

*Communicating  
with WMA  
Wholesalers*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This handout explains how to set up your DDMS system to transmit orders to wholesalers in the WMA group. The new WMA software lets the wholesaler receive P/Os electronically. Since no one needs to re-key the order, the entire process can be handled quickly and efficiently.

This process includes the following steps:

- the dealer transmits the P/O
- the wholesaler receives the order
- a pick ticket prints in the warehouse, so that the merchandise can be picked and packed
- the wholesaler's system acknowledges the order, and sends the acknowledgement back to the dealer
- when the dealer's system receives the acknowledgement, it automatically pre-receives the order.

Before you can use this process, two DDMS systems must be set up: the wholesaler's and the dealer's. This handout briefly explains how to do this.

# SETTING UP THE WHOLESALER'S SYSTEM

The WMA wholesaler must perform the following steps:

- Set up each dealer in the (A) Customer Master screen
- Set up each dealer in the (SGA) Trading Partner Parameters screen
- Set up the (L6IØ) OPD LINK Receive Parameters screen.

## SETTING UP DEALERS IN THE (A) SCREEN

Each dealer that needs to transmit orders to a WMA wholesaler needs to have a customer record in the (A) screen. If you have not already done this, and need instructions, see “Volume 2: The Customer Database” in *Book I: Customers, Vendors, and Salespersons*.

## SETTING UP DEALERS IN THE (SGA) SCREEN

Go to the (SGA) screen, and select the [C] Change action code. Retrieve the customer’s record, and complete the record. You must complete three fields, as shown in Figure 1:

- INTERCHANGE ID QUALIF
- ID
- USING 855

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15:21:09          (SGA) TRADING PARTNER PARAMETERS REV. (05/30/95)          10/03/96
-----
Action [C] ( C-Chg, D-Del, I-Inq, R-Ref Codes )
-----
Name :UNIVERSAL EXPORT          Account #      10002 Dept :
      SUITE 503                  KELLER
      1244 SHADY LANE            817-555-7867          TX
-----
Interchange ID Qualif :12  ID :8175551234          Auto Send          : (Y/N)
Auth. Info Qualif.    :      Info :
Security Info Qualif. :      Info :          Use Received Price : (Y/N)
Interchange Control Std : Version :          Using 810          :
Using 855              :Y
Receivers Code Id      :          Default Selector :
Responsible Agency Code :          Interchange Control#
      Version :          Group Control #
----- AOPD Use Only -----
| Contract #
Test Indicator : (T/P) Buy Unit : (S/M/W) | Location #
Acknowledgement : Customer Ref : | Contracting Dealer #
Release/Contract: 1: 2: | Reports Used :
-----
CORRECT RECORD Y/N ?Y
    
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**Figure 1. The Required Fields in the (SGA) Screen**

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15:27:39                OPD LINK Receive Parameters                10/03/96
-----
EDI Qualifier :12
EDI Id       :8175551234

Communication Lines Dedicated for OPD LINK Receiving [M2] To [M5]

Next Receive for Processing Records #
Acknowledgement Selector [855WMA]

                                Print Parameters
Status [6] Online [Y] Options [  ]
Ticket Format [4T ] Printer [P2]
Labels Format [  ] Printer [P ]
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**Figure 2. Specifying the Receiving Parameters**

If the dealer is already using EDI, use the settings that they're already using for the INTERCHANGE ID QUALIF and ID fields. Otherwise, DDMS suggests using the number **12** for the INTERCHANGE ID QUALIF field, and your phone number for the ID field.

If you want to send acknowledgments during the session, set the USING 855 field to **Y**.

For more information about this screen, see the *DDMS EDI Manual*.

## SETTING YOUR RECEIVING PARAMETERS

You set receiving parameters in the (L6IØ) OPD LINK Receive Parameters screen, as shown in Figure 2.

Set the EDI QUALIFIER and EDI ID fields. DDMS recommends that you specify **12** in the EDI QUALIFIER field, and your phone number in the EDI ID field, as shown in Figure 2.

In the COMMUNICATION LINES DEDICATED FOR OPD LINK RECEIVING /TO fields, specify the logical names of the range of modems dedicated to receiving orders through this procedure.

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**Note:** If you complete the COMMUNICATION LINES field, the system will automatically prepare to receive orders each time you boot.

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Leave the NEXT RECEIVE FOR PROCESSING RECORDS # field blank.

The ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SELECTOR field lets you specify the Report Writer selector for acknowledgments. Specify the selector DDMS provides, **855WMA**, or enter the name of a custom selector.

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Complete the fields under the PRINT PARAMETERS heading as you would complete similar fields in the (L1) Terminal and Ticket Parameters screen. You'll probably want to specify a pick ticket status in the STATUS field (**4** or **6**), and specify **Y** in the ONLINE field so that the warehouse printer can print incoming tickets on-line.

## SETTING UP THE DEALER'S SYSTEM

A dealer who wants to send purchase orders to a member of the WMA Group needs to do two things:

- Set up the wholesaler as a customer
- Set the communication parameters for the wholesaler the dealer's ordering from.

## SETTING UP THE WHOLESALER AS A CUSTOMER

Go to the (A) Customer Master screen, and create a customer record for the wholesaler with whom you're doing business. If you need instructions, see "Volume 2: The Customer Database" in *Book I: Customers, Vendors, and Salespersons*.

## SETTING UP COMMUNICATION PARAMETERS

You need to set the communication parameters for the WMA wholesaler you'll be ordering from. To do this, go to the (L6I) OPD LINK Communications screen, and select the appropriate screen. (See Figure 3.) Dealers ordering from Service Wholesale, for example, would select the (L6IA) Service Wholesale Inc screen.

11:40:14 OPD LINK Communications (09/27/96) 10/02/96

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Selection Code [ ]

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A - Service Wholesale Inc.  
B - Circle Office Products  
C - C & L Pen Co.  
D - Dallas Pen  
E - M. C. Jewkes Co. Inc.  
F - Lipscomb & Associates  
G - Glen Robert Distributing Co.  
H - Buying Groups  
I - Vision Wholesalers

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**Figure 3. The (L6I) OPD LINK Communications Screen**

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18:39:55                OPD LINK Parameters                10/03/96
-----
                Modem Parameters                |                OPD LINK Parameters
-----|-----
Modem Type ?1 [1-2400E 2-NEC 3-MICROCOM] | Phone Line #M1
-- Telephone Numbers -----Baud :28.8 | Account #1001
Batch # 8175551234 Interactive # | Logon Id #8175551234
Dialing Prefix :9, |
-----|-----
                DDMS Parameters                |                Using Network ? (Y/N)
-----|-----
Wrap & Pack : (Y/N) | Wholesale's # 1001
Drop Ship : (Y/N) | P/O Format [850WMA]
Pre-Receive :Y (Y/N) | Ack Print Selector [WMAACK]
Printer :P2 |
-----|-----
|                Buying Group Locations
|-----|
| 1
| 2
| 3
| 4
| 5
|-----|

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**Figure 4. Specifying the Phone Number for Batch Communication**

Each communication parameter is described below.

**Notes:** Your modem must be in specific ports to be effective. On a regular I/O board, the modem must be in protected mode ports 4, 5, 6, or 7 on the first board. On a Specialix I/O board, the modem must be in one of ports 1 through 7 on one of the first four pads.

Changing parameters is a dedicated function. Make sure that no one enters your parameters screen or its application until you are finished.

**Modem Type**

Your response to this field sets your modem to the proper default. Enter the code that corresponds with the modem type you want as your default. Choose the appropriate code from the following list:

- 1** Multi-Tech
- 2** NEC N1220/30
- 3** Microcom AX-2400.

**Batch**

This number is for your main wholesaler location. Enter your wholesaler's telephone number for batch communication, as shown in Figure 4.

**Interactive #**

This field is reserved for future use.

**Dialing Prefix**

If you're using a phone system that requires dialing an additional number to get an outside line, enter that number here. You can enter up to four digits. If the prefix requires a pause, type a comma (,) after

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the number. For example, if your phone system requires that you dial a 9 and then wait for the dial tone to reach an outside line, you would enter **9**.

### Baud

This field indicates the baud rate between your modem and the wholesaler's modem. You can specify a rate up to 28,800. Enter numbers with a decimal: a baud rate of 28,800 is **28.8**, for example, and a rate of 19,200 is **19.2**.

### Phone Line

This field indicates the logical name of the modem you use to batch communicate with the wholesaler. Enter the name of your modem, for example, **M1**.

### Account #

Obtain this account number from your wholesaler.

*This number must match the account number that the wholesaler has in the (A) screen for this dealer. If a dealer has an account number of 1001 in the wholesaler's (A) screen, for example, the dealer must enter 1001 in his ACCOUNT # field. See Figure 5.*

### Logon Id #

Obtain the logon ID from your wholesaler.

*This number must match the number in the ID field in the wholesaler's (SGA) screen. If the wholesaler entered 8175551234 in the ID field, for example, the dealer must enter 8175551234 in the LOGON ID # field.*

### Using Network ?

This field is reserved for future use.

### Wholesale's #

In this field, specify the wholesaler's account number from the dealer's (A) screen. Suppose that the dealer is ordering from Dallas Pen, and has assigned this wholesaler an account number of DALLAS in the (A) screen. The dealer would then type DALLAS in this field.

### P/O Format

In this field, specify the Report Writer format you want to use for purchase orders.

DDMS provides the format **850WMA** for this purpose. Specify **850WMA**, or enter the name of a custom format.

### Ack Print Selector

In this field, specify the Report Writer format you'll use for acknowledgments from the wholesaler.

DDMS provides the format **WMAACK** for this purpose. Specify **WMAACK**, or enter the name of a custom format.

### Wrap & Pack

This field is reserved for future use.

### Drop Ship

This field is reserved for future use.

### Pre-Receive

Indicate whether you want to pre-receive orders automatically in this field.

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Wrap & Pack      : (Y/N) | Wholesale's #      1001
Drop Ship        : (Y/N) | P/O Format          [850WMA]
Pre-Receive      :Y (Y/N) | Ack Print Selector [WMAACK]
Printer          :P2 |
-----|-----
                |                Buying Group Locations
                |                -----
                |                1
                |                2
                |                3
                |                4
                |                5
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**Figure 5. Specifying the Dealer's Account Number**

To pre-receive orders automatically, type:

**Y**

To prevent orders from being automatically pre-received, type:

**N**

**Printer**

In this field, specify the logical name of the printer the dealer will use for acknowledgments (P1, for example).

**Buying Group Locations**

These fields are reserved for future use.

