

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 eligible for payment 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.

Refer to the sample screen below:

The screenshot displays the 'Macola Progression ACH' application window. 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 of which are selected (indicated by checkmarks in the 'Selected?' column). Below the table, there are filters for 'All Dates?' and 'Check Date Range' (set to 1/12/2023 - 1/26/2023), and a checkbox for 'Show Previously Selected Invoices?'. Below these filters is another table titled 'Select Invoices' with the same columns as the first table, containing three rows of data for vendor 300. At the bottom of the screenshot, a 'Create Bank File?' dialog box is open, asking 'Create ACH file containing the 6 selected checks?' with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons.

Selected Invoices						
Vendor No	Vendor Name	Check No	Check Date	Paid Amt	Apply To Count	Selected?
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28472	4/4/2022	\$1,427.71	1	☒
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28541	4/18/2022	\$2,538.95	2	☒
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28672	5/2/2022	\$6,431.38	3	☒
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28792	5/23/2022	\$788.42	1	☒
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28859	5/30/2022	\$16,940.81	9	☒
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28966	6/13/2022	\$787.05	1	☒

Select Invoices						
Vendor No	Vendor Name	Check No	Check Date	Paid Amt	Apply To Count	Selected?
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28510	4/11/2022	\$978.72	1	☐
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28592	4/25/2022	\$8,481.23	4	☐
300	ATLANTA PACKAGI...	28741	5/16/2022	\$9,957.31	9	☐

Create Bank File?

Create ACH file containing the 6 selected checks?

Yes No

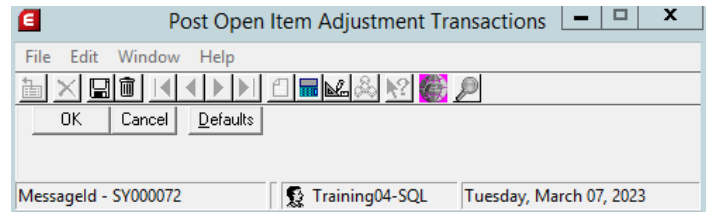
Step 2. Transmit the ACH file to your bank

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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