



## Predator Travelers™ v7.0 – What's New

*Latest features and benefits in v7.0*

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### Before Installing v7.0

Predator Travelers v7.0 requires Windows 2000, XP or 2003 Server. Existing customers that have older versions of Windows such as Windows 95, 98, ME or NT v4.0 must upgrade prior to installing v7.0 of Predator Travelers.

Existing Travelers customers should backup the database prior to upgrading. Predator Travelers Administrator v7.0 will upgrade the database automatically from older v1.x, v2.x or v3.x versions to v7.0. After the database has been upgraded to v7.0 older versions of Predator Travelers will not be able to use the database.

Microsoft Internet Explorer v5.x or later is required to be installed before installing Predator Travelers v7.0.

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### Why v7.0?

By design, this release is intended to add new features, reports and to improve the ease of managing travelers. In addition, with this release we are introducing a new light version of Predator Travelers called Predator Travelers Xpress. Details of what's new are explained throughout this document and within the online help.

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### Installing v7.0

A new Install Wizard has been developed for v7. It is based on a single .MSI image and .CAB files have been eliminated. If you are running Windows 98, ME or NT v4.0 you must upgrade to Windows 2000, XP or 2003 Server prior to installing v7.0 of Predator Travelers.

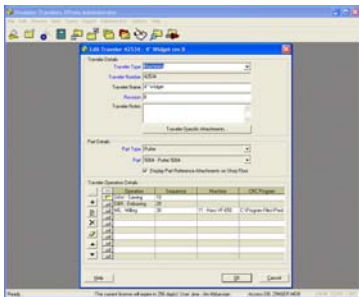
By default installation occurs in the \program files\predator software\travelers 7.0 directory. If you were previously running v3.x we recommend uninstalling v3.x prior to installing v7.0.

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## Predator Travelers



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### Network Installations of v7.0

By committing to store the product installation on a server, users will enjoy automatic healing of all critical files upon running Predator Travelers. For example, suppose a user accidentally deletes ptrav.exe. Under normal circumstances he would be down and the software would fail to run. With v7.0 when the user double clicks the desktop shortcut all critical files are checked and if necessary restored from the network server and the software begins to run automatically.

The easiest way to perform a network installation is to step through the following:

1. Copy the contents of the CD to a \\predator cd images\CD21\ or similar directory.
2. Run the setuptraveler.exe from the CD21 directory.

**NOTE:** Should any automatic healing be necessary, Predator Travelers will be able to automatically extract the necessary files from the appropriate cab files stored in the CD21 directory. If you install from a CD, Predator Travelers will be forced to prompt for the CD.

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### What's New in v7.0?

#### Improved! HTML based Online Help

Updated online help expands several topics with new details.

#### New! Floating Network Licensing Option

v7.0 of Predator Travelers supports a new floating network licensing option. This option eliminates the need to manage a Predator SIM for each PC and to purchase a license for each PC. Only a single SIM is required at the Predator FLM (Floating Network Manager) PC and only the number of simultaneous licenses in use needs to be purchased. There is a minimum of three licenses.

#### New! Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Support

Support for Microsoft SQL Server 2005 has been added with v7.0 of Predator Travelers.

#### New! Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express Support

Support for Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express has been added with v7.0 of Predator Travelers. Support for this edition of SQL Server provides a free version of Microsoft SQL Server for small and medium manufacturers. The Express edition can be downloaded from Microsoft's web site.

#### New! Access 2003 Support

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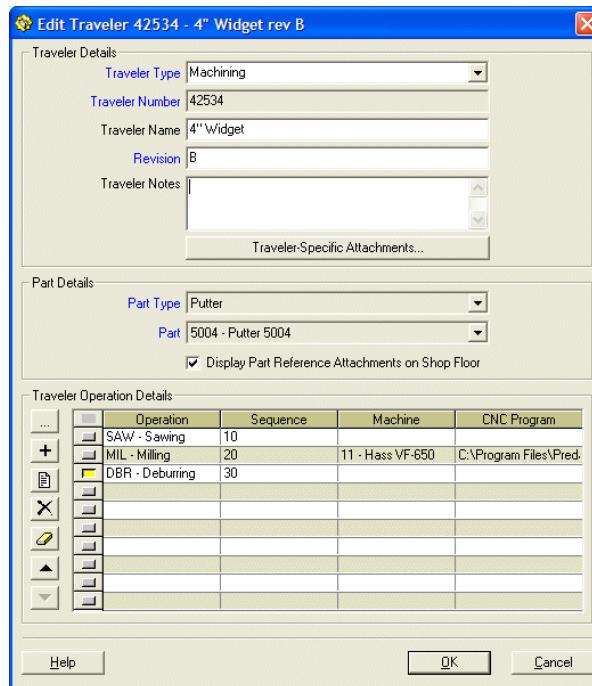
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### New! Predator Travelers Xpress

v7.0 adds a new lighter edition of Predator Travelers called Predator Travelers Xpress. The Xpress version simplifies the creation and editing of travelers to a single dialog and is priced less than the full Travelers edition. Customers can upgrade from the Xpress version to the full version at any time and all component and traveler data can be upgraded. Refer to the feature grid for a complete breakdown on Predator Travelers vs. Predator Travelers Xpress.

NOTE: By design alternate travelers, components per operations, certain reports and all charts are only available within the full Predator Travelers edition.



### New! Bar Code Label Printing

Getting organized is now even easier with direct bar code label printing of tools, cutters, inserts, kits, gages, materials, machines, operations, part numbers and all other components. Support for Dymo label printers have been added to v7.0 of Predator Travelers. Multiple bar code labels or a single bar code label can be printed with no wasted labels. Within the bar code label itself either the component number or the asset number can be selected.

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### **New! Asset Numbers**

Automatic unique asset numbers have been added to all major components within v7.0 of Predator Travelers. Component number must be unique within a specific component but they can be duplicated across components. For example, Predator Travelers supports a cutter number of 1200 and it also allows a gage number of 1200 to be defined. Often a unique asset number can simplify managing all of the components within Predator Travelers and the other applications within Predator SFC. Assets numbers are used to address this issue and are automatically managed and maintained by Predator Travelers and the other applications within Predator SFC.

### **New! Right Mouse Menus within Views**

Two additional right mouse menus have been added to the major components to print bar code labels. For example, select View Cutters and then right click on an appropriate cutter number to see the additional Bar Code label shortcut menus.

### **New! Remote Desktop Support**

Predator Travelers has been improved to support Remote Desktop within Windows. This allows for the SIM to be plugged into one PC (server) while another PC (client) starts a remote desktop session and runs Predator Travelers off the server without having to install Predator Travelers on the client PC.

NOTE: This is different than a Floating Network Licensing implementation.

### **New! External Edits via Predator CNC Editor Report**

A new security report has been added to when users of the Predator CNC Editor Enterprise edition add/change the database.

### **New! Migrate Xpress Traveler Families**

Predator Travelers adds an administrative function to migrate Xpress travelers to full travelers. This is a one time upgrade and one or more traveler families at a time can be upgraded via this wizard.

### **New! End User License Agreement**

Predator Travelers v7.0 is bound by a new end user license agreement that provides more details, rights and responsibilities of all parties including PSI, Predator VARs and end users.

### **Improved! Upgrade Dialog**

Predator Travelers v7.0 improves the upgrading and licensing process by including a SIM ID button that will check to see if a Predator SIM is plugged in locally and also via Remote Desktop. In addition a license type pulldown has been added to improve the startup performance.

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### **Improved! History by Application Report**

Within Predator Travelers v7.0 the history by application report has been improved to support the Predator CNC Editor.

### **Improved! History by User Report**

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### **Improved! Microsoft SQL Performance**

Predator Travelers v7.0 improves the performance of almost all processes, wizards, reports, charts and API calls with Microsoft SQL Server. This allows Predator Travelers to support more simultaneous users of Travelers and the other applications within Predator SFC and reduces the requirements for SQL Server.

### **Improved! Zinger Manufacturing**

The sample company Zinger Manufacturing has been updated to take advantage of some of the new v7.0 features.

### **Bug Fix! Security Permissions**

Several security permission bugs have been fixed to correctly honor permissions with copy travelers, revise travelers, create alternate travelers, and create new traveler.

For the latest on Predator Travelers, check our web site at

<http://www.predator-software.com>