



Sales Tax Table Generator (formerly NexTaxRates by NexLAN)

\$800.00 List Price (VAR discounts available)

Overview

ACCPAC/SBT Pro Series is incredibly functional and flexible in defining tax jurisdictions and then assigning them to Customers and/or Ship-To Addresses. Pro Series has the ability to define sales tax jurisdiction "levels" of state, county, city, and local - and then combine them into "tax rates" for calculations and reports. This is unparalleled in the mid-tier accounting market and invaluable for companies with *nexus* in multiple taxing jurisdictions!

However the part "left as an exercise for the reader" in Pro Series is making all the tax table and tax rate definitions - and then keeping them up to date as the thousands of taxing authorities constantly change their rates. *Not a small task and the penalties for non-compliance are severe.* Fortunately there are commercial services which stay abreast of the myriads of sales tax changes and provide updates, and now there's DDP's Sales Tax Table Generator to *keep your Pro Series installation synchronized for complete legal reporting compliance!*

The most popular tax rate reporting service is CCH Incorporated's ZipSales™ Database (<http://tax.cchgroup.com/salestax/ZIPsalesDatabase.asp>) which the Sales Tax Table Generator imports, creating the state/county/city/local jurisdictions in sytxrts.dbf and appropriate combined rates in sytxtbl.dbf. DDP's Sales Tax Table Generator also optionally automatically assigns the customers and ship-tos to appropriate taxing authorities where it is possible to do so. The user interface is both simple and intuitive, matching Pro Series, and the application runs from the "Custom Menu" so you can control access to it on a per-user basis.

TaxRates Options

OK Re-Enter Exit

NexTaxRates Options

Use County Rates	{Yes/No}	Yes
Use City Rates	{Yes/No}	Yes
Use Local Rates	{Yes/No}	Yes
Company to Update	(Portion or blank for all)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assign Customers	{Yes/No}	No
Assign Ship-Tos	{Yes/No}	No

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In short, if your company uses Pro Series and faces a myriad of sales tax calculation and reporting requirements, then your quickest and most accurate path is a subscription to CCH's ZipSales and integrating the monthly provided data with DDP's Sales Tax Table Generator.

Issues Regarding Pro Series and Sales Tax

While Pro Series is remarkably functional and flexible in its implementation of Sales Tax recording, there are some issues you need to be aware of:

- Pro Series is built to handle a single tax rate per taxing jurisdiction, however there are instances where this does not hold true in reality, such as the reduced state tax rate in New Jersey along the Delaware border. This program will assume the highest rate possible as we assume you're less likely to get *run over* by the taxing authorities if you overtax rather than undertax. We have modified Pro Series to handle multiple taxing rates per district, but the mods were numerous and you must have complete source code - contact DDP for complete details.
- This program does not (and cannot!) assign the created tax rates to every customer and ship-to. Simply put, there is no fool-proof way to uniquely determine the taxing jurisdiction based on only the city+state information in Pro Series (by the way, **never** use the ZIP code to determine tax jurisdiction - it has no correlation whatsoever!). DDP's Tax Rate Generator does assign the tax table entry for those customers/ship-tos that are not currently assigned and where it can be uniquely determined based on their city+state. We have found this to give a "hit rate" of about 80%. For those customers/ship-tos that cannot be programmatically determined, it is *left as an exercise for the reader* to contact the customers and then assign the applicable tax table ID. Once assigned, either programmatically or manually, the Sales Tax Table Generator does update the tax rates as they change.
- Pro Series does not handle a "maximum taxable amount" on items (example: some counties/parishes in Arkansas) where the sales tax "stops" after an predetermined amount (example: \$4,000 on used cars). DDP has modified Pro Series to handle a "maximum taxable amount" on items, but the mods were numerous and you must have complete source code - contact DDP for complete details.

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