NPD How To	How to Install NPD on a New Computer

Purpose

This document describes how to install NPD on a new computer and then transfer your database to the new computer. Installing a second copy of NPD on a computer is not covered here. Call for assistance when you need to do that.

A. Buying the New Computer

Almost any new computer on the market today is adequate for running NPD. Here are some considerations that may make things a little better:

1. Get a computer with Windows XP. The Home Edition is fine for most users. New versions of Windows beyond XP will probably work as well.

2. Make sure you get the backup device you need: A CD burner or a ZIP drive.

   If you get a CD burner, the CD software that came with the computer may not work for backups. As of this writing, the only known software is Easy CD Creator by Roxio. With Easy Creator 5 you need the Platinum Edition to get DirectCD, which is needed. With Easy CD and DVD Creator 6, DirectCD is renamed "Drag-to-Disk", and is included in the base product.

   If you get a ZIP Drive, the external model allows moving the drive from computer to computer. With Windows XP, you simply plug in the drive – no software installation. If you get the Firewire model, make sure your computer has Firewire ports. Almost all new computers have USB ports. CAUTION: Newer models of ZIP drives can read but not write 100MB disks. The 100MB disks are becoming obsolete

3. You also need to make sure that whatever you use to backup your old computer is on your new computer. If not, you may need a third computer to transfer your backup from one media to another. CAUTION: Backups to floppies are a special case. If your new computer does not have a floppy drive, the third computer will need to extract (unzip) the NPDBE01.ZIP and place the resulting NPDBE01.MDB on a CD or ZIP disk. Then copy NPDBE01.MDB from that disk to your NPD data folder (e.g. C:\NPD01\DATA) on your new computer

B. Install NPD and Update to Latest Version

1. Use the most recent NPD CD to install NPD, AcornFTP, and, if not already installed, Acrobat Reader.

2. Do not bother to run NPD at this point as it will have a database for "Distributor 0000" whose update license has expired. (There's no harm in running NPD, just ignore the error messages.)

3. Use NPD Tools to download the latest NPD Update. If you have problems, go to **http://www.acorndata.com/npd_downloads.htm** and download UPDATE.EXE. Save it to your Desktop. When the download completes, open the UPDATE.EXE on your desktop.

4. **Only after NPD is updated to the latest version, are you ready to transfer your database to the new computer.**

C. Transfer Database to New Computer

1. Learn your drive letter assignments. Open My Computer and note which drive letter is assigned to your backup drive, be it CD or ZIP. You can also see this by clicking on **Show Drive Status** in NPD Tools.

2. To do a normal **Restore**: Use the Locate button on the Restore screen to point to the drive containing the backup. Click OK, then Next. Check the Backup Date to make sure you are restoring the correct backup.

3. Run NPD and confirm you have your database.

D. Get CASS Information

The CASS form PS 3553 is not included in your backup. The first choice is to simply **Import Checked Addresses** again. If that should fail, copy the files in the CASS folder from your old computer to a floppy and then to the CASS folder on your new computer. The CASS folder is a sub-folder of your NPD folder, usually C:\NPD01\CASS. You may need to create the CASS folder on your new computer. If all this fails, use your old computer to print a sufficient number of the CASS forms.

Prepared 29-Jun-03. **Last Revision 20-Feb-05.**