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## Star Chromatography Workstation Version 6

# StarFinder Upgrade and Release Notes

The following information can be found in this document:

### Upgrading from Previous Versions of StarFinder

For customers who are installing Version 6 on a computer where a previous version is installed. Also includes operational differences between Version 6 and previous versions not covered in other documents.

### Miscellaneous Notes

Additional information for all StarFinder customers not covered in other documents.

The following information can be found in other related documents:



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### Star Chromatography Workstation Release Notes

These notes contain instructions for customers running Star Workstation under Windows NT, as well as important notes and safeguards to ensure the most reliable system operation.



### LC Control Release Notes

Information for Star Workstation customers running LC Control software.



### GC Control Release Notes

Information for Star Workstation customers running GC Control software.

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# Upgrading from Previous Versions of StarFinder

## Database Installation

If you are installing StarFinder on a Workstation for the first time, the installation program will automatically install a fresh copy of the database file STARFIND.MDB in the Star Workstation directory. If you have a previous version of StarFinder on the Workstation, then you have two options:

1. You can use a newly installed database by moving the old STARFIND.MDB file out of the Star Workstation directory prior to the installation. The installation will then create a new database file. You can still access the old database by following the directions in the *Moving or Changing the Database File* section of the StarFinder Operation Manual.
2. You can use the old database file by simply doing nothing. The installation program will leave the old database intact in the Star Workstation directory. If you choose to install StarFinder this way, you should realize that the database changes made in Version 5 (see below) will not be available.

## Database Changes

Starting with Version 5, the database has been enhanced to provide support for long file names and multiple database entries for the same Data File name. In versions of StarFinder prior to Version 5, if you archived a Data File and then re-used the same path and file name for a new Data File, there would only be one entry in the database—that of the new Data File. The Version 6.0 database is indexed on both Data File Name and Injection Date. Therefore, you can now re-use Data File names as long as the injection times differ.

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# Miscellaneous Notes

## Accessing one database from multiple Workstations

The StarFinder installation program installs a single StarFinder database in the directory where the Star Workstation is installed. If you want multiple StarFinder installations to share one database on a network server, copy one StarFinder database file (STARFIND.MDB) to the shared network location.

To link to this database, open the *32Bit ODBC* icon in the Windows Control Panel. Select the StarFinder entry and choose *Configure*. When the ODBC Microsoft Access 97 dialog is displayed with the StarFinder database, choose *Select...* and pick the database that you wish to use.

When adding Data Files to the network database, keep in mind that the Data File path names in the database must be common to all Workstations using StarFinder. Refer to the StarFinder Operation Manual for details on configuring your system for shared database access.

## Updating the StarFinder display after new Data Files are added to the database

If you select *Always Search After Modifying Database* from the StarFinder Options dialog box, Data Files added to the database from the StarFinder window will be reflected in the display if they satisfy the search criteria. Data Files added to the database by performing automated injections or recalculations in System Control, however, will not be detected by StarFinder until you explicitly repeat the search.

## Printing in StarFinder

The printer used by StarFinder to print the contents of the spreadsheet display (the *Print List* command) may be different than the printer used when printing reports from StarFinder (the *Print Reports* command). Set the Windows default printer (use *Set as Default* from the list of printers in the Windows *Printers* panel) to specify the printer for the spreadsheet list. To change the printer used for reports, set the *Default Star Printer* from the Printer Setup dialog box accessed from the *Print Setup* item in the StarFinder File menu.

The format used when printing reports from StarFinder (the *Print Reports* command) is that specified in the Standard Report section in the Method last used when processing the selected Data File(s). If, for example, the Standard Report section specifies that both chromatogram printouts and results printouts are disabled (unchecked), then selecting *Print Reports* from StarWriter will not print any reports.