit Data Path	Used only with the PERCON Portable Data Collectors Unit(s) to identify the location of the Trip.txt and Stop.txt files.

## **Surveys Needed**

Identifies all routes and the number of surveys that are needed for the quarter and fiscal year that will be included in the sampling process. The data is updated after each survey has been uploaded and reviewed. A print option is provided to keep a listing of the survey status.



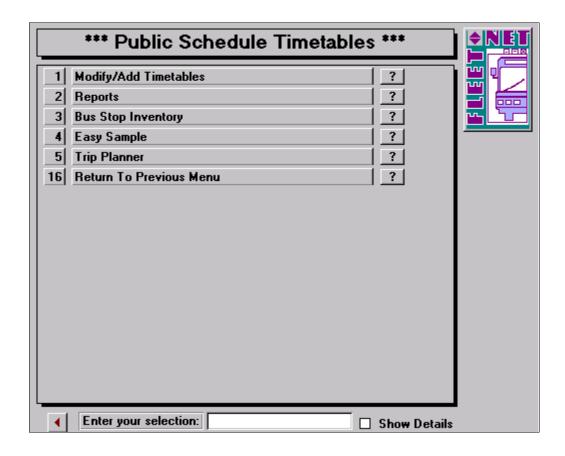
Field	Description		
Fiscal Year End	Select from the drop down list.		
Survey Type	Select from the drop down list.		
Quarter	Defaults based on what Fiscal Year End is selected		
Route	Enter specific route to be surveyed.		
Surveys Needed	Enter number of surveys needed		
Surveys Completed	Automatically calculated based on surveys that have been completed and updated.		
Surveys Remaining	Automatically enters the difference between Surveys Needed and Surveys Completed.		
% To Be Completed	Automatically enters the % amount to be completed based on Surveys Remaining.		

After the survey(s) have been completed, click the Update button to update the stats for surveys needed.

The Print button prints a report of the stats on surveys needed. See below...

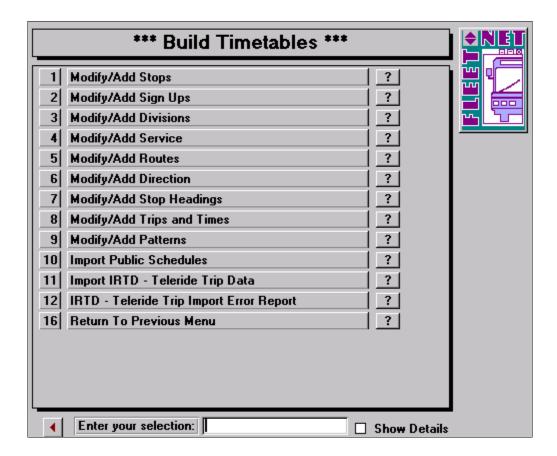
Fleet-Net Corporation Survey Completion Report							
Fiscal Year End: 12/31/2003 Su			Survey Typ	e: FullRoute	Quarter:	2	
Route	Surveys Needed	Surveys Completed	Surveys Remaining	% To Be Completed			
111	4	1	3	75.00%			
	4	1	3	75.00%			

# **Public Schedules Timetables**



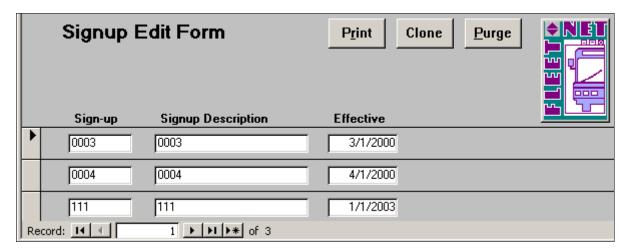
### **Modify/Add Timetables**

The Timetables data is made accessible one of three ways: Imported from Comet data, Imported from an IRTD – Teleride database or from manually building the database.



## Modify/Add Sign Ups

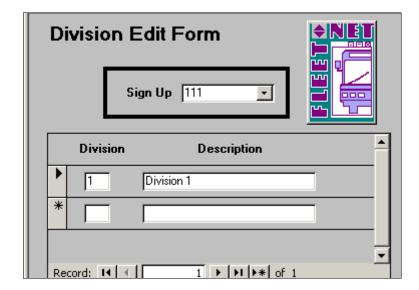
Identify Sign-ups that will be either manually entered or for the data that will be imported. A report of the sign-ups that exist in the database is available. You may also clone an established sign-up to a new name or purge old sign-ups.



Field	Description		
Sign-up	Identify the sign-up that will be used for sampling.		
Signup Description Brief description of the sign-up			
Effective	Identifies the beginning date of the sign-up (mm/dd/yyyy)		

# **Modify/Add Divisions**

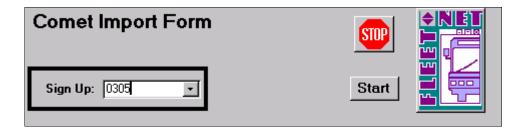
Identify the divisions that will be used with the sign-up's that have been previously assigned.



Field	Description
Sign Up	Select a previously identified sign up from the drop down.
Division	Identify the division(s) to be assigned to the selected sign up.
Description	Enter a brief description of the specific division.

### **Import Public Schedules**

Allows for the Public Schedules data to be imported from the Comet database in to the Public Schedules Timetables database. Once the data is migrated, trips and stops may be edited and route sampling may take place.



Field	Description		
Sign Up	Select the sign up that will be imported into the Public Schedules Timetables database.		
Stop	By selecting this button the import process will come to a halt.		
Start	By selecting this button the import process will begin.		

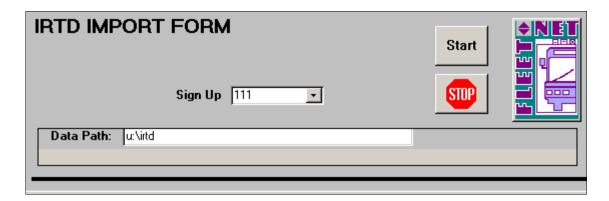
**NOTE**: Upon Completion of FNW Public Schedules Import or the IRTD Import any field(s) on all of the following forms that are not populated with data, can manually be entered/edited.

For complete descriptions on Public Schedule Forms please refer to the FNW Public Schedule Manual.

# **Importing From An IRTD File**

Software such as Trapeze or Hastus writes to TeleDRIVER Scheduling software, which in turn creates and IRTD files.

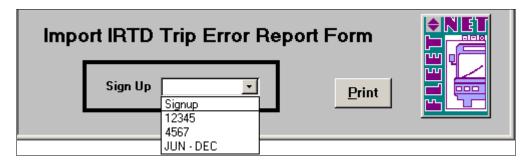
The Fleet-Net Windows import "Import IRTD – Teleride Trip Data" takes the data stored in the IRTD files and imports it to the PS database.



Field	Description		
Sign Up Select a sign up from the drop down.			
Data Path Enter the data path location of the IRTD database.			
Start Click to begin the IRTD Import.			
Stop Clicking this button will stop the import.			

# IRTD - Teleride Trip Import Error Report

This report will list all errors that occurred on the import. Errors include missing data, invalid data, and invalid patterns, etc.



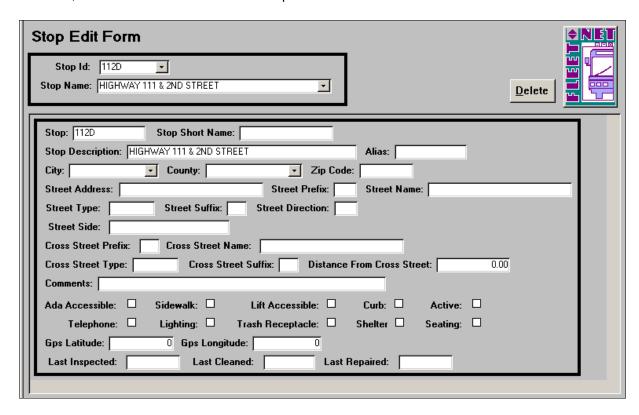
Sign Up is only available in the drop down if errors were generated doing the import.

Selecting the Print button will display the error report.

riday, May	02, 2003		1:45:19 PM hallen Fleet-Net Corporat	01/21/2002 © 2002 Fleet-Net Corporation	
IRTD Trip Import Error Report					
Signup:	Error#	Trip#	Error Message:		
12345	0	0			
4567	0	0			
JUN - DEC	0	0			

### Modify/Add Stops

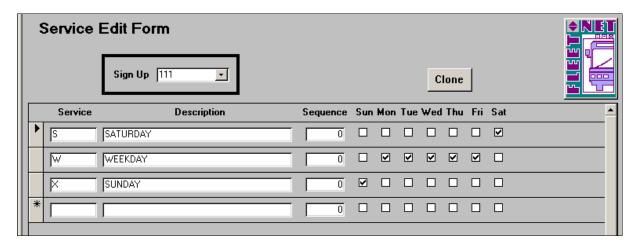
Identify the specific data related to each stop. Such information is not limited to the physical address and cross-streets, but to what is available at each stop as well.



Select the data to display by using the drop down selectors for either the Stop ID or the Stop Name.

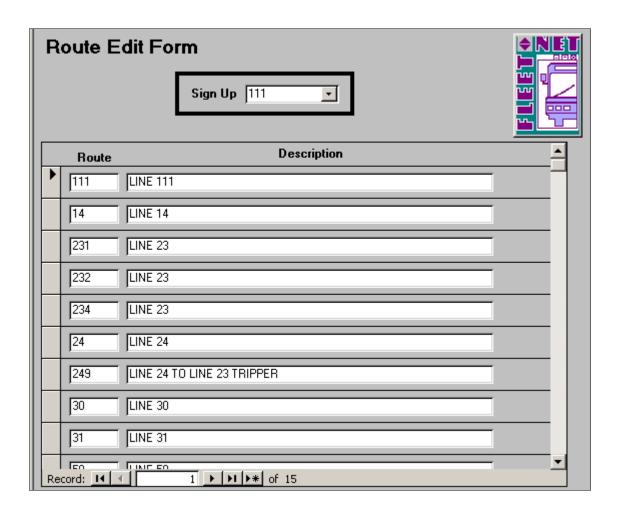
# Modify/Add Service

Identify the Services that are available per sign-up as well as which days of the week each service represents.



Select the data to display by using the drop down selector to choose the sign-up.

Routes are identified based upon what was imported for the sign-up that is selected.



Select the data to display by using the drop down selector to choose the sign-up.

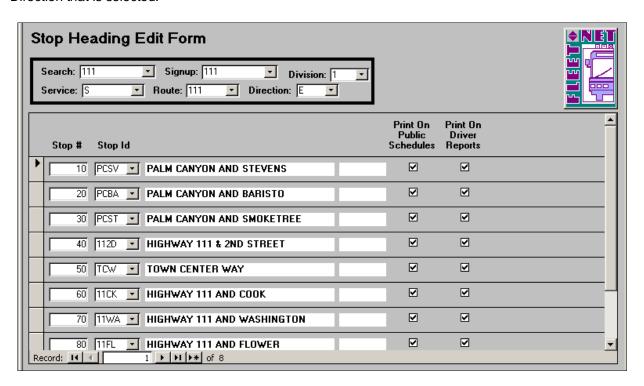
# Modify/Add Direction

Directions are identified based upon what was imported for the sign-up that is selected.

Direction Edit Form			
		Sign Up 1111	
Di	irection	n Description	_
	Δ,	LOOP TO CATHEDRAL CITY & THOUSAND PALMS	
E		EASTBOUND TO CATHEDRAL CITY	
	-	INDIO LOOP	
	V	NORTHBOUND TO COUNTRY CLUB	
Record:		LOOP TO CATHEDRAL CITY & THOUSAND PALMS  1	

### Modify/Add Stop Headings

Stops are identified based upon what was imported for the Sign-up, Division, Service, Route and Direction that is selected.

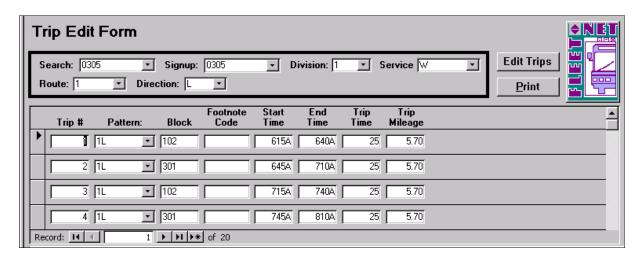


### **Modify/Add Trips And Times**

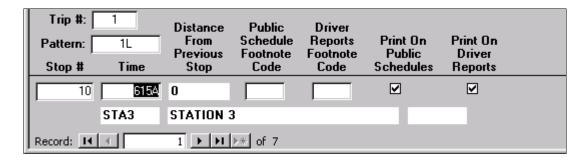
Trips are identified based upon what was imported for the Sign-up, Division, Service, Route and Direction that is selected. Trip and Pattern information is also displayed.

By selecting the **<u>Print</u>** button, a listing of the trips and times is displayed to view and print for the selected trip.

The Edit Trips and Edit Times buttons are available for editing as shown in the examples below.

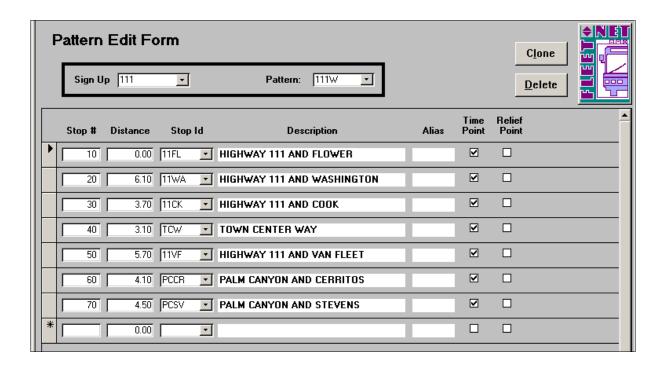


Double-Click on the Start Time, End Time, Trip Time or Trip Mileage fields of a trip to access the Edit Times section as shown below.

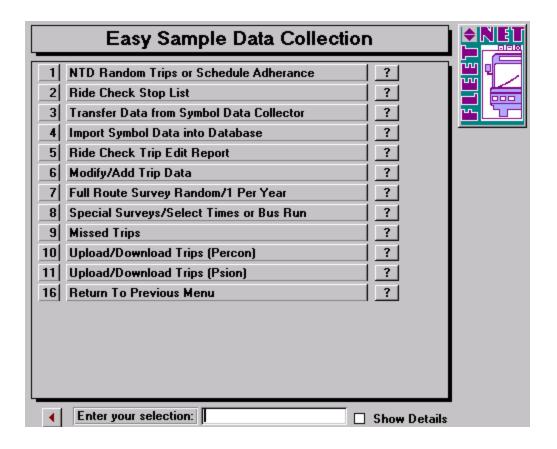


### **Modify/Add Patterns**

Allows for display, cloning or deletion of a pattern assigned to a sign-up.

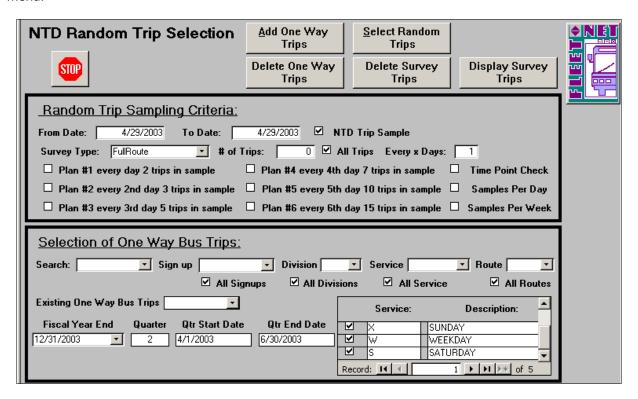


# **Easy Sample Data Collection**



#### **NTD Random Trips or Schedule Adherence**

This form allows criteria to be set for a random sample trip. This also allows NTD or other report criteria to be selected. All trips throughout the year that are sampled can be tracked by setting up the survey type, route number and quantity to be sampled per quarter on in the Surveys Needed From located on the ES01 menu.



#### Random Trip Sampling Criteria

Date range must be set for future dates in <u>Modify/Add Fiscal Year</u>. If the trips are not sampled on the selected dates, the trips must be discarded and new dates and trips selected. This is per NTD sampling specifications.

The date range and survey type are required. The NTD trip is optional. Specify the numbers of trips and select from the plans. "All" trips may be selected and it will override any random selections made.

Every x day's field can be set by the plan or manually keyed. For example a "1" is everyday and a "2" is every two days.

If samples per day is selected it signifies that a sample per day, within the date range will be taken.

For example if a 5 is placed into the every x days field, then every 5 days within the date range, a trip will be sampled, the number of trips to be sampled will depend on what information is in the # of trips field. From date is the first day of the sample range.

If samples per week are selected, it signifies samples will be taken per week, within the date range.

For example if a 5 is placed into the # of Trips field, then 5 random trips per week, within the date range, will be sampled. From date is the first day of the sample range.

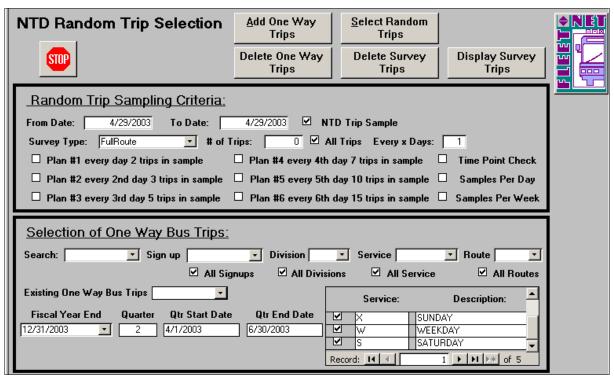
By selecting Time Point Check, only the time points will be surveyed.

Note: Either samples per day or samples per week must be selected to generate a random sampling.

#### Selection of One-Way Bus Trips

Select the one-way trips that are going to populate the sample. The search allows the users to browse the database to select a trip. If any of the "all" boxes are selected that would signify that all of that type would be selected.

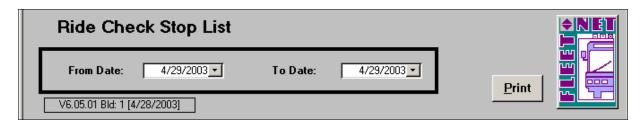
Fiscal year end will be required. You can use the drop down menu to aid the user in selecting the fiscal year information.



Field	Description
Stop Button	Aborts the current selection process.
Add One-Way Trips	Selects the trips form the PS database to populate the sample
Add Offe-Way Trips	database.
Select Random Trips	This will use the selected sampling criteria and come up with a random
Select Kandom Trips	sample.
Delete One Way Trips	Deleted the data populated for the selected sign up, division and route
Delete Offe Way 111ps	number.
Delete Survey Trips	Deletes the trips already selected for the survey-by-survey type and
Delete Survey Trips	date range.
Display Survey Trips	Shows the trips to be sampled based on the criteria set above.

## **Ride Check Stop List**

This report gives all the stops on all routes for a selected date range. This report is used as a hard copy of the trips that were downloaded to the handheld data collector for sampling.

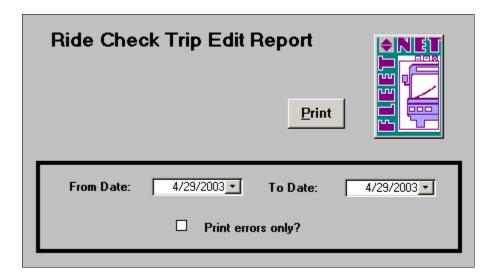


After selecting a **From** and **To** Date select the Print button and the following report displays:

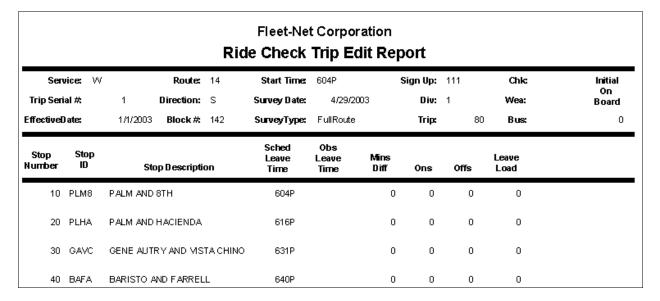
Se	rvice: W		Route: 90	Start Time:	440A		
Trip Serial #		173	Direction: E	Survey Date:	4/29	/2003	
Effective	Date:	1/1/2003	Block# 901	SurveyType:	FullRou	te	
Bus St	ор			Off	On	On Board	Departure Time
0010	11FL	HIGHWAY '	111 AND FLOWER				
	11FL 50HA		111 AND FLOWER D HARRISON			_	
0010 0020 0030		AVE 50 ANI		_	_	_	

#### **Ride Check Trip Edit Report**

This report will print the sample data that was uploaded from the handheld data collectors and any errors that were found. An option to print only the errors is available to be selected.



After selecting a **From** and **To** Date and determining if you want to print errors only or the entire report, select the Print button and the following report displays:



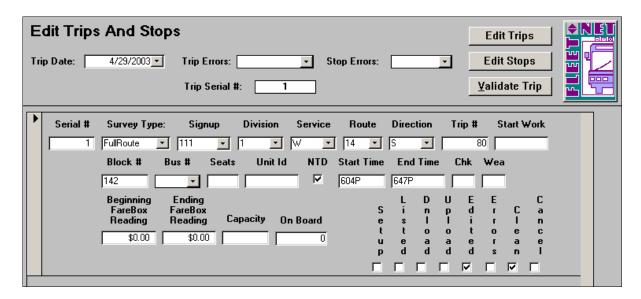
Note: If no errors are detected the following message displays:



#### Modify/Add Trip Data

The data that is uploaded from the handheld data collectors is displayed here. Trip errors will appear if there are problems with a trip on the selected trip date. Stop errors will appear if there are any stop errors for the selected day. The Unit ID of the data collector is imported from the trips database to identify which unit was used to obtain the sample.

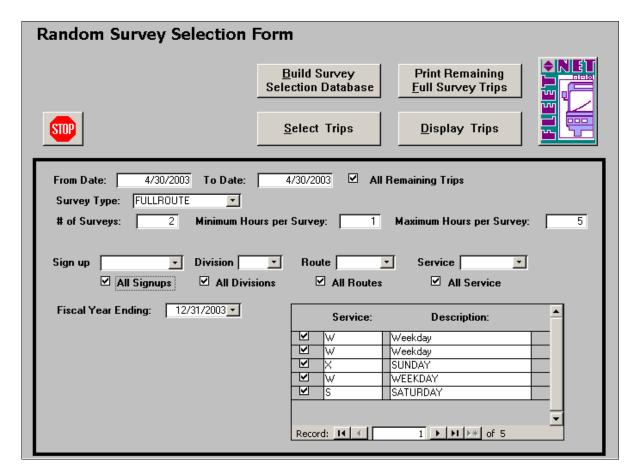
Once the Trip date is selected the form will populate with the latest data. A checklist of events will then be displayed, i.e. Setup, Listed, Downloaded, Uploaded, Edited, Errors, Clean, and if the trip or stop was cancelled.



Field	Description
Edit Trips	Returns to the main menu from the edit stops form.
Edit Stops	Opens the edit stops form.
Validate Trips	Validates information against tables to verify that the information is current and correct. Only to be done after errors, trip or stop have been corrected.

#### Full Route Random Survey/ 1 Per Year

This report sets the criteria for Full Route Random Surveys. This survey form will allow a single trip to be selected once per signup and per fiscal year. User must define what constitutes a single unique trip.



Select the date range and Survey type to be sampled. When selecting a date range, be aware of the fiscal quarter that the trips will be surveyed in. Do not select a date range that covers more than 1 fiscal quarter. If *All Remaining Trips* is selected, the survey criteria will include all trips that have not been surveyed this year.

#### **Trip Survey Criteria**

Field	Description					
# of Surveys	Enter the number of surveys that are going to the be done within the date range.					
Minimum Hours per Survey	Enter the minimum number of hours per survey.					
Maximum Hours per Survey	Enter the maximum number of hours per survey.					
Select from the drop down	list sign up, division, route, service, or check the "All" box.					
Select the Fiscal Year Endir	ng Date.					
Build Survey Selection Database	This button builds the selection database.					
Select Trips	This button selects the trip based on criteria entered.					
Print Remaining Full Survey	By selecting this button a listing of all Remaining Full Survey					
Trips	Trips will be printed.					

Click OK to display the report or Cancel to forego printing.



# Fleet-Net Corporation Remaining Full Survey Trips Report

Fiscal Year End	SurveyType	Block#	Start Time	End Time	Signup	Div	Service	Route	Dir	Trip	
12/31/2003	FULLROUTE		600A	600A	111	1	Х	30	Е	1	
12/31/2003	FULLROUTE		624A	624A	111	1	s	14	N	1	
12/31/2003	FULLROUTE		714A	714A	111	1	s	14	N	2	
12/31/2003	FULLROUTE		804A	804A	111	1	s	14	N	3	
12/31/2003	FULLROUTE		854A	854A	111	1	s	14	N	4	
12/31/2003	FULLROUTE		944A	944A	111	1	s	14	N	5	
12/31/2003	FULLROUTE		1000A	1000A	111	1	W	51	L	5	

# Display Trips

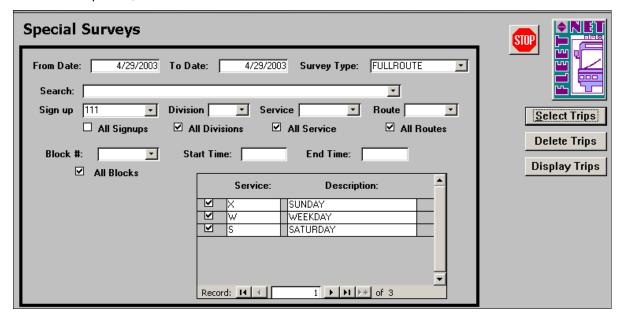
By selecting this button the survey trips will display for the user.

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Survey Type:	Date:	Serial #:	Signup:	Div:	Ser:	Route:	Dir:	Trip #:	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	1	111	1	W	14	S	80	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	2	111	1	W	24	E	10	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	3	111	1	W	14	S	40	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	4	111	1	W	14	S	45	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	5	111	1	W	14	S	50	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	6	111	1	W	14	S	55	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	7	111	1	W	14	S	60	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	8	111	1	W	14	S	65	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	9	111	1	W	14	S	30	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	10	111	1	W	14	S	75	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	11	111	1	W	14	S	25	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	12	111	1	W	14	S	85	
FULLROUTE	4/29/2003	13	111	1	W	14	S	90	₹
Record: I◀ ◀	1	<b>▶1</b> ▶ <b>*</b> of	960 (Filtered)						

#### Special Surveys/Select Times or Bus Run

By selecting a date range and survey type the user is able to select trips to be surveyed multiple times, unlike the NTD Random Trip Selection/ Schedule Adherence or the Full Route Random Survey/ 1 Per Year.

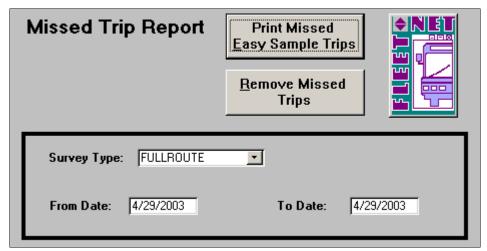
The search feature allows users to browse the database to select a trip or manually select the sign up, division, service, and route. If any of the "all" boxes are selected that would signify that all of that type would be selected. User is able to select the block # or "all" blocks assigned to the route selected. The start and end times are optional, and can be used to refine the search criteria.



Field	Description
Stop	Terminated current process.
Select Trips	Select trips that meet the set criteria.
Delete Trips	Deletes all selected trips.
Display Trips	Displays all trips that meet the selection criteria.

#### **Missed Trips**

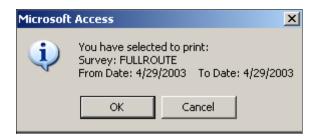
The purpose of this report is to list all trips that were not sampled on the appropriate date or were cancelled and not rescheduled. The ability to remove the missed trips is also present. Select survey type and set date range.



Field	Description
Survey Type	Select the Survey Type that missing trips will be shown for.
From Date	Enter the starting date for missing trips
To Date	Enter the ending date for missing trips.

#### **Print Missed Easy Sample Trips**

By selecting this button and responding to the confirmation shown below a report of all missed trips will print.



Below is an example of what the report will look like.

			Flee		orporatio p Repo									
Survey Date	Trip Serial #	SurveyType	Block#	Route	Start Time	Ons	S e t u p	L i s t e d	D n I o a d	U P I o a d	E d i t e d	E r o r s	C I e a n	C a n c e I
4/29/2003	1	FullRoute	142	14	604P	0	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
4/29/2003	2	FullRoute	241	24	919A	0	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
4/29/2003	3	FullRoute	142	14	1124A	0	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
4/29/2003	4	FullRoute	141	14	1214P	0	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
4/29/2003	5	FullRoute	142	14	104P	0	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
4/29/2003	6	FullRoute	141	14	154P	0	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
4/29/2003	7	FullRoute	142	14	244P	0	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

#### **Remove Missed Trips**

When this button is selected all missed trips will be deleted and reset for the Survey Type selected. A confirmation message will display as shown below:



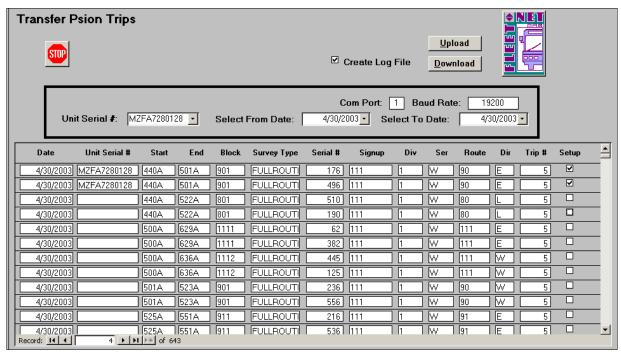
After confirmation a progress meter will display identifying the status of deleting the missed trips. Once completed a survey reset completed message will display on the screen.

#### **Upload/Download Trips (Psion)**

Used to download trips to the Psion data collectors and in turn upload the surveyed trips to the Easy Sample database.

- Select the Unit Serial # of the unit being downloaded to.
- Select the date range to survey for the predefined trips that were randomly selected.
- The Com Port and Baud Rate will display as previously setup.
- Select trips to be downloaded and surveyed by checking the **SETUP** box at the end of each line. Once selected the Unit Serial # for will be populated.

The "Stop" button will break the communication and close the Com Port. The initial use of the unit will require download first. All uses after the initial one will require upload to be done prior to the download, this prevents data from being overwritten before an upload.



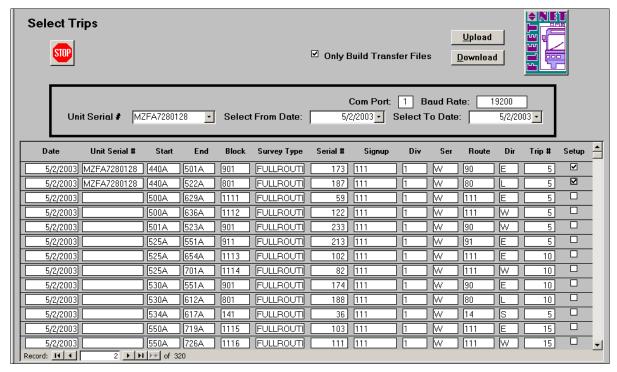
Field	Description
Stop	Aborts current process.
Upload	Select this button to open the Com Port to allow the Transfer of the data from the Collectors to the Easy Sample database. Once the Com Port is open the user may select Transfer on the data collector to upload the data.
Download	Select this button to open the Com Port to allow the trips to be Downloaded to the Collectors from the Easy Sample database. Once the Com Port is open the user may select DOWNLOAD on the data collector to send the trips.
Create Log File	If this box is checked a log file will be created.

#### **Upload/Download Trips (Percon)**

Used to download trips to the Percon data collectors and in turn upload the surveyed trips to the Easy Sample database.

- Select the ID of the unit being downloaded to.
- Select the date range to survey. Com port and baud rate will come over from the setup serial port screen in the ES01 menu.
- Select trip by checking boxes at the end of each line you want to select.
- Always Upload first, then download.
- The "Stop" button will break the communication and close the Comport.

The initial use of the unit will require download first. All uses after the initial one will require upload to be done prior to the download, this prevents data from being overwritten before an upload.



Field	Description
Stop	Aborts current process.
Upload	Transfer the data from the Portable Data Collectors Unit(s) to Easy Sample.
Download	Downloads trips for sampling to the Portable Data Collectors Unit(s)
Only Build Transfer Files	It will build the upload/download files, but will not use the handheld. These files are uploaded/downloaded from locations that were set in Setup Handheld units.

#### **Data Collector Instructions (Psion)**

- 1) With the EASY SAMPLE icon highlighted, press ENTER to access the prompts.
- 2) To **START** press the **MENU** button, the **ON/ESC** button will take you back to the main system screen.
- 3) Two tabs will display, Easy Sample and System Info.
  - a) On the Easy Sample menu, select **CREATE DATABASE**. Do so for the first time use or after the last data file was transferred and reset.
  - b) After the database has been created, trips must be downloaded into the collector. You will use both the PC and the data collector to do this...
    - i) On the PC, access the ES02 menu and select **UPLOAD/DOWNLOAD TRIPS (PSION).**
    - ii) Select the **UNIT SERIAL** # that will be receiving the data along with the sample date range.
    - iii) Select the trips to be sampled by clicking on the **SETUP** box on each trip to be downloaded. See the Easy Sample Manual for additional information on selecting the trips.
    - iv) Select the DOWNLOAD button to open the Com Port. The Com Port will be waiting for the connection.
    - v) On the data collector: Select **DOWNLOAD TRIPS** from the Easy Sample menu. With the **STATUS** highlighted, press **ENTER** to start the download. *The PC must be waiting prior to starting the collector.*
- Once the checker is starting the sample, select TRIP ENTRY from the Easy Sample menu on the data collector.
  - a) The earliest start time of the trips that were downloaded will display with the trip date and trip #.
    - i) To select another trip, use the LEFT (←) and RIGHT (→) arrows as shown on the screen.
  - b) To start the sample for the trip shown press **TAB**, to exit press ESC.
    - i. **CANCEL** NO is the default. Press TAB to continue. If you wish to cancel the trip from being sampled, press the DEL key to change to YES.
    - CHECKER Enter the checker ID of who is taking the sample. Typically this is the employee number of up to five characters. Press ENTER to move to next field.
    - iii. WEATHER Enter user defined codes identifying the weather conditions at the time of the sample. Press ENTER to move to next field after entering the code. Examples are:

R = Rain S = Sunny CL = Cloudy SN = Snow

iv. **BUS #** - Enter the bus # the sample is being taken on.

#### Press TAB to continue for MORE

- v. **FBX BEG** Enter the reading for the farebox at the beginning of the sample. If not tracking the readings, Press **ENTER** to move to next field.
- vi. **FBX END** At the end of the sample the user will be able to enter the farebox reading at that time. Press **ENTER** to skip and continue.
- vii. **ON BOARD** If there are passengers on the bus when the sample began, enter the number here.

Press **TAB** to start counting at each stop. For each <u>STOP ID</u> that is displayed the arrival time, # of passengers off, # of passengers on and departure time is entered. The entire stop can be cancelled as well. Press **ENTER** to move through the stop fields.

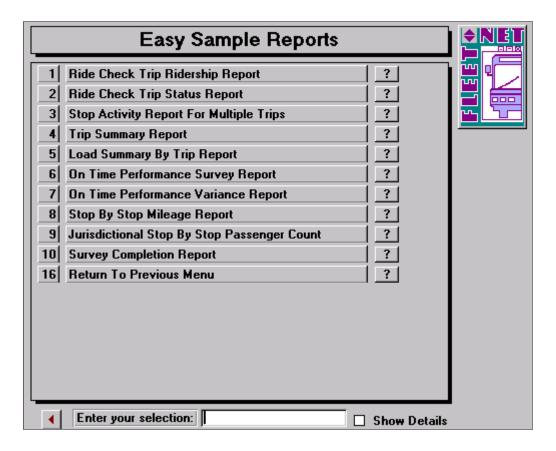
- i) **CANCEL** NO is the default. If the entire stop is to be cancelled, press DEL and then press the Right Arrow (→) to go to the next stop.
- ii) ARR Press SHIFT A to auto load the stop arrival time.
- iii) **OFF** Enter the # of passengers that departed the bus at this stop.
- iv) **ON** Enter the # of passengers that board the bus at this stop.
- v) **DEP** Press SHIFT D to auto load the stop departure time.

Press the Right Arrow (→) to go to the next stop and continue on.

When the trip is completed, press **ESC** to exit and return to the farebox screen.

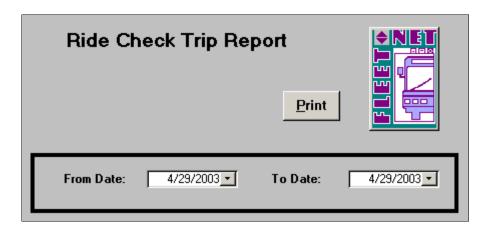
- vi) Enter the ending farebox reading in the **FBX END** field.
- xiv) Press **ESC** to exit **three times** to return to the main trip menu which will allow you to select the next trip and start over.
- 5) Transferring the data from the collector to the PC.
  - a) On the PC, select **UPLOAD/DOWNLOAD (PSION)** on the ES02 menu.
  - b) Select the Unit ID and press UPLOAD. The comport should be open and waiting for connection.
  - c) Back at the Easy Sample main screen, press **MENU** to select **TRANSFER DATA**.
  - d) With the comport waiting for connection, press **ENTER** on the data collector. Data will transfer to the PC where reports may be run to verify samples taken.
- 6) After the data has been reviewed, select **RESET DATABASE** on the data collector from the **MENU** command.
  - a) Enter the password to reset the database.
  - b) The data collector is now ready to have new trips created and the process will be repeated.

# **Easy Sample Reports**



# **Ride Check Trip Ridership Report**

This report displays ridership information for the date range selected. Information will include: leave times, the difference in leaves times, on's, off's, and leave load.

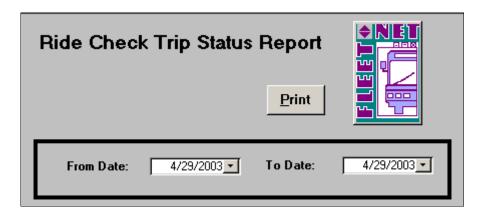


After selecting the **From Date** and **To Date** range for the report, select the Print button and the following report displays:

Servic	Service: W Route: 14 Start Time: 604P Chk:										Initial	
Trip Serial	# 1 Direction:			s	Survey Date:	4/29/2003		Wea:			On Board	
EffectiveDa	e: 1/1/2003 Block# 142		SurveyType:	FullRoute		Bus:			0			
Stop Number	Stop Description		Sched Leave Time	Obs Leave Time	Mins Diff	0ns	Offs	Leave Load				
PLM8	PALM AN	D 8TH			604P		0	0	0	0		
PLHA	PALM AN	D HACIEN	IDΑ		616P		0	0	0	0		
GAVC	GENE AU	TRY AND	MSTA CHIN	10	631P		0	0	0	0		
BAFA	BARISTO	AND FAR	RELL		640P		0	0	0	0		
PCST	PALM CA	NYON AN	D SMOKETF	REE	647P		0	0	0	0		
					Tot	al Ons and O	offs:	0	0			

#### **Ridecheck Trip Status Report**

This report displays trip and unit information for the selected date range: Information will include: block#, trips serial #, start time, id, survey date, service, survey type. Then information about the data will be listed, was the trip setup, listed, downloaded, uploaded, edited, errors, cleaned, cancelled.

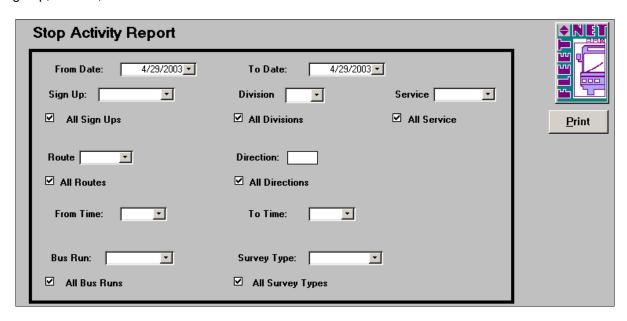


After selecting the **From Date** and **To Date** range for the report, select the Print button and the following report displays:

	Fleet-Net Corporation  Ride Check Trip Status Report														
Effective	:Date:	1/1/2003	Route:	111											
Block#	Trip Serial #	Start Time	ID	Survey Date	Service	SurveyType	S e t u p	L s t e d	D n I o a d	U P I o a d	E d i t e d	E r o r s	C I e a n	C a n c e I	
1111	59	500A		4/29/2003	W	FullRoute	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1111	379	500A		4/29/2003	W	FullRoute	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1111	699	500A		4/29/2003	W	FullRoute	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
1111	143	640A		4/29/2003	W	FullRoute	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1111	463	640A		4/29/2003	W	FullRoute	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1111	783	640A		4/29/2003	W	FullRoute	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	

## **Stop Activity Report for Multiple Trips**

Information can be selected individually or "all" can be selected for a specific date range. Information on this report will include: trips serial #, start time, bus run, pattern, survey date, date of the week, survey type, sign up, division, and effective date.



After specifying the criteria for this report select the Print button Fleet-Net will display the following:



If the criteria you selected is correct then click the OK button if not cancel to Exit and return back to the Stop Activity Report form.

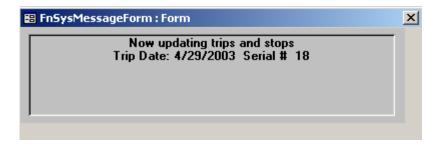
If the **OK** button is clicked the following report displays:

	Fleet-Net Corporation  Stop Activity Report For Multiple Trips  List of Trips Being Reported												
From Date:	4/29/2003	i	To Date:	4/29/2003		For Time Period:	*Beg*	To: *E	nd*				
Service:	W	Route:	111	Directions	Е								
Trip Serial #	Start Time	BusRun	Pattern	Survey Date	Day Of Week	SurveyType:	Signup	Division	EffectiveDate				
59	500A	1111	111E	4/29/2003	Tuesday	FullRoute	111	1	1/1/2003				
85	300P	1111	111E	4/29/2003	Tuesday	FullRoute	111	1	1/1/2003				
93	620P	1111	111E	4/29/2003	Tuesday	FullRoute	111	1	1/1/2003				
117	1140A	1111	111E	4/29/2003	Tuesday	FullRoute	111	1	1/1/2003				
120	820A	1111	111E	4/29/2003	Tuesday	FullRoute	111	1	1/1/2003				
379	500A	1111	111E	4/29/2003	Tuesday	FullRoute	111	1	1/1/2003				
405	300P	1111	111E	4/29/2003	Tuesday	FullRoute	111	1	1/1/2003				
413	620P	1111	111E	4/29/2003	Tuesday	FullRoute	111	1	1/1/2003				

# <u>RETURN</u>

# **Load Summary By Trip Report**

This report will automatically run for all trips that have been uploaded from the collectors. Once selected the following message appears:

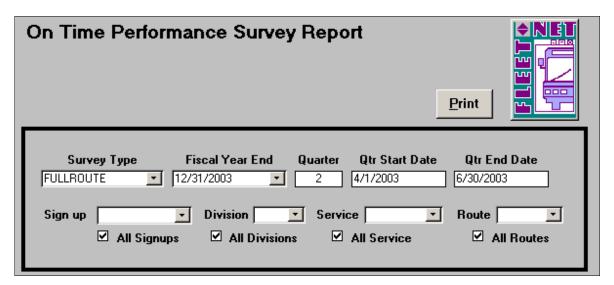


Upon on building the criteria the following report displays:

	Fleet-Net Corporation  Load Summary By Trip Report												
From Date:	4/29/200	03	To Date:	4/29/2003									
Effective Date: 1/1/2003		1/1/2003	Service:	W	Route:	111	Direction: E		Pattern: 111E				
Trip Start	Bus Run	Total Boardings		Maximum Le	oad Point		Peak Load	Total Seats	Load Factor	Passenger Miles	Passenger Minutes		
500A	1111	0					0			0.00	0		
820A	1111	0					0			0.00	0		
1140A	1111	0					0			0.00	0		
300P	1111	0					0			0.00	0		
620P	1111	0					0			0.00	0		
640A	1112	0					0			0.00	0		
1000A	1112	0					0			0.00	0		
120P	1112	0					0			0.00	0		
440P	1112	0					0			0.00	0		

#### **On Time Performance Survey Report**

Information on report will include: date completed, c/r, time point, scheduled and actual depart times, minutes different, route, surveys needed, surveys completed, and surveys remaining.



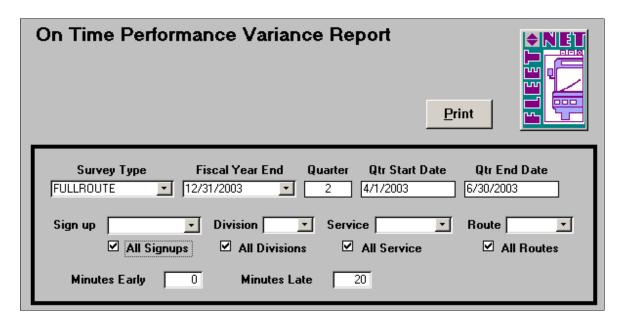
After specifying the criteria for this report select the Print button Fleet-Net will display the following:



If the criteria you selected is correct then click the OK button to print the report, if not, cancel to Exit and return back to the *On Time Performance Survey Report* form.

#### **On Time Performance Variance Report**

Information on this report will include: date completed, c/r, start time, time point, on, time, schedules and actual departure, minutes different, percent on time, and route.



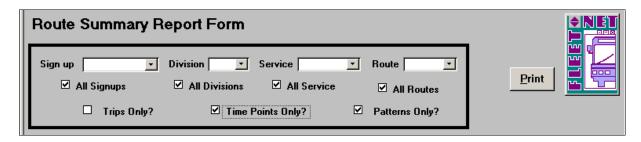
After specifying the criteria for this report select the Print button Fleet-Net will display the following:



If the criteria you selected is correct then click the OK button if not cancel to Exit and return back to the *On Time Performance Variance Report* form.

#### **Stop By Stop Mileage Report**

This report prints a listing of all stops for the specified data and the mileage associated with each stop.



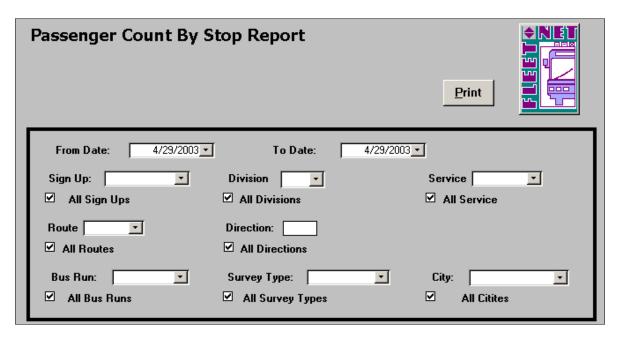
After specifying the criteria for this report select the Print button Fleet-Net will display the following:



If the criteria you selected is correct then click the OK button if not cancel to Exit and return back to the Route Summary Report Form.

#### **Jurisdictional Stop By Stop Passenger Count**

This report prints by jurisdiction and stop all passenger counts that have been updated for a sample date range.

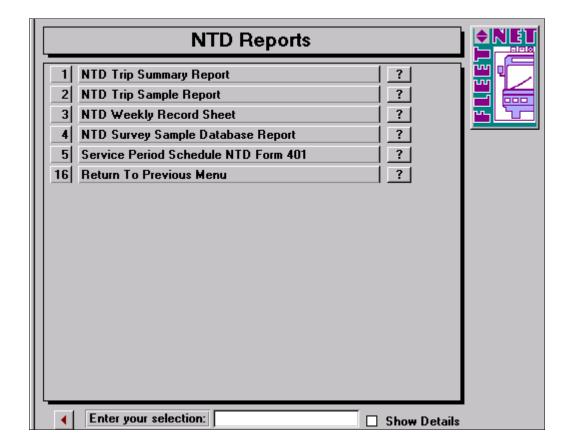


After specifying the criteria for this report select the Print button Fleet-Net will display the following:



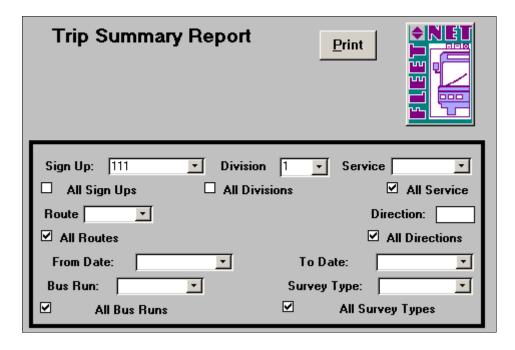
If the criteria you selected is correct then click the OK button if not cancel to Exit and return back to the Passenger Count By Stop Report form.

# **NTD Reports**



# **NTD Trip Summary Report**

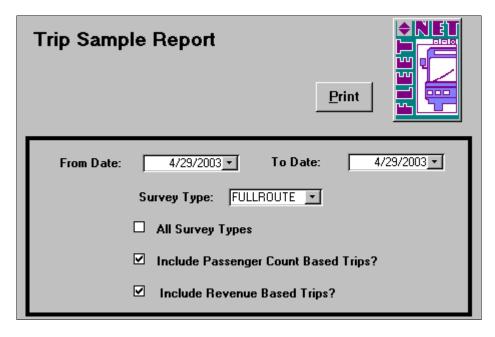
Lists all activity on a trip for user selected criteria and a given date range



After specifying the criteria for this report select the Print button to print the report.

## **NTD Trip Sample Report**

This will provide the user the ability to print a trip sample report for a specified date range and by selecting a survey type or all types.



By selecting the **Print** button, a listing of the data specified will display after confirming the selections:

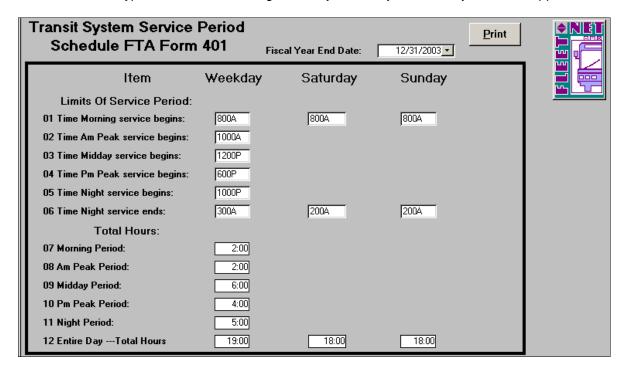


If selection correct then click **OK** or **Cancel** to return.

						rporation				
From Date:	4/29/2003	To		4/29/2003	-	iple Rep Revenue Bas		Yes <b>Pas</b>	senger Count Trip	<b>s</b> Yes
Survey Date	Day Of Week	Route	Ser	Dir	Bus Run	Trip Serial #	Start Time	SurveyType	EffectiveDate	Pattern
4/29/2003 4/29/2003	Tuesday Tuesday	90 80	W	E L	901 801	173 187	440A 440A	FullRoute FullRoute	1/1/2003 1/1/2003	90E 80L

#### Service Period Schedule NTD Form 401

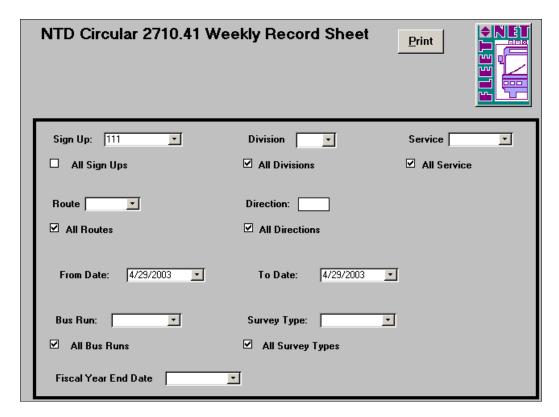
Identify the service period hours for the fiscal year and quarter that will be reported on. The times will need to be entered for all types of service, including Weekday, Saturday and Sunday service, if applicable.



By selecting the **Print** button the following report will display allowing the user to print a report that will mimic the screen.

# **NTD Weekly Record Sheet**

Provides a listing sorted by service selected with the passenger counts and fare box totals for the date range and route criteria selected.

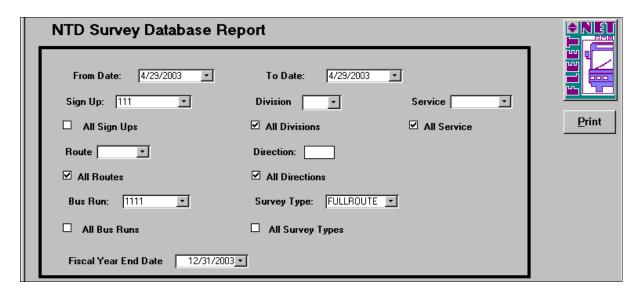


By pressing the **Print** button the user will receive a confirmation to continue **(OK)** or cancel.

Fleet-Net Corporation  NTD Circular 2710.41 Weekly Record Sheet											
Year Ending: Wednesday, December 31, 200 From Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 To Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003											
- Trom Bate. Taesday,											
ServiceLevel	Passenger Boardings	Passenger Miles	F.B. Pev. Callected								
Weekday											
Saturday	55	280	\$499.00								
<b>GrandTotal</b>	55	280	\$499.00								

## **NTD Survey Sample Database Report**

This report provides a recap of the data collected for a given date range and specified criteria.



The **Print** button will provide the user with a listing after acknowledging the criteria selected. Example of report as follows:

	Fleet-Net Corporation NTD Survey Database Report													
	Year Ending: Wednesday, December 31, 2003 From Date: Friday, May 02, 2003 To Date: Friday, May 02, 2003													
Route	Trip#	Bus Run	Time Start	Checked Date	Chk	Day	Bus	Total Boardings	On Board	Trip Miles	Passenger Miles	Capacity Miles	Seat Miles	Farebox Revenue
111	59	1111	500A	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
111	143	1111	640A	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
111	120	1111	820A	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
111	141	1111	1000 A	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
111	117	1111	1140A	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
111	159	1111	120P	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
111	85	1111	300P	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
111	127	1111	440P	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
111	93	1111	620P	5/2/2003		Fri		0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
	Su	bTotal:						0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00
	7	fotal:						0	0	0	0	0		\$0.00

#### **Troubleshooting Tips for the Data Collectors**

Q. What should I do if the unit "locks" up on me?

**A**. If the data collector "locks up" on the user you may try the following steps to release the unit. These steps will perform a "soft" re-boot on the data collector. Performing these steps should maintain the integrity of the programs and data.

- 1. Press the following keys at the same time: **Psion key** (Bottom-left key that has a u above the underscore line), **Ctrl key** and the **Del key**.
- 2. When all three keys are pressed the screen will display a series of actions and finally display the Psion splash screen.
- 3. Select the *Menu* button at the Psion splash screen. Use the arrows to select the <u>System Screen</u>. Press **Enter**
- 4. Press *Menu*. Go to the <u>Apps</u> tab. Select <u>Install</u>. Use the arrows to select **EasySamp.app** and press **Enter**. After installing the new icon will display.
- Q. In what order should the batteries be changed in?
- A. Only one battery should be changed at a time. If the backup lithium battery needs to be replaced make sure that the NiMh battery remains in the unit while the lithium battery is being changed. If both batteries are removed all programs and data will be erased from the unit.

If both are being changed and the unit will be reprogrammed, remove both batteries. Fit the lithium battery prior to the main NiMh battery.