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Product	Generation 4 EFIS Lite/Plus/Sport And EFIS One	
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Checklist Creation for Generation 4 EFIS Products

The 3.12 release of the system software enabled the checklist functionality of the EFIS units. It's up to the individual users to create their own checklists, however. Here's what you need to know.

Basic Rules:

- 1) Checklists are plain text files
- 2) They are named checklist.000, checklist.001, checklist.002, etc..
- 3) The extension determines the order in which they will be displayed on the EFIS
- 4) The first line of the file is the title of the checklist
- 5) Each additional line is one step in the checklist
- 6) There's no practical limit to the number of steps in the checklist

Creating a checklist file on Windows XP:

- 1) Right-click on a blank area of your desktop. From the pop-up menu, select "New". From the next pop-up menu, select "Text Document"
- 2) A new icon called "New Text Document.txt" will appear on your desktop. Double-click on it. This will open the file in Notepad.
- 3) Enter the data for you checklist. Pay attention to rules 4 and 5 above.
- 4) When you're done editing, save the file and close Notepad.
- 5) Right-click on the icon for the text file. From the pop-up menu, select "Rename"

- 6) Type in the name that you want. Pay attention to rule 2 above.
- 7) When you press enter, a dialog box will pop up warning you about changing the extension. Click "Yes" to tell Windows you really want to change the extension.
- 8) Copy the file onto your USB key.
- 9) Repeat steps 1-8 for each additional checklist you want.
- 10) Insert the USB key into your EFIS and power up the EFIS. The EFIS will automatically copy the checklist files to the proper location.

Note to MacOS users: The above steps obviously don't apply, but the procedure should be similar. We don't have a Mac here in the shop to try this on, but it should work.

Note to Linux users: You guys are on your own, but you're probably used to that and don't need my help creating a text file anyway..:) Don't worry about any CR/LF translation; the EFIS software is smart enough to handle DOS or Unix style line endings.

Editing a checklist:

There's no provision for editing a checklist once it's been installed on the EFIS. The easiest thing to do is created a new one with the same name as the checklist you want to change. Just follow steps 1-10 above, and the new checklist will overwrite the old one. Saving your checklists on your home computer also makes the task of editing easier.

Deleting a checklist:

A new tab has been added to the setup utility to allow you to completely delete a Checklist. Click the "Unlock" checkbox, select the file name and press the "Delete" button. Note that there is no "Are you sure?" dialog box; once you press the "Delete" button, the checklist is gone!

My Checklist won't work!???-

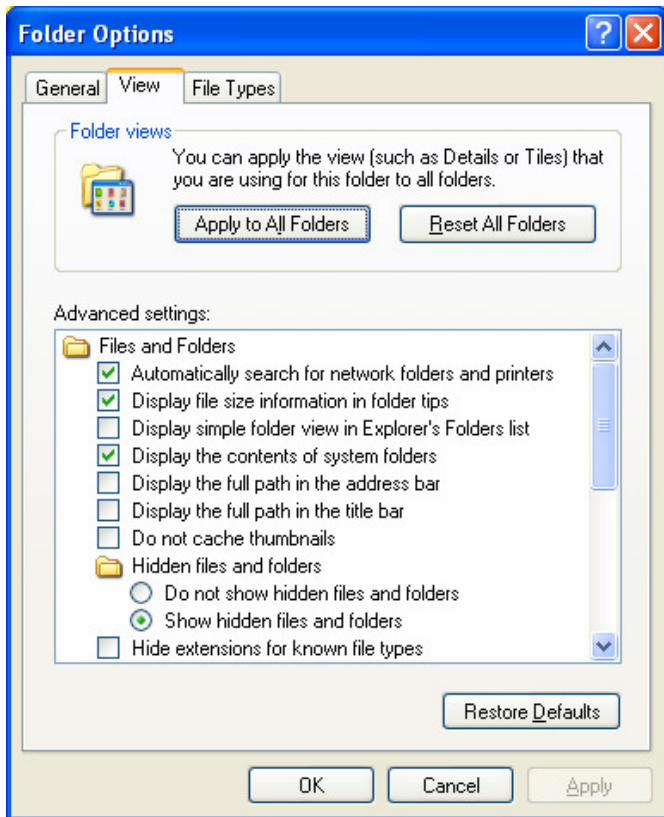
The above directions need to be followed very closely.

Files names need to lower case.

In some Windows XP machines the operating system may be set to "Hide File Extensions for Known File Types". This will add the .txt file extension after you have renamed the file and cause the file to not work.

Simply go to the Windows Control Panel "Folder options" icon, click and open.

From the "Folder Options" folder, go to 'View' and 'Advanced Settings'.



Uncheck the line, "Hide extensions for known file types". XP will no longer automatically add the .txt file extension to the checklist file you are creating. You'll now see that the files are actually named "checklist.xxx.txt". Remove the .txt and save the files to the memory stick and you have the checklists working.

