

Chapter 10: Package Profile

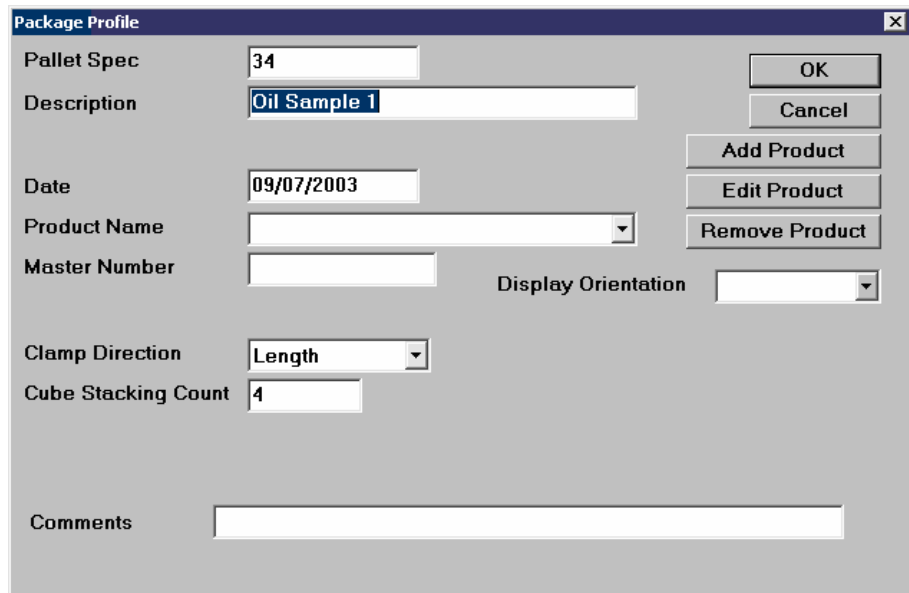
Introduction

This chapter discusses the package profile, which allows you to create a profile for a complete package analysis, sometimes called a cube specification. The package profile is designed for situations where many products use the same packaging. For example, if you package cereal, you can use the same box for several different brands of cereal.

Create a Package Profile

To create a package profile, follow these instructions:

1. Complete a package analysis and save it to the database.
2. Open the File menu and select Package Profile. The Package Profile dialog box appears, as pictured below.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Package Profile" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog box contains the following fields and controls:

- Pallet Spec:** A text box containing the value "34".
- Description:** A text box containing the value "Oil Sample 1".
- Date:** A date picker field showing "09/07/2003".
- Product Name:** A dropdown menu with a downward arrow.
- Master Number:** A text box.
- Clamp Direction:** A dropdown menu showing "Length".
- Cube Stacking Count:** A text box containing the value "4".
- Display Orientation:** A dropdown menu.
- Buttons:** On the right side, there are five buttons: "OK", "Cancel", "Add Product", "Edit Product", and "Remove Product".
- Comments:** A large text area at the bottom for entering notes.

The Package Profile dialog box allows you to add individual products to the package profile. Each product will appear on the profile by name, UPC, product code, declared weight and calculated gross unitload weight.

3. Complete the following fields:
 - ❖ **Pallet Spec:** Enter the specification number for the pallet style. By default, TOPS Pro suggests a unique spec ID.
 - ❖ **Description:** Enter a description of the package profile being created.
 - ❖ **Date:** Enter the current date to specify when the package profile was created.
 - ❖ **Product Name:** Select a product name associated with the package profile or type in the first few letters of the product.

Note: The drop-down list displays products that have been added to this profile. You'll use this field to edit or delete a product.
 - ❖ **Master Number:** Enter the master number associated with the package profile.

Note: You can use this field for any numeric value. To rename the field, use the Text Modification dialog box. For more information, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.
 - ❖ **Display Orientation:** This is a reserved key.
 - ❖ **Clamp Direction:** Select the clamp direction associated with the package profile.

Note: The printout will show clampability arrows on the unitload according to your input here. Unlike the clampable option on the UnitLoad Options dialog box, the clamp direction does not affect the calculations.
 - ❖ **Cube Stacking Count:** Enter the maximum stacking height for your warehouse.

Note: Like the Master Number field, you can use this field for any numeric value by renaming it via the Tools/Language function.
 - ❖ **Comments:** Enter the text of any comments that are relevant to the package profile.
4. After completing the package profile parameters, click on OK and TOPS Pro returns you to the Control Panel.

Add a Product to the Package Profile

To add a product to the package profile, start from the Package Profile dialog box and follow these instructions:

1. Click on the Add Product button. The Specification Products dialog box appears, as pictured below.

The Specification Products dialog box contains the following fields and controls:

- Product: CHEERIOS : 666 (dropdown)
- Product Code: (empty text box)
- Designed By: (empty text box)
- Designed Date: (empty text box)
- Declared Weight: 0.000 (text box) oz (dropdown)
- Case Weight: 0.000 (text box) (lbs)
- Sort By: Name, UPC
- Units: English, Metric
- Buttons: OK, Cancel, New Product

The Specification Products dialog box allows you to (1) add a product to the package profile or (2) define parameters for a new product to be added to the Product Name drop-down list.

2. Complete the Specification Products dialog box.

Note: For detailed information about the Specification Products dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

3. If the product you want to add is not on the list, you can add it to the database. Click on the New Product button. The Define Product dialog box appears, as pictured below.

The Define Product dialog box contains the following fields and controls:

- Product: (empty dropdown)
- Manufacturing: (empty dropdown)
- Description: (empty text box)
- UPC: (empty text box)
- Density (oz/100in): 0.0000 (text box)
- Cost: 0.0000 (text box)
- Units: English, Metric
- Sort By: Name, UPC
- Dimensions:
 - EAN.UCC Width - Left to Right (in): 0.0000
 - EAN.UCC Depth - Front to Back (in): 0.0000
 - EAN.UCC Height - Base to Top (in): 0.0000
- Buttons: OK, Cancel, Save, Delete, Help
- Locked: Locked

4. Complete the Define Product dialog box.

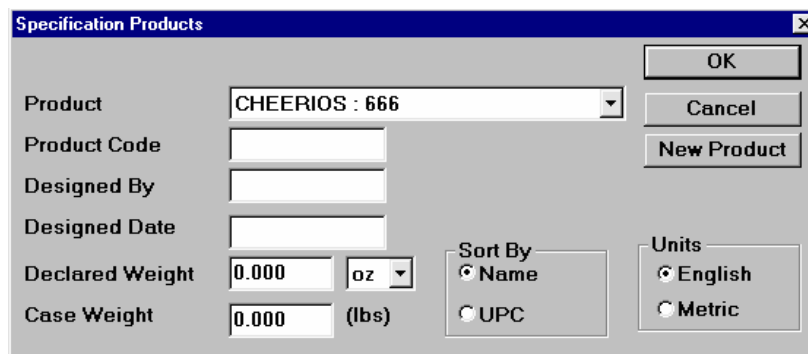
Note: For detailed information about the Define Product dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

5. After completing the Define Product dialog box, click on OK.
TOPS Pro saves your new product parameters to the database and redisplay the Specification Products dialog box. The Product drop-down list now contains the name of the new product you just added.
6. After completing the Specification Products dialog box, click on OK.
TOPS Pro saves your new product parameters to the database and redisplay the Package Profile dialog box. The Product Name drop-down list now contains the name of the new product you just added.
7. If everything on the Package Profile dialog box is correct, click on OK. TOPS Pro saves the new package profile to the database.

Edit a Product in the Package Profile

This feature allows you to select and edit a product in the package profile. To edit a product, start from the Package Profile dialog box and follow these instructions:

1. Use the Product Name drop-down list to select the product you want to edit.
2. Click on the Edit Product button. The Specification Products dialog box appears, as pictured below.



3. Make necessary changes on the Specification Products dialog box.
4. After completing the Specification Products dialog box, click on OK.
TOPS Pro saves your changes to the database and redisplay the Package Profile dialog box.

Remove a Product from the Package Profile

This feature allows you to select and remove a product from the pallet specification in the package profile. To remove a product, start from the Package Profile dialog box and follow these instructions:

1. Use the Product Name drop-down list to select the product you want to remove.
2. Click on the Remove Product button. TOPS Pro asks this question: "Remove product "XXX" from Pallet Specification?"
3. To remove the product from the package profile, click on OK. TOPS Pro removes the product from the package profile and updates the database.