

## Instructions for installing macros in Transit XV and 3.0

This document describes how to install existing macros in Star Transit XV and 3.0. It is intended as a companion to the list of macros on the trans-k website.

**Important!** Always try out new macros on a non-critical document, i.e. not on your current customer project.

### The easy method

1. In the **Options** menu select **Record Macro....**
2. In the dialog that opens, enter a descriptive name and a keyboard shortcut for running the macro (you can change this later if you change your mind; see below for suggestions). Check the **Show macro definition after recording** option and click **OK**.
3. In the **Options** menu select **Stop macro recording**. (If you did not check the **Show macro definition after recording** option, select **Macro...** in the **Options** menu and find the macro you have just recorded.)
4. In the **Edit Macro** dialog, copy your macro code into the large edit field. (This should be blank; if it is not, simply delete any text it contains first.)
5. You can now click the **Run** button to test the macro (making sure you have a test file open in the editor window).
6. Click **OK** to close the dialog.

### For advanced users

Instead of recording a new macro, you can copy the text directly into your profile file:

1. Exit Transit.
2. Open your profile file. By default, the user profile file is called *DEFAULT.PRF* and is located in folder *C:\Program Files\Transit XV\Config\USERS\<user name>* and the global profile under *C:\Program Files\Transit XV\Config\GLOBAL\*.
3. Find the heading *[MACROS]* or, if it does not yet exist, create it at the end of the file.
4. On a new line under the heading *[MACROS]*, enter the macro in the following format:  
*1=name^<shortcut> =macro code*  
where "1" is a consecutive number, "name" is a descriptive name of your choice for the macro, *shortcut* the keyboard shortcut (for example *<SHIFT\_CTRL\_F>*) and *macro code* the code.
5. Save the file.
6. Start Transit and test your macro. If it does not work, select **Options** and **Macro...** and check that your new macro appears in the list. If it does not, check whether you have created it in a different profile from the one you are currently using. Failing all else, create a macro using the first method before editing the profile file.

## Instructions for copying macro code into Transit XV – continued

### Keyboard shortcuts – a few suggestions

Before you assign a keyboard shortcut, make sure that it is not already in use for another macro or for a function in Transit. See the Transit user manual or help file for a list of default shortcuts.

Wherever possible, I try to use logical, easy to remember key combinations. For example, for the *Cut*, *Copy* and *Paste Formatted* macros, I have assigned Ctrl+Shift+X, Ctrl+Shift+C and Ctrl+Shift+V respectively; for the *ReplaceCurrent* macro, I have used Ctrl+Shift+H. The macros for typographic quotation marks (which simply type the key combinations Alt+0147 and Alt+0148), I have assigned to Ctrl+” and Ctrl+Shift+” respectively. Macros that I run very often I tend to assign to single function keys to save on keystrokes. For example the *DelToEndAndMark* macro – which I almost always use instead of Alt+Ins – is assigned to the F12 key.

### Important notes

- When you copy the code directly from the trans-k web page ([www.trans-k.co.uk/transit\\_e.html](http://www.trans-k.co.uk/transit_e.html)), make sure that you delete the line breaks. They are unfortunately necessary to limit the width of the table on the page.
- If your version of Transit is unstable and tends to crash when you perform certain operations, you can try and add a **Save all** command at the beginning of the macro. That way, your work should be saved if the macro causes a crash and you forget to save manually before running the macro.
- Always try out new macros on a non-critical document, i.e. not on your current customer project. Especially the **Undo** function in Transit sometimes produces unexpected results when you try to undo changes made with macros, especially when you have multiple files open in a global window.
- If you are using Transit with a different interface language, you may have to change some of the key combination codes. Combination keystrokes are always enclosed in “<” and “>”. For example the key combination Ctrl+P is represented by <CTRL\_P> in the macro.

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