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Upcoming Events

FlashPoints Remote Training

(for FlashPoints Customers, only)

FlashPoints Basic Training
Tuesdays @ 10 am ET
Fridays @ 1 pm ET

FlashPoints Advanced Training
Wednesdays @ 1 pm ET

All training classes are free for
FlashPoints Customers

Signup to request an invitation to a
class at:

www.flash-soft.com/training.php



We Are On Fire!

The FlashPoints Family is experiencing an incredible surge in growth, with more fire suppression professionals discovering the remarkable benefits of FlashPoints SuppressionCAD and FlashPoints Survey than ever before! It's truly exciting to see how our community is expanding, as users embrace these innovative tools that are designed to enhance productivity and streamline workflows. Whether you're a seasoned user or just starting your journey with us, you're joining a vibrant family that values support, collaboration, and shared success. So come on in, share your experiences, and let's celebrate this journey together!

To keep things fun, we have added some exciting new features to the latest version of FlashPoints. Read below for the details. We are sure you won't be disappointed.

Oh, and don't forget to check out the new FlashPoints logo!

Until next time...



**ENHANCE your FlashPoints experience
with FlashPoints Survey!**

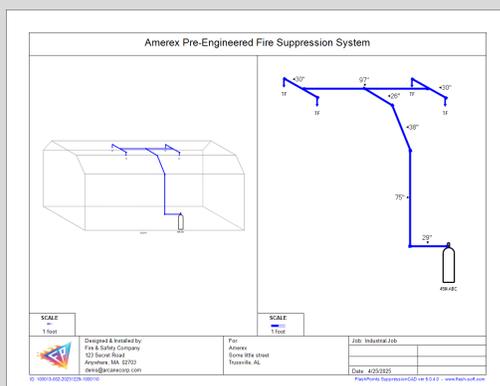
Available in the FlashPoints Store

The current version of FlashPoints is:

Version 5.0.4.0

Run FlashPoints to update it today!

Automatic Pipe Lengths



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**Pipe Lengths are now
computed,
automatically, and can
be overridden!**

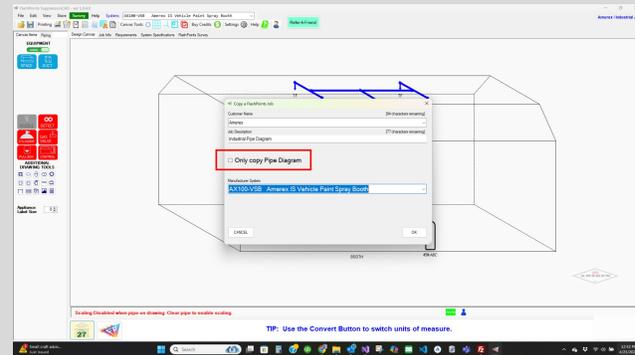
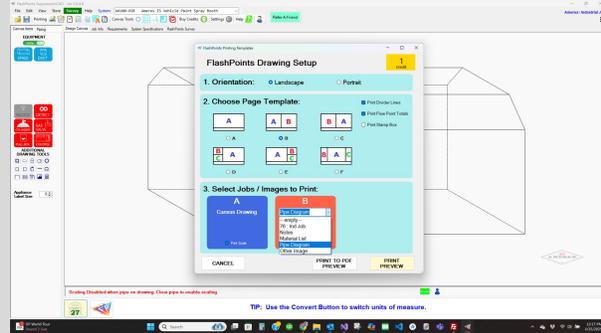
From the moment you draw a segment of pipe, FlashPoints knows how long it is. You can even change the length that FlashPoints uses by simply selecting the pipe segment and using the familiar grey bar at the top of the canvas to override the length.

To add a pipe diagram to your printed drawing, use one of the FlashPoints templates that allows for multiple drawings on a page and select Pipe Diagram from the dropdown list of the

section the pipe diagram will be created in.

FlashPoints will create the pipe diagram from the original drawing and will place the pipe lengths on the pipe diagram, for you!

NOTE: Only Pipe Fittings (pipe with squares on the ends) should be used for the pipe between the cylinders and the nozzles on the original drawing. All other types of pipe will be excluded from the Pipe Diagram.



Manual Option

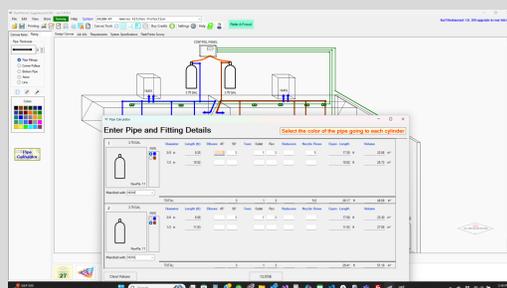
A manual option has also been added, in case the automatic pipe diagram does not satisfy the requirements of a specific job. This option requires that a copy of the original drawing be made to a new drawing. A new check box on the COPY A JOB screen tells

FlashPoints to copy just the pipe diagram from the original drawing into the new job. Labels and notes added to the new job allow for the exact placement of pipe sizes, as needed.

Special thanks to Chris Miller at Summit Fire & Security in Minnesota for suggesting this feature.

Pipe Calculator Updates

Pipe Lengths are automatically populated in the pipe calculator



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The Pipe Calculator has been changed to use the color of the pipe going back to each cylinder to determine the length of the pipe going to each cylinder. For this reason, it is important to use a different color for the pipe going back to each cylinder.

By default, all pipe is assumed to be 3/8" pipe. Pipe diameters can be easily changed on the original drawing by selecting a pipe segment and using the

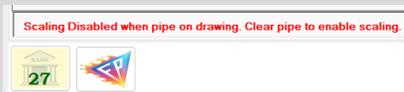
drop down list in the grey area at the top of the canvas to choose the appropriate size.

Simplified Scaling

Drawing without Pipe



Drawing with Pipe



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Pipe on a drawing automatically turns off scaling

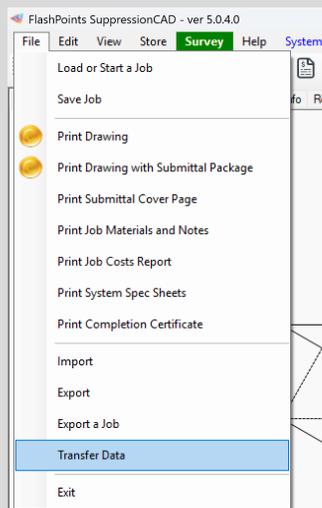
Scaling a drawing with pipe on it can often lead to undesirable results. This is because pipe scales differently than the rest of the drawing. For this reason we recommend that drawings not be scaled after pipe has been added to a drawing. Do all scaling before adding pipe.

To assist with this we have changed FlashPoints to disable scaling after pipe has been added to a drawing.

This feature can also be disabled, if needed, by unchecking a box in the SETTINGS screen.

Data Transfer

Send System Materials to other applications



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The Transfer Data menu option on the File Menu is used to generate a CSV file or send a file to a website address that will use the data in another program, such as an Inventory program. The Transfer Data menu item is disabled until the Setting screen is updated with the desired choice(s).

The Data Transfer screen will display a list of jobs that have been printed. Select a Date Range using the Start and End date tools. Then check the box next to each job to be included in the transfer. Press the TRANSFER button and the data will be processed according to the settings in the SETTINGS screen.

Date	Company	Job Description	CAD	Mfg	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	4/1/2022	Athens	Right Side	R	AN100-R102 56
<input type="checkbox"/>	5/19/2022	Legal Seafood	UL 300 upgrade - 3	R	R1000-RG 12
<input type="checkbox"/>	5/19/2022	Birch Hill Terrace	UL 300 Upgrade	R	R1000-RG 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	8/2/2023	Wall's Fish and Chips	Kitchen next to the patio	R	AN100-R102 93
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/21/2023	Amerex	Xyz	R	B1000-KM 75
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/21/2023	Angelas Pasta	bring system up to UL 300	R	R1000-RG 20
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/21/2023	Athens	Left Side	R	AN100-R102 55
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/21/2023	BUNNY'S SUPERETTE	New hood suppression system	R	R1000-RG 31
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/21/2023	Bill's Tavern	Kitchen in Rear	R	AN100-R102 71
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/23/2023	Bathroom	Floor Plan	R	AX100-KP 97
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/28/2023	Athens	New hood install	R	AN100-R102 19
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/1/2023	Test Customer	Demo Kitchen	R	AX100-ZD 100
<input type="checkbox"/>	6/18/2024	Bob's Restaurant	Kitchen	R	B1000-KM 564
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/28/2024	Bathroom	Bathroom Design 2	R	AX100-KP 98

NOTE: This is an advanced feature of FlashPoints and it is recommended that technical support be consulted for proper setup of this function.

Special thanks to Todd Thompson at Allstate Fire Company in Blue Springs, Missouri for this suggestion.

FlashPoints Enterprise Discount Program

Companies with 5 or more copies of FlashPoints are eligible to join the FlashPoints Enterprise Discount Program. Contact Flash-Soft to see how your company can take advantage of these money and time saving perks, designed just for larger enterprises.

If you are a branch office of an Enterprise customer, contact your IT help desk to get in on the fun and start using FlashPoints. To see a list of FlashPoints Enterprise Customers, visit the FlashPoints New Customer Order Form at: www.flash-soft.com/fpstore/newcust.php



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