

## ACH Payment Processing for Macola® Progression

**A utility for paying vendors via electronic fund transfer**

### WHO NEEDS THIS UTILITY?

Any Macola® Progression customer that wants to eliminate printing and mailing paper checks and pay their vendors via ACH.

### WHAT IS ACH?

ACH is an electronic funds transfer method for paying your vendors. Vendors are paid electronically between your bank and your vendor’s bank via the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network. This feature of no longer printing and mailing vendor checks is standard with Macola® ES and 10 but is not built into Macola® Progression.

### KEY FEATURES and BENEFITS

- ACH makes it easier for you to pay vendors.
- Vendor payments are electronically sent to your bank using the industry standard NACHA file format. We can quickly change our software if your bank requires a unique NACHA format.
- ACH payments are less susceptible to fraud.
- We provide unlimited phone support and training with all our products.

### GETTING STARTED

We provide an entry screen to key each ACH vendor’s bank routing and account number. This information is encrypted in your Macola® database for confidentiality. Refer to the sample screen below:

Maintain Bank Account Information						
Vendor No	Vendor Name	Routing No	Account No	Last Changed Dt	Last Changed By	
▶ 000000000... ▼	MAIN PACKAGI...	*****	*****...	11/30/2021	ben	
000000000300	ATLANTA PACK...	*****	*****	11/30/2021	ben	
000000000400	CINCINNATI B...	*****	****	10/17/2022	ben	
000000000600	CINCINNATI C...	*****	*****	10/17/2022	ben	
000000000700	CHICAGO BOX ...	*****	*****	10/17/2022	ben	

# THIS IS YOUR NEW A/P PAYMENTS WORKFLOW USING OUR UTILITY

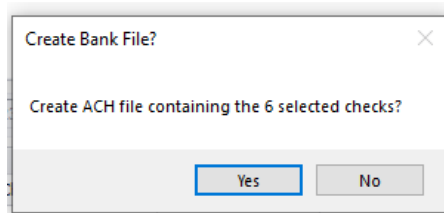
## Step 1. Run our utility to pay ACH vendors

Our utility displays the list of vouchers that are eligible to be paid via ACH. You can select individual or all vendors and then press the "Create File" button in the upper right of the screen. When you press the "Create File" button, the program also creates Macola® manual checks for each item.

The utility also maintains an audit file to prevent you from accidentally paying a vendor twice.

The lower part of the screen displays all vendors eligible for an ACH payment. Refer to the sample screen below:

The screenshot shows the Macola Progression ACH utility interface. At the top, there is a "Menu" bar and a "Create File" button. Below this is a table titled "Selected Invoices" with columns: Vendor No, Vendor Name, Check No, Check Date, Paid Amt, Apply To Count, and Selected?. The table contains six rows of data for vendor 300, all with "Selected?" checkboxes checked. Below the table is a filter section with "All Dates?" checked, a "Check Date Range" of 1/12/2023 to 1/26/2023, and a "Show Previously Selected Invoices?" checkbox. Below the filter is another table titled "Select Invoices" with the same columns as the "Selected Invoices" table. It contains three rows of data for vendor 300, all with "Selected?" checkboxes unchecked.



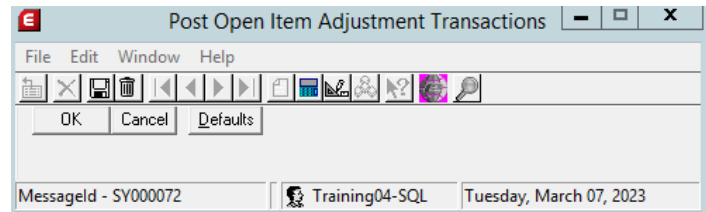
## Step 2. Transmit the ACH file to your bank

Log into your bank's ACH portal and upload the file.

### **Step 3. Print the Macola manual check register & post the manual checks**

This processing step takes the Macola manual checks created in Step 2 above and posts them.

Our program assigns a check number for each ACH manual check. The starting 8-digit check number will begin with "99" to allow you to quickly pinpoint ACH payments versus non-ACH payments.



### **Step 4. Run your normal Macola payment selection screen and print paper checks for non-ACH vendors**

The Macola A/P payment selection program will now select non-ACH vendors for payment. Paper checks will be printed for these vendors.

## **WHAT DOES IT COST & WHAT IS INCLUDED?**

Please refer to our price list or call 513-723-8091 to request a quote. Our annual maintenance fee provides unlimited support and software updates.

## **WHAT IF WE WANT TO CONTINUE PRINTING & MAILING PAPER CHECKS?**

For those Macola® Progression customers that want to continue printing and mailing paper checks, we offer our Positive Pay utility to avoid check fraud.

Our Macola® Positive Pay utility protects you from fraud by sending a file of vendor payments to your bank. This service protects your company against altered or counterfeit checks. You typically learn about these fraudulent checks when they appear on your bank statement. Without Positive Pay, a stolen or altered check can be cashed and cleared without detection.

Using your bank's Positive Pay service and our utility, your checks are not cleared by your bank until each has been verified against a computer file of your checks. When the check is cashed or deposited, the funds are unavailable until the check is computer verified at your bank. Your bank's Positive Pay service electronically matches the check date, check number, and amount to information in a database of previously authorized checks. If the data does not match, your bank will refuse payment.

**For information on any of our PULSE family of Macola® add-on software products, call (513) 723-8091**

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