

# Reasons to Upgrade to VIAS 2

TimeMark's latest software, VIAS 2, is now available. This is the first new software package since VIAS was released in 2005. You may be wondering why you should upgrade. Here are some of the more notable changes and additions.

**VIAS 2 runs on Windows 7 64-bit.** We have been getting calls lately on installing VIAS on 64-bit platforms. VIAS was originally optimized for 32-bit systems, which means that you have to run it in XP mode on 64-bit computers. VIAS 2 eliminates the need to install or run it in a special mode and works on XP systems also.

**VIAS 2 has a standard look.** VIAS 2 is organized like Outlook and many other programs. There is a control bar on the left side of the screen. Each major heading expands to show functions for that view. Most of the panes are resizable so that you can make the best use of your screen. We have also reconfigured many of the setup screens for easier navigation.

**E-mail reports from VIAS.** Now you can send an e-mail with your report attached without having to save the report, open your e-mail program, and attach the report. When you view a report, there is an option to create a PDF and open your e-mail program with the file already attached. This will save you valuable time.

**Automatically check your data.** VIAS 2 has lets you build and save tests that can alert you to data outside of expected ranges. For example, you can test to see if you are using more than 95% of your strikes to create vehicles. It is like having another person reviewing the data to avoid the embarrassment of publishing bad data.

**Over 60 standard reports.** Based on customer feedback, we have added more reports. There are now more than 60 reports built into VIAS. Most are available in 15 minute and 60 minute intervals, landscape and portrait, and daily and 24-hour.

**Add a logo to your reports.** You have always been able to include your agency name, address, phone number or other user-specific information at the top of your reports. Now you can now customize even more by adding your department, company, or agency logo.

**An improved analysis algorithm.** We continue to find ways to improve the revolutionary analysis algorithm that was introduced in VIAS. Most of the changes are behind the scenes and will result in better studies. One change you can see is that classification rules now include a maximum length to help avoid combining vehicles incorrectly into trucks.

**Save your analysis parameters.** Most people have probably never changed the default analysis parameters that determine how vehicles are created from the axle strikes. But sometimes they needed to be changed for a specific study that seemed to have "bad data." Now you can have multiple sets of parameters for the various types of data you might work with. This allows you to quickly select the best settings for slow traffic, fast traffic, parking lots, and more.

#### **Other notable changes include:**

- Alert if a counter's clock is more than 5 minutes different than the computer's
- Manually add GPS coordinates to NT counters
- File transfer will fill in default notes titles
- Select the order of turning movement study columns
- Close studies without unloading the file
- Copy statistics from VIAS to other files

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