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Summary: *Exporting SolidBuilder™ Report to QuickBooks Pro*

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Overview: The following procedures below will accurately take you through the steps to to export a SolidBuilder estimate or takeoff to be used in conjunction with QuickBooks Pro. This export routine will automatically export the necessary columns to interface with QuickBooks Pro 99 and above.

Solution:

There are two Export methods:

- Estimate Details**
- Budgets Only**

Estimate Details will export the SolidBuilder Estimate with the SolidBuilder Item Number, Description , Quantity, Unit Cost and Total Cost. The SolidBuilder Item Number will automatically be inserted into the QuickBooks Pro Item list.

Budgets Only will export the SolidBuilder Budget to QuickBooks Pro Description Field, the SolidBuilder Cost Family to the QuickBooks Pro Item Field, the Quantity, Unit Cost and the Total Cost. The Budgets in SolidBuilder must match the Accounts in QuickBooks Pro

To modify the Budget in SolidBuilder select Database from the pull down menus. Select a division, a subdivision and a single item. In the lower section of the dialog box click on the Field Values button, select Budget from the drop down menu and enter the desired Budgets.

To modify the Accounts in QuickBooks Pro select List from the main pull down menu and select Chart of Accounts.

To export the report from SolidBuilder:

Before the report can be exported from SolidBuilder for use with QuickBooks Pro, the estimate report must be created. For more information on creating a SolidBuilder report please refer to the SolidBuilder reference manual.

1. Switch to production mode if you are currently in Model mode or Working Drawing Mode
2. Click the quantities icon, and then click the options icon. Within the options make sure that within the create section that estimate is toggled on. Under the estimate options button make sure that you have the desired options selected for the information that you wanted included within your report. Once this is all completed click the OK button within the report options.
3. Now make sure that the drop down list has report listed and click the hammer to generate the report. First you will get the check notes which you can close, and the estimate report which you can close.

Now that the necessary SolidBuilder reports have been generated the following steps will walk you through the process to export the report to QuickBooks Pro

4. Within the quantities mode change the drop down list from reports to Export Report. Once you have done this the Export Report dialog box will appear.

5. Toggle on QuickBooks Pro Estimate or QuickBooks Pro Budgets – this is the type of report you will want to export, and select OK
6. Then you will be prompted with another export report dialog that prompts you for a file name. Enter the desired name that you would like the report to be created as. This name will be the name of the report that will be stored on your hard drive and the also the report that will be imported into QuickBooks Pro. Once you have specified a name click the OK button.
7. Now you are prompted with a reports dialog box with all the different reports that have been previously created within SolidBuilder. You will need to find the report that was previously create (it will have the name of the model as the report name). Once you have found that report you will want to either highlight the estimate or the take off as the report you want to export. Then click OK. This is why the estimate report must first be created prior to exporting the report to QuickBooks Pro.
8. Once that is completed the exported report will be displayed in a notepad format. You can just close this window and the export report process is complete.

Importing the SolidBuilder report into QuickBooks Pro:

Inside QuickBooks Pro select Lists → Customer Jobs. Once the Customer Jobs list is open, select File Import Open the Look In drop down and select C drive (assuming that is the drive your SolidBuilder is located in). In the window below find the sbwin folder and double click on it. The Look In window will now say SBWIN and in the window below locate and double click on the SBBOM folder. Select the desired file name with a .iif file extension. Estimate export file will have an E suffix and Budget export files will have a B suffix. For example: if your estimate name was Lot210 there will be a file Lot210E.iif for the Estimate Export or Lot210B.iif for the Budget export listed. Click on Open and the file will be imported into Quick Books Pro.