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S Corporations (1120S)

The basics of data entry for an S corporation (1120S) return are the same as for a 1040 return. Navigation through data entry, field- and screen-level help, and keyboard shortcuts all function as they do in the 1040 program. See the *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015* for the basics of using the program. (The manual is available on the installation CD and on the Drake Support website: *Support.DrakeSoftware.com* > Training Tools > Manuals.)

What's New in Drake for S Corporations

Drake programs its tax software according to the latest IRS rules and regulations. The 2015 program reflects all changes to credits and deductions, including discontinuations. For details on the new regulations for the 2015 tax year, see the IRS instructions for Form 1120S.

The following changes have been made to the 1120S program in Drake for the 2015 tax year.

Short-Year Returns

Starting this year, short-year return election information is entered on the **Year** screen, available on the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** or from a **Year** link on screen 1, rather than on the **Election Options** (**ELEC**) screen.

For more on using the **Year** screen, see "Short-Year Returns" on page 5.

For more on using the **ELEC** screen, see "Elections" on page 41.

EF "ACK" Page

Similar to federal Form 9325, Acknowledgment and General Information for Taxpayers who File Returns Electronically, generated with 1040 returns, the federal and state business packages now generate an "EF_ACK" page for the main forms of federal returns and "(ST)EF_ACK" page for the main forms of state returns.

This is a Drake-generated form that serves the same purpose as Form 9325: an acknowledgment that a return has been transmitted through Drake and received by the IRS or the applicable state agency.

When a return is e-filed and you receive a "P" ack (indicating that the return is being processed) or an "R" ack (for a rejected return), the top section of the EF_ACK is completed, noting the name and address of the client, the return type, the ERO who transmitted the return, and a check mark indicating the return was *received* by the IRS or applicable state agency.

When you download and process your acknowledgments and receive an "A" ack, the second section of the EF_ACK is generated, indicating the return was *accepted* by the IRS or state agency and the date the return was accepted. The submission ID number is also included.

Expanded Officer/Partner Information

Drake has added a **Suffix** drop list and **Professional** text box to the officer information sections of the **PIN** screen and to the **1125-E Officer Information** screen. These new fields allow you to enter such designations as "Jr.", "Sr.", "III" to the name of the corporation officer, and such professional designations as "Dr." or "Ret."

Royalties Worksheet

Instead of generating Form 8825, Rental Real Estate Income and Expenses, when royalty income and expenses are listed on screen **8825** (and **Royalties** is selected from the **Type of property** drop list), Drake now generates the Royalty Worksheet ("WK SROY" in View mode).

Instead of the royalties income and expenses flowing to box 2, "Net rental real estate income," of Schedule K-1, gross royalties now flow to Schedule K, line 6, "Royalties," and expenses to Schedule K, line 12d, "Other deductions." These amounts are also on the Royalty Worksheet.

Form 8825 isn't generated unless it is otherwise needed.

Screens K and KFT

To promote greater accuracy in allocating Schedule K data to the individual share-holder's Schedule K-1, and to improve the detailed statements provided to shareholders on their K-1s, Drake has made several enhancements:

- Screen K is now a "tabbed" screen, with separate tabs for data entry of Income, Deductions, Credits, AMT and Basis, and Other Information
- More "Other" items, such as "Other" income, "Other" deductions, "Other" credits
 were added, allowing a more detailed supplemental K-1 statement than ever
 before
- Information on foreign transactions is now entered on a separate KFT screen, accessible from the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** or from a link on the **Credits** tab of screen K.)

• In addition, Drake now generates a "Foreign Transaction Statement," shown as "WK_FTRS," listing all the foreign transactions for an S corporation. A separate "K-1 Foreign Transaction Statement" (K1_FTRS) is also generated, reporting these foreign transactions for the individual shareholder.

For more information on using screen K, see "Schedule K: Shareholders' Pro Rata Share Items" on page 21.

NOTE

To avoid duplicate entries, the "Schedule K - Most Common Items" have been removed from the **INC** screen.

Form 4562

Drake now produces a Form 4562 for each property on Schedule E and Form 8825 instead of one Form 4562 for Schedule E or Form 8825.

1099 Screens

We added two state-only income screens to the **States** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**:

- Screen **99M** (1099-MISC) for miscellaneous income
- Screen **W2G**, for gambling income

Form 5471 Information Return

Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations has been added to the 1120S package. This form is used by certain U.S. citizens and residents who are officers, directors, or shareholders in certain foreign corporations. Taxpayers who must file this form are described in the IRS instructions.

If your client must file this form, go to screen **5471** (accessible from the second **Other Forms** tab) and enter the relevant information. Form 5471 will not be e-filed with the return. File by the due date (including extensions) for that return.

For details on using this form, see the IRS instructions for Form 5471.

Before You Start

Actions you might need to take before starting an 1120S return in Drake include:

- Updating a prior-year return (if you prepared the tax return last year)
- Electing as an S corporation (if the corporation was not an S corporation last year)

Updating a Prior-Year Return in Drake

A prior-year return can be updated in three ways:

 As a single return (updated one at a time) using Last Year Data > Update Clients 2014 to 2015 (recommended)

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- When you open the return for the first time in the 2015 program and are prompted to update it
- With all other returns in the program at once using **Last Year Data > Update Clients 2014 to 2015** (*not* recommended)

Indicating an S Corporation

If the corporation is electing as an S corporation for the first time, it is necessary to indicate this in the program.

S Corp Election

On screen 1 in the **General Information** section, line **A**, enter the date of election as an S corporation. On line **E**, enter the date incorporated. On line **G**, mark the check box, "First year as an S corporation."

Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, is required if the entity is making the election with the return. In Drake, use screen 2553, accessible from the first **Other Forms** tab or by clicking the **Form 2553** link on screen 1.

Note

If attaching a signed Form 2553 to the return as a PDF, mark the **Attaching Form 2553 as a PDF document** box on screen **1**. If not sent as a PDF, the form must be mailed separately to the IRS *before* filing the tax return. See Form 2553 instructions at *irs.gov*.

Changing File Type

To change a "C" corporation to an S corporation (1120 to 1120S):

- 1. Go to Tools > File Maintenance > Change File Type.
- **2.** Enter the EIN of the entity.
- 3. Click Continue.
- **4.** Select the new return type (Sub-S Corp 1120S).
- **5.** Click **Continue** to save changes.
- 6. Click OK

Other Information and Overrides

Use screen 1 to enter the following additional information:

- Resident State If the corporation has a mailing address in one state but does
 business in another, select the state in which the corporation does business from
 the Resident State drop list.
- **Drake Codes and Overrides** The **Other Information** section of screen **1** includes fields for miscellaneous codes, invoice numbers, and several overrides. See "Listing a Different Firm, Preparer, or ERO on a Return" and "Customized Drop Lists" in Chapter 2, and "Miscellaneous Codes" in Chapter 5, of *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015* for more information.

Header Information

Screen 1 contains fields for the general information that is printed in the top section of page 1 of Form 1120S.

Name and Address

Use screen 1 to complete the corporation name and address section of Form 1120S. For state purposes only, if the corporation has an alternate address (such as a P.O. box), you can enter that address on screen 2, in the **Address Line 2** field at the bottom of the screen. (Access screen 2 from the **States** tab, or enter 2 in the selector field and press ENTER.)

Tax Year

The program uses the calendar year as the default period for all corporation returns; no date entries are required on screen 1 for a December 31 tax year end.



The program adjusts calculations for depreciation and for gains and losses on sales of assets based on the entity's tax year.

For information on filing with a 52-53—week year, see "Electing a 52-53—Week Year (Initial Return)" on page 44.

Fiscal and Calendar Years

If the S corporation uses a fiscal year (where the year begins in the current calendar year and ends in the next), specify the beginning and ending dates in the **If not calendar year** section of screen 1.

Short-Year Returns

An entity may have to file a short-year return if the entity is changing accounting periods with IRS approval (Form 3115), or if this is its first or last year in business and the tax year is not a full year.

In the past, short-year return election information and certain other elections made by S corporations were entered in Drake on the **ELEC** screen. Starting this year, short-year return election information and 52-53-week tax year information is entered on the **YEAR** screen, available on the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** or from a **Year** link on screen 1. (Certain other elections are still made using the **ELEC** screen.)

To enter short-year information:

- 1. Enter short-year dates on screen 1 in the **Fiscal year begins** and **Fiscal year ends**, fields, even if the firm uses the calendar year for full-year returns. (These dates will appear on the top of the federal form.)
- **2.** Click the Year link to open the Year screen.
- **3.** Make your short-year selection from the **Other short-year election reason** drop list. Your explanation will be displayed at the top of the first page of the tax return. If you do not select an explanation, an EF Message will be generated with the return, and the return cannot be e-filed

4. If you selected "General Explanation" from the **Other short-year reason** drop list, type details on the reasons for filing a short-year return in the new **Explanation** text box.

Notes

For more information on short-year explanations, see IRS Pub. 4163.

The program may not correctly calculate depreciation, gains, or losses for a short-year return. Depreciation for a short-year return can be entered on screen **4562** and screens **6**, **7**, **8**, and **9**.

First-Year Returns

An S corporation filing a first-year return must use the fiscal year fields in the **If not calendar year** section of screen 1 if the date of election as an S corporation occurs *after* the start of the tax year—that is, if the date entered on line A of the **General Information** section of screen 1 comes after January 1, 2015.

In the **Fiscal year begins** field, enter the date of election as an S corporation. In the **Fiscal year ends** field, enter the end of the calendar year (or the end of the fiscal year if not using a calendar year).

Boxes A through I

Enter most information for boxes A through I (top of Form 1120S) on screen 1. Note that boxes C ("M-3 attached") and F ("Total assets") are completed automatically by the program based on data entered elsewhere. Other boxes are:

- Box A S election effective date
- Box B Business activity code (From screen 1, choose a code from the line **B** drop list, or click in the line **B** field and press CTRL+SHIFT+S to search for a code)
- Box D Employer Identification Number (EIN) (program uses setup data as default)
- Box E Date incorporated
- Item G Indicates first year as S corporation and inclusion of Form 2553 with return
- Item H Check boxes for final return, name change, address change, amended return, and S election termination or revocation
- Item I Number of shareholders during the year (completed automatically based on the number of K-1s; number can be overridden on line I of screen 1.)

NOTES

Enter accounting method at the bottom of screen 1.

The **Client information** fields at the bottom of screen **1** are for reports only and not included in the e-file record.

Income and Deductions

Income and deductions are entered primarily on the INC (Income) and DED (Deductions) screens.

Gross Receipts

Enter gross receipts or sales (Form 1120S, line 1a) and returns and allowances (line 1b) on the **INC** screen.

The program calculates gross receipts or sales after returns and allowances based on gross receipts, sales, and any direct entry on line 1b.

Note

The IRS does not require a detail (CTRL+W) worksheet for gross receipts; therefore, if you are using the trial balance import feature, do *not* include a detail worksheet for this line—or for any other line that does not require a detail worksheet. For more on the trial balance worksheet, see "Importing Trial Balance Information" on page 49.

Cost of Goods Sold (Form 1125-A)

For cost of goods sold (COGS), complete screen A (Form 1125-A, Cost of Goods Sold).

NOTE

On screen **A**, items 9a through 9f are direct-entry fields and follow the format of IRS Form 1125-A. For more information on completing these fields, press F1 or consult the IRS instructions.

Inventory

Inventory amounts entered on lines 1 and 7 of screen A automatically flow to Schedule L, line 3 ("Inventories"). Note that the **Inventories** fields on screen **L** (**Assets**, **Liabilities and Equity**) are overrides. Anything entered there overrides the inventory data that flows from screen A.

Line 5, Other Costs

Line 5 of Form 1125-A is designated for any applicable costs not entered on the previous lines. In Drake, two fields on screen **A** are provided for line 5: one for other costs excluding depreciation, and one for depreciation (Figure 1).

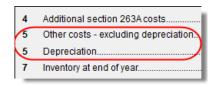


Figure 1: Other Costs and Depreciation

In the field on the **Depreciation** line, enter any depreciation that relates to the cost of goods sold (unless the amount is flowing from the **4562 Detail** screen with **COGS** selected from the **For** drop list). (Note that this field on screen **A** is an override field; an entry here overrides the calculations from the **4562** screen.) Amounts entered in this field automatically adjusts the total depreciation that is carried to page 1 of Form 1120S.

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Entries in the **Other costs - excluding depreciation** field opens a Detail Worksheet. The depreciation amount is included on the statement for other costs and should not be included in this worksheet.

NOTE

Line **14b** on the **DED** screen is for Form 4562 depreciation that is not entered on screen **A** or elsewhere on the return.

Importing Trial Balance to Form 1125-A If using the trial balance import feature (see "Importing Trial Balance Information" on page 49), enter depreciation amounts directly into the appropriate fields on the trial balance worksheet, *not* into the fields in data entry. When the trial balance is imported, the COGS depreciation expense amount flows directly to the appropriate line of Form 1125-A and is calculated accordingly.

Ordinary Gains and Losses

The amount on line 4 ("Net gain (loss) from Form 4797, Part II, line 17") of Form 1120S flows from Form 4797. Amounts can also flow from screen **4562**, but only if that screen shows assets sold and property type.

Other Income (Loss)

Enter all amounts for line 5, "Other income (loss)," on the **INC** screen. **INC** screen data is displayed on attached statements in View mode.

Amounts from the following screens also flow automatically to line 5:

- **6478** (Form 6478, Biofuel Fuels Credit)
- **8864** (Form 8864, Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Fuels Credit)

Additional fields on the INC screen include:

- Amount of credit for tax on fuels
- Interest income on receivables
- Recoveries of bad debts
- Section 481 adjustments
- State tax refund
- Income from insurance proceeds

To enter income or loss from a partnership, estate, or trust, use screen **K1P** or **K1F**. (Click the screen links on the **INC** screen or access them from the first **Other Forms** tab).

To enter additional sources of income not shown, use the **Other Income (itemize)** field on the **INC** screen. (An entry in this field creates a Detail Worksheet.)

Compensation and Wages

Enter shareholder compensation and employee wages on the **DED** screen. Drake has two fields each for officer compensation and employee salaries/wages: one for non-shareholders, and one for shareholders.



The **Salaries** and wages to non-shareholders field is an adjustment field. An amount entered here is combined with any amount entered in the **Labor hired** field on screen **F**.

The shareholder fields are used for calculating section 179 income limitations; see the WK S179L worksheet in View mode.

Credit Adjustments

A credit adjustment is made for the following forms:

- Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit
- Form 8844, Empowerment Zone and Renewal Community Employment Credit
- Form 8845, Indian Employment Credit

The adjustment is indicated on Form 1120S with the ATT_SSW literal (Figure 2). Actual adjustments are shown on the ATT_SSW worksheet in View mode.

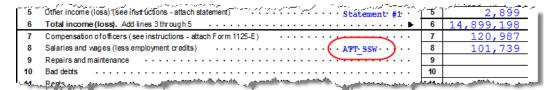


Figure 2: ATT_SSW literal on Form 1120S

Compensation of Officers (Form 1125-E)

Officer Information

Use screen **E** to enter officer information and compensation amounts. Press PAGE DOWN to enter additional officers. Screen **E** totals are calculated and carried to line 7 of Form 1120S.

The total of officer compensation can be entered in the **Officer Compensation** override field on the **DED** screen (generally used when Form 1125-E is not required). An entry in that field overrides any calculations from screen **E**, changing lines 12 and 27 of the 1120S but not Form 1125-E.



For privacy reasons, you can truncate SSNs on Form 1125-E by entering only the last four digits of the officers' SSNs in the **ID number** field.

To do so, enter the first five digits of the SSN as "0"s, and then enter the final four digits of the SSN. Press CTRL+F to "force" the program to accept the number.

For example, enter SSN 123-45-6789 as 000-00-6789. Press CTRL+F.

Screen E Check Boxes

Screen **E** has two check boxes: **Signs return**, and **Books in care of**. Mark the applicable box on the screen that identifies the officer who either signs the federal or state paper returns, or is the contact person for the books.

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If you mark the **Signs return** check on box screen **E**, that officer's information flows to the **PIN** screen automatically, eliminating the need to reenter that information. You would still have to enter PINs for the ERO and the officer and signature date on the **PIN** screen for e-file purposes.

Ownership & Participation

The **Ownership and Participation** fields on screen **E** are required. Fields are as follows:

- **Total** Enter the officer's ownership percentage.
- **Common** Enter the percentage of common stock owned by the officer.
- Preferred Enter the percentage of preferred stock owned by the officer.
- **Time** Enter the percentage of time the officer devotes to the corporation.

Enter percentage amounts in whole numbers. For example, enter 40 for 40%.

Repairs and Maintenance

Enter repair and maintenance costs on the **DED** screen. An amount entered there is combined with the amount, if any, entered in the **Repairs and maintenance** field on screen **F**.

Bad Debts

Use the **Bad debts** field on the **DED** screen to enter the total debts that became worthless in whole or in part during the year, but only to the extent that such debts related to a trade or business activity.



Enter deductible non-business bad debts as a short-term capital loss on screen 8949 (Sales and Other Disposition of Assets).

Cash-method S corporations cannot take a bad debt as a deduction unless the amount was previously included in income.

Rents

Use the **DED** screen to enter rent paid on business property used for a trade or business activity. If the corporation rented or leased a vehicle, enter the total annual rent or lease expense incurred in the trade or business activity of the entity, and then complete Part V of the **4562** (screens **8** and **9**).



The **Rents** field is an adjustment field. An amount entered here is combined with the amount, if any, entered in the **Rent** fields on screen **F**.

Taxes and Licenses

Enter tax and license amounts on the **DED** screen. Amounts are combined and the sum generated on Form 1120S, line 12 ("Taxes and licenses"). Note that credit from Form 8846 (Credit for Employer Social Security and Medicare Taxes Paid on Certain Employee Tips) should be entered on screen **8846**, which is accessible via a link from the **DED** screen. These amounts also appear on the "Taxes and Licenses Attachment," referred to on line 12 with the printed "ATT_STL" reference. (Figure 3.)



Figure 3: Notification on line 12 of the 1120S return that the Taxes and Licenses attachment has been produced with the return.

To keep the notification from appearing on line 12 of the return, go to the **PRNT** screen and select **Suppress printing of form and attachment references**.

State tax amounts (income tax and franchise tax) entered on the **ES** (Estimated Taxes) screen are carried to the tax computation (ATT_TAX) worksheet. The state tax amount carried from the **ES** screen may differ depending on which method of accounting (cash or accrual) is used.

Interest

Using the 1120S instruction guidelines, enter interest expense on the **DED** screen. Note that the **Interest expense** field is an adjustment field. Any amount entered here is combined with the amount, if any, entered in the **Interest** fields on screen **F**.

Depreciation

Enter depreciation on the **4562** screen. Select a form from the **For** drop list to associate the depreciable item with the correct form or activity. Data from the **4562** screens is calculated and carried to Form 1120S and/or to the selected schedules or forms.

For more information on depreciation and the **4562** screen in Drake, see the *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015*.

Line 14, Depreciation

Line 14 of Form 1120S is reserved for depreciation that (1) is from Form 4562, and (2) is not claimed on Form 1125-A or elsewhere. While the program pulls data from the **4562** screen for this line, it also provides field **14b** on the **DED** screen specifically for depreciation that is claimed elsewhere.

Both lines 14a and 14b on the DED screen are adjustment fields.

• Line 14a — See field-level help for further instructions and information on how this field ties in to Form 4562.

• Line 14b — Drake Software recommends entering depreciation on the 4562 screen, and then selecting COGS from the For drop list at the top of the screen. You can also use screen A (rather than the DED screen) to enter depreciation claimed on Form 1125-A. An entry on screen A adjusts any entry on line 14b of the DED screen and is calculated into the total deductions for page 1 of Form 1120S. If there is an entry on line 14b of the DED screen but not on screen A, only the line 14b amount will be calculated into total deductions.

Depletion

Enter depletion amounts on the **DED** screen. If the corporation claims a deduction for timber depletion, complete and attach Form T, Forest Activities Schedules. (Attach as PDF to e-filed returns. See "The PDF Attachment Process" on page 46.) Do not deduct depletion for oil and gas properties. (Each shareholder should figure depletion on these properties under section 613A(c) (11).)

Advertising

Enter advertising expenses on the **DED** screen.

Pension and Profit-Sharing

Enter pension and profit-sharing expenses on the **DED** screen. Press F1 for information on what expenses to enter. The software reduces the expense based on the credit amount calculated from Form 8881, Credit for Small Employer Pension Plan Startup Costs. Note that this is an adjustment field; the software uses any amount entered here to adjust the amount flowing from Schedule F to the 1120S.

Employee Benefits Program

Enter on the **DED** screen amounts for fringe benefits paid or incurred on behalf of employees owning 2% or less of the corporation's stock. Do not include with these amounts anything that is an incidental part of a pension, profit-sharing, etc., plan or amounts reported elsewhere on the return.

Report amounts paid on behalf of more than 2% shareholders on line 7 ("Officer compensation") or 8 ("Salaries and wages"), whichever applies. A shareholder is considered to own more than 2% of the corporation's stock if that person owns, on any day during the tax year, more than 2% of the outstanding stock of the corporation or stock possessing more than 2% of the combined voting power of all stock of the corporation.

Note that the field for line 17 is an adjustment field. An amount entered in here adjusts the amount flowing to Form 1120S from Schedule F, line 17.

Other Deductions

Enter all other deductions on the **DED** screen. Drake incorporates the total into line 19, "Other deductions," on Form 1120S.

The following deductions, credits, adjustments, and exclusions also flow to line 19:

- Amortization from Form 4562
- Credit adjustment from Form 8820, Orphan Drug Credit
- Exclusion from Form 8873, Extraterritorial Income Exclusion
- Credit from Form 8941, Credit for Small Employer Health Insurance Premiums

Tax and Payments

Screen 4 has fields for completing the "Tax and Payments" section of Form 1120S. Note that some fields are overrides. Press F1 to view more information on a field.

Net Passive Income

Line 22a, "Excess net passive income or LIFO recapture tax," could apply to an S corporation if it was formerly a "C" corporation or if it engaged in a tax-free reorganization with a "C" corporation.

To determine if the corporation must pay the tax, complete the worksheet fields on the lower half of screen 4. If completing the IRS worksheet, enter the worksheet results on screen 4. Enter LIFO recapture directly on screen 4.

NOTE

To force the line 22a worksheet to be printed, select the applicable box on screen **4**.

Schedule D

Use screen **8949** to enter capital gains and losses. The net gain from screen **8949** is carried to lines 7 and 8 of Form 1120S, page 3, Schedule K. Use screen **8949** to enter data for Parts I and II of Schedule D (Form 1120S), Capital Gains and Losses and Built-in Gains. Use the **D2** screen for Part III, "Built-in Gains," of Schedule D (Form 1120S). For information on using the **8949** import feature in Drake, see "Form 8949 Imports" in Chapter 5 of the *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015*.

Estimated Taxes

The 1120S does not have a federal estimated tax voucher. Estimated tax payments are required only in certain situations. An S corporation must make electronic deposits of employment, excise, and corporate income taxes using the Electronic Federal Tax Payments System (EFTPS).



Most states do not allow estimate payments outside of the EFTPS system. View the field help for the **e-file** check box in the **e-file/Electronic Fund Withdrawal** section of screen **ES** for a list of states that allow e-filed payments.

ES Screen

The **ES** screen (available from the **Miscellaneous** tab or from a link on screen **4**) provides a place to enter federal and state estimated taxes paid in 2015. If the return was

updated in Drake from 2014, this information is carried over. Note that this information will be overridden by any entry in the **Current-year estimated tax payments** field on screen 4.

Use the **ES** screen for 2016 estimated payments. Future year amounts appear on the ES_SUM worksheet generated with the return. (You have to enter amounts in the "voucher" fields in the "Estimate amt" column to get the ES_SUM worksheet.) To enter the amount to be credited, use the **Amount of overpayment to apply to 2016** field. Note that this information will be overridden by any entry in the **Amount to be credited to next year's estimated tax** field on screen **4**.

The **ES** screen also provides a way to e-file state estimated tax vouchers and payments, which is required in some states. For estimated taxes from multiple states or cities, press PAGE DOWN and go to a new **ES** screen.

For details on using the enhanced **ES** screen for filing federal estimated taxes, and on e-filing and paying state estimated taxes, see "Estimated Taxes," in Chapter 5 of the *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015*.

Payments with Extensions

To make a payment with an extension request, enter the amount being paid in the **Amount paid with extension** field at the bottom of the **7004** screen (available from the first **Other Forms** tab or from a link on screen **4**). If an extension was previously requested and a payment was made then, enter the amount paid on screen **4**, line 23b.

For electronic payments on extensions, the program produces Form 8878-A, the IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Form 7004.

Tax Paid on Fuels

Use screen **4136** to enter information for Form 4136, Credit for Federal Tax Paid on Fuels. Note that this screen consists of two screens, with lines 1 through 8f on the first screen. Press PAGE UP or PAGE DOWN to go from screen to screen.

Underpayment of Estimated Tax

For underpayment of estimated tax, complete all applicable fields on screen **2220**. (Note that this screen also consists of two screens.)

New for 2015

The program now produces Worksheet for the Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations (WK_2220) to explain the calculations for the 2220 penalty.

Late-Filing Penalty

Drake does not calculate a late-filing penalty. You can choose to enter a late-filing penalty on screen 4, line 24, "Estimated tax penalty."

IMPORTANT

If you enter a late-filing penalty on screen **4**, line 24, then Form 2220, Underpayment of Estimated Tax, will *not* be included in the e-file transmission.

Direct Deposit of Refunds

The IRS requires that Form 8050, Direct Deposit of Corporate Tax Refund, be submitted with an e-filed return in order for a corporation's refund to be directly deposited. To complete this form in Drake, use the **DD** screen (available from the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**).



Figure 4: Federal section of DD screen (also 8050 screen)

When filling out screen **DD** (Figure 4):

- If the federal refund is to go to the account listed, select **Yes** for the **Federal Account** selection; otherwise, select **No**. (If neither is selected, the program will use the default selection **Yes**.)
- If a state refund is to go to the account listed, select the state abbreviation from the **State/city selection** drop list.
- Enter the name of the financial institution, the routing number (RTN), the account number, and the type of account (**Checking** or **Savings**).
- Re-enter the RTN, account number and type of account to verify.

If receiving refunds from more than one state tax authority, use the **State Account** sections on the **DD** screen to indicate where other state refunds should be deposited.

International ACH Transactions

In 2009, state taxing agencies added foreign account questions to their forms to comply with NACHA rules regarding International ACH transactions (IAT); however, processing IAT is not yet supported by any federal or state tax authority. If you were to indicate that the account was outside the U.S., the state tax authority would automatically ignore the account information and either issue a refund via paper check, or contact the corporation requesting the payment of a balance due via check or domestic bank account. If you indicate that an account is located outside of the U.S., Drake Software generates an EF message instructing you to choose an account located in the U.S.

For more information, see **Screen Help** on the **DD** screen and **PMT** screen.

Electronic Funds Withdrawal (Direct Debit)

Use the **PMT** screen, accessible from the **General** tab, to indicate that the balance due for an e-filed return should be withdrawn (direct-debited) from an account.

Program Defaults and Overrides

By default, the program indicates that the entire balance due (the "Amount owed" line of Form 1120S) is to be withdrawn on the return due date. To indicate otherwise, complete the **Requested payment date** override field of the **PMT** screen for the applicable payment.

If the return is e-filed on or before the due date, the requested payment date cannot be later than the due date. If the return is transmitted after the due date, the requested payment date cannot be later than the current date.

Required Information

A **Withdrawal selection** (item # 1 in Figure 5) is required if the program is to direct federal and state tax authorities to withdraw funds from the taxpayer's account.

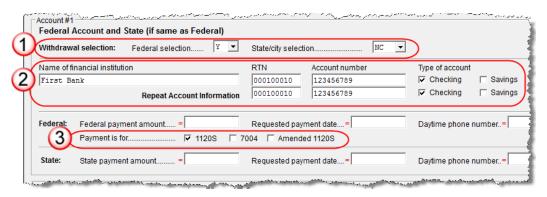


Figure 5: Required fields on **PMT** screen: withdrawal selection (1); account information (2); specified return (3)

The name of the financial institution, routing number (RTN), account number, and account type are required. As is the case with the **DD** screen, the **RTN**, **Account number**, and **Type of account** data must be entered twice (item # 2 in Figure 5).

Finally, the **PMT** screen must indicate the return to which the payment data applies (item # 3 in Figure 5). Put a check mark in the box of the applicable return type.

Withdrawal from Multiple Accounts

Only one account can be designated for direct debit of funds for payment of federal or state taxes. To have state amounts withdrawn from an account other than the account

indicated for federal payments, complete the fields in the **State Account** sections of the **PMT** screen.

NOTE

Neither the federal nor the state balance due can be paid from more than one account.

Filing an Extension

Calendar year returns are due on March 15, 2016. By filing Form 7004, an S corporation can extend the deadline six months to September 15. Fiscal year returns are due on the 15th day of the third month after the end of their tax year. Form 7004 extends the deadline six months.

For electronic payments on extensions, the program produces Form 8878-A, the IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Form 7004.

To file an 1120S extension, use either of the following options:

- Go to the 7004 screen in Drake (available from the first Other Forms tab of the Data Entry Menu) and select Generate an extension. Complete any other applicable fields on the screen.
- Go to the PRNT screen and select Prepare Form 7004 based on screen 1 data.

Signing the Return

Electronic PIN signatures are required to e-file returns. All fields on the **PIN** screen *must* be completed to e-file a return, including the title and signature (name) of the officer signing the return. (See "New for 2015" on page 18.)

An 1120S return must be signed and dated by one of the following individuals:

- The corporation's president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, or chief accounting officer
- Any other corporate officer, such as a tax officer, who is authorized to sign

If the return is prepared by a paid preparer, the preparer must complete the required information on the **PIN** screen. If it is prepared by an employee or officer of the corporation, open screen 1 and select **NONE** in the **Firm** # and **Preparer** # fields.

To have the preparer's name and address information displayed on the printed return:

- If the return preparer and ERO (entered in **Setup > ERO**) are the same:
 - Go to Setup > Preparer(s) and ensure that the Alternative Electronic Signature box is marked for the preparer.
 - **–** Complete the **PIN** screen for the return.
- If the return preparer and ERO are *not* the same:
 - Go to the PRNT screen for the return and complete the field labeled PIN for preparer's alternative electronic signature. The PIN entered should match

the one entered for the preparer in **Setup > Preparer(s)**. (For more information, press F1 in this field.)

NOTE

Setup > ERO must be completed for e-file. For information on how to complete this setup window, see *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015*. See the IRS instructions for further details on signature requirements.

New For **2015**

If you mark the **Signs return** check on box screen **E**, that officer's information flows to the **PIN** screen automatically, eliminating the need to reenter that information. You would still have to enter PINs for the ERO and the officer and signature date on the **PIN** screen for e-file purposes.

Amending a Return

Amended 1120S can be e-filed using Drake Software.



When you amend a return in Drake, the amended information replaces the original in the data file. Before amending a return, you should archive the original to avoid losing previously submitted data. For more information on archiving returns, see "Archive Manager" in Chapter 6, "Return Results," of the *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015*.

To file an amended 1120S return:

- 1. Go to screen 1 and select Amended return in section H.
- **2.** Make changes as applicable to forms and schedules.
- **3.** Go to the **EF** screen and mark the **Amended 1120S** check box on the left side of the screen.

Type AMD or X into the selector field and press ENTER.

4. Go to screen **X** (available from the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**) and list the changes that have been made, along with an explanation for each change. Use a different **X** screen for each line of the 1120S. Press PAGE DOWN to open a new **X** screen.

If amending just the K-1s, go to each applicable **K1** screen, select **Amended K1**, and make needed changes.

Note

When amending an 1120S return, all K-1s are amended and the "Amended K-1" box on the return marked by default. To override this default, go to the **PRNT** screen and mark **Do NOT check amended box on Sch. K-1**. (See Figure 11 on page 26.)

Additional Information

This section covers Schedule B (Other Information), state-specific information, and some program overrides.

Schedule B

Enter the accounting method, principal business activity, and product or service on screen 1. This information flows to lines 1 and 2 of Schedule B.

Use screen **B** (accessible from the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**) to answer questions 3 through 13b of Schedule B.

Select **B1** from the **Data Entry Menu** or enter B in the selector field and press ENTER.

If the answer to question 3 is "Yes," complete screen **B1** (press PAGE DOWN from screen **B**). If the S corporation owned, directly, 20% or more, or owned directly or indirectly 50% or more of the total stock issued and outstanding of any foreign or domestic corporation, click the **B4A Screen** link on screen **B** to enter information about the domestic or foreign corporation owned. (You can enter information for up to 10 corporations per **B4A** screen; to add more, press CTRL+PAGE DOWN.)

If the S corporation owned, directly, 20% or more, or owned, directly or indirectly, 50% or more in the profit, loss, or capital in any foreign or domestic partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership), or in the beneficial interest in a trust, click the **B4B Screen** link on screen **B** to enter information about the domestic partnership owned. (You can enter information for up to 10 partnerships per **B4B** screen; to add more, press CTRL+PAGE DOWN.)

State-specific Information

Resident State

The program automatically generates a return for the corporation's resident state. Use screen 2 to enter company information as it should appear on the state return.



The company information fields on screen **2** apply for the resident state only.

Click the screen **2** link from the **States** tab or enter 2 in the selector field and press ENTER.

Company information includes the type of return that applies for state purposes (consolidated, composite, controlled group, multi-state) and state-specific dates and numbers for identification.

Contact Information

If certain contact information required for state purposes is different from that entered on screen 1, use screen 2 for the alternative data for any of the following entities:

- Registered office
- Principal place of business
- "Books in care of" information

Screen 2 also has fields for the name, title, mailing address, e-mail address, ID number, and telephone number of the S corporation's contact person.

Other States

Data for other states must be entered manually in state data entry. To access state data entry, select the **States** tab from the **Data Entry Menu** and choose a state, or enter the two-letter state code in the selector field and press ENTER.

Multi-State Apportionment

Enter sales, payroll, and property factors on the **APPT Multi-State Apportionment** screen (Figure 6). This screen provides one central location for entering all state apportionment information instead of having to open each needed state's screen.

In addition to making data input faster and easier, this feature provides two worksheets: a summary worksheet (SA-SUM~) that can be used for verifying input, and a reconciliation worksheet (SA-REC) that ties the total of the state amounts to the federal return figures. These worksheets are available in View mode.

The individual state apportionment screens will continue to be available in Drake16 but will be used to override data entered on the **APPT** screen. No state apportionment-related screens will be updated from Drake14 to Drake15.



Figure 6: APPT Multi-State Apportionment screens



Mark the **Zero Apportionment** check box (Figure 6) to add a state but not include any apportionment data. This will include the state on the apportionment summary worksheet (SA-SUM~), available through View mode.

APPT Screens

The **APPT** screen is opened to the **Sales** tab. Links at the top of this screen take you to the **Payroll**, **Property**, and **Additional Property** tabs for each state selected (Figure 6 on page 20). These screens and their uses are listed in Table 1:

Table 1: APPT Screens

Screen	Information
Sales	Select state; enter sales, returns and allowance, and other income-related information for each selected state
Payroll	Enter salary, wage, commission, and labor amounts for each selected state
Property	Enter beginning and ending amounts of common apportionment factors; select additional apportionment factors from drop lists
Additional Property	Select additional apportionment factors from drop lists



The **Ending** amount entered on the **Property** and **Addition Property** screens in Drake15 will become the **Beginning** amount for property on the **APPT** screen when the client's return is updated next year in Drake16.

You may enter up to four states on one **APPT** screen. If you need more than four states, press PAGE DOWN for a new **APPT** screen. The same state can be entered more than once when additional fields are needed.

Select **OT Other Reconciliation** from the **State Selection** drop list when using the reconciliation worksheet. Not every item appearing on the federal return may be subject to multi-state apportionment. When you select **OT**, the data entered becomes a reconciling adjustment amount to aid in tying to the federal return.

Enter as much or as little detail as the states require. If a state does not require any information to be entered, no information will flow to that state's return.

Schedule K: Shareholders' Pro Rata Share Items

Screen **K**, which consists of five "tabbed" screens, can be used to enter data for Schedule K, Shareholders' Pro Rata Share Items. Note that many **K** fields are adjustment fields. Press F1 inside a field to see what amounts are adjusted from elsewhere in the program.

Navigation

To promote greater accuracy in allocating Schedule K data to the individual share-holder's Schedule K-1, and to improve the detailed statements provided to shareholders on their K-1s, Drake has made several enhancements and additions:

• Screen K is now a "tabbed" screen, with separate tabs for data entry of Income, Deductions, Credits, AMT and Basis, and Other Information (item #1 in

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Figure 7 on page 22). Click the tabs at the top of the **K** screen or press PAGE UP and PAGE DOWN to navigate among the **K** screens.

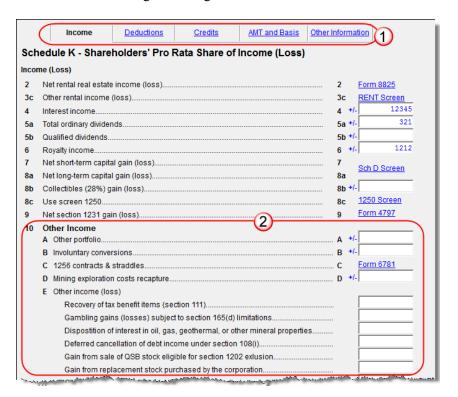


Figure 7: Screen K is now tabbed (item #1) with more "other" items (item #2)

• Each of the tabs includes more "Other" items, such as "Other" income, "Other" deductions, "Other" credits (see item #2 in Figure 7), allowing a more detailed supplemental K-1 statement than ever before (Figure 8 on page 23).

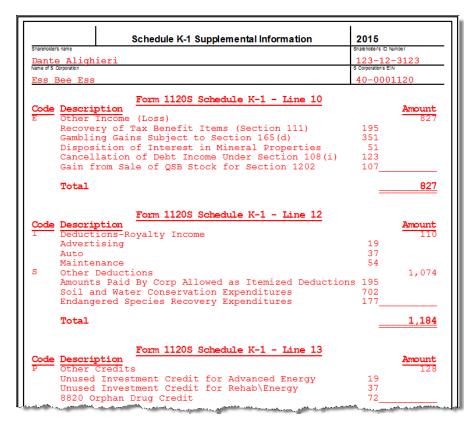


Figure 8: More detailed statements with Schedule K "Other" items

- Information on foreign transactions is now entered on a separate **KFT** screen, accessible from the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** or from a link on the **Credits** tab of screen **K**. Through the **KFT** screen, you can now report multiple foreign transactions. (Press PAGE DOWN for a new **KFT** screen.)
- Drake now generates a "Foreign Transaction Statement," shown as "WK_FTRS,"
 (Figure 9), listing all the foreign transactions for an S corporation. A separate
 "K-1 Foreign Transaction Statement" (K1_FTRS) is also generated, reporting
 these foreign transactions for the individual shareholder.

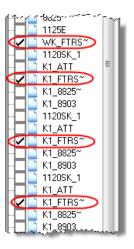


Figure 9: New Foreign Transaction statements

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NOTE

Because charitable contributions are separately stated to the share-holders, there is no "Charitable Contributions" line on the 1120S return. Charitable contribution information belongs instead on the Schedule K. Enter charitable contributions on the Deductions tab of screen K, on line **12a - Contributions**. Any contribution limitation is made at the shareholder level.

Schedule K - Business Activities Statement

A Business Activities Statement (screen **BAS**) breaks down an S corporation's Schedule K items by business activity (Figure 10). A K-1 statement by business activity is also provided.

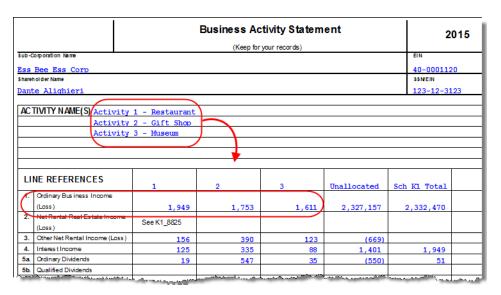


Figure 10: Business Activities Statement

Schedule K-1 for 1120S (Shareholder Information)

Use the **K1** screen to enter data for Schedule K-1, Shareholder's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.



The program calculates percentage ownership based on the number of shares owned. (This amount can be overridden on line **F** of the **K1** screen, using the **Shareholder's % of stock ownership** field; however, this not recommended.)

Rounding Shareholder

Mark the check box on screen **K1** to select which should be the "rounding" shareholder. That shareholder will be listed last on the list of shareholders and will be the one who receives any balancing amount on Schedule K-1 when the return is calculated.

If you do not make a selection, the program designates as the rounding shareholder the last shareholder you entered. If you select more than one rounding shareholder, the program generates a Return Note informing you that you've chosen more than one and that the first shareholder you entered will be used as the rounding shareholder, and lists all those you have included as rounding shareholders.

Ownership Changes

Ownership changes are entered on the **OWN** screen, which is accessible through the **OWN Screen** link on line F of the **K1** screen or from the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**. To use the **OWN** screen:

- Enter the date of ownership change at the top of the screen.
- Select the applicable shareholder from the **Shareholder's ID Number and Name** drop list in the **Change in Shares** section. (The drop list consists of the names and ID numbers entered on the **K1** screens and is updated automatically).
- Enter the change in ownership as a positive amount for an increase and a negative amount for a decrease. (See field-level help for more information.)
- To enter additional ownership changes, press PAGE DOWN.

NOTE

See **FAQ** item "P" in the program for more information on entering ownership-change information.

Printed Data

A Summary of Stock Ownership worksheet (WK_SOWN) is generated, listing all shareholders and the numbers of stocks owned along with the changes in ownership. Because a shareholder's percentage of ownership may change even if the shareholder's number of stocks owned does not, all shareholders are listed on the worksheet.

IRS K-1 Codes

A code sheet can follow the printing of each Form 1120S K-1 to help interpret the various codes used on Schedule K-1. In Drake, this is the 1120SK_1.PG3 sheet. To have this sheet printed with all K-1 schedules, from the **Home** window of Drake, go to **Setup > Options > Form & Schedule Options** tab and mark the **Print Page 2 of Schedule K-1...** check box. The codes can also be printed for a specific return by marking the applicable box on the **PRNT** screen, and are available from **Tools > Blank Forms**.



Codes sheets are not displayed in View mode. If the 1120S K-1 is selected for printing, it is printed first, followed by the statements pertaining to that 1120S K-1. These are followed by the code sheets.

The generated Schedule K-1 may include asterisks with letter codes:

- An asterisk with a letter code indicates that multiple items have that code.
- An asterisk at the bottom of a group indicates that there are more items than can fit in the space provided for that group and that a statement is attached, or that the statement is required (as in the case of "other" amounts).

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Multiple Shareholders

For returns with a large number of shareholders, you have the option to deactivate calculation and printing of the K-1s while working on the Form 1120S. This option, which eases the process of reconciling the 1120S, is available by going to the **PRNT** screen and marking the box under **K-1 Items to Suppress** (Figure 11).

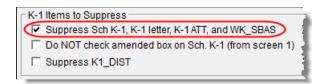


Figure 11: Check box for suppressing K-1 items (located on PRNT screen)

When the return is ready to be filed, return to the **PRNT** screen and remove this check mark before calculating the return.

Override Fields

It is not possible to override the calculations for a single shareholder. To override calculated data, it is necessary to override the calculated amount on all K-1 schedules.



Shareholder overrides should not be done for an S corporation except in certain circumstances, such as ownership changes.

Foreign Addresses

If the shareholder has a foreign address, enter **Province/state**, **country**, **postal code** information on the **Foreign** address line of the **Shareholder Name and Address Information** section (along with the street address and city in the **Address** and **City** fields) of screen **K1**. Do not enter anything in the **U.S. State** or **ZIP** fields. Conversely, for a U.S. address, do not enter anything into the foreign address fields.



The **Foreign** fields are locked when a return is opened. Click in one of the fields to unlock them throughout the return. To relock the unused **Foreign** fields, close and then reopen the return.

K-1 Export

Take the following steps to export a K-1 from an 1120S return into a 1040 return:

- **1.** Ensure that K-1 data is entered in the 1120S and that the 1040 return has been created. (The **K1S** screen in the 1040 does not have to be created beforehand.)
- **2.** In the 1120S return, go to View mode.
- **3.** Click **K1** Export in the View toolbar. If any K-1s are not eligible to be exported, that list appears. Click **Next** to continue; otherwise, the **Export K1s** window is opened, containing a list of K-1s eligible for export.
- **4.** All SSNs in the list are eligible for export. Remove the check mark from the box to the left of any SSNs you do not wish to export.

5. Click **Export**. The K-1 data will be displayed in the 1040 return in the program.

NOTE

Basis information for individual shareholders should be entered in the 1040 package in Drake; this information cannot be exported from the 1120S package to a 1040 return. Such an import would override limitations and carryovers calculated in the 1040 program.

Supplemental Info

Two types of supplemental information can be added to Schedules K-1:

- Supplemental data for all K-1s in a return
- Supplemental data for a single K-1 in a return

To add supplemental information "globally" (to all K-1s), from the **Data Entry Menu**, open screen **K1G** (**Global Supplemental Information**) and enter the information in the **Supplemental Information** text box. This information will appear on all printed shareholder K-1s.

To add supplemental information to an individual K-1, open a shareholder's **K1** screen and click the blue **Supplemental Info** link at the top of the window. In the **Supplemental Information Statement** text box (Figure 12), enter information pertinent to this shareholder. When the return is printed, this information will appear on only this shareholder's K-1.

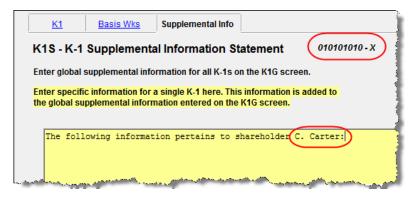


Figure 12: In this example, the information entered on the **K1S** screen will appear on only the K-1 of the shareholder with SSN or EIN of **010101010**.

The letter "X" appearing after the taxpayer's SSN, as it does in Figure 12, denotes the rounding shareholder.

Domestic Production Activities

An S corporation does not take the deduction for Form 8903, Domestic Production Activities Deduction. Because the deduction is subject to income limitations, this information must be reported on shareholders' individual returns. Shareholders use the pass-through amounts to calculate their eligibility for the deduction.

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On the **8903** screen, if the **Print K1-8903** for each shareholder box is not selected, the amounts flow to the **K-1**, box 12, with codes **Q** and **R**. When this box is selected, the information flows to attachment K-1_8903 (Figure 13) instead of box 12 on the K-1. Attachment K1_8903 is referenced on a statement. Code **P** is printed on box 12 of Form K-1, which refers to domestic production activities information.

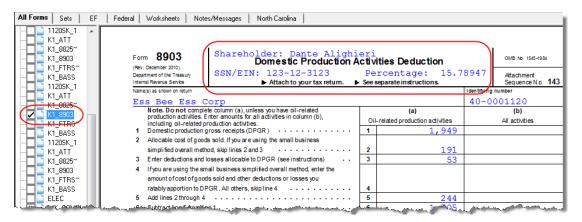


Figure 13: K1_8903 attachment

Review the screen-level help on screen **8903** and the 8903 instructions (accessible through the **Screen Help** button on the **8903** screen) to determine when the K1_8903 in needed.



Line 11, "Income limitation," of Form 8903 is not applicable for the S corporation because the income limitation is calculated at the shareholder level.

"Form W-2 wages" (on the **8903** screen) refers to the corporation's W-2 wages paid that are applicable to the Domestic Production Activities Deduction.

K-1 Cover Letters

K-1 cover letters can be produced to accompany each Schedule K-1 in a return. You can set up the global option to produce K-1 cover letters for all returns containing K-1 schedules, or you can choose the option on a per-return basis.

Producing Letters for All Returns

To have the K-1 cover letters produced automatically with *all* applicable returns, from the **Home** window of Drake, go to **Setup > Options**. Under the **Optional Documents** tab, mark the box labeled **Include K-1 letter with returns**.

The signature on the return can be indicated in one of two ways:

- By completing the **Signature** and **Title** fields on the **PIN** screen
- By completing the **Name** and **Title** fields in the **K1L** screen (available on the **Miscellaneous** tab). Entries here override entries on the **PIN** screen.

Producing Letters for Single Return

Enter **K1L** in selector field and press ENTER.

If no default has been set to produce K-1 cover letters with all returns, you can take the following steps to generate letters for a single return:

- 1. Open the return and go to screen K1L (accessible from the Miscellaneous tab of the Data Entry Menu).
- **2.** At the bottom of the screen, enter the name and title of the person who will be signing the K-1 cover letter.
- **3.** (optional) Mark **Do not print entity information...** at the bottom of the screen in order to prevent the corporation's name and address from appearing in the header of the K-1 letter.

Note

To have the corporation's name and address included in the K-1 letters, from the **Home** window go to **Setup > Communications Editor** > **Setup > Page Layout** and select **Use letterhead on letters**. The letterhead is derived from information entered on screen 1.

Once the required signing information has been entered, a K-1 cover letter will be generated for each shareholder receiving a K-1.

Editing the K-1 Letter

As with other letters provided by the program, you can edit the text to suit your office needs and style.



Review the following sections of the *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015* before making changes to letter templates:

- "Introduction to Letters in Drake" in Chapter 2, "Installation & Setup"
- The "Letter Keywords" section of Appendix B, "Keywords"

To edit the text of the K-1 letter:

- 1. From the **Home** window, select **Setup > Communications Editor**. The **Client Communications Editor** is displayed.
- 2. From the icons on the toolbar, select Open > S Corporation > Sub S K-1 Cover Letter to view the template of the S corporation K-1 letter.
- **3.** Make any desired changes to the template.
- 4. Click Save.



For an amended return, the K-1 letter automatically refers to the amended K-1. To edit the letter for an amended K-1, from the toolbar select **Open > S Corporation > Sub S K1 Amended** and follow steps 3 and 4 of the previous procedure.

Shareholder's Adjusted Basis Worksheet

Note

Basis information for individual shareholders should be entered in the 1040 package in Drake; this information cannot be exported from the 1120S package to a 1040 return. Such an import would override limitations and carryovers calculated in the 1040 program.

Use the Shareholder's Adjusted Basis Worksheet (**Basis Wks**) to calculate a shareholder's new basis after increases and decreases are made during the current year. The

basis of S corporation stock is adjusted on an ongoing basis (unlike for a "C" corporation, where stock basis remains constant unless additional stock purchases are made or stock is sold). A shareholder's beginning basis in S corporation stock is the original capital contribution.

Enter **K1** in selector field and press ENTER.

The **Basis Wks** screen is accessible by clicking the **Basis Wks** tab at the top of the **K1** screen for a shareholder (Figure 14). (Access the **K1** screen from the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**.)



Figure 14: K1 screen tab for accessing the Adjusted Basis Worksheet

Increases and Decreases

Increases to basis can include additional stock purchases and capital contributions, separately stated income (including tax-exempt income), and depletion in excess of basis of property.

Decreases to basis can include distributions of cash or property to shareholders, separately stated losses and deductions, nondeductible corporation expenses, and credit adjustments.

Annual Update of Shareholder Information

When the program is updated to the next tax year, the end-of-year basis and share-holder loan amounts are automatically updated to the beginning of the new year. Any loss/deduction carryover is updated to the beginning of the year and its character (ordinary loss, section 179 expense, charitable contributions, etc.) maintained. The program also tracks the amount of debt applied to losses and the total amount of loss carryforwards.



If a **K1** screen is marked as final, none of the related screens for that shareholder are updated for the next year.

Schedule L: Balance Sheet Per Books

Schedule L is required if the corporation's total receipts for the tax year or its total assets at the end of the year are greater than \$250,000.

NOTES

To force the program to print Schedule L even if not required, mark the Force-print Schedules L and M-1 box on screen L or on the PRNT screen.

With the Trial Balance Import feature, you might not need to use screen **L** at all. See "Importing Trial Balance Information" on page 49.

Schedules L and M-2

Schedule L and Schedule M-2 reconciliation totals are displayed on screens L and M2 to facilitate reconciliation of the balance sheet (item #1 in Figure 15).

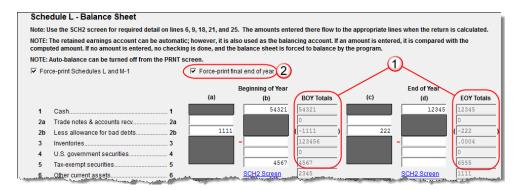


Figure 15: Beginning- and **End-of-Year** totals displayed on L screen (#1); force printing end-of-year totals (#2)

Note that the totals from the balance sheet's subsidiary schedules (SCH2 screen) also appear in the BOY Totals and EOY Totals columns of the L screen.

If you make any changes to the data, recalculate the return (press CTRL+C) for those changes to be displayed on the screen.



To speed up calculation of returns that contain multiple states, open screen 1 and select 0 from the **Resident state** drop list.

Force-Printing Final End-of-Year Totals

Normally, if you mark **Final** on screen **1**, the program "zeros out" the **EOY Totals** column of Schedule L. Mark the check box on screen L (item #2 in Figure 15) to force those totals to be displayed in the **EOY Totals** column.

Flow of Information

Many of the entries made elsewhere on the return flow automatically to the generated Schedule L (for example, inventory information from Form 1125-A). Depreciable

asset information from the **4562** screen and intangible assets and amortization also flow to Schedule L.

The SCH2 Screen

The **SCH2** screen is used to provide detailed information required by the IRS for certain lines on Schedule L. This screen can be used in place of the actual L screen in the program. In other words, if you use this screen for all applicable lines on Schedule L, you *do not* need to make any entries on the L screen.

Notes

All line selections are carried to the **SCH2** screen in next year's program when the returns are updated, with this year's year-end amounts flowing to the beginning-of-year column in next year's program.

To access the SCH2 screen from the L screen, click one of the SCH2 Screen links. The SCH2 screen is also available from the General tab of the Data Entry Menu.

To create a statement for a line, select a line from the **Line Number** drop list of screen **SCH2** and enter descriptions and their corresponding amounts. Once the information is entered, press PAGE DOWN to access a new **SCH2** screen. If more detail is required than can fit into a **Description** field, press PAGE DOWN, and on the new **SCH2** screen, select the same line number and then add to the description.

Statements

The total amounts entered on the SCH2 screen appear on the L screen in the BOY Totals and EOY Totals columns. They are also printed on the return as applicable, with references to the corresponding statements.

If a line is required, a statement (labeled "STATEMENT" or "STM" in View mode, depending on your Setup Options) is produced and is e-filed with the return.

Note that an e-fileable "STATEMENT" is referenced in the return, as shown in the example of Figure 16.

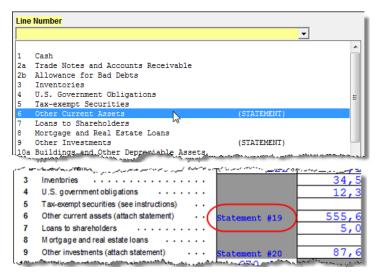


Figure 16: A selection of "Other current assets" from the **Line Number** drop list of screen **SCH2** attaches a statement and is referenced on the applicable line of the return.

SCH2 and Trial Balance

Typically, one or more **SCH2** detail screens are needed for Schedule L items. If you are using Drake's trial balance worksheet feature, be aware that data for the **SCH2** screens cannot be entered directly into the trial balance worksheet, and it cannot be imported into the data entry. The **SCH2** detail screens must be created apart from the trial balance worksheet.

When the return is produced, Schedule L reflects both the amounts imported from the trial balance worksheets (where direct entry was allowed) and the totals of the **SCH2** screen amounts.

For more information, see "SCH2 Detail" on page 57.

Autobalance

Autobalance forces Schedule L to balance for both the beginning- and end-of-year amounts. The program adjusts the unappropriated retained earnings amount on Schedule L by the difference between the total assets and the total liabilities and capital *before* the adjustment.

(Example: If Assets = \$1,000, and Liabilities and Capital = \$900, the program increases the unappropriated retained earnings by \$100.)

The program makes the adjustment due to differences in the balance sheet. These differences can come from amounts entered incorrectly but are usually the result of one of the following causes:

- An asset was deleted from the 4562 screen (Depreciation Detail) instead of being indicated as sold.
- Beginning inventory amounts were adjusted on screen **A**, or ending inventory amounts were entered incorrectly.
- Amounts were erroneously deleted from or changed on screen L.

To reconcile the differences, it is best to compare the corporation's beginning and ending balance sheet amounts for the tax year.

To deactivate the autobalance feature for a specific return, go to the **PRNT** screen and select **Turn off autobalance**.

Schedules M-1, M-3 (Reconciliation of Books/Return)

Schedule M-1 is required if the balance sheet's total assets at the end of the year are greater than \$250,000. Page 1 of Schedule M-3 is required if the balance sheet's total assets at the end of the year equal or exceed \$10 million, and Schedule M-1 and pages 1-3 of Schedule M-3 are required if the total assets equal or exceed \$50 million.

Schedule M-1

Schedule M-1 shows all items of income and expense that are not subject to tax, plus those accounting items that are not income tax items. When required, taxpayers must reconcile book income with taxable income.

Use the **M1** screen to enter book-to-tax difference for Schedule M-1. Book-to-tax differences are classified as permanent or temporary, and as favorable or unfavorable. Examples of both kinds of differences are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Examples Bo	ok-to-Tax L	Differences for	Schedule M-1

Difference	Description	Examples
Permanent	Book or tax items that will never be reported for book or tax purposes	Meals & entertainment limitations Penalties Tax-exempt interest
Temporary	Items that will be reported for both tax and book purposes, but not during the same tax year	Depreciation Gains or losses on the sale of depreciated assets
Favorable	Items that reduce taxable income	Instances in which tax depreciation amount is greater than book depre- ciation amount
Unfavorable	Items that increase taxable income	- Disallowed meals & entertainment

Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments

The program may make an adjustment for book-to-tax depreciation (or amortization) differences. The calculation is done as described in the following steps. (This procedure refers to "depreciation" throughout, but it applies for either depreciation or amortization.)

- **1.** The amount reported on Schedule L "Beginning of Year" accumulated depreciation (line 10b, column a) is subtracted from the "End of Year" accumulated depreciation (line 10b, column c). This is the "book" depreciation amount.
- **2.** This "book" depreciation amount is compared to the "tax" depreciation amount. (The "tax" depreciation amount is calculated from the Forms 4562, including any section 179 amounts.)
- **3.** The difference between the "book" and "tax" depreciation amounts is carried to the appropriate form and line.
 - If the "book" depreciation amount is greater than the "tax" depreciation amount, the difference is carried to one of the following locations:
 - Schedule M-1, line 3a
 - Schedule M-3, Part III, line 24 (as a negative amount)
 - Form 8916-A, line 21 (as a negative amount for assets selected on the **4562** detail screen for COGS)
 - If the "tax" depreciation amount is greater than the "book" depreciation amount, the difference is carried to one of the following locations:
 - Schedule M-1, line 6a
 - Schedule M-3, Part III, line 24 (as a positive amount)
 - Form 8916-A, line 2l (as a positive amount for assets selected on the 4562 detail screen for COGS)

Schedule M-3

Any domestic corporation or group of corporations that reports on Schedule L of Form 1120S total assets at the end of the S corporation's tax year that equal or exceed \$50 million must complete and file Schedule M-3 instead of Schedule M-1. If the S corporation is required to file (or voluntarily files) Schedule M-3, it *must* file Form 1120S and all attachments and schedules, including Schedule M-3.

Accessing the M3 Screens

The **Schedule M-3** section of the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** provides direct access to the following screens:

- M3, M32, and M33 for Parts I, II, and III of the Schedule M-3
- M3S for supplemental statements
- SCH3 for subsidiary schedules for Schedule M-3 and Form 8916-A
- **8916** for Form 8916-A, Supplemental Attachment to Schedule M-3

Certain income, deductions, gains, and losses flow from Form 1120S to Schedule M-3 in the program, but all other M-3 data must be entered manually on the **M3** screens.

NOTE

Parts II and III of Schedule M-3 reconcile financial statement net income (loss) for the U.S. tax return (per Schedule M-3, Part I, line 11) to total income (loss) on Form 1120S, page 3, Schedule K, line 18.

Screen SCH3

The **SCH3** screen is similar to the **SCH2** screen and is used to provide detailed information for Schedule M-3 and Form 8916-A. It can be used in place of the actual **M3** and **8916** screens.

For more information on using this type of screen, see "The SCH2 Screen" on page 32.

NOTE

If the corporation's assets do not equal or exceed \$10 million but the corporation wants to voluntarily file Schedule M-3, or if the corporation's assets do not equal or exceed \$50 million but the corporation wishes to file the complete Schedule M-3, go to screen **M3** and make a selection from the **Force print M-3** drop list. Choose to print just page 1 of Schedule M-3 or the complete M-3.

Schedule M-2 (Analysis of Accounts)

NOTE

On an 1120S return (unlike an 1120 return), Schedule M-2 is *not* a reconciliation of retained earnings.

For an S corporation return, Schedule M-2 is the analysis of the Accumulated Adjustment Account. Schedule M-2 information can be entered on the **M2** screen and elsewhere in the program, but most information is carried to the M-2 automatically. See "Entering Distributions" on page 36.

Schedule M-2 represents a corporate picture of the income, losses, and distributions to shareholders and tracks tax-free distributions and helps determine if excess distribu-

tions might be taxable to shareholders. If a shareholder receives more in distributions than he or she has in basis, the result might be taxable.

Entering Distributions

Code Section 6037 states that an S corporation return must report the amount and date of distributions made to each shareholder. Use the **DIST** screen for reporting date and distribution amounts for Schedule K, line 16d, "Distributions." In addition to line 16d, the total from the **DIST** screen may flow to Schedule M-2, line 7 (subject to limitations) and to the Schedules K-1 based on the shareholder's ownership percentage. Schedule K-1 distribution information is displayed on the K1_DIST worksheet produced with the return.

NOTE

The **DIST** screen is available from the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**, or enter DIST in the selector field and press ENTER.

Column A, Accumulated Adjustments Account

The "Accumulated Adjustments Account" column of Schedule M-2 generally reflects the S corporation's accumulated undistributed net income after 1982. Non-dividend distributions flow to Schedule M-2 from Schedule K, line 16d. An entry in the "Non-dividend distributions" line of the **M2** screen adjusts the amount from the **K** screen (subject to limitations; see balance-sheet examples on the following page). See the field help for line 7 for more details.

Distributions reported on line 7 flow differently from the amount entered on the **DIST** screen. (See the previous section, "Entering Distributions.") The distributions are limited following the ordering rules under Reg §1.1368.2.

See Form 1120S instructions for more details and examples.

These rules are for Schedule M-2, column a:

- Line 1 balance The balance at the beginning of tax year, line 1 is either zero or the balance carried forward from line 8 of the previous year. Due to prior-year net losses and reductions, the amount on line 1 can be negative.
- Changes to AAA The Accumulated Adjustments Account (AAA) is increased for ordinary income from page 1, line 21 (line 2) and other additions listed on line 3. The AAA is then decreased for any loss from page 1, line 21 (line 4) and other reductions listed on line 5.
- Reduction of AAA Once these adjustments are made, the AAA is reduced by ordinary distributions on line 7, but not less than zero. Thus, if the distributions are \$20,000, but the net amount on line 6 is \$10,000, line 7 is limited to \$10,000. If line 6 is a negative number, then line 7 will be zero (in this example). To allow an amount on this line would take the AAA to a larger negative number. (That is, even more below zero than it really is).

Schedule M-2	ltem	Amount
Line 1	Balance at beginning of tax year	(\$11,786)
Lines 2 & 3 Lines 4 & 5	Ordinary income and other additions Loss and other reductions	\$58,440 (\$489)
Line 6 Line 7	Combine lines 1-5 Distributions (total \$60,000)	\$46,165 (\$46,165)
Line 8	Balance at the end of tax year	\$0

The rules from the preceding chart apply when the net adjustment for lines 2 through 5 is positive. When the net adjustment for lines 2 through 5 is *negative*, the ordering rules are switched and AAA is decreased by ordinary distributions (but not below zero) before the net negative adjustment for lines 2 through 5.

Sch. M-2	Item	Amount
Line 1 Line 6 Line 7	Balance at beginning of tax year Net negative adjustment (lines 2-5) Distributions (total \$60,000)	\$11,786 (\$57,951) (\$11,786)
Line 8	Balance at end of tax year	(\$57,951)

Important Note about the AAA

A corporation can make distributions greater than the amount on line 6 of the M-2, but those distributions could be taxable to the shareholders. Enter distributions on the **DIST** screen; this way, the amounts flow automatically to Schedules M-2 and K-1 but are limited based on the rules described previously. (For more information on the **DIST** screen, see "Entering Distributions" on page 36.)

Line 7 is limited to the lesser of the amount for line 7 or the positive amount from line 6. If line 6 is negative, line 7 is then limited to the positive amount on line 1. If line 1 and line 6 are both negative, line 7 is completely disallowed on the Schedule M-2. Distributions are entered on the **DIST** screen to be reported to the shareholders, regardless of the Schedule M-2 limitation. The AAA cannot be negative as a result of distributions, but it can be negative if it arises from losses.

Column B, Other Adjustments Account

Use column b, **Other Adjustments Account**, of screen **M2** to enter any amounts you want printed in the corresponding column of the printed return. Officer life insurance and applicable tax-exempt income flow to Schedule M-2, column b ("Other adjustments account"), line 5. All other amounts (such as expenses) must be entered manually on the **M2** screen.

Column C, Undistributed Taxable Income Previously Taxed

The total of column **c** cannot be negative. This column is active in an 1120S only if the entity was ever a "C" corporation (thus having earnings and profit (E&P)) or if it was

a pre-1983 S corporation. By design, Drake does not allow negative numbers in column **c**.

If a corporation becomes an S corporation and has net operating losses (NOLs), the NOL is not generated for the return because it cannot be carried to an 1120S (the IRS does not want the NOL to be used by the shareholders to offset income); it either runs out within the years allowable for the NOL by statute or is used if the S corporation terminates its "S" status within those years.

Rental Activities

Income and expenses for rental real estate properties appear on Form 8825, Rental Real Estate Income and Expenses of a Partnership or an S Corporation. To make entries in Drake, use the **8825** screen.

If there are multiple 8825 properties, press PAGE DOWN for a new **8825** screen. Use one screen per rental property. If a return has more than one **8825** screen, the program reports each property's information on a separate column of the "Properties" section of Form 8825 (up to eight properties can be included on a form). Data from all **8825** screens are transmitted to the IRS when the return is e-filed.

Note

Special steps are required if using the trial balance worksheet for multiple rentals. See "Rental Expenses" on page 58.

Line 14, Depreciation

If the program is calculating depreciation (entered on the **4562** screen) for the property listed on Form 8825, do not enter the depreciation on the **8825** screen. Depreciation should be entered only if it is figured outside of the Drake program, and then the net results should be entered on screen **8825**. The amount entered on line 14 of screen **8825** is added to the depreciation calculated from the **4562** screens.

Note

Form 4562 is required for assets placed in service during the year.

Carrying Information to Form 8825

To indicate that the information should be carried to Form 8825, select **8825** from the **For** drop list on screen **4562** (Figure 17 on page 39). If there are multiple **8825** screens, use the **Multi-form code** box. For information on using the **Multi-form code** box, see the *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015*.



Figure 17: In this example, the program will carry the 4562 information to the second **8825** screen created.

Any depreciation information entered on the **4562** screen is carried to the correct Form 8825, based on the form and multi-form code selections at the top of the **4562** detail screens.

IMPORTANT

When selecting a multi-form code, note that the code should refer to an **8825** screen—not the 8825 form. For example, data from the second **8825** screen will be generated on the first Form 8825. To associate an asset with that information, you would enter a 2 for the screen (not a 1 for the form) in the **Multi-form code** box. For more information on Form 8825, see "Viewing Rental Activity Information" on page 40.

NOTE

Drake now produces a Form 4562 for each property on Schedule E and Form 8825 instead of one Form 4562 for Schedule E or Form 8825.

Line 15, Other Expenses (list)

Enter meals and entertainment (subject to 50% limit) in the appropriate field on line 15 of the **8825** screen. To enter additional other expenses, begin typing into the **Additional other expenses** field to open a Detail (CTRL+W) Worksheet. Enter descriptions and amounts on this worksheet.

A statement from each 8825 property is printed with the return and is submitted to the IRS when the return is transmitted.

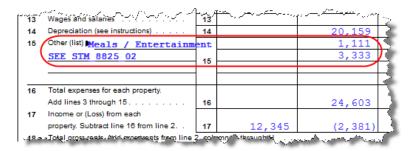


Figure 18: Other expenses are listed on Form 8825 and on accompanying statement; in this instance, "STM 8825 02"

Use the **K1P** screen to enter rental income the S corporation receives on a Schedule K-1. This amount is carried to Form 8825, lines 20a and 20b. No entry is required on the **8825** screen.

Viewing Rental Activity Information

Rental activity data is viewed on the 8825 forms and accompanying statements.

• **8825 Forms** — The two-page Form 8825 can contain information for up to eight rental activities. Each Form 8825 in View mode contains up to eight rental activities. If more are entered, a second Form 8825 is created (Figure 19).

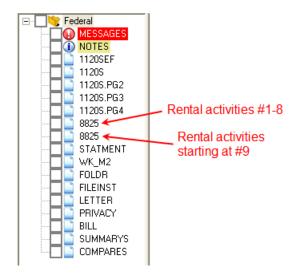


Figure 19: Multiple 8825 forms are created if there are more than eight rental activities

Form 8825 in View mode consists of one or more pages (depending on the number of rental activities) listing up to four rental activities per page. If more than four rental activities are entered, scroll down to the second page of the Form 8825 when viewing.

• **8825 Statements** — Depending on your Setup Options, statements are titled STM_8825_XX, where XX equals the instance of the **8825** screen. (For example, the statements for the first and second **8825** screens would be labeled STM_8825_01 and STM_8825_02, respectively.) There are also 8825 attachments (**8825_ATT**) for other reporting information.

Credits and Adjustments

Certain credits require an adjustment to either income or expenses. The program carries the required adjustments to the appropriate line of the return and to either Schedule M-1 or Schedule M-3.

Manually reducing the expenses or deductions or increasing the income for these credits causes the return to be out of balance.

Adjustments are made to other income for the credit amounts for the following credits:

- Form 6478, Biofuel Producer Credit
- Form 8864, Biodiesel Fuels Credit
- Form 8912, Credit to Holders of Tax Credit Bonds (interest income)

Adjustments are made to the appropriate deduction or expense for the credit amounts for the following credits:

- Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit
- Form 6765, Credit for Increasing Research Activities
- Form 8820, Orphan Drug Credit
- Form 8845, Indian Employment Credit
- Form 8846, Credit for Employer Social Security and Medicare Taxes Paid on Certain Employee Tips
- Form 8881, Credit for Small Employer Pension Plan Startup Costs
- Form 8844, Empowerment Zone Employment Credit
- Form 8912, Credit to Holders of Tax Credit Bonds
- Form 8932, Credit for Employer Differential Wage Payments
- Form 8941, Credit for Small Employer Health Insurance Premiums

Elections

Access the ELEC screen from the Miscellaneous tab of the Data Entry Menu.

The ability to make certain tax elections is included in the business packages. Elections are selected from the **Election** drop list on the **ELEC** screen (Figure 20).

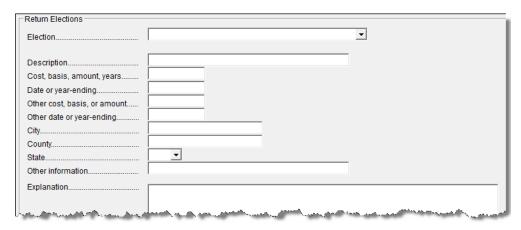


Figure 20: Return Elections portion of ELEC screen

Making an Election in Drake

To indicate that the S corporation is making an election:

1. Open the ELEC screen (accessible from the Miscellaneous tab of the Data Entry Menu).

2. Make a selection from the **Election** drop list (Figure 21).

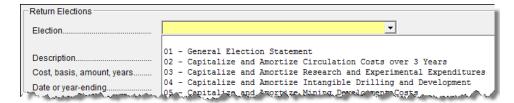


Figure 21: Election drop list

3. Complete all other fields as applicable. Press F1 in any field to learn if a field is required for your selection and the type of information that may be needed. For example, the help text for the **Other date or year-ending** field shows that the field is required only for election options 15, 27, 28, 29, and 31, and it explains what, specifically, should be entered for each of these elections (Figure 22).

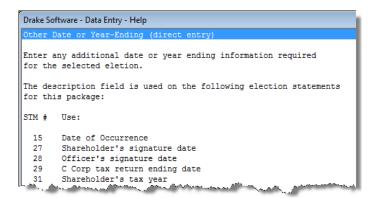


Figure 22: Help text for Other date or year-ending field on ELEC screen



If the election option you selected is not listed in the help text for a field, then that field should be left blank. For example, if you chose election **01 (General Election Statement)**, you would not need to enter anything into the **Date or year-ending** field (help text in Figure 22).

To open a new **ELEC** screen for an additional election, press PAGE DOWN.

Election Statements

Once an election is made and the return is calculated, the election information is produced on a statement referenced "STM ELXX," where "XX" is the number of the election. For example, election 01 (General Election Statement) is generated as "STM EL01" or "Statement EL01," depending on your selections in Setup Options.

The election statement includes the election title, election wording, and any additional information required for the election, such a date or amount.

Entries for certain fields are sometimes included in the actual election statement; other times, they are included as separate lines. Signature lines are printed as needed on some statements.

Safe Harbor Elections

Use the **Building qualifies for Section 1.263...** check box on screen **4562** to apply a small taxpayer Safe Harbor election to a building listed in the **Description** field. An election statement will be produced and the building description as entered in the **Description** field will be included in the election statement.

NOTE

This Safe Harbor election covers buildings only.

See IRS Reg. section 1.263(a)-3(h), IRB 2013-43, Rev. Proc. 2014-16, and Rev. Proc. 2015-14 for guidance.

Making Changes on the Fly

Use the **PRNT** screen to override program defaults.

Suppressing/Forcing Items

To suppress the printing or production, or force the printing or production, of certain documents, go to the **PRNT** screen and select the desired options. Many "on-the-fly" changes override the options established in Setup Options.

1120S Items

These items can be "forced" (forcing the program to generate the item) on a return:

- 1125E Officer Information
- Schedules L and M-1
- Form 4562 (Depreciation and Amortization)
- Next-year depreciation listing
- "Inactive return" printed on first page of the 1120S
- Preparer and officer signature on printed copy of return

The following 1120S items can be "suppressed" (kept from being generated) on a return:

- Schedule M-2
- WK M2 (Retained Earnings Reconciliation Worksheet)
- Form and worksheet references



Form and worksheet references are for the benefit of the preparer and client but are not required for the tax return. References appear on tax forms to clarify which worksheets (available in View mode) correspond to which calculations, and which forms/screens certain amounts are carried from.

K-1 Items

The following K-1 items can be "forced" (forcing the program to generate the item) on a return:

• Shareholder's adjusted basis worksheet (WK SBAS)

• K-1 codes (page 2 of the Schedule K-1)

The following K-1 items can be "suppressed" (kept from being generated) on a return:

- Related documents: Schedule K-1, K-1 cover letter, K1_ATT worksheet (for K-1 statement overflow), and shareholder's adjusted basis worksheet (WK SBAS)
- Marking of "Amended K-1" box on printed Schedule K-1
- K1-DIST worksheet

Overriding Other Setup Options

Filing instructions and envelope coversheets can be either forced or suppressed from the **PRNT** screen to override the global setting in **Setup > Options > Optional Documents** tab.

The **PRNT** screen also includes options to disable autobalance (see "Autobalance" on page 33), calculate the Form 2220 penalty, and prepare an extension (Form 7004) based on the data entered on screen 1. (See "Filing an Extension" on page 17.)

Electronic Filing

Steps to e-file Form 1120S are the same as to e-file Form 1040, with the exception of bankruptcy returns, which must be paper-filed.



An S corporation with \$10 million or more in total assets that files 250 or more returns a year is required to e-file its Form 1120S returns.

Every 1099, W-2, 940, and 941 form that is filed is counted as part of the 250-return threshold. For example, if a corporation filing an 1120S return also files 150 W-2 forms, each W-2 would count as a separate return within the 250-return threshold.

Calendar year returns are due on March 15, 2016. Fiscal year returns are due on the 15th day of the third month (two and a half months) after the S corporation's year end. Returns can be e-filed after these dates; however, if an extension has not been filed, penalties and interest are applied.

Additional Return Types

Short-year returns, 52–53-week year returns, and inactive returns can all be e-filed using Drake. For information on how to indicate a short-year return in Drake, see "Short-Year Returns" on page 5. Information on e-filing 52–53-week returns is provided in the following sections.

Electing a 52-53–Week Year (Initial Return)

To elect a 52-53—week year, a *new* entity (one that has never filed a return) must enter data on both screen 1 and the **Year** screen.

To elect a 52-53—week year for any entity:

- 1. In the **If not calendar year** section of screen 1, enter the **Fiscal year begins** and **Fiscal year ends** dates. Use MMDDYYYY format, as shown in the example in Figure 23.
- **2.** Mark the **52-53-week tax year** box.

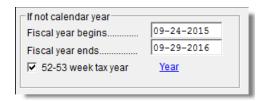


Figure 23: In this example, the fiscal year begins 09/24/2015 and ends 09/29/2016 (the Thursday closest to the end of September), giving the entity a 53-week year for 2015.



An entity that has filed returns in the past must complete only steps 1 and 2 of this process. An entity that has never filed a return before must continue with steps 3 through 6.

3. Click the **Year** link to open the **Short Year Elections** screen (Figure 24).

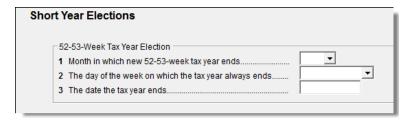


Figure 24: Elections for 52-53-week tax years

- **4.** For line 1, select the month in which the 52-53—week year ends for the current fiscal year. (01 = January, 02 = February, etc.)
- **5.** For line **2**, select the day of the week the tax year always ends.
- **6.** For line **3**, enter the actual date that the tax year ends (the same date entered in the **Fiscal year ends** field on screen **1**).



Once a 52-53—week year is selected, the entity must use that accounting period every year. To change accounting periods, the entity must submit to the IRS Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method

In subsequent years, only the **52-53**—week tax year check box on screen **1** must be marked; the program automatically updates the dates.

Inactive Returns

Entities that are inactive but are still required to file returns may e-file inactive returns in Drake. To indicate that a return is inactive:

- 1. Go to the PRNT screen, accessible from the General tab.
- **2.** Under Items to Print, mark the Print inactive return box.

When the return is calculated, the program displays the words "Inactive Return" on the main form of the return (specifically, in the box above line 1c). Zeros are displayed

where required by the IRS in order for amounts to be properly included in the e-file data.

NOTE

All EF messages must be cleared in order to e-file an inactive return.

For detailed instructions on e-filing returns in Drake, see *Drake Software User's Manual: Tax Year 2015*.

Common Error Codes

If one or more of the following IRS error reject codes is generated when e-filing an 1120S return, the preparer must contact the IRS for further information. The IRS e-Help Desk telephone number is (866) 255-0654.

- Reject Code R0000-900-01 The return type indicated in the return header
 must match the return type established with the IRS for this EIN. If you get this
 reject code, you must contact the IRS to correct its database or paper-file this
 return.
- Reject Code R0000-905-01 Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN) in the return header must be listed in the e-file database and in "accepted status." If you get this reject code, you must update your e-file application to include the 1120S return type. This should be done at the IRS website. Review publication 3112 for details.
- **Reject Code F1120S-239-01** Filer's TIN and Name Control in the return header must match data in the e-file database unless Form 1120S, Item H (2), "Name Change" box is marked.

Binary Attachments

Binary, or PDF, files can be attached to certain tax forms. These attachments are generally signature or third-party documents such as a copy of a signed lease or a signed appraisal statement. In some instances, the IRS requires that a document be attached to an e-filed return; in other instances, a document can be attached voluntarily to support or explain an entry in the return. In either case, a document must be printed and scanned into the computer (or "saved" as a PDF document), and attached to the return in order to be e-filed with the return.

You can attach PDF files to federal S corporation 1120S returns for e-file. The PDF Attachments screen is accessible from the General tab of the Data Entry Menu.

The PDF Attachment Process

Three main steps are involved in the PDF attachment process in Drake:

- **1.** Creating a PDF document to be attached
- **2.** Informing the program that a PDF document will be sent with the return
- **3.** Attaching the PDF document for e-file

These steps are described in the following sections.

Creating a PDF File

To create a PDF file:

1. Scan the document to be attached to the return.

TIP It's a good idea to use the DDM scanning feature for this step.

2. Save the document to your client's DDM file, your computer's desktop, or anywhere you can readily find it.

NOTE

Many types of documents (for instance, documents created in Microsoft Word) can be printed or "saved" as PDF documents if you have a PDF printer (such as Adobe Reader) installed.

Adding PDF Documents in Drake

To indicate in the software that a PDF document will be sent with the return:

1. Open the return in Drake. From the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**, click **PDF Attachments** or type PDF in the selector field and press ENTER (Figure 25).

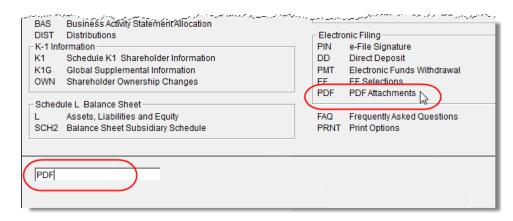


Figure 25: Select PDF Attachments, or type PDF into the selector field and press ENTER

2. Fill out the columns on the **PDF Attachments** screen. See Table 3 for examples.

Table 3: PDF Attachment Window Columns

Name of Column	Description	Examples
Reference Source	Name or number of regulation, publication, or form instruction that makes attachments necessary	- IRS Pub xxx-1.4 - Form Instructions for 1120S
Description	Description of form or document to be attached	- Title of house on Oak Street - Appraisal of Lot 1234
File name	Distinctive, easily recognizable file name, followed by ".pdf"	- TitleHouseOakSt.pdf - AppraisalLot1234.pdf

3. Exit the **PDF Attachments** window.

Because you've indicated that a PDF document is attached, the program generates an EF Message regarding the attachment when the return is calculated.

Attaching Documents to the Return

To attach a PDF file to a return:

- 1. From the toolbar, click **View**. If anything was entered in the **PDF Attachments** window (see "Adding PDF Documents in Drake" on page 47), there will be two PDF–related items in the **View/Print** window:
 - An EF Message (item #1 in Figure 26)
 - An **Attach PDF** button on the toolbar (item #2 in Figure 26)

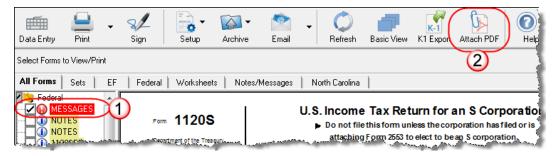


Figure 26: The MESSAGES file (#1) and the Attach PDF button (#2)

- **2.** Click the **MESSAGES** file to view EF Messages, including information on how to attach the required documents to the return.
- **3.** Click the **Attach PDF** button. The **EF PDF Attachments** window displays the information entered on the **PDF Attachments** window in data entry (Figure 27). A red **X** means the document has not yet been attached; a green check mark indicates an attached document.

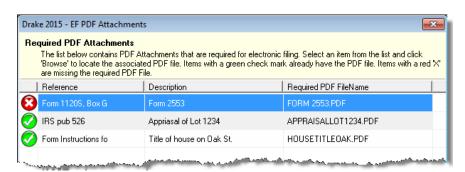


Figure 27: The EF PDF Attachments window

- **4.** Click the row of a document to attach.
- 5. Click Browse.
- **6.** Browse to the proper folder, select the PDF file to attach, and click **Open** (or double-click the file name).

Repeat for all documents with a red **X**. When all documents have been attached to a completed return, recalculate to clear the EF Message. The return is now ready to be e-filed.

Printing Generated Documents

In some instances, Drake generates a document that must be printed, signed, and scanned back into the computer to be attached to the return. For example, if Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, is present in an S corporation return (and the **Attaching Form 2553 as a PDF document** check box is marked on screen 1), EF Message 1513 is generated when the return is calculated.

1513 ATTACH FORM 2553: The check box for "Attaching Form 2553 as a PDF document" on screen 1 has been marked, but no Form 2553 has been attached. Form 2553 must be prepared and attached before the return can be e-filed.

To prepare Form 2553 for attachment:

- 1. Ensure that the 2553 screen has been completed in data entry.
- 2. Calculate the return.
- 3. In View/Print mode, select and print Form 2553.
- 4. Have all shareholders sign the form.

To attach the signed Form 2553 to the return:

- 1. Scan the signed form and save it as a PDF document.
- 2. Go to View $\bar{\text{mode}}$ of the return.
- 3. Attach the scanned PDF document to the return using the PDF icon at the top of the screen.

For detailed instructions on attaching this form to a return, go to the FAQ screen and click "Attaching Form 2553 as a PDF Document."

Figure 28: EF Message requiring PDF attachments

As shown in Figure 28, the EF Message states that attachments are required. You would then need to print and then complete the statements, scan them into the computer, save them as PDF documents, and attach them to the return.

Importing Trial Balance Information

Drake's trial balance import feature allows data to be imported into an 1120S return from a trial balance worksheet. The trial balance template and importing function has the following benefits:

- Eliminates the need to duplicate entries
- Reduces data entry errors by automatically importing data to the correct fields
- Allows preparers to merge basic accounting functions with tax preparation

NOTE

A flow chart of the trial balance importing process is available as an appendix at the end of this manual.

Preparing to Use Trial Balance Import

The trial balance import function can be used only on returns that were created in Drake 2008 or later. Like several other functions of the tax program, this feature requires Microsoft Excel (version 2000 or later).

First, if you haven't already, create a client file (open a new return) in Drake or update an existing client file from the prior year.

Then take the following steps to ensure the trial balance import works properly:

Activate Macros — The trial balance import function uses macros in Microsoft Excel. Check your Excel settings to ensure that macros are activated and that macro settings are set to "Disable all macros with notification." To do so, go to File > Options in Excel and select the Trust Center tab. Click Macro Settings and select Disable all macros with notification, then click OK.

Note

In Excel 2007, click the **Office** button in the upper left and then click the **Excel Options** button at the bottom of the window. In Excel 2010 and 2013, click the **File** tab then select **Options** from the menu on the left. Next, select **Trust Center** from the list at left, then click the **Trust Center Settings** button. Select **Macro Settings** from the list on the left, then choose **Disable all macros with notification**. Click **OK** and then **OK**.

Disable Autobalance in Drake — (optional) When autobalance is disabled, the
program is prevented from automatically adjusting the year-end retained earnings
or capital amounts, thus allowing you to see any discrepancies in the balance
sheet. To disable autobalance, go to the PRNT screen and select Turn off autobalance (Figure 29).

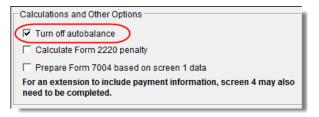


Figure 29: Disable autobalance in the Calculations and Other Options section of PRNT screen

Force Schedule L — By default, Drake does not display the balance sheet
amounts on the return if the entity does not meet the filing requirement. If this is
the case, you will have to override the default setting in order to have the amounts
shown on Schedule L. To force the Schedule L amounts to be printed, go to the
PRNT screen and select the Force-print Schedules L and M-1 box (Figure 30).

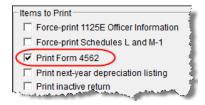


Figure 30: Force Schedule L box for 1120S package

• Check for Detail Worksheets — The trial balance import allows only those detail worksheets required by the IRS. Check updated returns for detail (CTRL+W) worksheets that are *not* required. For example, the IRS does not

require a detail worksheet for the **Gross receipts** field on the **INC** screen; if a return has a detail worksheet for that field, the trial balance will not be imported correctly into the return. Detail worksheets are indicated by red shading, as shown in Figure 31.

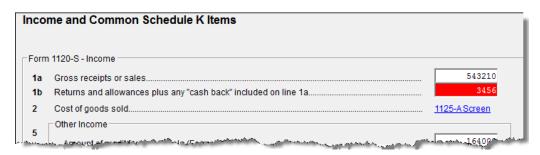


Figure 31: Example of an "unnecessary" detail worksheet

Remove unnecessary detail worksheets prior to import. See "Detail Worksheets" on page 53 for more information on using detail worksheets in the trial balance.

Preparing Financial Data for Import

To prepare the financial data for importing into the return, the data must be entered into Drake's specially designed trial balance template. Once this information is entered and saved, it can be imported into the return.

Opening a Template

The first step in preparing financial data for importing is to open a trial balance template for the return and enter the financial data.

To open a trial balance template for a return:



- 1. Open the return to the **Data Entry Menu**.
- 2. Click Import > Trial Balance Import in the menu toolbar. The preliminary Trial Balance Import dialog box is opened.
- **3.** Click **Create New** or **Open Existing**. If opening an existing file, click **Open** after selecting the correct file.
- **4.** If a **Security Warning** box appears, click **Enable Macros**.



In Excel 2007 and 2010 you may see a **Security Warning** message with an **Options** button. Click **Options** to open the **Security Options** dialog box, then select **Enable this content**. Click **OK**. (In Excel 2013, click **Enable Content**.)

The trial balance template is displayed in Microsoft Excel.

File Location

Whenever a new template is opened, the tax software assigns it a default file location and name. Trial balance templates are saved in the TB folder of your Drake15 software.

To change the name of a file in Excel, select **File > Save As** and assign the new name.

NOTE

If saving a trial balance to a different location, make a note of where you store it. The program automatically looks in the default directory.

Template Structure

The trial balance template consists of three title rows and six columns. The **Entity Name** and **Year End** title rows can be edited; double-click a row to change the title. Columns are described in Table 4.

 Column
 Description

 Account Title
 Title of account

 Debit/Credit
 Debit and credit amounts

 Import to
 Screen and line in Drake to which the debit or credit amount is imported

 Reported on
 Location of the amount on the printed return

 Other information
 Additional details for preparers; see "Details for Preparers" on page 56.

Table 4: Trial Balance Template Columns

Displayed at the bottom of the trial balance worksheet are the calculated amount for Schedule M-1, line 1; the credit and debit totals; a cell showing whether or not the balance sheet is out of balance and, if applicable, the out-of-balance amount (Figure 32; see also Figure 35 on page 54).

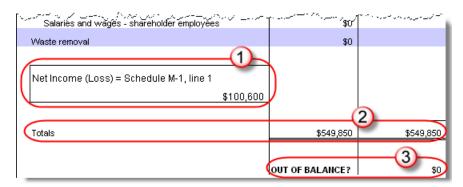


Figure 32: Schedule M-1 amount (1); totals (2); and indication of balance (3)

Following are instructions and guidelines for using the trial balance template to assemble financial data for importing into data entry.

Entering Financial Data

When a new trial balance file is opened for a return, all debit and credit amounts are zero (\$0). All data must be entered manually into the template.

NOTE

Some data cannot be imported with the trial balance and must be entered directly into the data entry fields within the program. For more on these categories of data, see "Special Conditions" on page 56.

Direct Entry

Most cells in the trial balance worksheet are view-only. In a new template, editable debit and credit cells are indicated by a dollar amount (\$0) and are not gray.

Detail Worksheets

Some cells require more detail than can be entered on a single line. These cells are indicated by buttons. (Figure 33) If these cells do not work, you may need to active them; see the Note in "Opening a Template" on page 51.

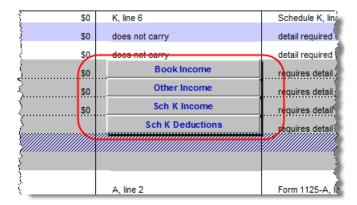


Figure 33: Example of cells that require worksheets

Click a worksheet button to open a worksheet in a new tab. Figure 34 on page 54 shows an example of the "Other Income" worksheet.

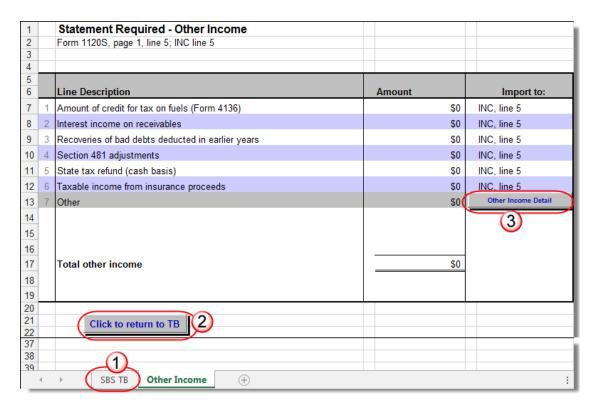


Figure 34: Trial balance worksheet for "Other Income"

To return to the previous worksheet, click the **SBS TB** tab (labeled "1" in Figure 34), or click the **Click to return to TB** button above the worksheet tabs (labeled "2" in Figure 34). Note that a detail tab (the "Other Income" tab in the lower left of Figure 34) might include one or more detail worksheets (labeled "3" in Figure 34).

Note

Do not create detail worksheets in data entry of the tax software if the trial balance worksheet does not provide an equivalent detail worksheet or the trial balance will not be imported correctly.

Totals Totals are displayed at the bottom of each worksheet. If credit and debit columns are out of balance, the worksheet highlights the out-of-balance amount (Figure 35).

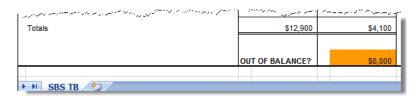


Figure 35: Out-of-balance amount is highlighted if columns are out of balance.

In addition to credit and debit totals, the main trial balance worksheet shows the net income (loss) to be calculated for line 1 of Schedule M-1 after all entries and adjustments are made in the software.

NOTE

The data cannot be imported if the worksheet is out of balance.

Saving a File

To save a file, click the **Save** icon or select **File** > **Save** from the menu bar. (In Excel 2007 and 2010, click the **Office** button in the upper-left corner and select **Save**. In Excel 2013, click the **File** tab then **Save**.) To re-name a file when saving, select **File** > **Save As**. Trial balance templates are saved in the "TB" folder of your Drake15 software.

Importing Data into a Return

Once a trial balance worksheet has been set up for a client in Drake, the trial balance information can be imported into the program and calculated into the return.



Not all trial balance data can be imported directly into a return. For information on program limitations, see "Special Conditions" on page 56.

If you are already in the Trial Balance Import tool for the selected return, go to the **Trial Balance Import** window in Drake and start at Step 3 of the following procedure.

To import a trial balance into a return:



- 1. Open the return to which you will import the trial balance information.
- 2. Click **Import > Trial Balance Import** from the menu toolbar. The preliminary **Trial Balance Import** dialog box is opened.
- 3. Click Next.
- **4.** Enter or select the trial balance file to be imported. If necessary, click the button to the right of **1. Import File Name** to browse to the proper folder. By default, each trial balance file is an Excel (.xls) file showing the client name and ending in "TB" for trial balance, as shown in the example in Figure 36. (See "File Location" on page 51.)



Figure 36: Selected file to import

- **5.** Select the **Trial Balance Additional Import Options**. (See "Additional Import Options" following this procedure.)
- **6.** Click **Next** and wait for the import to be completed.
- 7. Click Finish.

The program returns to the **Data Entry Menu** for the open return. Note that all selected data from the trial balance worksheet has been imported into the return. This can be seen both in the data entry screens and on the generated return.

NOTE

If the program does not calculate the trial-balance information as expected, you can return to the trial balance worksheet, make adjustments, and import the worksheet again.

Additional Import Options

The program can import the following additional information when importing the trial balance data (select the items to import or click **Select All**):

Buildings & other depreciable assets
Accumulated depreciation

Land Goodwill & other intangible assets

Accumulated amortization 8825/Rent information

Cost of goods sold depreciation

Special Conditions

Some items cannot be entered into the trial balance worksheet and must be typed directly into data entry. Other items should be entered into the worksheet for balance purposes but are not imported to data entry; these must be entered separately and the calculated results compared to the trial balance worksheet.

Details for Preparers

Most items go directly to the location indicated in the program and on the return. For example, the amounts shown in Figure 37 go to Schedule L, line 1, column d in the program and are shown on page 4, Schedule L, line 1, column d, of the 1120S return.

Debit	Credit	Import to:	Reported on:
\$420,050		L, line 1, col d	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 1, col d
\$0		L, line 2a, col c	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 2a, col c
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Figure 37: Indication of where an amount will go in Drake and on the return

The "Other Information" column in the trial balance worksheet indicates special conditions and additional information regarding certain rows. Table 5 describes the most common notes in this column.

Table 5: "Other Information" Column Notes

Note	Description
not included in totals	The amount is required for importing purposes only but is not included in the totals shown on the trial balance.
does not carry	Information cannot be imported and must be entered on the appropriate screen in Drake. Screen is specified in "Reported on" column.

Note	Description
optional	Amount is optional; not required for import, but could require direct entry in the software.
include deficit as negative number	Some deficits must be entered as negative numbers.
import includes the calculated change in inventory	Used for "total purchases"; when calculating cost of goods sold (COGS) in the return, the program takes the change in inventory into account for the Form 1125-A calculation.
[Form or Schedule] may be required	Non-financial information must be completed in Drake, in addition to the financial data entered in the worksheet.

Table 5: "Other Information" Column Notes

All "does not carry" notes are accompanied by further instructions in the "Import to" column to the left of the "Reported on" column, as shown in Figure 38.

SCH2 Detail

Typically, a balance sheet subsidiary schedule (SCH2 detail screen for Schedule L) is required for an item marked "does not carry" on the trial balance.

Account Title	Debit	Credit	Import to:	Reported on:	Other Information
Cash	\$0		Line 1 cold	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 1, cold	La company of the second
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U.S. government securities	\$0	V= 1 3/2/2	L, line 4, col d	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 4 col d	
Tax-exempt securities	\$0		L, line 5, col d	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 5 col d	
Other current assets	\$0		Other current assets detail	SCH2 detail required in Drake	does not carry
Loans to shareholders	\$0		L, line 7, col d	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 7, col d	
Mortgage and real estate loans	\$0		L, line 8, col d	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 8, col d	
Other investments	\$0		Other investments detail	SCH2 detail required in Drake	does not carry
Buildings and other depreciable assets	\$0		L, line 10a, col c	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 10a, col c	optional
			L, line 10b, col c	Form 1120S, Sch L, line 10b, col c	

Figure 38: SCH2 screen in Drake is required for "do not carry" items on trial balance

To complete an **SCH2** detail screen in data entry:

- **1.** In Drake, open the **SCH2** screen in the return.
- **2.** Select the line number from the **SCH2** drop list.
- **3.** Enter the applicable item descriptions and beginning- and end-of-year totals.

To enter details for additional lines of the Schedule L, press PAGE DOWN and repeat steps 2 and 3. Data is saved automatically upon entry.

When the return is produced, the Schedule L of the return reflects both the amounts imported from the trial balance worksheet and the totals of the amounts entered on the **SCH2** screen.

See "The SCH2 Screen" on page 32 for more details on using the SCH2 screen.

Depreciation

S corporation returns can have up to four components of total depreciation:

- COGS
- Real estate rental
- Rental other than real estate
- Any remaining depreciation

For trial balance purposes, enter depreciation amounts directly into the appropriate fields on the trial balance worksheet. Note that, for 1120S trial balances, rental expense detail worksheets are required for **8825** and **RENT** depreciation.

Note

Enter **8825** and **RENT** depreciation amounts in the detail worksheets for importing purposes, but be aware that the **8825** and **RENT** screens in the program have to be edited if **4562** detail screens (see Figure 39) are used.

When the trial balance is imported, the COGS depreciation expense amount flows directly to the appropriate line of Form 1125-A of the return, and the rental depreciation expense amounts flow directly to the appropriate lines of the **8825** and **RENT** screens, as applicable. Because the remaining depreciation can comprise any number of assets, the amount entered on the trial balance does *not* flow to the return. To ensure that each component of the total remaining depreciation is calculated into the return, each asset must be entered on the applicable depreciation screens in data entry (Figure 39).

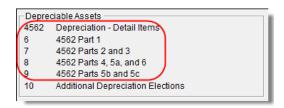


Figure 39: Enter depreciable asset data on a 4562 detail screen, or enter the total depreciation on the override screens (screens 6, 7, 8, and 9).



Entering the remainder of the depreciation on the trial balance worksheet helps ensure that the balance sheet balances and provides a way to check that the amount on line 1 of Schedule M-1 is correct. Compare the calculated line 1 at the bottom of the trial balance to the equivalent line on Schedule M-1 of the calculated return. If the depreciation amounts match but the line 1 amounts differ, an M-1 adjustment could be required.

Rental Expenses

The following information applies only to S corporations with multiple rental properties.

The S corporation trial balances include lines for rental income and expenses (Figure 40 on page 59). Both rental expense items require a trial balance detail worksheet.

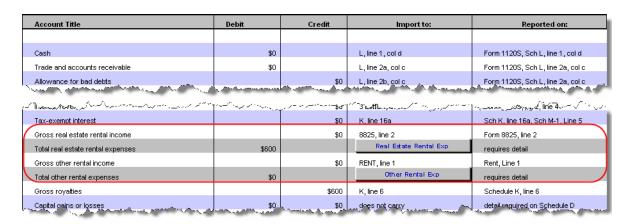


Figure 40: Rental expense rows on an S corporation trial balance worksheet

When imported, the rental expense data entered on the trial balance worksheet appears on either the **8825** screen (if real estate rental) or the **RENT** screen (if rental other than real estate).

Because the trial balance worksheet has only one detail screen per rental type, the importing function does not accommodate entities with multiple rental properties or expenses; however, the following procedure allows the trial balance to remain in balance if there are multiple rental properties or expenses.

To accommodate entities with multiple rental properties or expenses:

- **1.** Calculate the totals for both types of rental expenses.
- **2.** Enter the income totals on the trial balance sheet and the expense totals on the applicable detail sheets (Figure 40).
- **3.** Ensure that the balance sheet is in balance.
- **4.** Import the trial balance worksheet into the return. The applicable screens in data entry now contain the figures entered on the trial balance worksheet.
- **5.** Enter the amounts on additional screens that require details. (For more information on data that cannot be imported, see "Special Conditions" on page 56.)
- **6.** Compare the M-1, line 1 amount on the trial balance to the M-1, line 1 amount on the calculated return to ensure that they match.

NOTE

If the amounts do *not* match, review the imported amounts to ensure that all data was imported. If the data appears to have imported correctly, an M-1 adjustment could be necessary.

- **7.** Complete all **8825** or **RENT** screens in data entry, as applicable, for the individual rental properties or items.
- **8.** Delete the **8825** and **RENT** screens that were imported from the trial balance (the screens reflecting the total rental expenses).

NOTE

To delete a screen in data entry, open the screen and press CTRL+D. If a multiple forms list appears, ensure that the screen to delete is selected, then click **Delete**.

Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method

Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, is an application to the IRS to change either an entity's overall accounting method or the accounting treatment of any item.

Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, is eligible for e-file.

Drake customers can fill out and e-file Forms 3115 and related schedules and attachments for corporation returns.

NOTES

In some cases, Form 3115 must still be paper-filed. See IRS instructions for details.

Applicants filing Form 3115 should refer to Rev Proc. 2015-13 for general automatic change procedures, and to Rev Proc. 2015-14 for a list of automatic changes to which the automatic change procedures in Rev. Proc. 2015-13 apply.

Accessing Screens for Changing Accounting Method

Several screens may be required for completing Form 3115. These screens are accessible from the **Change in Accounting Method** box, located under the first **Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** (Figure 41).

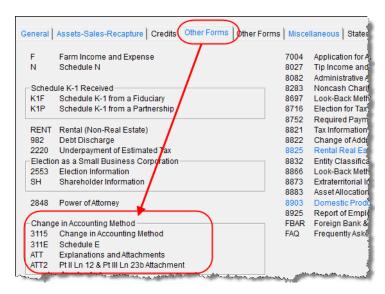


Figure 41: Screens for Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method

The screens accessible from the **Change in Accounting Method** section include:

- Screen 3115 (Change in Accounting Method) Used to access fields for Form 3115, including Schedules A through D
- Screen **311E** (**Schedule E**) Used to request a change in depreciation or amortization methods
- Screen ATT (Explanations and Attachments) Used to create and view certain attachments to be generated by the software

• Screen ATT2 (Pt II Ln 12 & Pt III Ln 23b Attachment) — Used to complete certain parts of Form 3115 that require specific attachments

When you open screen 3115, the program displays the first of six tabbed screens. As shown in Figure 42, you can access the various 3115 screens by clicking a tabbed link at the top of any of the 3115 screens.

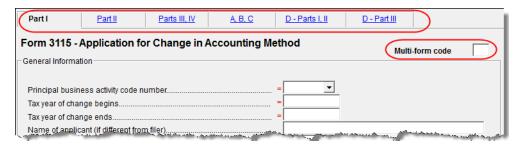


Figure 42: Tab links on 3115 screen

Multi-form Codes

All **3115** and related screens contain a **Multi-form code** text box (shown in Figure 42) that allows you to link a screen or attachment to a particular Form 3115.

If submitting more than one Form 3115, assign a multi-form code to each new application you create in Drake. The first should be 1, the second 2, and so on. When using other screens, such as the **311E** or **ATT** screens, you can use those numbers to indicate which instance of Form 3115 the **311E** or **ATT** screen should be associated with.

NOTE

If only one Form 3115 is being submitted, you do not need to enter anything in the **Multi-form code** box.



Click **Screen Help** in the upper right corner of screen **3115** to access links to Revenue Procedures 2015-13, 2015-14, and 2015-20 through the IRS website.

Notices of Missing Attachments

In addition to Form 3115 and related schedules and statements, the program produces EF Messages (as applicable) when the return is calculated. All forms, schedules, EF messages, and worksheets are accessible from View mode.

EF Messages for Form 3115 provide information about required attachments (including PDF attachments) that are missing from the return. Some messages list all statements required for a particular section but do not indicate which statements, specifically, are missing. To best understand which attachments are still required, compare the **ATT** screen and the EF_PDF~ worksheet to the list on the EF message.



All EF Messages must be eliminated before the return is eligible for e-file. EF Messages for Form 3115 attachments are eliminated when all required statements have been attached to the return.

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Appendix A: Trial Balance Import

The trial balance import allows data to be imported into a corporation tax return from a trial balance worksheet.

Drake's specially designed trial balance template and importing function has the following benefits:

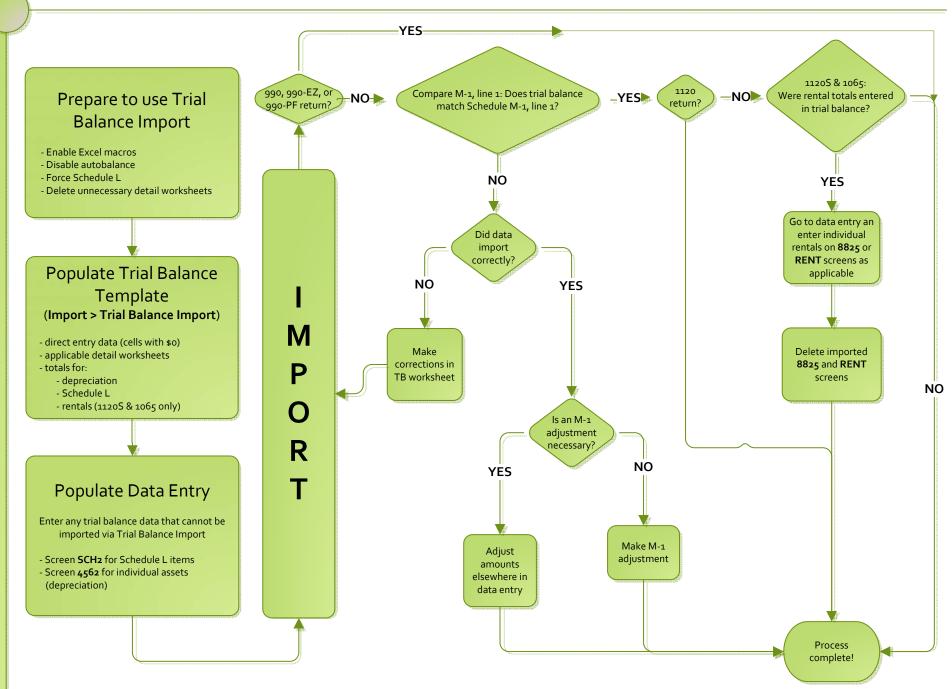
- Eliminates the need to duplicate entries
- Eliminates data entry errors by automatically importing data to the correct fields
- Allows preparers to merge basic accounting functions with tax preparation

See next page for a flow chart describing the use of the trial balance import.

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