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Custom Miscellaneous Prompts (CMP)

(User Guide)

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Getting Started

This User Guide describes the use of the Custom Miscellaneous Prompts program on your F&I account logon.

Overview

- The Custom Miscellaneous Prompts program allows you to increase the number of miscellaneous prompts used in function FI, and if you have Sales Management, function WAQ.
- Custom Miscellaneous Prompts are separate, additional prompts. The responses to the prompts may be used in F&I forms or system reports.

Typing Conventions

- Use the arrow keys to move around the screen from field to field.
- To select an item in a list, use the arrow keys to highlight the item. Then, press 'Enter'.

Start Here

- Make sure that your **CMP** application is loaded onto your system.
- You can verify this by typing in **CMP-SETUP** at the Function prompt while on the F&I account.
- If the message "Invalid Routine Name" or "Invalid Function" displays, call your Customer Service Representative to correct the problem

Organization of this Manual

This manual is divided into two parts: setting up the application and using the application. The CMP setup program runs from function code. The CMP program itself runs within an F&I deal.

Setup

Access the setup program by entering CMP-SETUP at Function Code. Use this function to add new miscellaneous prompts or to change existing prompts. Each prompt you create will require the following information: description, field required flag, screen format, internal format, maximum length, alignment, and help hint. The screen shown below displays.



Figure 1: CMP-SETUP

Enter your selection:

Highlight a prompt then press Enter to change, or press a function key.

F3=Save/Exit:

Use F3 to save or exit this application.

F5=Add:

Use F5 to add a new prompt.

F9=Search:

Use F9 to search for a prompt.

Adding Prompts

The F5 key starts the add prompts function. In the example below, the process for adding a driver's license prompt is described.



Figure 2: Adding Prompts

Description:

Enter a description for this prompt. All prompts must have a description. A short description will have a better effect than a wordy description. Use the Help Hint setup to more fully describe the prompt.

Required:

If a response to this prompt is required, answer this setup YES. Press the SPACEBAR to toggle between YES and NO.

Screen Format:

This setup controls how a prompt will appear on-screen. Enter the desired screen format or press '?' for help.

Internal Format:

This setup controls how the response to the prompt will be stored. Enter the desired screen format or press '?' for help.

Maximum Length:

This setup controls the maximum number of characters of the prompt response that will be stored.

Alignment:

This setup controls how the prompt appears on-screen. Press the SPACEBAR to toggle between LEFT and RIGHT.

Help Hint:

This setup is used to display a more lengthy description of the prompt response than the description setup.

Once you have completed these setups, save your prompt by pressing F3. If you want to start over, press F4.

Description	Reg	OCONV	ICONV	Len	J	Help Hint	Att
D/L Number	0	MCU	MCU	30	L	Driver's License Numbe	1
Temp Tag Number	0	MCU	MCU	15	L	Temporary Tag Number	10
Temp Tag Exp Date	0	D4/	DI	10	R	Temporary Tag Expirati	11
Mailing Address	0	MCU	MCU	50	L	Buyer's Mailing Address	12
Mailing City	0	MCU	MCU	30	L	Buyer's Mailing City	13
Mailing State	0	MCU	MCU	2	L	Buyer's Mailing State	14
Mailing ZIP	0	MDO	MDO	5	L	Buyer's Mailing ZIP co	15

Highlight a line then press ENTER to change, or press an F-Key.

F3=Save/Exit F4=Cancel F5=Add F9=Search

Figure 3: Completed Prompts

Continue Adding Prompts to add more prompts.

Deleting Prompts

Highlight the prompt you wish to delete and press enter. The details of the prompt's setup display. Press F6 to delete the prompt.

Note that the screen display order is not the internal storage position. If you create three prompts and delete the first prompt, the next prompt you add will be prompt four. When the screen requesting prompt responses displays, prompt one will not display. The first prompt to display will be prompt two. Responses to prompt two are stored internally in the second position.

Refer to Figure 3 and note the Att column on the right side of the window. "Att" refers to the attribute in CI-MISC where the prompt response is stored. The reason that 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,and 9 do not appear in the Att column is because these prompts were deleted.

The responses for 2,3,4,5,6,7,8, and 9 are not deleted and will still be found in CI-MISC.

Using CMP

The Custom Miscellaneous Prompts program is accessed from within an F&I deal or Quote using Custom Program Access. On the Purchase Information or Lease Information screen there will be a prompt identified as the access point for custom programs. Position the cursor at that prompt. In this example, the access point for custom programs is prompt 11.

FI9508		Purchase Information Screen		DEMO-FI	
1) Contract Date:	04/01/01	12) Service Contract:	\$	980.00	
Deal No:	30875	13) CL/A&H Code:		SA	
2) Fin Inst:	CARINK	Credit Life Prem:	\$	551.87	
		A&H Premium:	\$	997.92	
3) Cust Name:	TAMMY TEST	14) Total Taxes:	\$	1,285.20	
4) Stock Number:	100	15) APR:		9.90%	
		16) Term:		36	
5) Cash Price:	\$ 25,000.00	17) DaysTo/1stPmtDate:	45	05/16/01	
6) Rebate:	\$ 500.00				
7) Cash Down:	\$ 1,000.00	18) P A Y M E N T:	\$	840.00	
8) Total Trade Allow:	\$ 9,000.00	19) Slpr 1:	80	VICTOR FALLS	
Total Down:	\$ 3,500.00	Sale Subtotal:	\$	21,500.00	
		Total Financed:	\$	25,964.99	
9) Total Fees:	\$ 110.00	Finance Charge:	\$	4,275.01	
10) Total We Owe:	\$ 540.00	Total Other Charges:			
		Total of Payments:	\$	30,240.00	
11) More Screens:	N	Deferred Price:	\$	33,740.00	
Command:		Unpaid Balance:	\$	24,415.20	
F1=Help F2=Home F3=Save F4=Cancel					

Figure 4: Information Screen

If the information screen has been calculated, when the cursor is placed at prompt 11, the custom program access immediately starts and offers you a menu of custom programs. If the information screen has not been calculated, when the cursor is placed at prompt 11, you must press Y and then enter to start custom program access.

From the Custom Program Access menu, highlight Custom Miscellaneous Prompts, then press enter.



Figure 5: Custom Program Access

The Custom Miscellaneous Prompts program divides the screen into two halves. The lower half displays parts of the underlying F&I deal. The upper half contains the prompt window, ready to accept prompt responses.

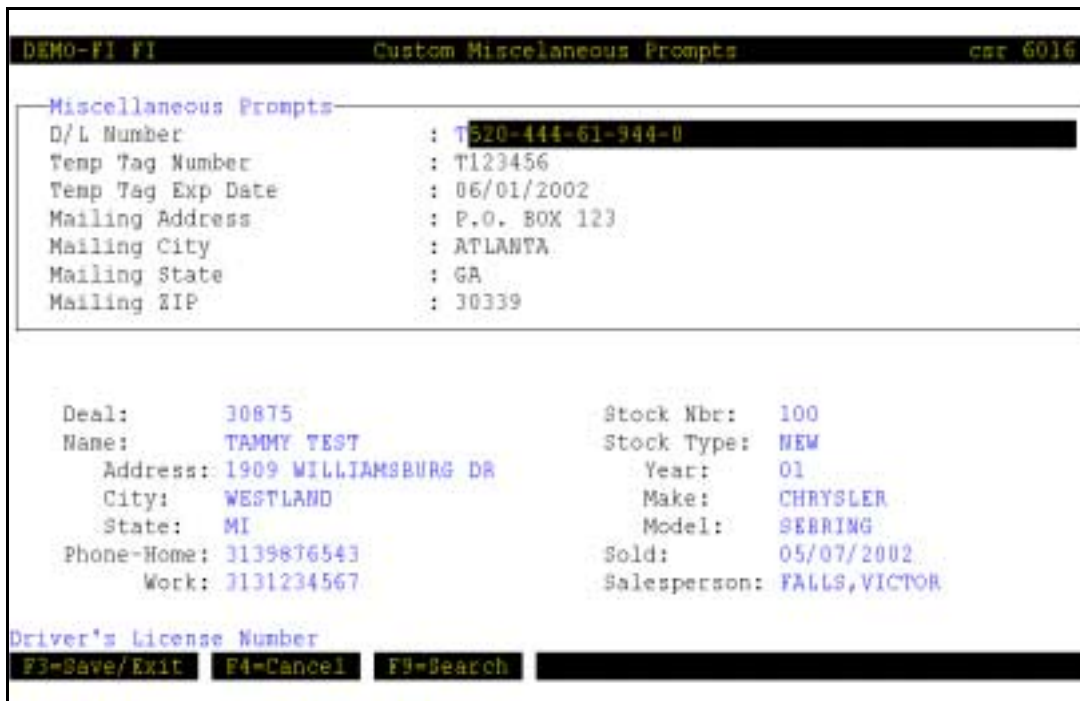


Figure 6: Completed Prompt Responses

Complete the prompt responses then press F3 to close the window.

If you have more than one program set up for Custom Program Access, you are returned to the Custom Program Access selection window. See Figure 5. You may run one of these programs now, or press F3 to return to the underlying deal.

If you have only one program set up for Custom Program Access, you are immediately returned to the underlying deal.

If you need to add or modify the prompt responses for the deal, from the information screen, position the cursor on the custom program access prompt, enter the Custom Program Access selection window, and choose Custom Miscellaneous Prompts. The prompt responses previously entered display. Add or modify the responses, then press F3 to return to the underlying deal.

F&I Forms

The prompt responses are stored in a file called CI-MISC. The item id of CI-MISC items is the same as the deal open when the responses were entered. The attributes of CI-MISC are numeric, and correspond to the prompt order.

```

DEMO-FI BF          Forms Builder - Field Definition          car 6003
Field Number:  1          Horizontal:  7.0 inches  845 units
                  Vertical:  -0.2 inches  -12 units
1) Data item / literal:          Length:  13 char(s)
#1
2) Conversion:  TCI-MISC;X;1          3) Justification:  L
4) Item conversion(s):
5) Description:  DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

-----Data Item-----Op--Data Item/Lit.---P/O/A-Data Item/Lit.---Conversion---
6) If:  ██████████
7) If:
8) If:
9) If:
10) If:
11) If:
12) If:
13) Print Default:          If:
    Command (#):  1

Enter a data item to compare.
F3-Exit  F4-Cancel  ██████████

```

Figure 7: Forms Builder (950)

The data item is always the deal number, #1. The conversion is TCI-MISC;X;n, where n is the prompt response you want to print. The item conversion can be blank in most cases, unless you want to mask the internal stored value of the prompt response to another format. An example when item conversion would be used is to change all upper case letters to mixed case. Another example is to format dates.

Older releases of forms builder show a slightly different look to the field definition screen, but the data item and conversion fields are still completed as described above.

```

----- FORMS BUILDER -----

FIELD NUMBER..... 1          | Horizontal | Vertical | Length |
|-----+-----+-----|
| 0.6 inches| 0.6 inches| 9 char|
| 80 units | 32 units |      |
1) DATA ITEM #(s) or LITERAL #1
2) CONVERSION..... TCI-MISC;X;1
3) JUSTIFICATION (L/R/O)..... L
4) FIELD DESCRIPTION..... D/L NUMBER
5) DEFAULT PRINT VALUE.....

: : : : : D E C I S I O N : : : : :
6) DATA ITEM #/A/L/S      7) = # < > 8) DATA ITEM # or LITERAL
if                                                                    then print
                                                                    this field
CORRECT? (Y/N/#) ? █

```

Figure 8: Forms Builder (940)

Reports

CI-MISC does not have an interface to Report Generator or Setup Custom Reports. If you need to build a report that references these prompts, you will need to create reports by hand.

Since the item-id of CI-MISC is the same as FI-WIP, you could create dictionary items in FI-WIP that point to CI-MISC.

```
ED DICT FI-WIP DL-NUMBER
  0001 A
  0002 0
  0003 DL NUMBER
  0004
  0005
  0006
  0007
  0008 A;TCI-MISC;X;;1
  0009 L
  0010 20
```

A statement like this will now work: LIST FI-WIP BUYER-NAME DL-NUMBER ID-SUPP

The attributes of CI-MISC are numeric and correspond to the order that the prompts were created. You could create DICT items in CI-MISC that point to FI-WIP.

```
ED DICT CI-MISC BUYER-NAME
  0001 A
  0002 0
  0003 BUYER-NAME
  0004
  0005
  0006
  0007
  0008 A;TFI-WIP;X;;8
  0009 L
  0010 20
```

A statement like this will now work: LIST CI-MISC BUYER-NAME 1 ID-SUPP

Notes

Technical Reference

The programs used by CMP are:

BCMP.CPA

BCMP.INSTALL

BCMP.SD.POST.FORMAT

CMP does not run from function code. It is called by BCPA.MAIN from an F&I screen.

The controls for CMP are:

BCMP.INI.PROMPTS

BCMP.SB.DEAL

BCMP.WIN.FORMAT.CODES

BCMP.SB.PROMPTS

BCMP.WIN.PROMPT.RESPONSES

BCMP.WIN.PROMPT.SETUP

BCMP.WIN.SAVE.EXIT

The help items for CMP are:

CMP.ALIGN

CMP.DESC

CMP.LENG

CMP.CONV

CMP.HELP

CMP.REQD

The screen items for CMP are:

BCMP.DEAL.FLDS

BCMP.PROMPTS.FLDS

BCMP.DEAL.SCR

BCMP.PROMPTS.SCR

The PROCs for CMP are:

CMP-SETUP

Files used by CMP:

Reads

CI.CONTROL

CI.SCREEN

CI-MISC

Writes

CI.CONTROL

CI-MISC

Pull-file for CMP:

PULL-CMP (PULLS-U)