

AcornPipe Software requirements:

AcornPipe software will run on all of the currently available operating systems. Basically anything like Win XP, Win 2000 and Vista. With some Vista versions, you would have to disable the User Account Control)

The program requires a minimum of 128mb of RAM. Like any graphics program, 256mb is better - the more the better. If you experience screen freeze-ups, while drawing, then you may need to install extra RAM.

The clients/job folders are stored separate from the AcornPipe program files. This makes the use of the program on a network easier to manage.

Some Toshiba Satellite computers, have an issue with the sentinel key device.

Usually this is a print port issue, and the print port can be set to accept the key by entering the computers' bios and changing the port to ps/2.

You MUST have a printer driver installed. The program looks for a printer at the drawing screen and gives an error, if it cannot find one. It does not seem to care if a printer is physically attached or not, as long as the driver is present.

Any other questions? Please call, or write a note by email, and visit our corporate website at www.acornpipe.com

Thank you for your interest in AcornPipe Software for Piping Professionals.

Please contact me for additional information.

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Here are the modifications possible before the drawing is re-counted, and what prompts the sentinel to count drawings again.

Pricing structure for drawings - see Page 3.

Re: Counting Drawings:

The new sentinel device for the **AcornPipe** program, is programmable. Drawings are added to the sentinel when you purchase additional drawings. These are counted down when the drawing is saved.

The **AcornPipe** program will count down a drawing when you originally save the drawing. The program user can modify and resave the original drawing without a recount.

The drawing may be printed without saving, but does not print the BOM unless it is saved.

The completed drawing may be sent to another **AcornPipe** program user, using a different sentinel device, and he can view and print the drawing without it being re-counted, unless the other user makes a change to the drawing and re-saves it to his sentinel key.

This enables any user to use the **AcornPipe** program as a viewer and to do material summaries, etc. without the drawing being counted again. The AcornPipe user can also add heat numbers, welder ID, inspection information, etc. then re-save the drawing without counting.

Drawings made in one location can then be fabricated, and information added, at a different location without charge. We also fixed the material summaries to leave off the End Prep on the first piece which we hadn't noticed.

Modify and resave the original drawing then again save it as the duplicate number. Many times it is more efficient to save a similar drawing to another control number then make changes to the copy, at which time it will then be counted.

We have modified the program to put a message at the top of the drawing showing its' Status, and whether the displayed drawing has been counted, or not. The program will display the key information, and the date on which a drawing is counted. This will enable you to determine if a drawing has been counted yet, or not, at a glance.

If a drawing was done with a different hardware lock it will show as not being counted with the current lock.

Any changes made with a different lock , will be counted with the new lock, when changes are made to this drawing, then resaved.

Please contact us if we can answer any additional questions you might have.

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Drawings Pricing:

\$1.25 CAD, plus GST per drawing

Discounts are issued as bonus drawings, rather than as discounted pricing. If you own 2 or more keys, we can divide the drawings ordered, between them for you.

For instance if you order:

	100 to 499 drawings -	No Bonus Drawings
	500 - 999 drawings -	10% more
1,000	- 1,999 drawings -	20% more drawings
2,000	- 2,999 drawings -	30% more drawings
3,000	- 3,999 drawings -	40% more drawings
4,000	- 4,999 drawings -	50% more drawings
5,000	- -----	- 60% more drawings

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AcornPipe program Information and Features:

Thank you for your interest in **AcornPipe** software.

This innovative software, costs less initially, however there will be a cost per drawing to use this new product. The cost for the initial setup package is \$360.00 CAD, plus \$20.00 Shipping and Handling costs, plus GST for the initial setup package, which will include 100 free drawing files.

Additional drawing files will be available in a minimum purchase of 100, at \$1.20 CAD, plus GST per drawing, with discounts for the purchase of larger volumes.

Drawing pricing information is added to the bottom of this email. We accept Visa as well as MasterCard for purchases.

Our system will allow the author of the drawing to make changes, generate weld

maps, as well as reports, without any extra charges. He can send that drawing to another person, provided the other party has our software, and the second party will not have to pay for the drawing unless he makes changes to the drawing. The original drafter, may make changes to the drawing. We do not anticipate having a version with an unlimited amount of drawings.

The 'pay per use' plan is becoming more and more common. Many of our customers feel that they do not want to pay for services which they do not use. Having a flat price for this system would force everyone to do that, and, considering the length of time, and cost of development, the price would be very high.

The "**AcornPipe System**" will draw automatic offset boxes, and will automatically resize them to fit the contents. The **AcornPipe System** will also allow you to draw the light wall Stainless pipe and fittings, as well as Victaulic Fittings.

Some of our favourite features:

Offset boxes resize automatically to accommodate anything inside of them.

Offsets will allow you to define the run, rise, and degrees of roll to your angle, then the program will do the trig function, so you can dimension your offset box by simply selecting the F7 key, then clicking on the box side.

Spec setup, and copying of specs from one job to another, is easily accomplished.

Resize fittings with the up/down arrow keys.

Resize onscreen notes and details with Shift—Up/Down Arrow keys.

Move the item numbers and weld boxes with the mouse.

Base your spec on a CS, Stainless, Victaulic, OD, or ID type of system, or on an existing Spec.

And one of the best - Copy and paste branches, along the header pipe, with/without dimensions.

The use of Keystroke combinations:

Control - W - Displays weld map

Control - T - Edit weld info, add Welders ID and Heat numbers, etc.

Control E - Edit BOM

Control Q - "Grey Out" fittings and Pipe to leave them off the BOM, and show as

existing. This is done by changing the quantity to 0. "Greyed Out" items may be returned to BOM by altering the quantity to 1 or more, if required.

The use of F keys:

F4 - Refresh screen, & displays BOM

F6 - Dimension Branches

F7 - Dimension offset box by clicking on the box side

F8 - Dimension the sides of the offset box, based on the trig function automatically calculated on the angle and the other dims. To dimension offset box, select F7, click on box side to be dimensioned.

F9 - Select and move Item Tags and Weld Tags with the mouse

F11 - Select fittings and pipe individually by clicking on the item number. Item can then be deleted, moved.And many more

For more information on the **AcornPipe** software, please visit our web site at www.acornpipe.com and click on the links to our information pages, as well as links to download demonstration files. There are some Flash Video Demonstration Files available on our web site, on the page located at <http://www.acornpipe.com/LearningCentreTwo.htm> specifically, along with a link to download and install the "Flash Video Player".

These videos will demonstrate the drawing process as well as spec setup, title block editing, etc, and are intended as a demonstration, as well as a tutorial. This information is duplicated in the PDF files available at <http://www.acornpipe.com/LearningCentre.htm> along with a link to download and install Adobe's "Acrobat Reader", which will allow you to read the PDF files. This works best, of course, with a high speed internet connection

The fitting images are better than in previous versions, and the drawings are scalable, which allows the **AcornPipe** user to print a legal drawing to either the 8 1/2 by 14 inch size or resized to fit a letter sized sheet without any setup changes. Draw and print 11 X 17 inch sized drawings, provided your printer is capable of this size.

This software was completely written by John Young, Mechanical Engineer, and

Software Developer. This program software does not depend on the use of AutoCAD or any other second party software. It is a totally 'stand alone' package, and is very easy to use.

Please feel free to call on me, or John Young, if you have any other questions.

Yours Truly,

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