

## Technical Bulletin

### Daylight Savings Time — New Start and End Dates

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This Issue 3 updates the newer Microsoft links.

In August of 2005, the United States Congress passed the Energy Policy Act which changes the start and end dates of daylight saving time (DST). These changes take effect this year, and DST will start three weeks earlier and end one week later than the traditional timing.

The 2006 implementation for Daylight Savings Time was:

- Daylight saving time starts at 02:00 A.M. on April 2, 2006
- Daylight saving time ends at 02:00 A.M. on October 29, 2006

The 2007 implementation for Daylight Savings Time will be:

- Daylight saving time starts at 02:00 A.M. on March 11, 2007
- Daylight saving time ends at 02:00 A.M. on November 4, 2007

Microsoft will be providing automatic updates (KB928388) for:

- Windows XP SP2 – or you can use the following link to download a manual update  
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=66F1420C-DF2D-400B-A8A9-EF9061A9A3CA&displaylang=en>
- Windows Server 2003 – or you can use the following link to download a manual update  
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=E589ED6E-FFE6-489B-A47F-A9CE6C877B85&displaylang=en>

The following systems must be manually updated:

- All Windows XP SP1
- All Windows XP Embedded SP1 and SP2
- Windows 2000 Pro/Server
- Windows NT Workstation/Server

Instructions to perform the required manual updates can be found by starting with the following Microsoft article:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/timezone/dst2007.mspx>

This is one of the options offered by Microsoft to update time zones for a non-compliant OS. It is up to the dealer which method he wishes to use.

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## ADDITIONAL NOTE

There is a Microsoft utility called TZedit.exe which may be used with any non-XP SP2 or non-Windows 2003 Server system. A document with the link to this utility is available from Microsoft from the following link:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/914387>

This particular document was written specifically for the 2007 DST, and provides the link to the latest version of the utility – so if the utility has been updated, you will be sure to get the latest and greatest.

Remember that the change is “permanent” only so long as you don’t reload the older operating system. So for example, if you are working with Windows 2000 Pro or Server and update it using TZedit.exe or any other means, then for some reason have to reload the operating system from the CD, you will need to perform the 2007 DST update again.

To Your Success,

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