

AccountMate Offers A Complete Inventory Management System

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AccountMate 6.0 (AM) is a complete financial management software product from Softline AccountMate (800-



877-8896; www.accountmate.com). Several versions are available to suit businesses of all sizes.

AccountMate 6.0 is offered in two platforms: SQL and MSDE. System requirements to run AM for SQL include a Pentium-level processor, at least 128MB of RAM, and a hard drive with 200MB of free space. Your operating system will need Windows XP Professional, Windows 2000 Professional or Windows NT 4.0 Workstation. Server requirements include a 700MHz Pentium processor, 256MB of RAM, 1GB of available hard drive space, and Microsoft SQL Server 2000 or SQL Server 7.0. Similar requirements are necessary to run AM for MSDE, which included the Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Desktop Engine (MSDE) installer on the CD.

Twenty modules are available, including System Manager, General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Purchase Order, Accounts Receivable, Sales Order, Inventory Control, Contact Manager, Bank Reconciliation, Manufacturer's Inventory, Payroll and a Consolidated Ledger module.

Installation of AM is a little time-consuming, with each module installed from a separate disk. Activation codes and serial numbers must be entered for each. (The company noted that Softline AccountMate intends to simplify the installation process in the near future.)

New features in Version 6.0 include the ability to create a new company database in a user-defined directory. Financial statements have also been enhanced, with more reporting levels available. In the Sales Order module, you can now insert line items in the

grid. Better system security means you can protect your customers' information from unauthorized access to personal or credit card information.

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Even new users will find the program easy to navigate. AM's main screen has a main menu bar at the top with access to File, Transactions, Reports, Maintenance, House-keeping, Utilities and Help menus. Click on one of these

action tracking. In the AP module, detailed vendor information is easily available from the Vendor Ledger card. A customer ledger card is also available where you can view customer payment records, pricing and customer order information.

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and Sales Order modules work smoothly in conjunction with the Inventory module to ensure a totally integrated system. AM's Payroll module supports employee direct deposit, unlimited deductions, and tracking of employee review and increase dates. The Contact Manager tracks detailed customer information and works with Microsoft products to maintain customer mailing and e-mail addresses, communications by date, and up to 48 user-defined fields.

Reporting options are numerous, with pre-defined reports available using Crystal Reports. All reports can also be easily exported to Microsoft Word, Excel and HTML format. Custom report creation is also available using Crystal Reports or F9 Financial reporting.

AccountMate 6.0 is a sophisticated program, providing in-depth financial reporting to companies of various sizes. While it is not the easiest program to install at this level, users will find themselves breezing through its straightforward entry screens in no time. ■ ★★★★★

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information, set user preferences and install all licensing disks. Adding a new company is fairly straightforward, with general information entered in the first screen, GL Account segment definition entered in the second screen, and database information (name, file group settings, server drive) entered in the third. If you are running a network, you will enter mapped drive informa-

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