

Linecontrol

System Overview

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Main Interface

The main interface serves as the placement file selection. Functions available to Linecontrol are applied to the selected file(s). Files displayed here are SMS format files.

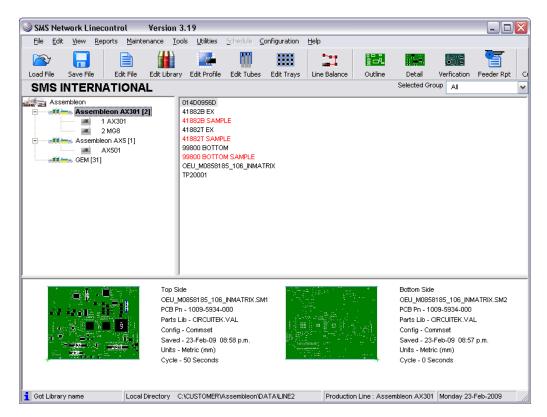
Linecontrol works with one line at a time. Each line is configured with its own machines. The placement files are only turned into machine files when needed. This allows our customers to easily move parts from one machine to another and perform simulations. SMS does not use placement file mastering. Therefore components are not tied to a specific placement machine even if the machine brands are different.

Interface Options

- **Linecontrol Standard**. The only line shown is the one that is connected to the machines. This configuration is used on the production line and is responsible for creating the final machine programs. One installation is needed for each production line.
- **Linecontrol Network**. All the lines in a factory are available. This is used by off line programmers for data preparation. (Note. Machine programs cannot be created, it is used as an "add on" to Linecontrol standard.)
- **Linecontrol NPI**. All the lines in a factory are available. This is used by off line programmers for data preparation and creating machine programs.
- **Linecontrol Viewer**. This is a read only version. It allows people who are not involved in direct production to view and print various outputs such as feeder reports and overlays. They cannot save any changes. (Note. we also recommend read only network rights.)

See "Linecontrol System Options" chapter for more details.

Linecontrol Network with the Line selection and Information window is shown





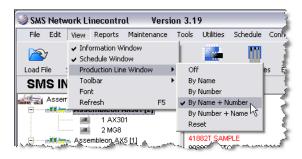
Display Options

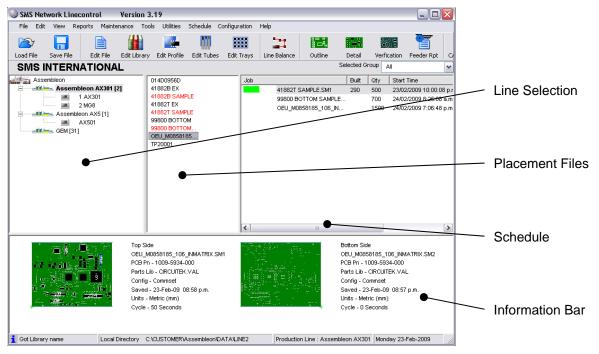
From the main interface screen different job display options are available:

- Colors can be used to signify file conditions.
- Status of a file can be set, then Linecontrol can be configured to only see the allowed status
- Files can be part of a named group. When the group name is selected only those files named in the group will be displayed.
- Locked files can be displayed as bold text.

Window options

- Placement Files. All placement files are displayed for the current production lines are displayed.
- Line sector. This is used to select production lines
- Information. Summary information and thumbnail picture is displayed on file selection.
- Schedule. If schedule option is enabled





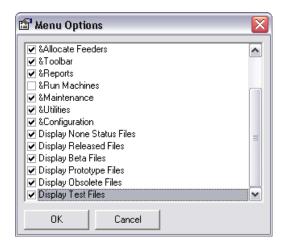


Toolbar and Menu Options

There may be the need to restrict users to specific functions. Linecontrol has interface configuration utilities.

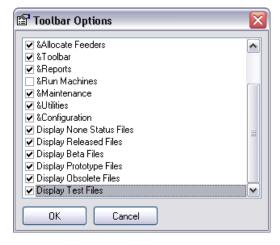
Menu Options

Menu items can be turned off restricting access to only those permitted. File status options are controlled here also.



Toolbar Options

The shortcuts on the toolbar can be customised to suit the specific requirements of the individual installation





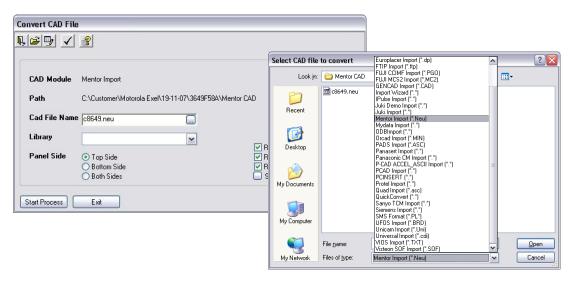
Importing Data

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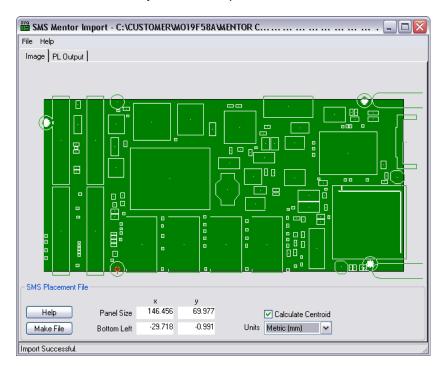
CAD / Machine Import

Linecontrol is able to read most CAD and Machine formats automatically. If a format is not supported then a user settable import wizard can be used.

The import is started with the selection of the format and file to be converted. In this example we are using Mentor neutral file.



The cad file is displayed in graphical form. This is designed to confirm that the correct file is selected and the user can easily see if the import has worked.



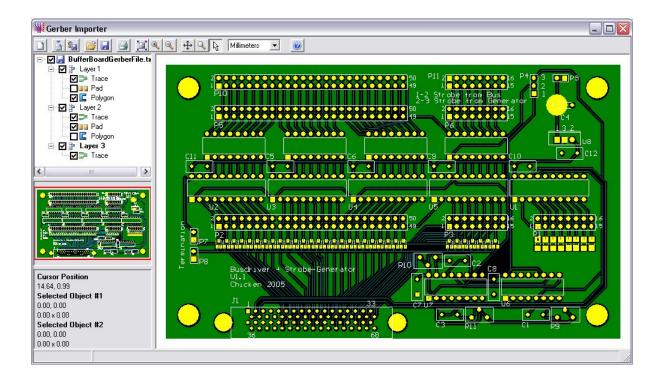


Gerber Import

SMS Linecontrol is able to read Gerber RS-274 and RS-274X formats. The individual layers are selected to find the required layers for component identification.

Selected data is transferred to the assembly verification system. Board measurements and shape identification tools are used for centriod extraction.

The importer can also be used as a Gerber viewer. Measurements of pads and fiducials can easily be done using the snap and edge finding tools.

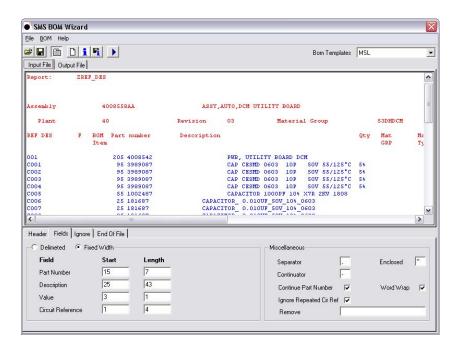




BOM Wizard

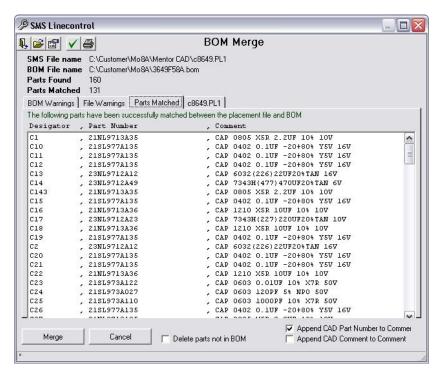
The option to import a BOM file is made available either directly after CAD import or can be done later as a separate process.

In Linecontrol we have a user settable wizard. This is able to cope with most BOM files. There is an option to have a fully customised importer or the BOM can be supplied in SMX format.



BOM Merge

The option to merge a BOM file is made available either directly after BOM import or can be done later as a separate process. This process examines both the placement file and the BOM, it then reports differences. The user then has the choice of what to accept.

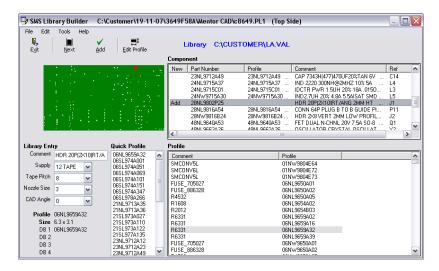




Auto Library Build

The option to auto library build is made available either directly after CAD import or can be done later as a separate process.

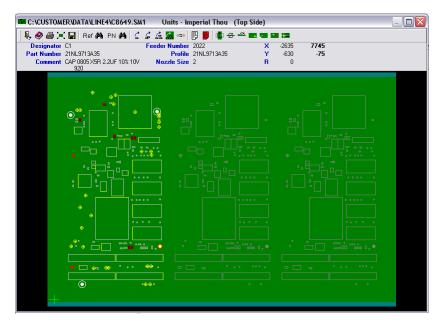
In this process any parts that are unknown to the system are flagged. The user then chooses the correct shape to associate to the part. If the CAD designers use standard part shape names then this process can be fully automated.



Panel Correction

For the final step of CAD import, the imported board is displayed graphically. In this window you can rotate components, rotate the panel, mirror the panel, set origins, etc.

This process will ensure the correct information is transferred into Linecontrol. The CAD file will now become a placement file as displayed in the **Main Interface**.





Current CAD Files Imported

Module	FileType	Versions	
Cadence	Any	All	
GEN CAD	.CAD	All	
Mentor	.Neu		
ODB++	Any	All	
Orcad	.MIN	Tested to 9200	
PADS	.ASC	All	
P-CAD Accel	.ASC		
P-CAD	.PNP		
PCInsert	.INS	Tested to 8.6	
	.TXT		
Protel	Pick and Place	All	
Unicam	Unidat	Tested to 2.1	
CAD Wizard	Any Text File	All	
BOM Wizard	Any Text File	All	
Custom	Any File type.	All	

Current Machine Library Imports

Module	File Type	Versions
Assembleon FCM Library	.CMP	
Assembleon AX Library	.CMP	
Yamaha Database	.TXT	
	.YGX	
	.ID, .FD, .MD, .BD	
Sony Database	.IPD	
Panasert MV Library	.LIB	
Panasonic CM Library		
Fuji	.PGO	
Universal	.CDI	
	.SRFF	



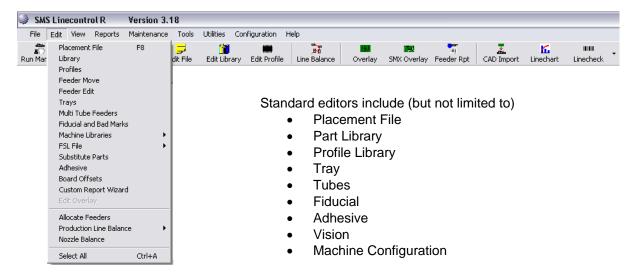
Current Machine Files Imported

Module	FileType	Versions
Assembleon ASP Import.exe	FCM .ASP	Syntax 2, 3 and 4
	ACM .ASP	Syntax 2 and 3
Assembleon PP Import	XML .PP	All
Assembleon FTIP Import	.FTP	2.0
Europlacer Import	.DP	Files do not use the version number
FUJI CCIMF Import	.PGO	Files do not have a version number
FUJI MCS2 Import	.MC2	Files do not have a version number
IPulse Import	Binary file set	1.1
Juki Import	600 series	Unknown
•	700 series	All
	2000 series	All
	HLC H4H, H5H	All
Mydata Import	TPSys ASCII	2.0
Panasert Import	Panasonic .POS, .SET	Files do not have a version number
Maihime Import Panasonic CM series machines	No extension	All
Quad 4C Import	Autoprogram BRD????XX.DIR	Unknown
Samsung SSA	.SSA	
Sanyo TCM Import	NCZ and NCX files	1 to 9
Siemens Import	Unix QD Text	1.15
Siemens SiplacePro	API	2.1, 3.2, 4, 5
Sony EFG Import	.NCA file set	E1000, E2000 series, F Series, G Series
Sony SSU Import	.NC file set	
Universal CDI Import	.CDI	Version 1
UFOS Import Yamaha/ Assembleon	.BRD	Versions up to V532
VIOS Import Yamaha/ Assembleon	VIOS Text .TXT	All Versions
Yamaha YGX Import Yamaha/ Assembleon	YGX	All



Editing Functions

Linecontrol has many standard editing functions. They are selected either from the menus or toolbar.

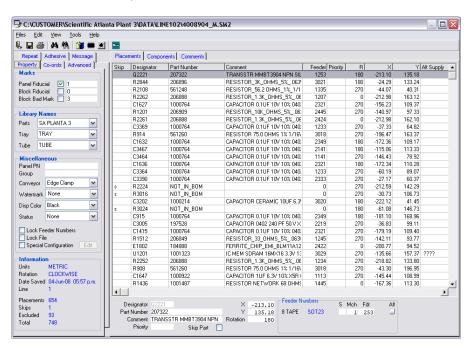


Placement File

Data Specific to the assembly is stored here.

For example:

- Placement coordinates.
- Feeder numbers
- Parts Library name
- Tube and Tray file names
- Placement file attributes
- Fiducial Names, etc

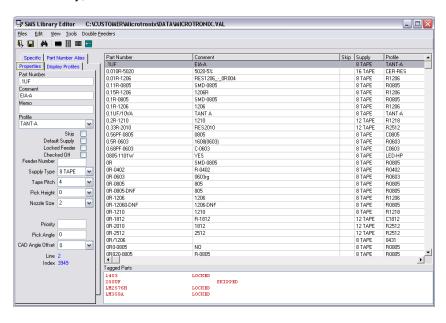




Parts library

Part specific data is stored here.

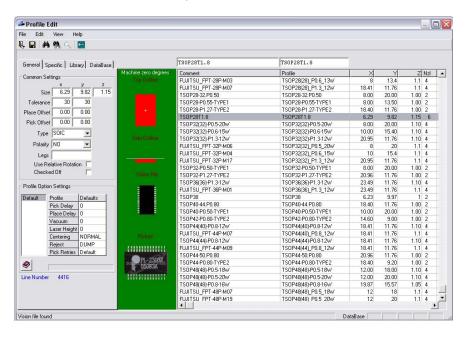
- Supply (Feeder) Type
- Tape pitch
- Pick Height
- Profile link
- Nozzle size
- Priority, etc



Profile Library

Shape specific data is stored here.

- X, Y and Z outside component dimensions.
- Component Type
- Polarity
- · Machine database Links, etc

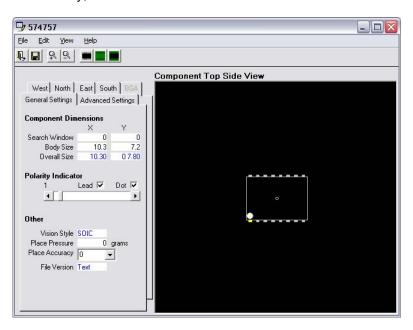




Vision File

Shape specific lead data is stored here.

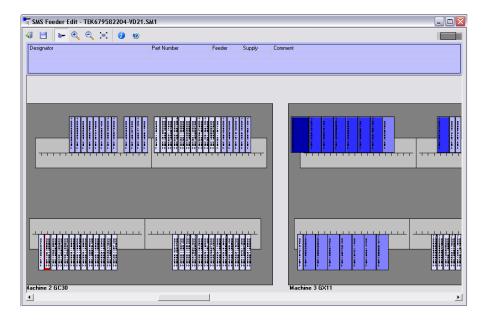
- X and Y body size dimensions.
- X and Y Window size dimensions
- Lead dimensions and position
- BGA ball positions
- Polarity, etc



Feeder Graphical

Feeders can be dragged from one slot to another or to another machine. The editor supports:

- Standard Tape feeders
- Double tape feeders
- Trays
- Tubes

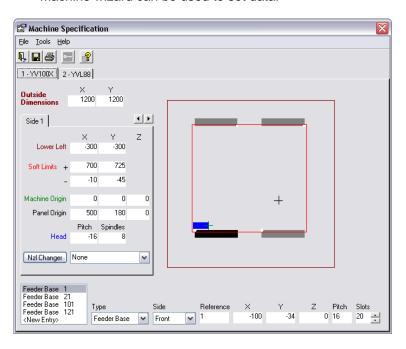




Machine Configuration

Machine specific data is stored here.

- X and Y Machine outside dimensions.
- Feeder bank positions
- Soft Limits
- Head and table details, etc.
- Machine wizard can be used to set data.



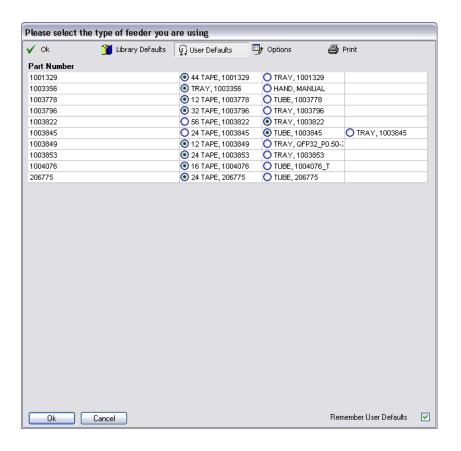


Alternate Supply Selection

On many occasions the same component can be supplied on Tape or Tube or Tray. A feature of Linecontrol is the ability to easily select alternate component supply data.

The parts that have alternate will have more than one entry in the "Parts Library". When this happens a popup window will ask how the parts are supplied.

Feeder type, Pre-rotation, and any other data will used. This screen applies to machine program generation, feeder reports and overlays.





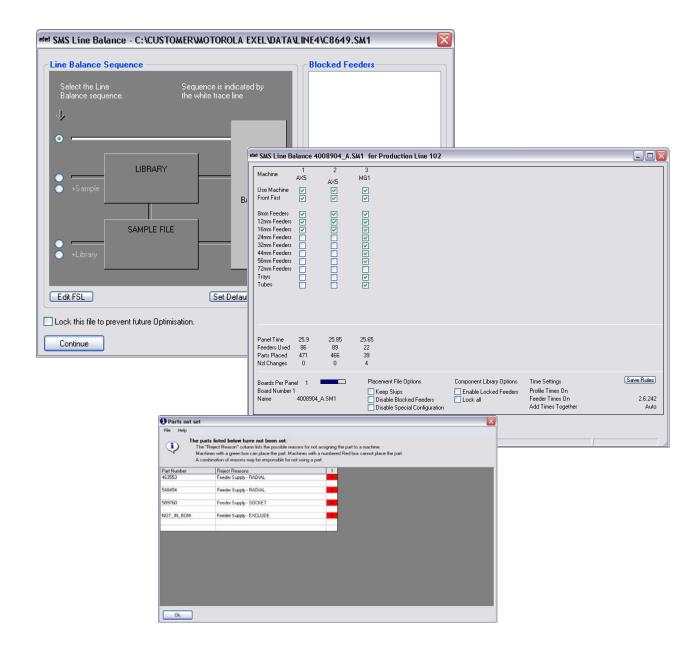
Line Balance

This process takes a placement file and distributes the parts so that each machine in the production line will operate to the same cycle time as the other machines.

The Line balancer uses machine models as set up in the configuration settings. Nozzle settings, available feeder types, user exceptions, and priority are also taken into account.

The first screen allows selection of blocked feeders, repeat feeders and sample files. The second screen allows different feeder sizes to be selected for each machine.

When balancing is complete the screen will display for each machine; the time, the number of feeders used and the number of parts placed.



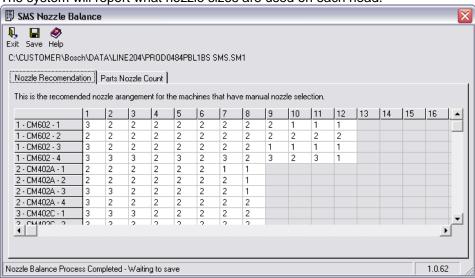


Nozzle Balance

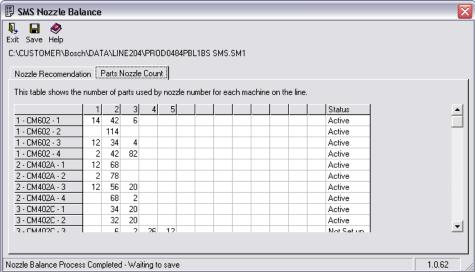
This process takes a placement file and distributes the nozzles so that the most efficient nozzle setup is used for each machine.

This is used for machines that require a manual nozzle change before a job starts or if nozzle autot changes want to be avoided to speed up cycle time.

The system will report what nozzle sizes are used on each head.



The system will report how many parts are place with each nozzle on each placement table on each machine.





Overlays

SMS Linecontrol uses several methods for overlay drawing. The system is constantly evolving, at the time of writing this document the following main systems exist:

- Assembly Verification
- Gerber Verification
- Outline Overlay
- Detail Overlay

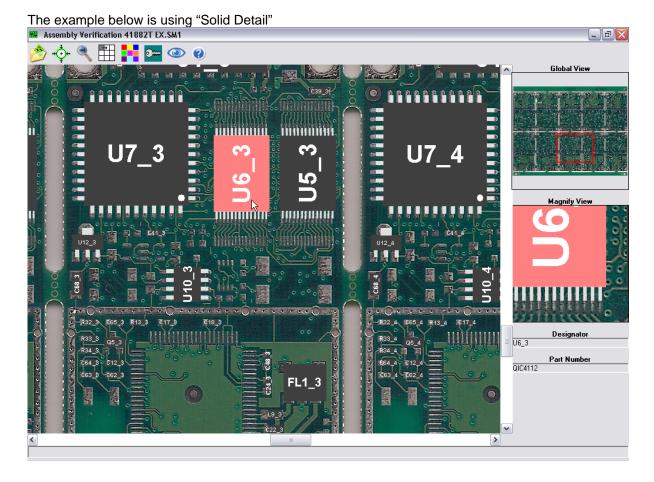
Assembly Verification

A scanned PCB is set as the background. The placement data used for assembly is drawn over the image. PCB scale rotation and warp.

The following functions are available:

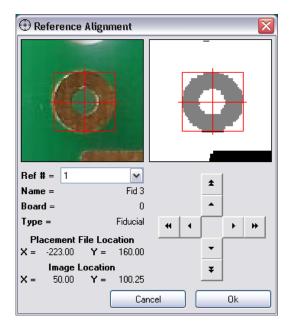
- Component positions can be checked against the PCB.
 Coordinates and rotations can be changed
- When components or fiducials are missing they can be taught to the scanned PCB
- Component drawings can be overlaid to produce a virtual assembly.

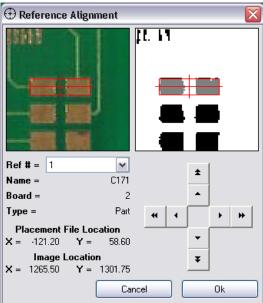
The following drawing modes are available; Solid Detail, Wire Frame, and Centroid





Fiducials and Components can be identified using vision detection processing algorithms







Gerber Verification & Teaching

The same engine used for "Assembly Verification" is used for Gerber input and verification. The output from the Gerber Importer is brought in and processed.

The tool is used in the following ways:

When data exists;

- The overlay of the data can be applied to the Gerber drawing.
- Component shapes and positions can be verified as being correct.

When data does not exist, the tool can become part of the Gerber importer or used by itself:

- Known shapes are identified using the shape identification system.
- Shapes not known to the system can be taught using the edge detection tool.
- Centroids are calculated from the shape rules set.

The example below shows the Pad layer of a Gerber file with shape identification.

Global View

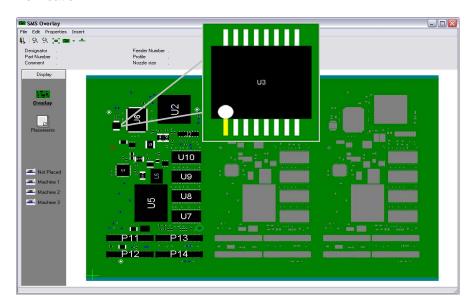
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Detail Overlay

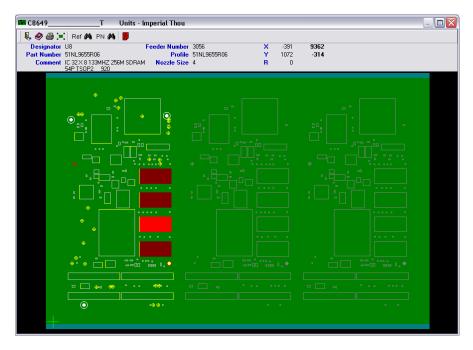
This tool allows users to check that all vision registered parts are drawn correctly and are in the correct position.

Note. This tool will become obsolete because "Assembly Verification" will take over its functions. We still use it because it is very fast at drawing and still has features not yet available in "Assembly Verification".



Outline Overlay

This tool is the fastest drawing tool. It is used to quickly verify data and find parts quickly. It also is used for data manipulation such and rotating components and or groups of components, it can rotate and mirror the whole PCB and reset the origin correctly so machines can use the data.





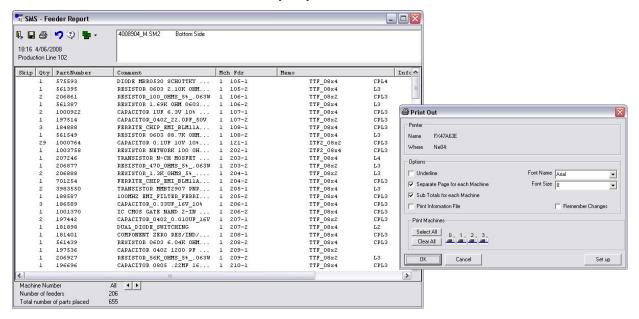
Reports

The examples shown here a small part of what is available.

Feeder Report

This is used for setting up the machines.

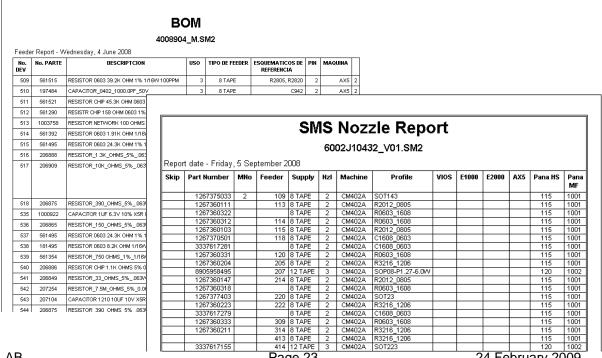
The report is a standard format. Users can change the column order and data order. Printouts can be customised and extra data can be attached by way of a RTF file attachment.



Custom reports

User settable reports can be generated using the report wizard. Once the report template is made the template name is called from the reports dropdown whenever the report is required, users do not se the wizard.

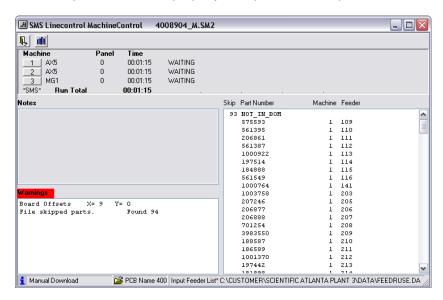
The examples below are user generated reports





Machine Program Generation

Once the placement file is properly set-up machine outputs can be made.



In Linecontrol there are several ways to get files into machines:

- · Outputs can be saved to file
- Files can be sent via RS232C
- Files can be sent via TCP/IP

For most machines Linecontrol has its own internal optimizing engines:

- Gang Pick
- Rotary Turret
- Multi Machine

Internal Optimisation

For SMS internal optimizing engines we do all optimization on the fly. This allows us to make the actual machine files when needed (normally 30 seconds)





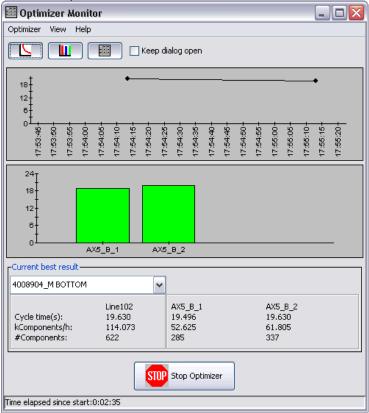
External optimisation

For external optimization as supplied by machine manufacturers where optimization involves feeder movements such as the Assembleon Optimizer, we use 2 methods.

- Method 1. We let the optimizer set-up all aspects and then feed the new feeder set back into Linecontrol.
- Method 2. If method 1 has already been used we allow the optimizer to run with fixed feeders. This is usually used when an existing program needs to be reloaded into a machine or a small change has been made.

Below is the Assembleon optimizer interface.

Linecontrol passes information to it and waits for the result. The process is seamless.





Supported machines

The table below lists current machines supported. This is a generic list, for more specific information about machine models pleas contact SMS or your software vendor.

Brand	Model Group	Optimisation	Output	Delivery
Assembleon	CSM	SMS gang engine	UFOS Text	Floppy disk RS232C
	GEM	SMS gang engine	VIOS Text	Floppy disk RS232C TCP/IP
	MG	SMS gang engine	YGX	Network USB TCP/IP
	AX	Assembleon Optimizer	XML PP	Floppy disk Network
	FCM	SMS FCM engine	ASP	Floppy disk
Europlacer	All models	Europlacer	Text	Floppy disk
Fuji	СР	SMS turret engine	MCS2 CCIMF (PGO)	MCS30 F4G Fujicam Flexa
	IP	SMS gang engine	MCS2 CCIMF (PGO)	MCS30 F4G Fujicam Flexa
	QP	SMS gang engine	MCS2 CCIMF (PGO)	MCS30 F4G Fujicam Flexa
	NXT	Fuji Optimiser	CCIMF (PGO)	Fujicam Flexa
	XP	Fuji Optimiser	CCIMF (PGO)	Fujicam Flexa
Hitachi	TCM	SMS turret engine		Floppy disk
iPulse	M series	SMS gang engine	i-PMS	Network Floppy disk
JUKI	KE Series	Juki Optimiser	Juki Binary	Network Floppy disk
	KM Series	Juki Optimiser	Juki Binary	Network Floppy disk
	HLC	Juki Optimiser	H4H,H5H, H6H	Network Floppy disk
Mydata	MY Series			



Panasert	MV	SMS turret engine	NC	Floppy disk RS232
	MPA	SMS gang engine	NC	Floppy disk RS232
Panasonic	CM Series DT Series	SMS gang engine	Maihime	PT200 Floppy disk Network
Samsung	CP Series	Samsung optimiser	SSA	EasyOLP Floppy disk Network
Siemens	Windows based	Siemens	Siplace API	Siplace Pro direct link
	Unix Based	Siemens		
Sony	E Series F Series G Series	SMS gang engine	PWB Data file set	Floppy disk RS232C
Universal	GSM	Universal	CDI SRFF	UIC
Yamaha	YM		UFOS Text	Floppy disk RS232C
,	YV		VIOS Text	Floppy disk RS232C
	YG		YGX	Network USB TCP/IP

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Linecontrol Schedule Option

The scheduling tool manages start times and job durations and readjusts itself dynamically as jobs progress.

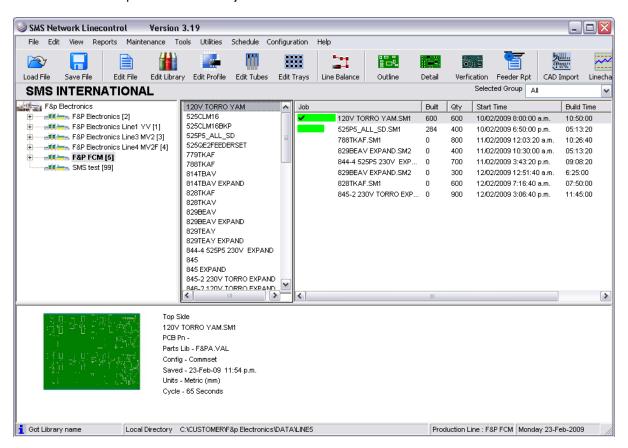
Reports can be generated to view how many parts are needed and when parts are going to run out. The reports are adjusted automatically based on actual production progress.

Reports can be printed or automatically sent to other manufacturing systems that may be used.

The scheduler makes use of other data collected by other SMS software such as Linecheck and Linechart to improve its accuracy.

The following functions are available:

- Create the schedule. Jobs are dragged from the job screen to the schedule screen
- Set the schedule order. Jobs can be dragged and dropped to change the schedule order
- Start times can be set automatically or by manual input.
- Set build quantities for each job.



Materials Report

When the schedule has been made the materials report can be generated. This report displays what parts are being used for a job and when parts are expected to be changed.

The idea of this report is to let operators know ahead of time when feeders are likely to run out and to make sure all materials are available to complete the job



Linecontrol System Options

Linecontrol can be configured to suit any situation.

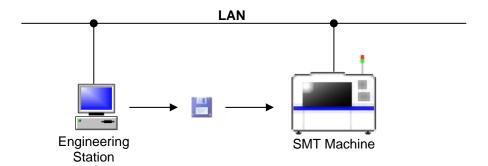
This can range from a single machine NPI (New Product Introduction) solution to a full multiline system where all machines are monitored.

NPI Single machine

Linecontrol is configured to program one SMT machine using an office located PC.

- Machine programs are transferred by network or floppy disk.
- Linecontrol is sold for the one machine on one line.

Product	Quantity
Linecontrol Entry	1



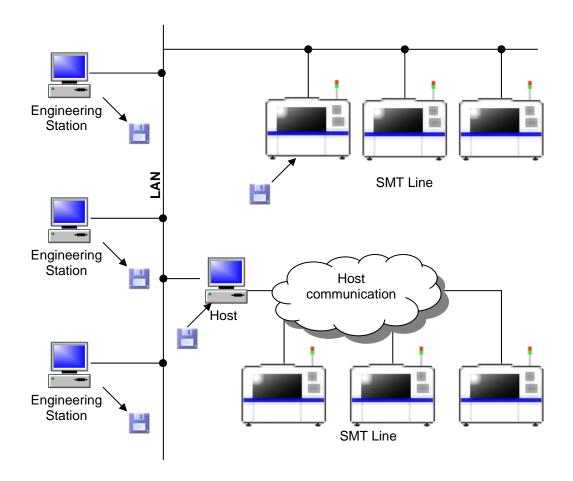


NPI Multi-line

Linecontrol is configured to program one or more production lines from any single PC.

- Engineering stations are located at engineer's desks, this allows for data preparation away from the production lines. These PC's can see all the production lines available. Each PC is capable of producing files for any line.
- Machine programs can be transferred to machines or host by network or floppy disk.
- The Software is sold per production line

Product	Quantity
Linecontrol NPI	3



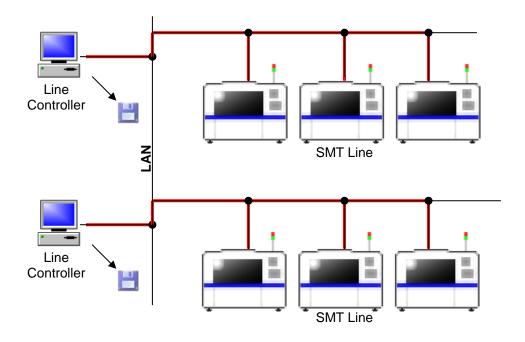


Linecontrol Multi-line

Linecontrol is configured to program one production line from any single PC.

- The "Line Controllers" are located the production line. Each PC can see its own line. All work is done at the production line.
- Machine programs can be transferred by network or floppy disk.
- Machines can be connected using RS232 or TCP/IP if available on the SMT machine.
- The Software is sold per production line

Product	Quantity
Linecontrol Standard	2





Linecontrol Network Multi-Line

Linecontrol is configured to program one or more production lines from any single PC.

- Engineering stations are located at engineer's desks, this allows for data preparation away from the production lines. These PC's can see all the production lines available.
- Linecontrol Viewer is a read only version. It can view files, feeder reports, overlays etc.
- The "Line Controllers" are located the production line, these PC's are responsible for the machine data generation and can only see the line they are configured for.
- Machine programs can be transferred by network or floppy disk.
- Machines can be connected using RS232 or TCP/IP if available on the SMT machine.
- The Software is sold per production line plus a network license. Linecontrol viewer is not charged for.

Product	Quantity
Linecontrol Standard	2
Linecontrol Network	2
Linecontrol Viewer	1

