

PROFIT-POD™

Overview:

The PROFIT-POD™ system is an infrared data collection system for arcade games, vending machines, and anything else that you need accurate and easy data collection. It is used with hand held computers to collect the data via infrared transmission. Then, the information is transferred to an Excel spreadsheet on your computer for storage and analysis.

Operation:

The PROFIT-POD™ system replaces up to 3 mechanical meters or counters. It can be used with ground pulse triggers or with +5-12vdc triggers. Once wired, the system will display the counts for the 3 meters for 2 seconds each. Each count has its own picture on the LCD for easy identification: one for coins, one for dollar bills and one for tickets/prizes. When one of the inputs is closed, (ex: a coin is inserted) an LED will light on the POD and the count for that meter will be incremented.

When you are doing your daily, weekly or monthly collection, simply point the hand held computer at the PROFIT-POD™ and select the PROFIT-POD™ icon from the menu, and it will collect the data from the PROFIT-POD™. After receiving the data, move on to the next machine and so on until you are finished. After you have collected data from all of your machines on your route or arcade, you put the hand held computer into its cradle and the data will be transferred onto your computer in a format that can be opened with an Excel spreadsheet.

The PROFIT-POD™ has been incorporated into **Incredible Technology's Silent Partner software** system and into **Premier Data Software** system for seamless integration.

Features:

- easy to install. Fully compatible with Silent Partner and Premier Data Software.
- unlimited amount of PODs can be used
- 3 six digit non-resettable meters
- optically isolated inputs
- sequencing LCD display of meter counts
- blinking LED shows which meter was activated
- infrared transmission of data
- Excel spreadsheet format of collected data
- software for handheld computer included
- POD's run on 12 volts and inputs can be 5 to 12 volts, positive or negative contact
- on power-up, performs a test of all LCD functions
- 4 mounting holes on each POD
- Date and Time stamping on files.

Cost:

Each POD is:

\$49.95 for 1-50

\$44.95 for 50-100

\$41.95 for 101-250

\$38.95 for 251-1000

Handheld computers available.

The software is free.



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FAQ:

Why did we develop an infrared data collection system?

It has become apparent in the game industry, as well as many other industries, that a simple and accurate system needed to be developed .

Can the PROFIT-POD™ be used on something that does not already have meters?

Usually, the PROFIT-POD can be used on anything that has switch closures for 5 ms and 20 ms in between pulses.

Can we move the POD to new games if we sell, or move the old games?

Yes, the POD can be moved to the new games and you can give them new serial numbers or new 3 character location codes with the handheld computer.

Is the infrared data secure so nobody else can read it with another handheld computer?

Yes, you must have our software on the handheld computer to read the data.

What is the range of the infrared transmission?

You need to hold the handheld computer within 18 inches of the front of the POD while receiving the data.

Can I put a POD into something that already has another kind of counting system?

Eg.: I want to leave the existing meters in the game and add a POD on as well.

It is not recommended because some mechanical meters do not have diodes installed and some coils produce large amounts of line noise.

Is this a proven technology?

Yes, this technology has been in use successfully for over 5 years.

Is the handheld computer compatible with infrared printers? Eg.: Can I point the handheld computer at the printer and have it print out a report?

Yes, it can print out a report of the meter readings with a preview as well.

How is the data saved in a file?

It makes a file with the date, time, 3 digit label, serial number and the numbers for the 3 meters.

Can I use the PROFIT-POD™ with kiddie rides, cranes, soda machines, ticket eaters, prize dispensing machines, ticket games, counters with buttons like midway entrances, table-top video games and pinball machines?

Yes, it will work with anything that has 12 volts and switch closures or meter outputs that are 5-12 volts.

If the PODs lose power do they retain the numbers?

Yes, everything is kept in non-volatile RAM, so when you put power back on the counts are the same as before you turned the power off.

Can I mount a POD inside the clear glass of a game?

Yes you can, but we recommend that you install it inside the game so when you collect the coins you can check the count against the data for theft deterrence.

Can I add more PODs anytime I want?

Yes, you can add PODs anytime to any location, so as your business grows you simply purchase more PODs and use the same handheld computer.

I have a very big arcade and would like to finance the PROFIT-POD system for the whole arcade, is financing available?

We are currently talking to a finance company to make that option available to you.

Why did you choose an Excel spreadsheet format for the data?

Because it is a very common format “.CSV” and once you have it in Excel it is easily customizable for your particular industry by anybody with knowledge of Excel. The files can be imported by any program that supports comma-separated-text data.

When we purchase the units, do they come already programmed with serial numbers and location ID's, and does it come with the handheld computer already installed with the software?

Yes, you tell us the 3 digit location ID's and the 6 digit serial numbers that you would like installed into them. The handheld computer comes with 2 applications installed: one for collecting the data and another one for resetting the 3 digit ID and 6 digit serial numbers should the need arise.

