



FlashPoints Tips & Tricks

Personalize your FlashPoints drawings

Put your company logo on your FlashPoints drawings and reports. To set up your logo simply go to the Preferences screen, which is located on the Edit menu. Choose the Logo tab. Click the BROWSE button to select the file containing your logo and press the SAVE button.

That's all there is to it! Your logo will now replace the FlashPoints logo on drawings and reports. If you want to turn off your drawing and display the FlashPoints logo, just click the box on the Preferences | Logo tab that says "Print the FlashPoints logo". Your logo will be replaced with the FlashPoints logo.

If you select a file that is not a valid graphic file or if the file does not exist, FlashPoints will display a message and print the FlashPoints logo on your reports.



OPEN

Capturing the elusive nozzle

LOCKED

Sometimes it can be difficult to click on a nozzle when there are other objects on the canvas. To make it easier to select a nozzle, click the equipment lock at the top of the equipment panel. This will lock the appliances and prevent FlashPoints from trying to select them. You will now be able to click on nozzles and fusible links to move them or change them without disturbing hoods and appliances.



Get with the Floor PLAN!

One of our customers has come up with a unique way to draw floor plans in FlashPoints and we wanted to share this great idea with you.



Start a new job and give it a name like Joe's Restaurant - floor plan. Then use the cabinet, shelf, and column tools to draw your room and walls. If you set the depth of each item to 0, FlashPoints will turn these 3D shapes into rectangles and squares. Since each object has a label that can be customized you can place a rectangle and call it a hood or a square and call it a griddle. Walls can be made with the shelf or column using a thin width and a depth of 0.

If you need to draw a circle (to show a cylinder, nozzle, or round table), just use the pole or rod and set the length or height to 0, respectively, and size the other dimensions as needed.

Play around with the tools in FlashPoints and you will be amazed what you will be able to create!

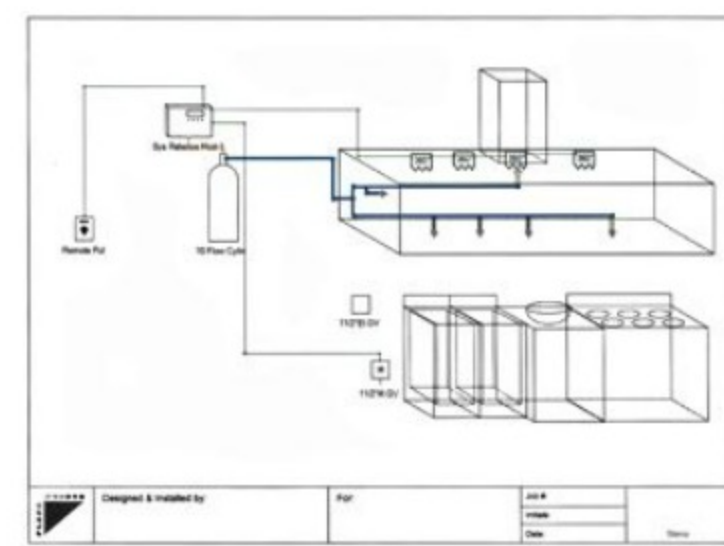
Visit the FlashPoints Gallery [www.flash-soft.com/gallery.htm] to see an example and get other ideas that have been contributed by FlashPoints users.

(Special thanks to Jason at Delta Fire Protection, North Hollywood, CA)



Pipe, Lines, and Arrows

Drawing pipe is easy with FlashPoints. Just click where a section of pipe will begin, move the mouse, and click again to end the pipe segment. By default all pipe is vertically or horizontally straight. To make diagonal pipe, hold down the Ctrl Key while clicking. This will put you "In Control" and let you draw pipe in any direction.



When drawing arrows, the second click is where the arrowhead will be displayed. So always start at the back end of the arrow and end where you want the arrowhead to appear.



Calling all Inactive Customers

If a FlashPoints license is not renewed within 30 days of expiring, we assume the customer is no longer using FlashPoints and they are flagged as inactive. To renew, the inactive customer has to repurchase the license over again.



FlashPoints has changed dramatically since it was first introduced. We know the new features are very useful and should not be missed.

Until March 31, 2017, we are offering all inactive users the opportunity to reactivate FlashPoints. Simply pay the renewal fee of \$200 per seat plus a one time fee of \$200. For example, if your license had 3 seats (manufacturers) the reactivation fee would be \$600 + \$200 = \$800.

Give us a call at 800-366-7976 (outside US: 508-883-0745) and we can get you up and running right away with FlashPoints. But hurry, when April Fool's Day arrives, this offer will be over!



Spread the word!
Tell your Fire Marshals and Inspectors that there are editions of FlashPoints available to help them work faster, too!

Version 2.1.1.3

Make sure you are up to date. The latest version of FlashPoints is Version 2.1.1.3.

Update Today!



Help is just a click away
The FlashPoints manual is always handy. Just click Help on the main menu, then click FlashPoints Help. The FlashPoints manual is always ready to provide answers and explain FlashPoints' features.

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