

What versions of Sage Peachtree is SBM compatible with?

SBM 4.2 is compatible with all editions of Sage Peachtree Accounting as well as Sage Peachtree Quantum 2009, 2010 and 2011.

How does SBM integrate with Peachtree?

SBM uses the Peachtree SDK/API provide by Sage for direct interaction between the two products.

Does Peachtree have to be on the same computer that SBM is installed and running on?

A copy of Peachtree must be installed and have a valid license on the same computer that any SBM client being used to perform Peachtree integration operations is installed on and running from. Peachtree does not have to be installed on the MISys SBM Server computer unless the Client and Server are on the same PC.

Does SBM consume additional Peachtree user licenses?

The SBM interface to Peachtree requires that Peachtree be running and a user logged into Peachtree. SBM then utilizes this logged in user. When SBM reads or updates Peachtree data, this copy of Peachtree will be unresponsive for the user, but can be used as normal when SBM is not doing the read or update.

How do General Ledger Accounts map between SBM and Peachtree?

In order for Sales Transfers and Period End to keep proper accounting in Peachtree, all SBM GL Accounts referenced in any SBM Account Set must exist in Peachtree (they must have exactly the same name and number). The default set of GL Accounts that SBM creates with any new company database are designed to be compatible with Peachtree – they either correspond to standard Peachtree GL Accounts or are non-interfering (aren't normally created by Peachtree). SBM provides a facility to check and automatically create any needed GL Accounts in Peachtree.

Does SBM support multi-segmented accounts in Peachtree?

Account numbers in SBM must match account numbers in Peachtree. SBM itself doesn't do anything specific for segments in an Account number; SBM supports up to 45 characters for an account number and does not care how the numbers are used for segmenting (sub-accounts). As long as the Control Accounts map to the correct account numbers in Peachtree, all SBM/Peachtree integration functionality will work properly.

How do Peachtree Inventory Items map to SBM Inventory Items?

SBM Inventory Items (referred to as Mfg Inventory items), including both parts and assembled items, can be mapped to Peachtree Inventory Items (referred to as Sales Inventory Items), including both Stock Items and Assemblies. The item names do not have to have the same name. SBM can create this mapping by either Importing one or more Peachtree Items into SBM, exporting one or more SBM Items into Peachtree, or by mapping SBM Items to existing Peachtree items. For importing and exporting, SBM requires the user to select a template item (in Peachtree for exporting or in SBM for importing) which facilitates setting standard item properties such as reorder levels, accounts to use, parent item, etc. when new items are created.

How do I transfer finished manufactured items from SBM to Peachtree?

There are several facilities within SBM that allow automated transfer of completed manufactured items to the Peachtree Sales Inventory. You can use SBM's 'Replenish Sales Inventory' function to automatically detect shortages in Peachtree based on either Peachtree 'Reorder' or 'Bring to Zero' (if Peachtree on hand is negative) levels for one or more items and transfer them from SBM to Peachtree. You can also use SBM Direct Stock Sales Transfers to transfer user specified quantities of an SBM Mfg Inventory Item (including part types or assembled types) to Peachtree Sales Inventory. A third way is to use the 'Transfer to Sales' function for an SBM Work Order to automatically transfer the Work Order's completed assemblies.

All of the above transfers to Peachtree work in the same way from an accounting perspective. They all create a single Inventory Adjustment transaction in Peachtree to increase or decrease the inventory levels in Peachtree depending on if it's a transfer to or from Sales. This transaction increases the asset accounts in Peachtree for the corresponding Peachtree sales items. The 'Sales Transfer Control' control account ends up with credit equal to total amount of bill.

Note that the Inventory Adjustment used for the transfer sets the Item Cost in Peachtree for the adjustment. Peachtree will adjust its running costing (average, etc.) information based on its own rules for using the transaction item cost.

A subsequent Period End balances the accounts by debiting the 'Sales Transfer Control' control account.

Can I create SBM Work Orders from Peachtree Sales Orders?

You can use SBM's 'Process Sales Orders' facility to create linked SBM Production Work Orders automatically for any user specified range of Sales Order dates.

Can I transfer SBM Manufactured Items to Peachtree based on Peachtree On Order levels?

If you don't need to link Sales Orders to Work Orders, or you just need to build to order without linking to a specific Sales order, you can use SBM's 'Replenish Sales Inventory' function to automatically detect shortages in Peachtree based on Peachtree 'On Order' levels for one or more items.

How do I coordinate SBM Purchase Order transactions (e.g. item receipts) with invoicing in Peachtree?

To facilitate common vendor/supplier information, SBM can import Vendors from Peachtree as SBM suppliers.

When you do a PO item receipt in SBM, SBM creates Period End sub-ledger records that refer to the PO Number and Supplier name to facilitate coordination with invoices entered in Peachtree. Specifically, the SBM a sub-ledger entry for a PO receipt charges the associated cost for the item on the PO and the variance to the standard cost in general-ledger accounts as determined in the interface configuration. Received items costs are tallied in the 'PO Liability' control account, which by default is set to Account No. 2016 'Mfg PO Liability'. The price variance is tallied in the 'Purchase Price Variance' control account, which by default is set to Account No. 5416 'Mfg Purchase Price Variance'. The sum of these debits are offset by a credit to the 'PO Receipt' control account, which is by default set to Account No. 2014 'Mfg Accounts Payable'. Any of these control accounts can be set to a different account depending on the style of use in Peachtree.

SBM also provides the capability to Invoice against a PO Receipt. When you perform a PO Invoice operation in SBM, a Purchase Inventory Receipt is automatically created in Peachtree with the payee set to the correct Vendor for the PO. Expense lines are used, rather than Inventory Item lines, since the Item No. on the Purchase Order need not exist in the Peachtree Sales Inventory. If the SBM Supplier does not exist in Peachtree, you can set SBM to automatically create a corresponding Vendor in Peachtree before the Purchase Inventory Receipt is created. SBM credits the standard Accounts Payable account in Peachtree for the Bill which is offset by a debit to the 'PO Receipt' control account. SBM also allows adding a reference on the Purchase Inventory Receipt created for an Invoice; it can be set to refer either to the PO No. in SBM or the actual Invoice No.

Note that after performing both a PO Invoice and then a Period End, the 'PO Receipt' account will have been zeroed.

Can I track manufacturing activities by Jobs in Peachtree?

Yes. When a user performs a Period End in SBM, and has ledger entries that refer to SBM jobs, SBM automatically creates an associated Peachtree Job for each SBM Job and references that Job in the sub-ledger entry SBM creates in Peachtree.

Reading Peachtree Sales Order and Sales Invoices seems slow, can I do anything about this?

Yes. Due to limitations of the Sage Peachtree API, the Peachtree integration with SBM when reading Sales Orders and related Sales Invoices can take a significant amount of time. To improve the performance, make sure you limit dates to just the range you need to see. For example, on the Process Sales Orders screen, set the “Retrieve Orders From/To” fields to the smallest range that is appropriate for your sales orders. When creating a Master Production Schedule using Sales Orders or Sales Quotes, select “Exclude Sales Orders/Quotes Before” and set a reasonable date for this value. Sage has made some improvement to the Peachtree API and Peachtree 2010 is much faster at reading Sales Orders and Invoices than Peachtree 2009.

Can I coordinate Serial/Lot Tracking information with Peachtree?

As of SBM Version 4.2, the SBM to Peachtree integration supports the transfer of Serial Tracking information for Items to Peachtree. Lot Tracking is not supported in Peachtree, however, Lot numbers are tracked in SBM (if enabled) but the information is not transferred to Peachtree when the Item is transferred.