

English Manual
USER GUIDE



GasDandy™ is environmentally friendly; helping the public become conscious of their vehicles performance, number of miles driven and driving characteristics which contribute to greenhouse gasses and global warming.

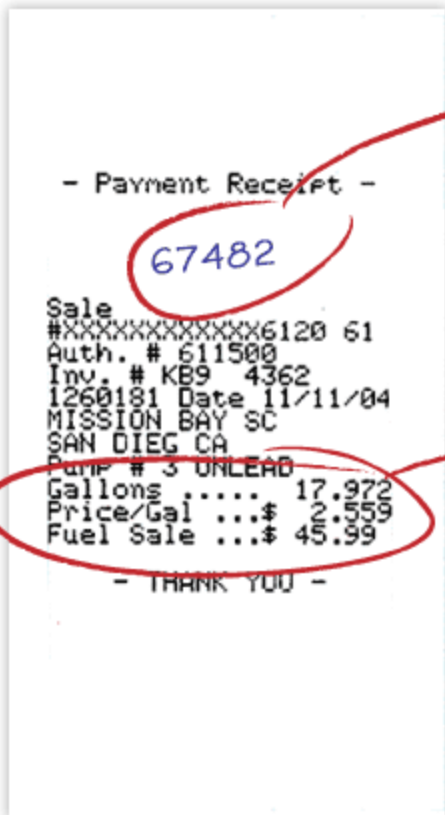
Version# 1.3.3– PERSONAL & FLEET

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ALL DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Step: 1 (See GasDandy™ initial set-up, page 4.) Write the odometer reading on your receipt after you fill up.

Step: 2 Enter the number of gallons of gas purchased, along with the price and other details into GasDandy™.

GasDandy™ calculates the gas mileage (MPG) of your vehicle from the data in STEP:1 and STEP:2* then reminds you if you need oil changes or tire rotations. From this GasDandy™ creates an easy-to-read graph of your vehicle's gas mileage from your previous data. GasDandy™ graphs enable you to easily see vehicle trends, making any changes in performance obvious. Save notes of maintenance details or anything else you would like to keep for future reference. Then print a detailed report to save in your records. It's so easy it's Dandy! Download a free Trial Version today!

- The calculation compares the current odometer entry with the previous odometer entry.

New: See the GasDandy™ Quick Start guide at gasdandy.com

System Requirements

Microsoft® Windows® 98/ME/2000/XP

- Pentium® II class processor
- 60 MB Free hard drive space
- 128 MB RAM
- 800x600 screen resolution (minimum)
- Color ink jet printer (recommended)
- GasDandy™ FLEET version records unlimited vehicles
- GasDandy™ Personal version records up to three vehicles.

Installation Guide

Insert your GasDandy™ CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD should auto-start. (If you downloaded the file, double click the install file.) A window should now appear named "GasDandy™ 1.3.2 Install Program." Make sure that no other Windows® programs are running. (Click Next to Continue).

Information Screen: This screen displays special information relating to the current version of GasDandy™ that you are about to install. (Click next to continue). Make sure you read and understand the License agreement. Click "I agree with the terms and conditions" and then click next to continue.

License Agreement:

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Visit <http://www.gasdandy.com> to obtain your valid serial number to upgrade to the "Full Version."

GasDandy™ keeps track of gas mileage, oil changes and tire rotations, easily see current trends of your vehicles using graphs. Remember important details by saving notes about each vehicle. Fuel is expensive and so are your automobiles with GasDandy™ you can get the best performance out of both. And its all as easy as writing your odometer on your fuel receipt, then simply enter the data when you are ready for GasDandy™ to record the details. As soon as you see changes in the graph trends it may be time to check spark plugs and fuel filters, or simply change your driving habits to see improvements; and its good for the environment to keep your auto in top shape.

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Choose an installation directory: The default destination should read “C:\Program Files\GasDandy™ 1.3.3” Insure that the available disk space is greater than the disk space needed by at least twice. Click “Next” to continue.

GasDandy™ Trial Period:

By default GasDandy™ will start up as an un-registered program in the “Trial Period” mode. You can use GasDandy™ for free during the trial period, which will last until you have made five entries. During the trial period you will only have access to one vehicle. After this time your trial period will expire and you will be required to purchase a licensed GasDandy™ serial number. When you register your valid serial number, GasDandy™ will then be in the “Full Version” mode. In this mode you will be able to access the other vehicles and be able to make additional entries.

How to Register for the Full Version of GasDandy™

Registration is easy, go to <http://www.gasdandy.com> and click the “Purchase GasDandy™ Serial now” button. Make sure that you have provided a valid email address and we will send you a serial number to unlock your “Trial Version” to the “Full Version”. To register, start GasDandy™ and click on the “About GasDandy™” drop down menu, then click on the “Register GasDandy™” drop down menu. Type the serial provided into the available fields. Make sure that you have entered your valid serial number correctly and press the “ok” button. You will then see a “Thank you message” that will confirm that you are now using the registered unlocked version of GasDandy™. Keep your official email with your serial number in a safe place for future reference.

GasDandy™ initial set-up (See the GasDandy™ [Quick Start Video](#) link on our homepage at <http://www.gasdandy.com>)

Launch GasDandy™ through the Windows® Start menu. Start, Programs, GasDandy™. Once GasDandy™ launches you will see the “Welcome” screen, be sure to read and follow these directions carefully! GasDandy™ Personal can currently track up to three separate vehicles simultaneously. Rename “Unnamed Vehicle 1” by deleting the current text in the name field. (Example: Subaru) and set the starting odometer before the first full tank of gas. A good practice is to write the odometer of each fill-up at the top of your gas receipt. Keep a pen or pencil in an easily accessible place in your vehicle so that it will be easy to record this information. Click “Ok” after **entering your starting odometer reading**. You can now enter the names of other vehicles or at any point in the future as long as you name the vehicle and set the starting odometer before entering any data into

the program. Next, click "Menu" and from the menu drop-down select the name you have just recorded.

Setting the Oil Changes: See your vehicles owner's manual for recommended oil change maintenance. Enter the manufactures oil change requirements into the field labeled "How many miles between oil changes?" (ex: 3000). Click "Set". When your vehicle has exceeded this value you will be reminded that it is now time to change your oil. After the oil has been changed enter the weight and type of the oil used and click the "I changed the oil button" Your oil change information will then be recorded.

Tire Rotations: See your vehicles owner's manual for suggested tire rotations. Enter the requirements into the field labeled "How many miles between tire rotations" click "set". After you have rotated the tires click the "I rotated the tires button" and your tire rotation will be recorded.

Notes: The notes section is provided to record common vehicle information such as oil filter changes, spark plugs, air filters, wipers, and any other information that you want to remember regarding your vehicle.

Recording Gas Mileage: *This is the data that oil changes and tire rotations are based on, inputting correct data is required!* Click the name of the vehicle in the drop down list. You will then see four entry fields. The first field is labeled "Total Cost of Gas" Input the total cost of the gas purchase from the receipt you saved from your service station.

Purchase Date: (Second Field) Enter the date that the fuel was purchased, the date on your fuel receipt. If you leave this field blank, the current system date (from your system clock in Windows®) will be used by default. *Example: \$38.25.* If you wish to record the service station of purchase type it into the date field like this *Example: YourDateHere @ Shell.* This can be useful to evaluate gas quality and expense trends.

Number of Gallons: Type the number of gallons of fuel purchased, refer to your fuel receipt you saved from your service station. (*Example: 11.375*)

Odometer Reading: Enter the odometer reading you wrote on the top of your receipt. Make sure to double check all of the entry fields. After you are sure that they are correct click the "Ok" button. This will record the data and put the result in the window below the picture to the right. All numbers will turn to red text for easy reading. This may take longer if there are a large number of previous entry's. Be patient.

Delete Last Entry: This removes the entire entry that was last recorded. This cannot be undone so be sure that you really wish to remove the previous data.

Print: This function will print all of the currently saved data, including gas mileage history, tire and oil change history and any notes you have saved. If you do not have a printer you can use this to export a digital PDF document. (Use a free downloadable program such as PDF995.) It is strongly recommended that you print reports of each of the vehicles you are tracking at regular intervals so that in the highly unlikely event that you experience data loss you will have a hard copy in your records. Be sure to store these reports in a safe place for future reference.

Graph: The graph feature is the newest feature of GasDandy™. This will create a MPG chart based on your fuel mileage. The graph finds the average of your total recordings for the selected vehicle. Any entry in the chart that is above the average will be in green, while any entry that is below the average for the current vehicle will be in red. This allows you to quickly and accurately see trends in your auto's performance history. The average miles per gallon is returned in the chart at the bottom in the field named "Average MPG for this vehicle".



Editing The Graph Data: It is possible to edit the data in the graph, caution should be used during any editing of this data. If you need to remove an entry (in the event that you forget to put the MPG data into GasDandy™ and skip an entry or several entries) you will then see a bad entry in the graph. Remove this entry by clicking the "Edit Data" button. Then select the numeric entry and delete the entry until the data line below it moves up into its previous spot. When the numeric entries look correct hit the "Update Graph" button. This will update the graph and resave all of the remaining graph data. Removing bad entries is important because they effect the accuracy of the average mpg return value.

Preferences:

To set GasDandy™ preferences go to the main menu, and select the drop down button labeled "Preferences". You can change the default color of entry field label text, turn the sound effects on or off and change the background for each vehicle from the "images" icon. Click the "Get Background names" button. This is a list of the current files in your background folder. Templates are included so that you can create your own backgrounds and insert your own photographs. Use a photo editor such as Adobe Photoshop to edit the template files. You can then name the file as any filename.jpg.

Right click the name of the file you wish to use and left click in the field. You should now see the name of the file appear. If you do not see the name appear then type the file name as it appears in the name window. Click Ok. You will now see a small thumbnail of the image you have currently selected for the background. Follow the above procedure for "auto image 1". If you wish to change the preferences for the other vehicles you are tracking, select the vehicle name from the drop down list and follow the above procedures.

Business Mileage:

Keep track of your business mileage and expenses by entering the data into the appropriate fields. (Click the Business Mileage dropdown menu button). Insert the date, or if you choose leave it blank and the current system date will be entered for you. Insert the mileage you wish to record and the reason for your travel expense. Check the fields and click the “ok” button. You will now see the data you just entered appear in the display box below the entry fields. To delete the last entries simply click the “delete button”. This will delete the last entry. (This cannot be undone make sure you really wish to delete the data. Make sure to print your business mileage data on a regular basis. Store your prints in a safe place for future reference. In the “Trial” version you will only be allowed to record five entries.

Trouble Shooting:

Do not move any of the GasDandy files or directories after initial installation. Doing so will create broken links to the data that has been saved and can cause possible data loss.

When entering new data the odometer reading must be a greater value than the previous odometer entry to be able to record the data.



Remember to print the data records on a regular basis and store the records in a safe place. If you experience an irregularly long delay after creating a new data entry then you may need to delete a number of entry's after printing a report. Depending on your individual machine you may not see this delay or the delay may be insignificant to the performance of the software.

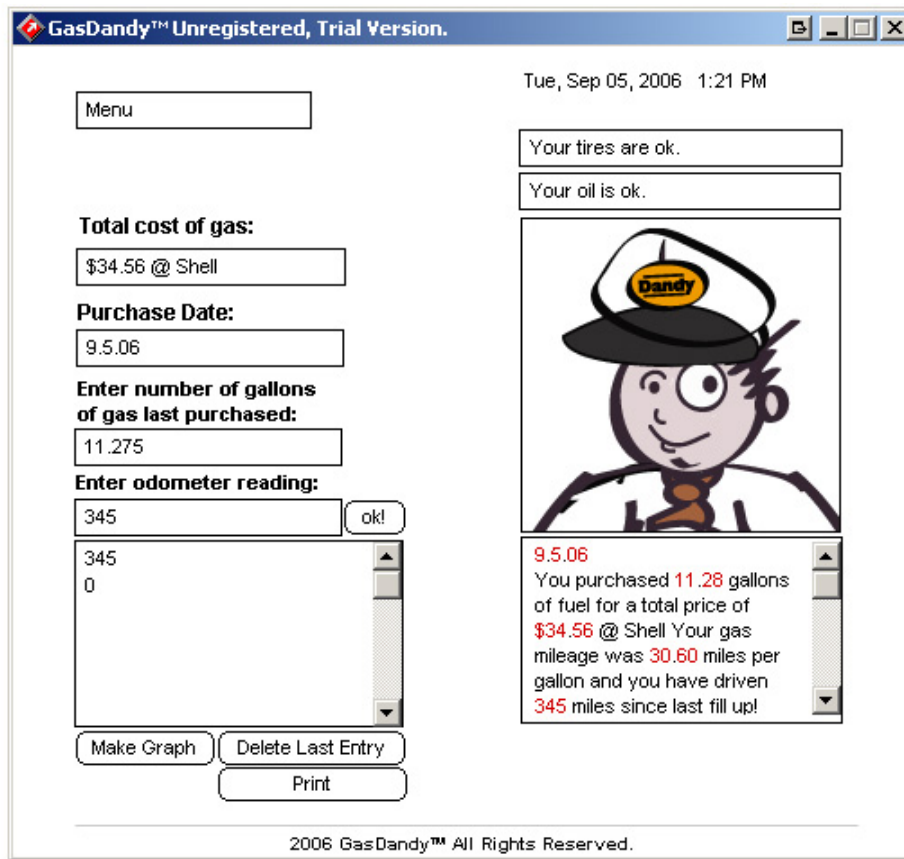
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Screenshot (Dandy in action)



About Dandy,

He was once a waiter, well almost, to make a long story short that didn't work out for him and now he is happily pumping gas (petrol) but he seems to be quite happy doing that. His favorite part of his job is helping people and of course getting to know them and their autos. Dandy thinks he can make keeping track of your auto more enjoyable and rewarding. We hope so! I think it's going to be swell.

GasDandy™ "Its what your dealer forgot to include when you bought your car!"

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Were not the only ones that love GasDandy™.

Here's a list of just some of the editors and publications that have awarded GasDandy™ four-star or five-star awards. You can find a download link for GasDandy™ at each of their sites.









"Talk about being able to see and control your expenses - right down to the penny! GasDandy™ has it all there for you. This is something I didn't know I needed, but now I wouldn't drive without it... it's the best little tool for frugalling that I've seen in a long while."

Pat Veretto
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"GasDandy™: The Best Gas Mileage Tool Around!"
-Ask Patty approves it!

Breanne Boyle
eMarketing Manager
Ask Patty



"When I was looking around for a way to track my mileage, there were a few bits of software here and there but none of them quite did what I wanted. In February 2007 I discovered GasDandy™."

Chris Longhurst
The Car Maintenance Bibles
www.carbibles.com



"ABN promotes GasDandy™ because GasDandy helps small businesses save money"

Diana Kathryn Geleskie
Director of Marketing
Allied Business Network

GasDandy™ Version History

Bugs and Fixes: We do our best to make sure that GasDandy™ is the best gas mileage calculator on the market. If you experience any problems with GasDandy™ please report them with a detailed description of when and how the error occurs along with your version number of GasDandy™. Make sure you keep GasDandy™ up-to-date, to do this check the current version release on our website at www.gasdandy.com.

Release 1.3.0b

GasDandy™ 1.3.0b- Fixed delay caused by status bar that occurs while calculating average mpg values in auto2 and auto3 especially in longer lists of data.

Release 1.3.0c

GasDandy™ 1.3.0c- Changed the start up to check if user data is zero, if there is no data then the user is automatically sent to the set starting odometer and name your vehicle field. Also set all fields to clear last entry after user clicks "ok" to calculate mpg or kpl.

Release 1.3.1

GasDandy™, now with audio, easier to use preferences and a refreshing new look. Other new features included.

Release 1.3.2

GasDandy™ 1.3.2 calculates your expenses for fuel purchases and returns the current amount on-the-fly. When the reset button is pressed the data is saved in the notes for the vehicle and the value is set back to zero for a new recording period.

Release 1.3.2a Personal and FLEET

GasDandy™ 1.3.2a (LIGHTNING) no more waiting while GasDandy™ calculates your data, also warning messages for oil changes and tire rotations are easier to see.

Release 1.3.2c Personal and FLEET

GasDandy™ 1.3.2c added clickable links to the "what's new section" and made the button more visible. GasDandy™ FLEET now remembers the last car loaded into "Unnamed3" and loads this vehicle at start-up.

Release 1.3.3 Personal

GasDandy™ 1.3.3 now calculates cost per mile for fuel. Shown as (C.P.M.) This can be used to determine the approximate cost of a trip for fuel costs.

Release 1.3.3b Personal

GasDandy™ 1.3.3b fixed problem in graph data for vehicle three.

Release 1.3.3c Personal

GasDandy™ 1.3.3c changed the way user enters odometer reading, making it clear when the odometer will be recorded or not recorded. Users no longer allowed to enter zero into the field for gas purchase.

Release 1.3.3f Personal

GasDandy™ 1.3.3f keeps track of your CO₂ carbon emissions for each vehicle.