



NEWSLETTER

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Greetings!

As Major Micro Systems enters our 25th year, we are very excited about what the future holds for us and our customers. We wish the very best for you and think of each of you as if you were part of our family.

A Brief History of SPC Express

- 1983 Major Micro Systems is founded and releases the first version of SPC Express which runs on Apple II systems.
- 1984 SPC Express is re-written to run on the new IBM PC (DOS) computers.
- 1987 AutoTrans is introduced to work side-by-side with SPC Express. It allows for real-time monitoring of up to 32 processes at once.
- 1991 AutoScope (for DOS) is introduced to allow a management workstation to view the activity of all SPC Express stations on a network.
- 1996 SPC Express is re-written to run on Windows 95 computers. It combines the functionality of the DOS versions of both SPC Express and AutoTrans.
- 2001 SPC Express "Release 5" comes out with numerous significant enhancements.
- 2001 "Interwindow Math" is first released.
- 2002 AutoScope for Windows is released to allow a management workstation to view the activity of all SPC Express stations on a network.
- 2003 SPC Express can now send out email alerts when processes go out-of-control.
- 2004 "Chaining" is added to the Interwindow Math functionality.
- 2005 "Triggering" is added to the Interwindow Math functionality and together with Chaining lets SPC Express really come alive.
- 2006 Added a Subgroup Entry Reminder Timer, and numerous other improvements.
- 2007 Numerous enhancements to Electronic and Datafile inputs, user-defined math formulas, and query wizard.

Staying Current

If you use SPC Express on a regular basis, it would be best if you were always using the latest release of SPC Express. Please be sure that we have your email address as this is our way of letting you know about the latest changes. We are no longer supporting the Apple version, the DOS version, or the early Windows version of SPC Express. The only supported version now is "Release 5" which came out in 2001. So if you have a version from before 2001, please contact us so we can help you get current. Once you have purchased SPC Express, you are entitled to free Tech Support, but if you want to get product updates you must be covered by our Maintenance Plan, which may be renewed annually for a very modest charge. We will send out announcements (via email) whenever a new release is available –

usually 2 or 3 times a year. You can then download the update from our website and install it at your convenience.

If you want to see what version you currently have, start SPC Express and click on Help, then choose "About SPC Express ...". If it says Version 1 (not Version 5) then you need to upgrade. If you want to see in greater detail what specific improvements have been made, visit our website <http://www.majormicro.com> and click on Revision Log. It's a chronological list of virtually all changes in the last 11 years.

Get Free Updates for a Whole Year

Have we got a deal for you! Order the Release 5 Upgrade (or a new License) and we'll give you one full year of Maintenance - **free updates!** To qualify for this free Maintenance offer, just order within the next 30 days and provide us with your email address. It's easy ... you can simply fill out the Order Form on the back side of this newsletter and fax it in.

Did You Know ...

... how many helpful and time-saving features are now in SPC Express for Windows?

- Open Multiple Charts at once using a "Layout".
- Click a point on a chart to see detail on that subgroup.
- Print Blank Data Sheets for your operators to write on.
- Customize your own "pick list" of non-conformities so you never have to type in a defect reason again.
- Define the Rainbow Chart's green/yellow transition point.
- Print Action Reports to document / initiate corrective action.
- Optionally show Min, Max, Avg, Range, Median, and Std. Dev on both subgroup forms and the pop-up "detail" window.
- Control the content of the title bar of the open windows.
- Optionally print the Average and Range along with each subgroup on your printed reports.
- Specify the default Part File drive letter / folder name.
- Delete multiple subgroups at one time (all the subgroups from this day, this month, this year, etc).
- Use "P.I.R." flags to indicate which Traceability fields to Propagate, include on the Info window and printed Reports.
- Use the gage formula line to specify the minimum and maximum allowable gage values, and formulas such as add, subtract, multiply, divide, and absolute value.
- Define Math Formulas between Windows.
- Automatically advance from one window to the next as samples are entered.
- Send email alerts when a process goes out-of-control.

SPC Express for Windows has been shipping for over 11 years now. It is a true 32-bit application that has been designed to be used by novices and experts alike. It runs on Windows 95, 98, ME, NT, XP, and 2000. If you have been using SPC Express - Version 1, you'll love using the new Release 5 version. We'd like to see every one of our users enjoy the benefits of this great new package. That's why we are announcing this **SPECIAL OFFER** to all existing users of Version 1. Just provide us with your email address and order within the next 30 days and **we will give you**

ONE FULL YEAR of Maintenance at NO CHARGE. This means that you will get every update, every new feature, every enhancement, for the next 12 months. The Upgrade Kit will include a new CD and all new pages for your SPC Express User Manual. As you probably already know, you need to own a License of SPC Express for every computer that you run it on. We offer extra Licenses at **half price**, so let us know if you need to order more Licenses. Also, if you have more than one License of SPC Express, the Release 5 Upgrade Kits are half price, too!

SPC Express Order Form

(For existing users only. New users, please contact MMS at the address/phone below)

I would like to order the following product(s):

Qty	Product	Price
1	I have SPC Express for Windows Version 1.x and want to upgrade to Version 5. (includes CD, new Manual pages, and one year of Maintenance)	\$ 299 each each additional: \$149
1	I have SPC Express for Windows (any version) and need to order additional Licenses to run on other computers.	\$ 495 each
	Michigan users, please add 6% sales tax or provide your Tax ID: _____	
	Shipping (free in the Continental United States)	(no charge)
Total		

Please fill out this Order Form and mail it in or fax it to (248) 350-9274.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Purchase Order: _____

Email Address: _____