

What do our users think of Connect?

We operate an in house workshop which carries out maintenance on our own fleet of vehicles & trailers and also carries out 3rd party servicing & repair work on behalf of customers.

The software used to control the workshop & also sizeable parts store was a very basic text based system which we had been operating unchanged for a number of years.



I was very impressed with the Connect system when I first saw a presentation but was concerned about the amount of work involved in manually extracting all the data, especially the large number of stock items, from the old system and entering it into the Connect system.

The support given by DAF in setting up the system was far beyond anything I could have expected and ensured that the switchover was swift and accurate. I stopped using the old system one day and hit the ground running with Connect the next day without any issues.

The ongoing support has been excellent with any issues or queries resolved immediately. In the first

few months I have been operating Connect there have been a number of updates which have further enhanced what was already a very comprehensive system. There are a large number of different reports which can be generated, all of which are extremely useful business tools. The stock replenishment link with the dealer means that stock levels are effortlessly maintained at preset levels.

The Connect system has moved our workshop management to a new level and I would have no hesitation in recommending it to anyone looking for a workshop software solution.

Neil Robinson, Director
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System Requirements

Hardware	Minimum	Recommended
CPU	Pentium 4 or AMD Athlon 64 processor @ 2 GHz (Note: It is not recommend to use Celeron or Sempron processor).	Pentium D, Dual Core, Core 2 Duo or AMD Athlon 64 X2 @ 2 GHz and higher.
Memory	1 GB	1 GB or higher
Free Disk Space	2 GB	5 GB or higher
Video	Intergrated Graphics Card with 128MB. (ie. Intel®Graphics Media Accelerator X3000).	PCIe-Ghrapics Card with 128MB (ie. 256MB ATI Radeon X1300 Pro)
Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Windows XP Professional - Service Pack 2 Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher 	
Internet Speed	1024 kbps (1 Megabyte or mbps) connection	

Moreover in the interest of continuing product development, DAF Trucks NV reserves the right to change specifications or equipment at any time without notice.

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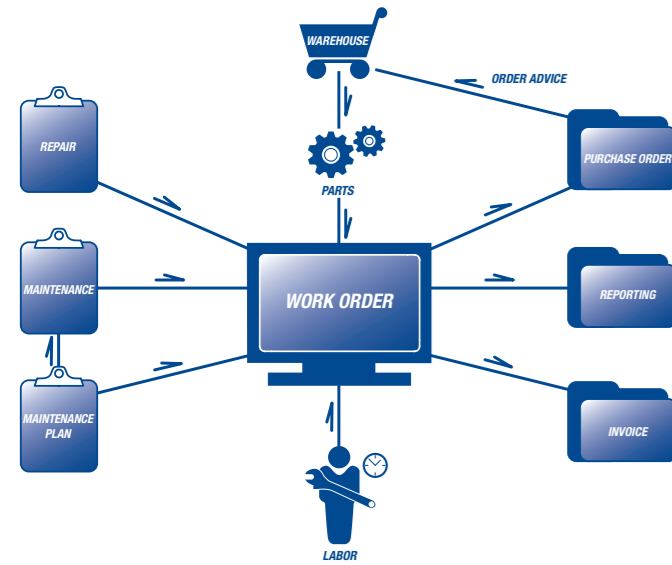
Connect

Workshop / Repairer Management System

What is Connect?

Connect is a fleet maintenance, third party repairer package that can manage repair costs, maintenance schedules, parts inventory & purchase orders for a complete workshop.

With this Workshop Management, Inventory Control & Reporting System your vehicle information is always up to date and available via the internet.



Key Benefits:

- Direct overview of maintenance & costs of your workshop and fleet.
- Improves management decisions by using real time information.
- All that is required is a computer with broadband connection.
- Reduces inventory costs with better control and supplier partnership.
- Fast, easy & virtually paperless environment with electronic link to local dealer and email connection to all suppliers.
- Maximises staff efficiency with single- entry integrated windows based system.

Connect has been specifically designed for the Commercial Vehicle Industry. There is no limit to the volume of information or its possibilities.

Connect is an easy to use, windows based system, comprehensive package that has been designed from the ground up for fleets of all sizes that require a system to manage repair costs, maintenance schedules, parts inventory & purchases.

Easy bar code scanning of parts and technicians to job cards increases productivity reducing errors & costs.

Web Based to minimise the technical issues and costs associated with setting up, administering & maintaining computer based business systems.

Connect combines a multi user, multi location solution with a flexible design that allows fleets and workshops to effectively manage diverse equipment types with varying tracking measures and maintenance needs. You can access your information online from anywhere you have access to a computer with a broadband connection, allowing you to work remotely.

Why Connect?

Owners of today are confronted with increased pressure to reduce costs and to improve productivity of their vehicles and employees.

Connect is the right tool for this. Connect will help to reduce parts warranty losses, increase employee productivity and keep better track of inventory. In addition, equipment uptime will be greatly increased through improved preventative maintenance tracking and scheduling. Equipment efficiency can easily be monitored and ranked to allow for fleets to select the most efficient piece of equipment for the job at hand. Would you know which of your trucks was most cost effective per mile? Now you can. Driver Defects can be entered directly into Connect against the vehicle by registration, fleet number, driver name or a combination of each. This allows you to then generate a daily report detailing all outstanding defects that will automatically import to a job card when asked to do so, also providing full historic information on completed defects.



Equipment:

- Use with virtually any equipment type (trucks, trailers, fridge units, plant & machinery etc).
- Track preventative maintenance, parts warranty claims, recall & work order history.
- Unlimited user defined equipment specifications.

Job Cards:

- Replicate previous Job Cards from history.
- Defer and import tasks.
- Preset service programs, automatically set up job card with recommended parts and labour, vehicle specific (upgrade required).
- Sublet parts and labour can be separated out.
- Parts warranty alert to help maximise warranty recovery.
- Bar code scanning of items to job card.

Parts Inventory:

- Quick & easy managed inventory replenishment through your electronic supplier link.
- Fully integrated with purchase order module.
- Track core / surcharged items as separate of same part number.
- Add cross reference / supersession information against part number.
- Tracks non stocked parts as well as imprest / consignment stock.
- Multiple supplier management.
- Average, standard, landed & last purchase cost.
- Choice of stock replenishment calculations.

Parts warranty:

- Easily track all claims.
- Keeps all warranty history.
- Consolidate warranty claims to suppliers.
- Track warranty credits from suppliers.
- Easy query of warranty claims.



Purchase Orders:

Inventory replenishment is fast, easy and virtually paperless with an electronic connection between you and your dealer. Purchase orders are transmitted instantaneously for quick and efficient processing.

Your DAF dealer can also assist you in managing your inventory with pricing updates, stocking parameters and parts recommendations

- Pre-assign items to job cards.
- Order parts in advance of job.
- Quickly view PO history & supplier invoice history.
- Print bar code labels for parts at the time of receiving (additional module required).

Preventative Maintenance:

- Customised PM schedules by individual unit or group.
- View PM history of each unit, group, and customer.
- Maintenance due tracking & notification.
- Track and compare external PMs performed.
- Create duplicate job cards from history to reduce repetition in booking in.
- Maintenance schedules can be fixed or variable intervals based on dates or mileage.
- Connect meets requirements for electronic data capture.



Reports:

Over 40 standard reports with Connect that provide selectable report parameters with the option on some to export to excel.

Optional modules:

- Invoicing module or third party work.
- Barcode scanning.
- Financial interface to selected accounts packages.
- Vehicle rental management.
- Tyre management.

Training & Support:

Supported directly via DAF. Various training possibilities. Our most popular sessions are conducted over the web, also used to provide you with direct contact with no waiting.

Connect is a comprehensive, feature rich workshop & inventory control system that provides the basic tools to effectively operate and manage your business. The simple design allows you to understand and begin using Connect with minimal training.

The integrated system design means that you enjoy effortless movement between business processes with no repetitive keying of information. Simple point and click navigation puts your business information at your fingertips.

