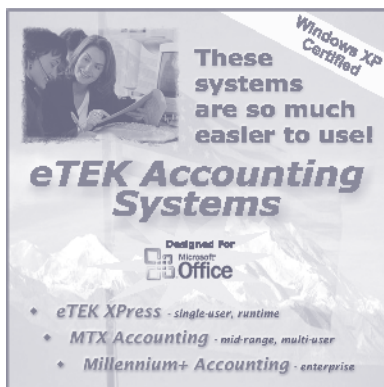




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Available in three versions — single-user, mid-range and Enterprise — eTEK is truly designed to fit companies of all sizes. eTEK Accounting (mid-range) is reviewed here and is designed for small to



midsize construction and subcontracting companies that desire a full-featured accounting and construction management program. When you're ready for a more complex program, simply upgrade to the next level with no downtime for data conversion or training. As a Microsoft Certified Business Partner, eTEK brings a lot of software experience to the construction industry.

LEARNING CURVE

Installation of eTEK was simple.

You must have Microsoft Office 2003 with Microsoft Access 2003 in order to run eTEK. The main menu, which consists of a program grid in the middle of the screen, contains a list of modules called sub-systems. Clicking on one of the sub-systems will open that particular module. Tabs for data entry, inquiry, reports and actions are found at the top. Setup checklists are included for your GL, beginning balances, Job Cost, AP, AR and Payroll modules. Under utilities, you can customize all of your modules to include the functions that you need. ★★★★★

MODULES & FUNCTIONALITY

eTEK is a modular system, so you can purchase the modules you need and add the rest later. The complete package includes AP, AR, GL, PR, Job Cost, Inventory Control, Sales Order, Purchase Order, Office Integration, Point of Sale and System Utilities, but you can choose the modules that you need. In the newest version of eTEK Accounting, you can now enter an unlimited number of pricing levels for each inventory item, with customers being assigned a particular level, if desired. The J/E lookup feature has been expanded to include an online inquiry option. Another new feature is the Work Order Scheduling, where you can schedule a work order by selecting

the order, the employee who will be doing the work order, and the start time and end time. A place for notes is also provided where you can place detailed information or instructions to the person who will handle that particular work order.

The new Document Management function lets you scan documents and store them in your system, reducing paper piles tremendously. eTEK also offers an optional project management module. Available by the time this review is published but not when this review was completed is a Workflow module, which will simplify steps that are needed in order to complete specific functions. This is a great training feature, particularly for new employees.

The Job Cost module uses four levels of information so you can detail out each job in terms of the project itself, the job that is attached to that particular project, each phase of the job, and the tasks that are involved in that phase. To change the status of an existing job, you simply click on the job record and then select the area you want to update. Choices include *general*, which provides basic information such as location, and *status*, which shows percentage completed, estimated completion dates, and the contract amount attached to that job. These various levels can

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all be entered when you set up a new job. You can also enter subcontract information, customer change order information, and permit information, where you can track all permits associated with each job.

The program also allows for the tracking of equipment usage, charge rates and employee labor rates for each piece of equipment. ★★★★★

IMPORT/EXPORT/INTEGRATION

eTEK was among the first accounting programs named as a Microsoft Certified product, thus integration with Microsoft Office is simple and straightforward. *eTEK* is a modular system, so all sub-systems work together. Integration with Microsoft Outlook means easy data export.

MTX Mobile, which is another optional module, allows integration between *eTEK* and various PDAs. The

open database structure lets you create queries and macros directly in Excel. And the Payroll module can handle multi-state payroll, along with multiple labor and multiple rates of pay. ★★★★★

SUPPORT & TRAINING

An online Help system is available that contains a great deal of information. Quite honestly, *eTEK* is so easy to use, that it's more than likely that the online Help system would answer most of your questions. You will receive 30 days of support with the purchase of *eTEK*, along with 20 hours of web-based training. Annual support ranges from \$1,600 to \$2,000 dollars. ★★★★★

REPORTING

Custom reporting is available. A General Purpose Report Designer lets you format your reports to look the way you wish. The open database structure also increases your reporting

options tremendously. Over 200 standard reports are available with *eTEK*, all of which can be customized to reflect your needs. ★★★★★

RELATIVE VALUE

eTEK is one of those programs that surprises you with the depth of functions within. It is easy to use, and navigation is simple, as it's entirely based on Microsoft Access and Microsoft SQL. THE MTX version of *eTEK* Accounting runs \$9,595 for a two- to five-user license, which includes your first year of support. *eTEK* is an excellent system that restores my faith in the premise that things do not have to be difficult in order to work well. ★★★★★

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