OilLabData User Manual

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Introduction

How To Use This Manual

This manual describes the operation of OilLabData software.

Manual Conventions

These conventions are used throughout this manual to call attention to the adjacent text:

Note: The Note paragraph indicates special comments or instructions.

OilLabData Software

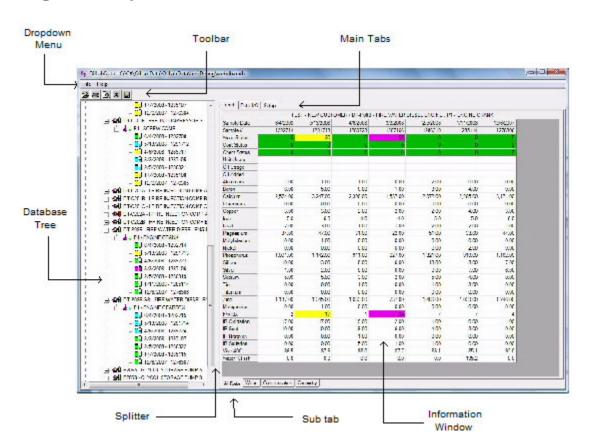
Introduction

The OilLabData software is used to store, retrieve, analyze, and report oil lab sample test results.

Installation

Copy the setup.exe and OilSetup.msi to a temporary directory. Execute setup.exe, accepting defaults or entering preferences as desired. After installation, the setup files may be deleted or archived for future use.

Program Layout



Information Window

The Information Window will display data depending on the Main Tab selection, Sub tab selection, and possibly the Database Tree.

Splitter

When moving the mouse over the Splitter, the mouse will change to a vertical bar with arrows pointing to the left and right. At this time, the left mouse button can be pressed and the width of the database tree can be adjusted. Release the mouse when the desired width has been achieved. This width will be stored and used for future program activation.

Main Tabs

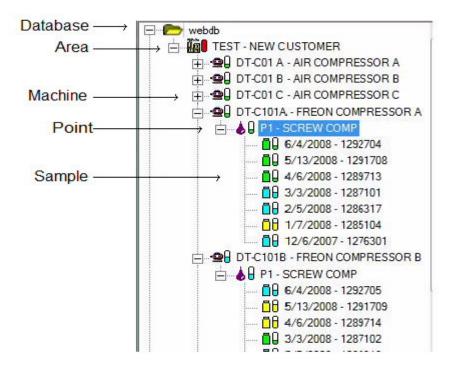
The Main Tabs are used to switch between the major program features. For example, the Trend tab is used to view the sample data and generate reports. The Import tab is used to import or export data to/from the database. Setup tab is used to set miscellaneous configuration parameters.

Sub Tabs

The Sub Tabs further divide the functions and displays of the Main Tabs.

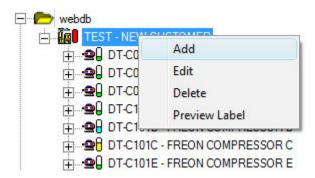
Database Tree

The Database Tree is the primary mechanism for navigating the database structure. The tree can be expanded by selecting the plus "+" icon and collapsed by selecting the minus "-" icon.

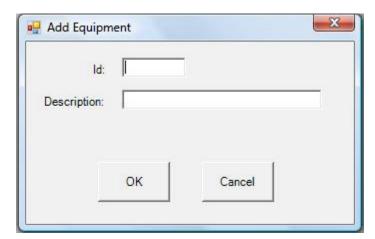


Observe that the top level of the tree is the Database, followed by the Area, Machine, Point, and Sample. Each level has an "ID" and "Description" field of various lengths. The items are alphabetically sorted according to the ID field. Each database level has a color coded alarm gauge. The alarms are rolled up the tree so that the higher levels display the worse alarm level. For the example above, the level for the most recent sample is rolled up to the Point. This level is equal to or worse than the other points under this Machine, so the alarm is rolled to the Machine level. There other Machines under the area with worse alarms, so the Sample alarm is not propagated further.

By right-clicking the mouse on any level of the Database Tree, a menu can be displayed.



For example, selecting Add at the Area level will display a menu to add a Machine.



Selecting Edit will display a screen similar to the Add that will permit modification of the selected level ID and Description.

Note: If you are using an import technique that automatically creates the database structure the ID field should not be modified. For example, if the Area ID 'A1' is changed to 'A2', the next time data is imported for A1, the level will not be found, and A1 and its Machines and Points will be recreated.

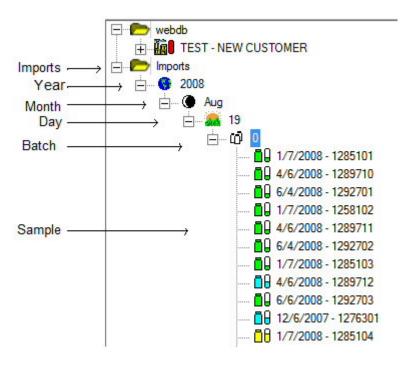
Selecting Delete will delete the selected level and all sub levels in the database. A confirmation prompt will be displayed before this operation is carried out.

Import Tree

There is an Imports level at the same level as the Database. The Import tree is used to conveniently review sample results without having to locate samples in the database hierarchy. Each time data is imported, a Batch is created under the Year, Month, and Day of the import. If more than 99 samples are present, new Batches are created as necessary. If the same Sample data is imported multiple times, multiple Batches are created.

Note: The Imports tree is solely for the convenience of the user. Once import data has been reviewed, the Import construct may no longer be useful. As with the Database tree, the levels of the Import tree can be

deleted. Deleting Import tree items will NOT delete the Sample data. Only the Import 'link' to the Sample is deleted.



Action Required Tree

There is an Action Required level at the same level as the Database. The Action Required tree is used to conveniently create a 'to do' list without having to locate samples in the database hierarchy. Samples may be added to the Action Required tree by right clicking a sample and selecting 'Action Required'.

Note: The Action Required tree is solely for the convenience of the user. Once action is taken right click the sample under Action Required and select 'Delete'. Deleting Action Required tree items will NOT delete the Sample data. The Sample is only removed from the Action Required list.



Main Menu



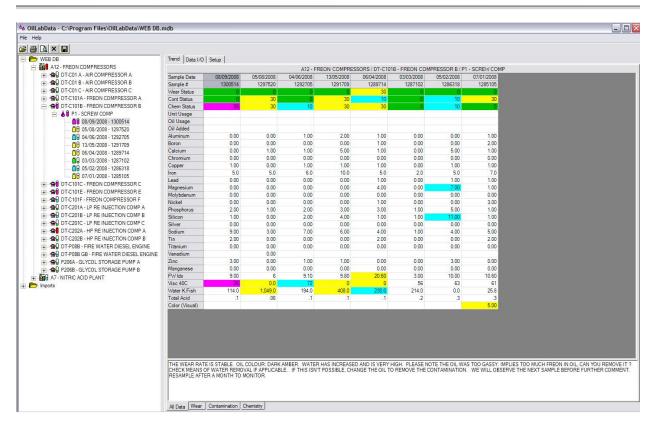
Various drop down menu items may be selected from the Main Menu by left clicking the menu and item. Options to open and create a database are available, along with items to change printer settings and exit the program.

Toolbar



Toolbar items can be invoked with a single click of the mouse. If the mouse 'hovers' over a toolbar item, a brief 'tool tip' description is displayed. From left to right, the toolbar items are "Open Database", "Print Report", "Preview Report", "Close Report Preview", and "Save Report to PDF File".

Trend



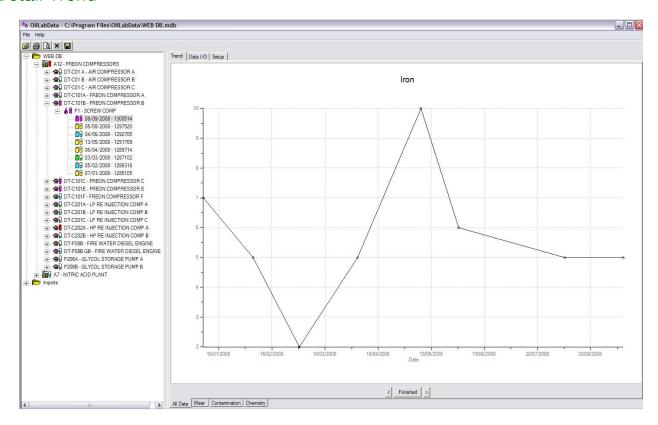
The Trend tab is the primary source for Sample results. This screen will update depending on the item selected in the Database or Import tree. Results are displayed at the 'Point' 'Sample' and 'Batch' level. For other levels the screen will be 'empty'. If comments are present, and Sample is selected from the tree, the comments will be displayed at the bottom of the screen. Samples are arranged according to sample date from left to right.

Note: You may modify editable fields such as "Unit Usage", "Oil Usage", "Oil Added", and "Comments" by selecting them with the mouse and typing the new values. The "Sample Date" and "Sample #" may also be modified by right clicking the Sample and selecting "Edit".

If you wish, you can also add your own comments to the reports. This can be useful for recording oil and filter changes or if you want to add specific information for management and production personnel. Your comments are automatically saved when you enter them.

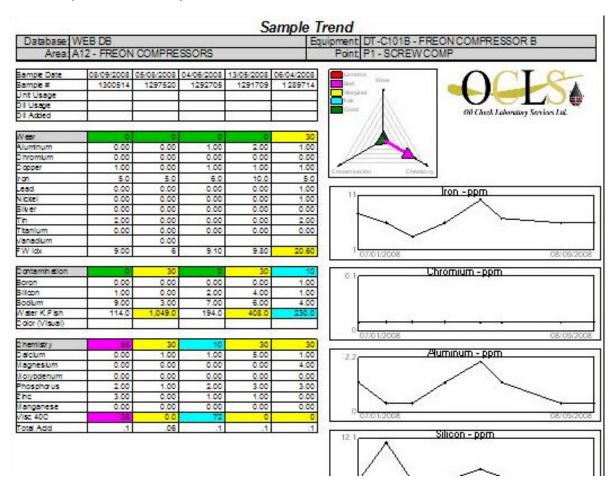
The cells of individual parameters are color coded according to the alarm level assigned by the lab. Additionally, parameters have been assigned to the 'Wear', 'Contamination', or 'Chemistry' category. The highest alarm level (0-100 range) and color for each category is rolled to the summary 'Status' rows.

Detail Trend



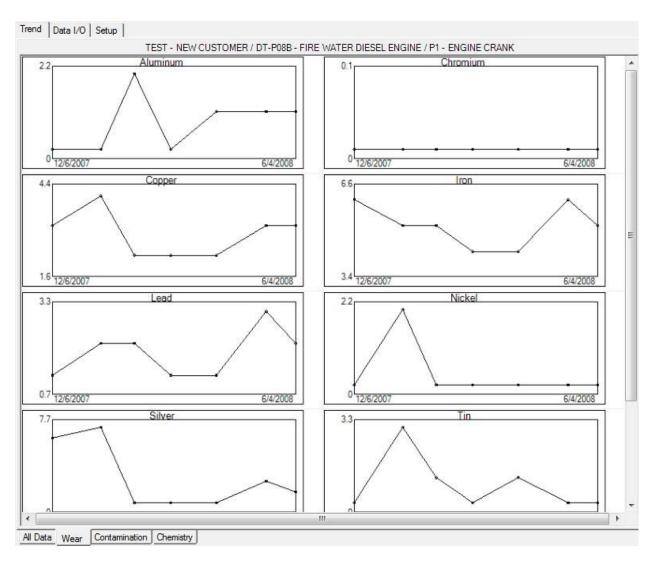
Right click on a parameter name to display a detail trend plot. The '<' and '>' buttons will display the previous and next parameters. Holding down the 'shift' and left mouse button will move the plot. The 'Crtl' mouse combination will change the axis scale. 'Alt' mouse will allow you to select a box. Releasing the mouse button will plot the selected region. When 'Finished' is selected, the display returns to the Trend spreadsheet.

Sample Trend Report



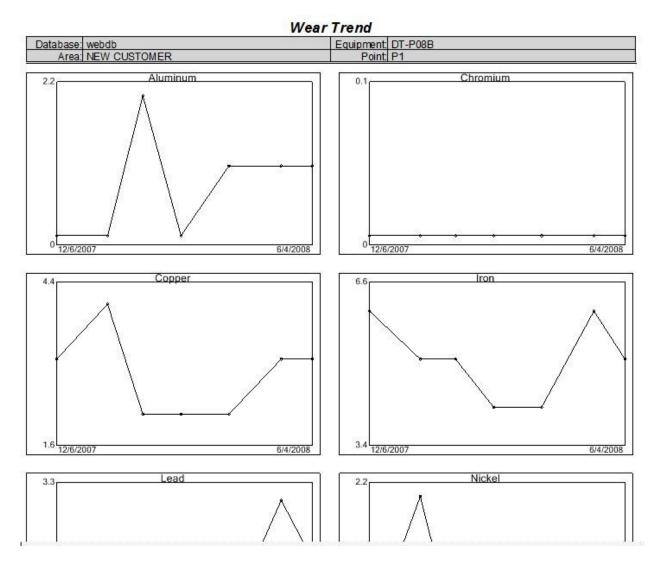
Selecting the Preview button from the Toolbar will display the Sample Trend Report in a preview window. The Sample displayed depends upon the Sample selected on the tree. The selected Sample is the leftmost Sample on the report, followed by the up to 4 prior Samples. If the Point is selected, the most recent Sample is considered the selected Sample. The comments and vector summary are for the leftmost Sample. Also, the Plot data starts at this Sample. The number of data points plotted depends on setting on the 'Trend' sub-tab of the 'Setup' tab. The report can be printed or saved as a PDF file with the toolbar buttons. Select 'Close' from the toolbar to return to the trend display.

Wear/Contamination/Chemistry Sub-Tabs



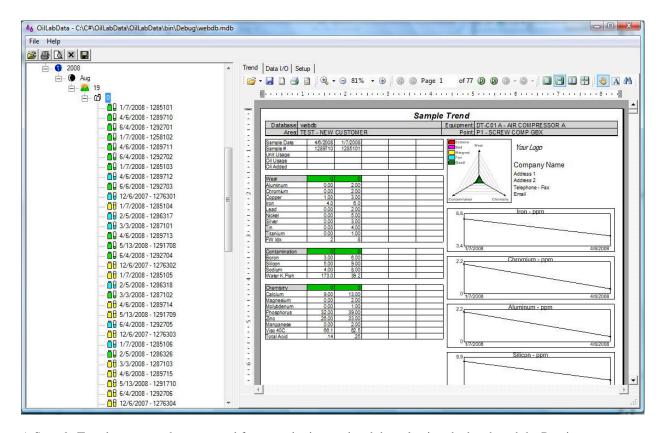
Selecting the Wear/Contamination/Chemistry Sub-Tabs displays an array of trend charts for the selected category. As with the Sample Trend report, the number of data points plotted depends on setting on the 'Trend' sub-tab of the 'Setup' tab.

Wear/Contamination/Chemistry Trend Report



Selecting the Preview button from the Toolbar will display the Sample Trend Report in a preview window. The number of data points plotted depends on setting on the 'Trend' sub-tab of the 'Setup' tab. The report can be printed or saved as a PDF file with the toolbar buttons. Select 'Close' from the toolbar to return to the trend display.

Sample Trend Report at Batch Level

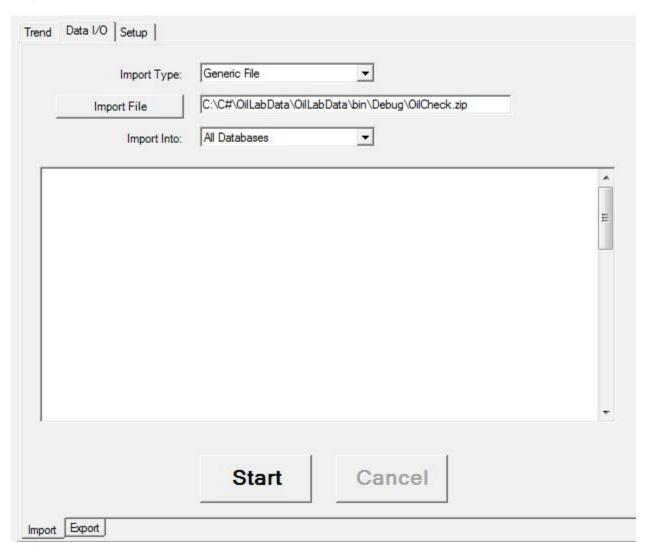


A Sample Trend report can be generated for an entire import batch by selecting the batch and the Preview button. Navigation keys on the preview allow for quick review of the reports.

Note: Up to 99 samples on 99 pages may be included in this report. Selecting Print will queue all pages to the printer.

Data I/O

Import



The Import tab allows you import test results from your oil analysis lab. Status messages, along with any warnings or errors are listed as the import progresses.

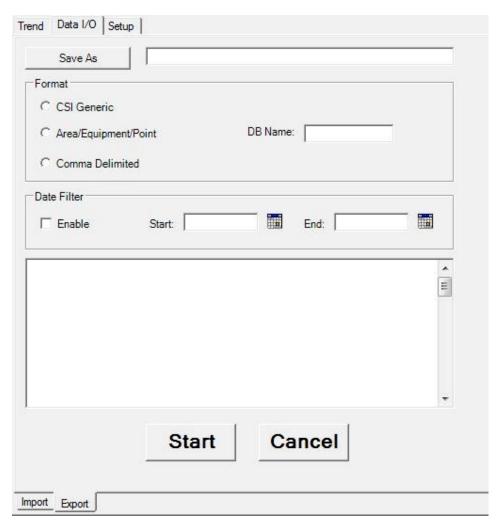
Import Type - Currently supported import formats.

Import File - Select to "browse" to the file that is to be imported.

Import Into - This can be used with the "Lab Unit ID" method of import to limit the search to the current database instead of all databases.

Start - Click on the Start button to begin the import process.

Export



Export can be used to create a text file with the Sample test results. Status messages, along with any warnings or errors are listed as the import progresses.

Note: The Samples exported will depend on the current selection on the database tree. All Samples at and below the selection will be exported. This applies to the Import tree also. For example, by selecting the Month level, all sample data imported for that Month would be exported.

Save As - The name of the file that will contain the exported data.

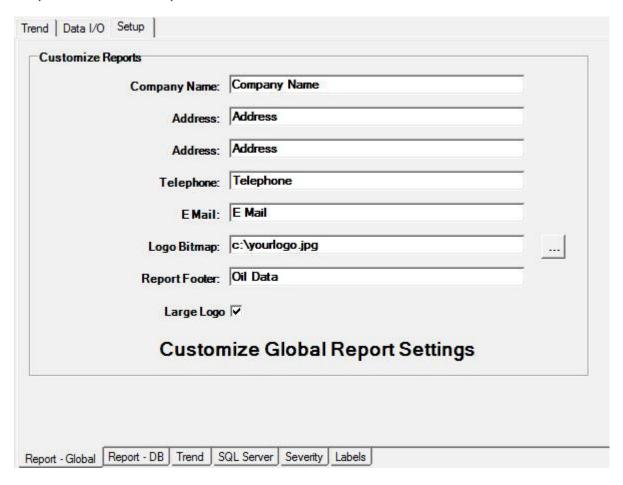
Export Format

- CSI Generic (.zip) using the Lab Unit ID as the key for data import
- *Area, Equipment, Point (.zip)* codes as keys for import. This option automatically creates the Area, Equipment or Point in the target database if they do not exist. Note, "DB Name" must be provided.
- Comma Delimited output data separated by comma's.

DataFilter - Check the Enabled box to limit the export to the tree selection and Sample dates that fall on or within the selectable Start End dates. ta will be imported into the Oil Reference database.

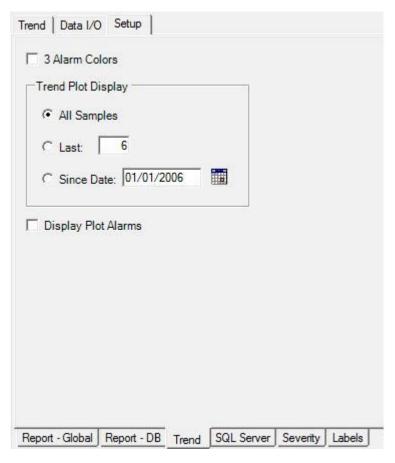
Setup

Report - Global/Report - DB



Reports can be customized with your desired contact information. The "Report – Global" settings are stored in a configuration file and apply to all databases. "Report – DB" settings are stored in the database and apply only to the current database. When generating reports, the existence of DB settings are checked first and used if present. "Large Logo" will generate a large logo that covers the address information.

Trend



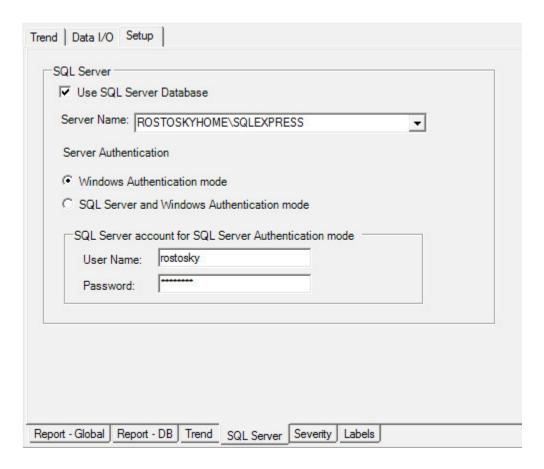
3 Alarm Colors will change the alarm colors on the tree, cell, and reports to 3 levels from the original 5. For 3 color, magenta becomes red and cyan becomes yellow.

Trend Plot Display can be used to reduce the number of data points plotted. This may be desirable if the quantity begins to obscure the trend or if data becomes too old to be relevant.

- All All data points are displayed.
- *Last* Enter the number of data points to display.
- Since Date Data since the entered date will be plotted.

Display Plot Alarms will display the data point using its alarm color.

SQL Server



The default Access database is adequate for individual users. SQL Server is a better choice for LAN users and web based databases. With SQL Server, the server system processes a request and passes back the selected records rather than passing all records to the client for processing. SQL Server or SQL Server Express must be installed on your network and the Server must be configured to permit access from the client PCs. Information Systems support may be required for proper configuration.

Server Name is the system name where the SQL server is located. Selecting the down arrow will initiate a search on your LAN for available servers.

Windows Authentication mode is the Microsoft preferred authentication mode for SQL server.

SQL Server and Windows Authentication mode may be required for compatibility with existing network and SQL server configurations.

SQL Server account for SQL Server Authentication mode is used to enter the User Name and Password for access to the server system. The Name and Password are only used if *SQL Server and Windows Authentication mode* is used. The password is encrypted before storage to assure safety.

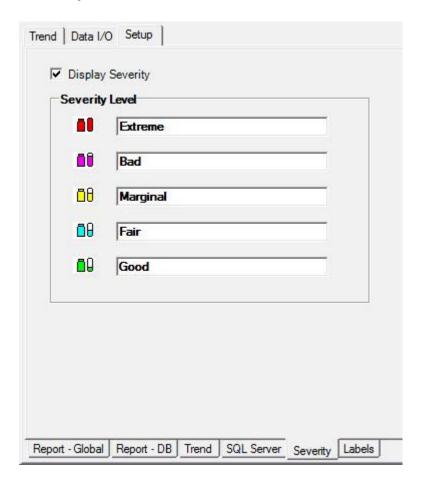
Note: Windows Workgroup networks may require mirrored accounts on the server and the client. The username and password must be identical.

Note: Windows XP defaults to "simple file sharing" when using Workgroup networking. In this case, all users come through as the "Guest" user. The Guest user should be enabled and password protected, and added to the SQL Server users.

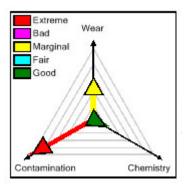
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Note: For domain networks, you can speed the initial setup and configuration by adding the user "domain users" to SQL Server users, and granting access to your database. Adding individual users would be more secure.

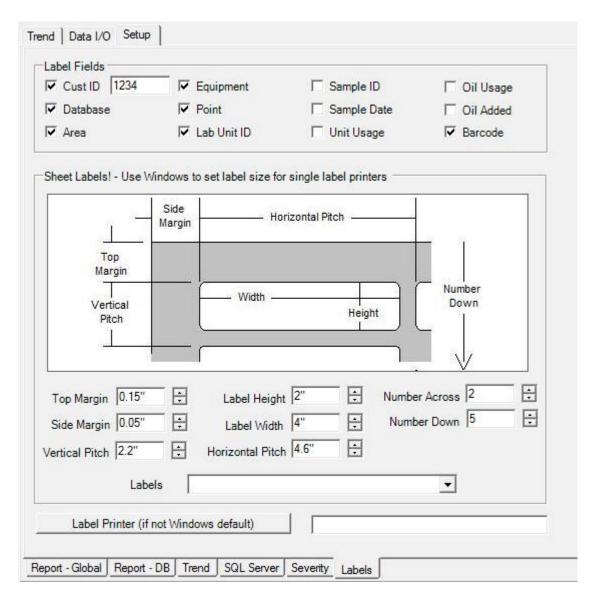
Severity



The vector display on the Sample Trend report may be customized to display Severity level names.



Labels



Sample labels may be customized by selecting the desired fields. The barcode may be omitted if the lab cannot interpret the embedded Area/Equipment/Point information. The Cust ID value is assigned by the oil lab.

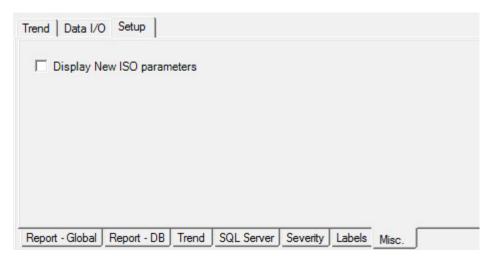
Label dimensions may be set by typing in the fields or selecting the up/down arrows. Try printing on scrap paper as it may take several iterations to determine the proper dimensions.

Note: The label dimensions are for sheet labels only. Settings for single label printers should be set through Windows.

Preprogrammed labels can be selected from the Labels dropdown list. Verify that the dimensions will work for your label/printer combination before printing large quantities.

If the Windows default printer is not used for labels, the label printer can be selected with the Label Printer button.

Misc



The Misc sub tab is used for miscellaneous program settings.

Display New ISO parameters will replace particle count descriptions such as Cnts >2, Cnts >5, Cnts >15 with new ISO equivalents Cnts >4, Cnts >6, Cnts >14.