

TECHNOTE 2001-S10

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SUBJECT

Release of MCEGold® 3.1.2 SP4 Stand Alone for Windows 10.

DESCRIPTION

MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 is an upgrade from MCEGold 3.1.2 SP3. The upgrade includes optimization of the PdMA Cloud download times of the History Charts for Rotor Evaluation, Power, and Eccentricity. Also, the Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish language packs have been added.

NOTES

- MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 is *only* compatible with Windows 10 and M-Series testers. This upgrade is for Windows 10 users only.

- **Windows 7 users - DO NOT TRY TO UPDATE** to MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4. Windows 7 compatibility ended with MCEGold 3.1.2 SP2. If you do try to update MCEGold will become inoperable.

- Upgrading from a version prior to MCEGold 3.1.2 requires a new license key. Contact PdMA (813-621-6463 ext. 251) for a new license key.

- MCEGold Word Add-in is only compatible with MS Word 2007 and 2013. MCEGold Word Add-in is NOT compatible with MS Word 2010. Templates created with other versions of MS Word may not be functional and may cause conflicts with the MCEGold software.

- To ensure application accessibility, the default installation location has been set to C:\PdMA Corporation.

- Databases attached to MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 must be from MCEGold 3.0.3 SP2 or later and once updated with MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 *will not* be compatible with older versions of MCEGold.

- Please make sure you allow sufficient time to update your database. Depending on the size of your database, updates may take an hour or longer.

- Assets exported with MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 *will not* be compatible with older versions of MCEGold.

- If during installation you receive a message telling you “SQL Server System CLR Types requires the .Net Framework”, contact tech support for assistance.

- If you have any questions, please contact PdMA Technical Support (813-621-6463 ext. 251).

Minimum Requirements

Computer	Dell Latitude E5400 Laptop*
Processor	1.6+ GHz Intel i5 or equivalent
Resolution	1600 x 900/1920 x 1080 (small font)
Operating System**	Microsoft® Windows 10 (64 bit)
Memory	8.0+ G RAM
Ports/Drives	(1) USB Port in Rear or Side
Hard Disk	20G Available

* Original Windows 10 model shipped with PdMA testers. It is not compatible with Windows 7. Using any other computer manufacturer in conjunction with the PdMA software may result in erratic computer behavior; not limited to but including:

- Power Management Issues
- Lock-up
- Communication Port Malfunction
- Driver Incompatibility
- Display Errors
- SQL Database Incompatibility
- Network Synchronization Issues.

**MCEGold 2.0 - 2.6.2 is not compatible with Windows 10.

PREPARE WINDOWS 10 FOR MCEGOLD 3.1.2 SP4 INSTALLATION

NOTE: If you have MCEGold 3.1.2 or later follow the instructions in *Upgrading From MCEGold 3.1.2 or Later* on page 5.

If you have any version prior to MCEGold 3.1.2 a full uninstall is required before installing version 3.1.2 SP4. See *Upgrading From a Version Prior to MCEGold 3.1.2*.

Upgrading From a Version Prior to MCEGold 3.1.2

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Backup

Before beginning the MCEGold uninstall, copy the Emaxprb.xml file only (not the folder) and the complete Templates folder to a safe location and make note of the location.

The default location for the files is listed below, however you may have chosen a different location during the original installation.

C:\PdMA Corporation\MCEGold\Emax

C:\PdMA Corporation\MCEGold\Report

Uninstall

Note: If you have MCEGold icons pinned to your Taskbar, it is necessary to unpin them before beginning the uninstall. Right click on the icon and select “Unpin from taskbar”.

1. Select Start, Settings, Apps, and locate MCEGold.
2. Highlight the MCEGold Version X.X.X.
3. Click **Uninstall** and follow on screen prompts.
4. Click **Finish** when the “Uninstall Complete” message is received.
5. Locate the PdMA MCEMAX Tester (Driver Removal) file. Highlight it and click **Uninstall/Change** located above the list and follow the on screen prompts.

6. Click **Finish** when the “Uninstall Complete” message is received.
7. Locate the C:\PdMA Corporation folder and delete it. The subfolders will be deleted also. After the installation of MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 the new folder location will be C:\PdMA Corporation\....
8. Reboot your computer.
9. Go to MCEGold 3.1.2 SP3 Installation.

MCEGOLD 3.1.2 SP4 INSTALLATION

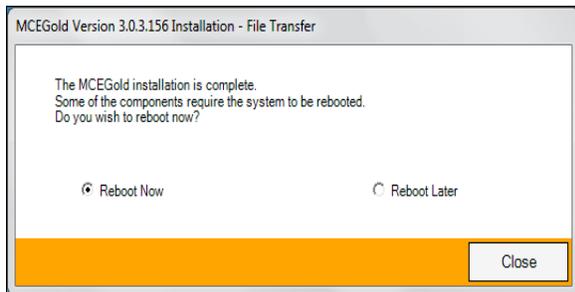
1. If installing on a tester, disconnect the USB cable from the tester computer.
2. Insert the MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 USB flash drive into the USB port. If the installation does not begin automatically, run setup.exe from the USB flash drive. (Select Run, setup.exe from the AutoPlay window).
3. The License Agreement window opens. Read the PdMA license and select the “I Accept” option button. The **Next** button becomes visible. Click **Next**.

Note: If you do not accept the terms, the **Next** button is not visible, you can only click **Cancel**, which closes the software without installing it.



4. In the License Key window enter your Company Name and License Key exactly as provided by PdMA. You may copy and paste the license key using the paste button.
5. When the license has been verified a green check appears. The **Next** button appears. Click **Next**.

6. In the Installation Path window, accept the default shown in the text box (recommended) for the location to install the MCEGold program folder or use the browse (...) button to select an alternate location, make a note of it for your future use, and click **Next**. Note: It is not suggested to use an alternate location because that can cause conflict and Windows rights problems.
7. When prompted, click **Install Components**. Some components may require additional prompts.
8. When the installation of components is complete the **Next** button appears. Click **Next**.
9. A progress bar shows the progress of copying files to your computer.
10. When the installation is complete you must reboot your system. Select the Reboot Now option and click **Close**.



11. After rebooting, locate and copy the backup Emaxprb.xml file and the Template folder back into their appropriate locations in
 - C:\PdMA Corporation\MCEGold\Emax
 - C:\PdMA Corporation\MCEGold\Report
12. Answer Yes to “Merge the folder?” inquiry.
13. Remove the MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 USB flash drive from the computer.
14. If installing on a tester, re-connect the USB cable to the tester computer.

Upgrading From MCEGold 3.1.2 or Later

Backup

In the possibility that you may need these files after the install, it is a good idea before beginning the MCEGold install to copy the Emaxprb.xml file only (not the folder) and the complete Templates folder to a safe location and make note of the location.

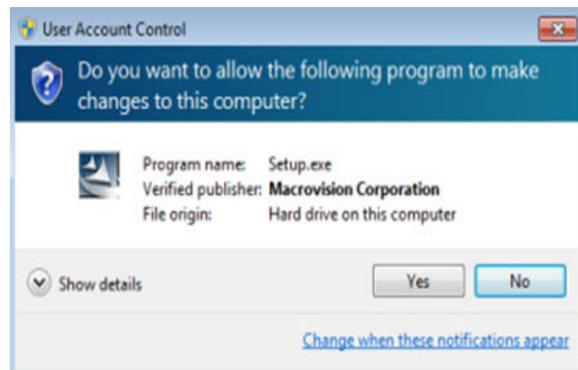
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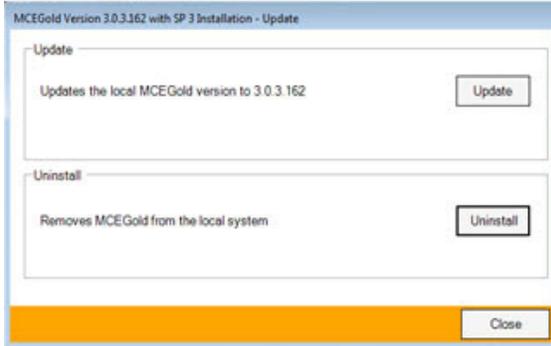
MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 Installation

NOTE: Some on screen prompts and messages during the installation process are controlled by the Windows operating system and are out of PdMA's control. Every effort has been made to include their possible appearance and the action you should take. However, if you are unsure please contact our technical support department for help.

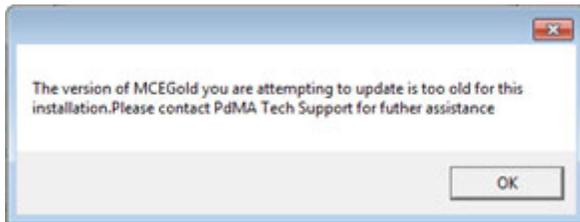
1. If installing on a tester, disconnect the USB cable from the tester computer.
2. Insert the MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4 USB flash drive into the USB port. If the installation does not begin automatically, run setup.exe from the USB flash drive. (Select Run, setup.exe from the AutoPlay window).
3. If you see the User Account Control screen, click **Yes**.



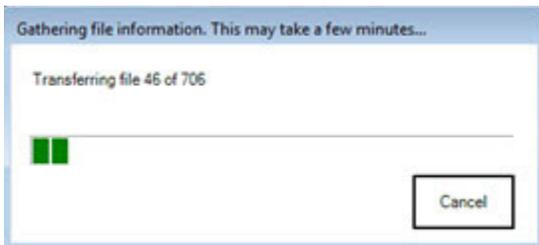
- If there is an existing MCEGold version installed on your computer, you will see the MCEGold Update screen. click **Update**.



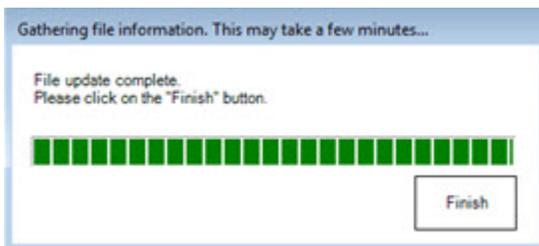
NOTE: If you have a version prior to MCEGold 3.1.2 you will receive the error message shown below. Do **NOT** proceed. Contact technical support.



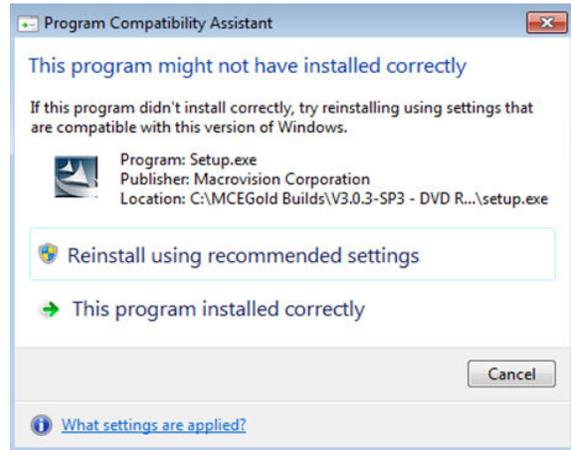
- The status update window displays.



- When the update is complete, click **Finish**.



- If the Program Compatibility Assistant screen displays, select *This program installed correctly*.

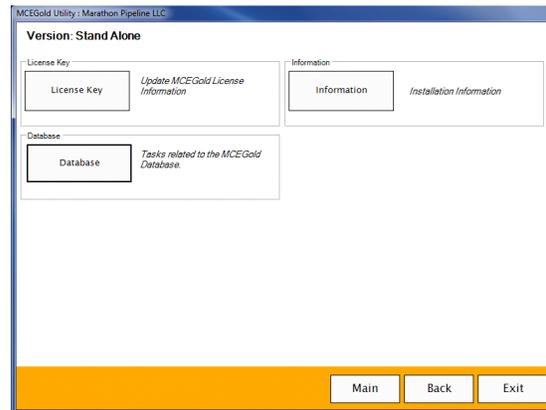


- If installing on a tester, re-connect the USB cable to the tester computer.
- Go to the *Database Setup* section.

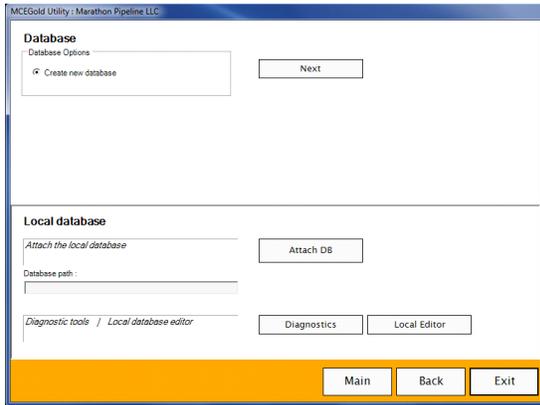
DATABASE SETUP

Note: This procedure is for connecting to an existing database that is to be upgraded to MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4. To connect to an existing database, please follow the instructions below.

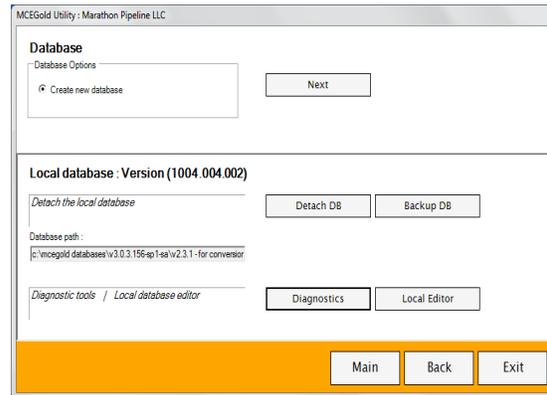
- Ensure you have properly backed up the database you are converting.
- Open the Utility program and click the **Database** button.



- Click **Attach DB** as shown in the screen below.

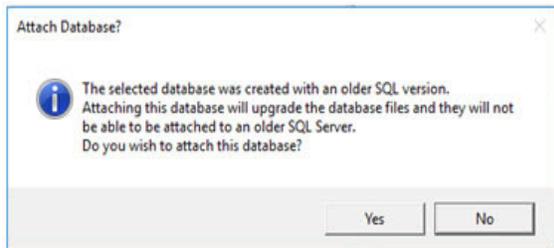


- The MCEGold Utility Database Window opens. Click **Exit**.

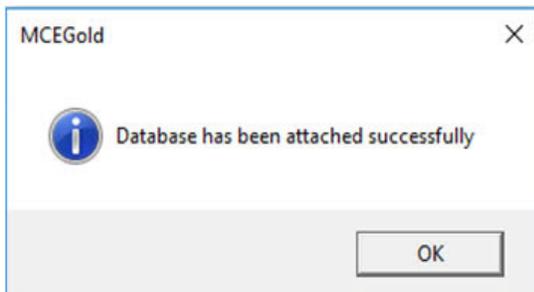


- Navigate to the database location on your computer and select the desired database.

If you receive the following message: “The database you selected was created with an older SQL version”, the database needs to be upgraded to SQL 2017. **Stop!** Click **No**. Do **NOT** proceed! Contact Technical Support.



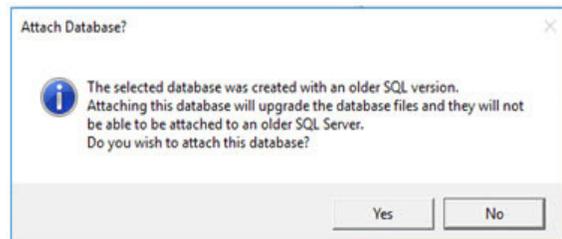
- If the database attached properly you will see the following window. Click **OK**.



START MCEGOLD

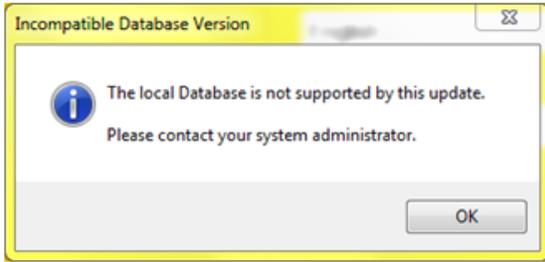
- Start MCEGold.
- If the database window is empty, select a database using the Search button (...) located on the right side of the Site textbox. This opens your computer navigator window which allows you to search for a database. When the database has been selected, click **Open**.
- Verify login parameters on the right side of the window are correct and click **OK**.

NOTE: If no databases are available, click **Cancel** to exit out of MCEGold, and contact PdMA Technical Support at 813-621-6463 ext. 251.



If you receive the following “local database is not supported by this update” message, the attached database is too old for conversion and needs to be

updated to MCEGold 3.0.3 SP2 or later prior to updating to MCEGold 3.1.2 SP4. Contact your system administrator.



If you receive the following “Incompatible Database Version” message when trying to start MCEGold, you are attempting to run MCEGold with a database that is older than MCEGold 3.1.2. You will be prompted to update the database. If you have properly backed up your existing database, click **Yes** to run the update. If you have not backed up your existing database, click **No**, backup the database, and then perform the Database Setup procedure.

NOTE: Please make sure you allow sufficient time to update your database. Depending on the size of your database, updates may take an hour or longer.

