

EasyLayout for the Road II

QUICK START

Welcome to EasyLayout for the Road II.

INSTALLATION:

When you ordered EASYLAYOUT FOR THE ROAD II, you were asked for your name and/or the name you want to show up on all reports. This name is the REGISTERED USER/Carpenter. The Carpenter Name will always be the name submitted at purchase, and cannot be changed.

When the program is delivered you will be given a serial number and approval code. With the approval code will be the expiration date of the approval code. Please install the program before this date and run the program at least once.

When you run the program for the first time, you will be asked to register the program. Enter the serial number and the name you gave when you ordered the program. A dialog box will appear asking for the approval key. When everything passes the test you are good to go.

THIS MUST BE EXACT!

USING THE PROGRAM:

To start you can either look through sample data or get right into creating a show or inputting a city.

Don't let the name fool you! Easylayout for the Road II can also be used for regional, local and college venues. There are two ways you can use the program; for a touring show (One show many cities) or for regional, local and college venues (One city many shows) .

You can start either with inputting show information or city information.

SHOW:

When you start to layout a new show, you start by entering the show information. Here is where you create a new show or add a new version of a show using the Duplicate Button (i.e., No Portal or Cut 9th Elec. and City Scene Drop, or Condense 2ft or Arena Version).

In the Show Lay Out screen you enter the descriptions of your hanging pieces. Tell the program where you want it to hang and enter information about weight, trim, cable pickups, how much tolerance you're willing to work with or you can mark it to have no tolerance at all.

In the Show Lay Out screen, there is a field called the Tolerance field. Here it gets a bit tricky.

If the item needs to be exact, place 0 inside the Tolerance field.

If the item can be off 1 in., place 1 in the Tolerance field.

If the item can be off 2 in., place 2 in the Tolerance field.

And so on until you reach 12.

If you have an item that can go anywhere (within reason), place the value 13 in the Tolerance field. This will be calculated and placed anywhere 12 in. either side of the Wish List after the 0 to 12 tolerances have been calculated.

If a field can only move Up but Not Down, check the Not Down check mark and the program will only search for a location upstage of the ideal location.

If a field can only move Down but Not Up, check the Not Up check mark and the program will only search for a location downstage of the ideal location.

Examples of Tolerance as follows:

For a electric Xover that is not an exact science place 13

For the Show Portal that is the show's 0ft 0in place 0

For an Electric Pipe (depending on how critical and how it fits in the pack) place 6

You can also input your default hemp points. Every point except for cable picks. This is your basic hang. You can adjust the points for each city version by going to the Hanging Sheet menu and clicking New Hemp Points. This takes the data you created in the default section and copies it to its own file. Here you can adjust each City Version to your liking.

You can also input your default motor points. This is your basic hang. You can adjust the points for each city version by going to the Hanging Sheet menu and clicking New Motor Points. This takes the data you created in the default section and copies it to its own file. Here you can adjust each City Version to your liking

CITY:

When you start to enter the cities, you start by entering the cities you are playing and their line set information. There is also a section for contact information and other details. When you get the paperwork for the city, take a look at it. Ask yourself, "Where is a good starting line set for 0'0"?" If it turns out not to be the correct line set, type in a new one and recalculate your hanging sheet.

If you want to compare, use the duplicate button function and look at a different version of the city.

HANGING CALCULATION:

Now you are ready to calculate the hanging sheet by selecting Hanging Calculations. This is the section of EasyLayout where you view and edit the calculated Line Set information. If the input information is not correct, the calculations will be off. Be sure to enter correct information in Show Layout and City Layout.

The program first calculates tolerances from 0 to 12, then goes back and calculates tolerance 13 and puts it where available, within 12" on either side. Clicking the Not Used button shows you any items that were not calculated by the computer.

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When you edit or delete a calculated Hanging Sheet item, the change will be reflected in the Not Used list the next time you re-enter the hanging sheet.

The Not Used screen displays the Pipe (item), Show distance. You can see why the program did not automatically insert an item. You can use this information to go back and add a new line set, or move sets around to accommodate the Not Used items.

Now you need to view and print your work. This is the section of EasyLayout where you generate reports. There are six different types of reports to choose from. These give you a variety of reports needed for preparation of your show.

Select a City Version and Theatre by clicking on the List box on the left hand side of the form.

REPORTS:

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Hanging Sheet:

This report contains all the line plot information gathered from the calculated hanging sheet. It contains house set numbers, the distance from 0'0", item name, weight, trim etc...

Spotting Info:

This report contains spotting information gathered from the city info form. It contains pertinent information needed for the spotting call.

Cable Pickups:

This report contains cable pickup information gathered from the calculated hanging sheet and the distances are in the city info form. It is mainly used for electric pickups. for other pickups and points see the next section.

Hemp Points:

This report contains hemp point details and measurements gathered from the hemp points section in the hanging sheet menu. It gives you the description and location of the point.

Motor Points:

This report contains motor point details and measurements gathered from the motor points section in the hanging sheet menu. It gives you the description and location of the point.

City Questions:

This report contains city information gathered from the city info form. It contains pertinent information needed for the city, i.e., contact numbers, stage dimensions, electrical and sound facts and much more. It also gives you a place for user defined questions and answers.

OTHER:

If you have any more questions click on a textbox or list box or highlight a button and press F1. The help file will explain what its function.

There are some miscellaneous file maintenance routines. When the time comes to save backups, import, export, start a new database, or compact your current database, refer to the help file.

Enjoy!

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