



# Abacus Intouch

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## Version 5.3 Coming Soon

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Testing is nearly complete and the New Version will be released at the next user group meeting in July. Version 5.3 features improved graphical interfaces on the majority of screens including a brand new payment screen that interfaces with our chip and pin solution.

There are many new features in 5.3 including the basic till program and we are recommending that all users attend the UGM to get the lowdown on the new software and receive their upgrade disks first. So don't forget to book your place.

### Chip and Pin accreditation\*

Abacus received its official bank accreditation for Chip & Pin software on 19th May 2004.



This new enhancement offers many benefits to our customers, with system integration Abacus retailers can do away with extra line rentals for PDQ machines, manual reconciliation of card payments against Z readings and can eliminate errors in processing card payments.

The verifone devices supplied link directly to your network and take details from and feedback payment details directly to the abacus payment screen and allow the flexibility to spread payment of several different cards in much the same way that you operate now.

The hardware can be shared between several till-points and is available to buy or lease.

Service charges start from £15 per month, replacing your current PDQ charges, and you continue to use your current bank to authorise transactions so negotiated transaction fees remain the same.

For more details please call us on **0870 442 8240**.

\*requires version 5.3

### GONE PHISHING!!!!

"Phishing" is the latest internet crime wave and involves organised crime setting up fake websites to look like ebay, your bank or other financial sites.



They then email you with a message similar to; "This is a message from your bank" requesting you log on and update your details.

The criminals then transfer money from your account and distribute it to their own accounts in real time!

Beware the fake sites look just like your bank or credit card site and are even encrypted so you won't spot the difference. To avoid being scammed online:

1. Never link to a finance website from an email.
2. Check the address in your browser regularly
3. When dealing online try to use a dedicated card with protection for the purpose.
4. Keep your virus and spyware definition up to date.

A useful free download is ad-aware from lavasoft at [www.lavasoft-usa.com/software/adaware/](http://www.lavasoft-usa.com/software/adaware/)

### Acer C110 Tablet PC.

This month's intouch special is an Acer tablet laptop. Equipped with wireless networking a touch screen it is ideal for booking in stock in a warehouse, taking orders on the shop floor or just as a cool laptop.

Travelmate C111TCi Pentium-M 1GHz  
40GB Hard Drive , 512MB RAM,  
Ext. CD-RW / DVD,  
10.4" TFT with Digitised overlay,  
Modem, Wired/Wireless 802.11G LAN,  
Bluetooth,  
EMR Stylus Pen,  
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