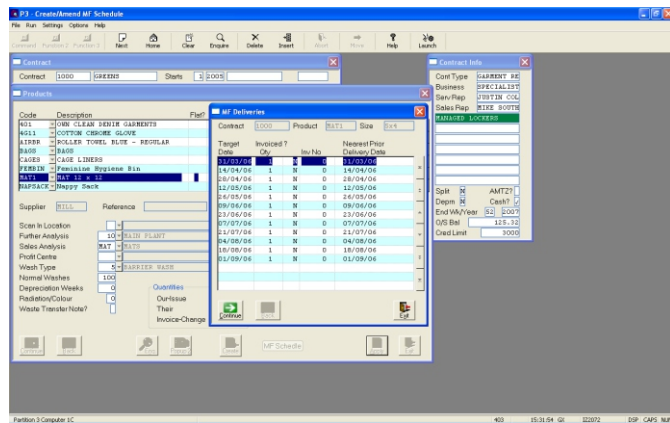
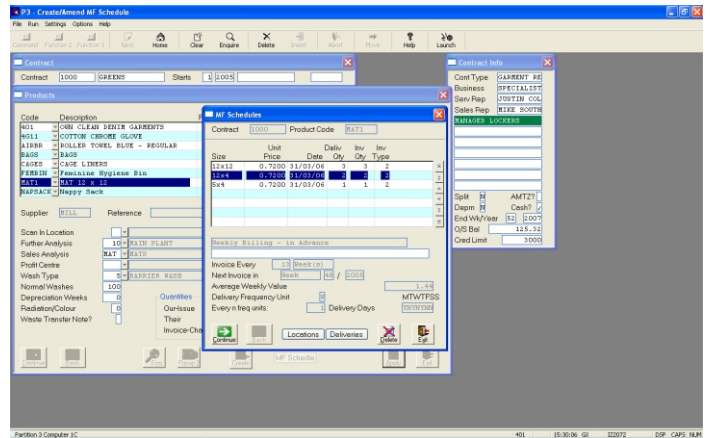


Multi-Frequency

Sometimes, customers can make life difficult, - especially where items such as dust mats are concerned! A contract may call for a dust mat or roller towel to be delivered at intervals other than the 'standard' weekly change. Deliveries of mats once per fortnight, once per three weeks and even once per month, have been requested. In some cases mats even have to be changed three times per week!

Pricing? This is also variable. Some customers wish to pay a weekly charge for their mats, whilst others will pay on delivery of the mats, irrespective of the frequency of delivery.

The screen (right) shows an example of the multi-frequency options for such a mat, with the highlighted item being changed every week, but the others being changed at two or three week intervals.

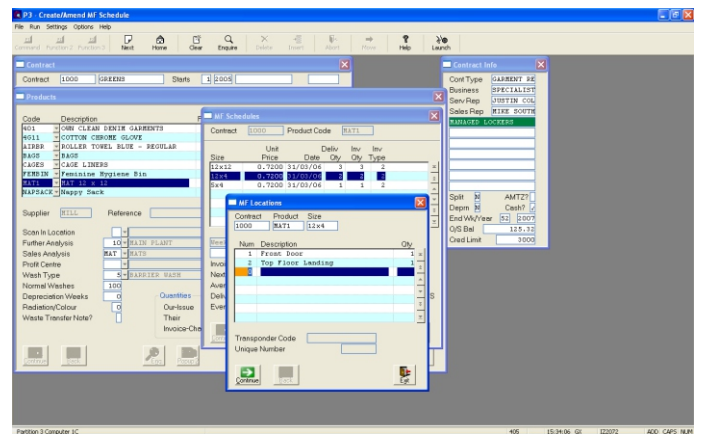


The screen on the left shows the deliveries for the second mat on the list, which is delivered fortnightly. Dates of deliveries are shown at intervals relating to the scheduled delivery days, as well as a 'target' day. If the routes are revised, the multi-frequency module will automatically adjust the delivery day to take account of the changes requested. Changes can easily be made to take account of other variables, - such as a factory closure during the August holiday period.

In the example (left) billing is once per fortnight for the selected mat, but could optionally be set to a fixed weekly billing, irrespective of the delivery frequency.

Where a customer has a number of mats and requires a 'laying' service, the software has options for the entry of the requisite delivery schedule to be set up (see right). The route sheet will then print the schedule when the mats are due to be delivered.

With the new multi-frequency module a further problem has been solved. Production and Transport know exactly how many mats are required for a given day and route. If the mats are identified by transponder or unique number, then it is a simple matter to identify which mat is going to which customer. Useful extras, such as mat washes and residual values are also provided with this software.



Barcellos worked with a number of laundries in the development of this important software module; flexibility of design was essential in meeting the options required; the result is a powerful product that makes mat control a reality at last.