

Comply/MSL – Installation and Configuration

The Military Shipment Label (MSL) is a vital part of preparing shipments on defense contracts. They are generated during the address labeling phase of the MIL-Comply/Labeling shipment process which includes generating Mil-Std-129 unit and exterior containers as well as the MSL. Comply/Labeling supports UID and RFID labeling with automated electronic submission to WAWF. It can also automate MSL creation with DLA Vendor Shipment Module (VSM) integration.

The installation and configuration process supports the robust features of the full MIL-Comply contract shipping automation suite. Those that are outside of the Comply/MSL scope will appear but be disabled and can simply be ignored.

Installation Instructions

1. Click on the link provided in email from Mil-Pac. Ignore any warnings about low download numbers or unknown publisher.
2. Open the MSI file that is downloaded. This may require admin rights on some systems.
3. Run ComplyMSL, found in the Mil-Pac programs group in the Start Menu.
4. Follow the prompts given by the Setup Wizard, which will ask for the following information.

Some users may encounter issues with Windows blocking download or installation. Please refer to [Unblocking Product Downloads](#) (also on download page). Create a [Support Ticket](#) for problems that cannot be easily resolved.

Setup Checklist

The following information will be used for setting up Comply/MSL.

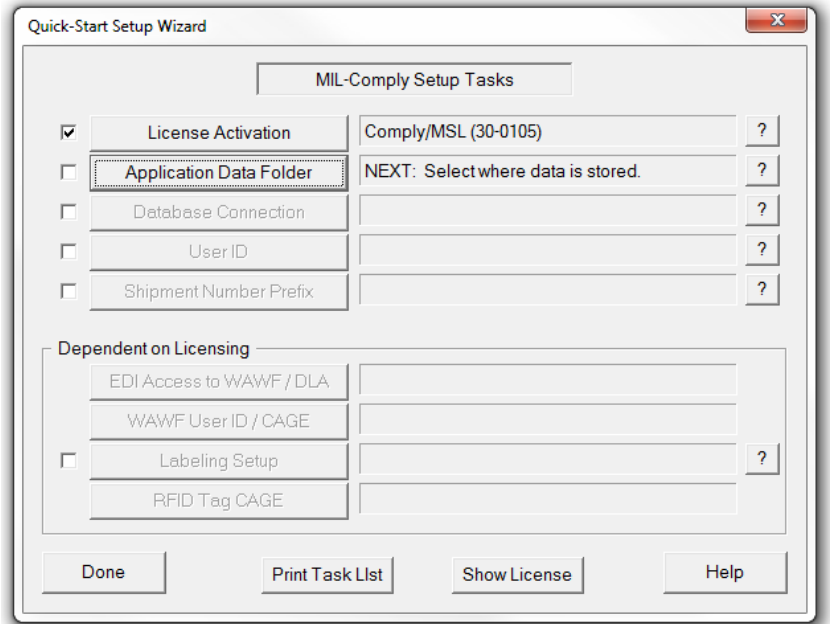
- Application Data Folder (default is C:\MilPac-AppData): _____
- Database Folder (default is C:\MilPac-AppData\Database): _____
- User ID (i.e., first name or role): _____
- Shipment Number Prefix (first three characters of Shipment Number): _____
- Printer to be used: _____
- Default Ship-From address CAGE Code: _____
 - Entity: _____ (Limit: 35 characters per line)
 - Address: _____
 - City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

MIL-Comply Setup Wizard

The Setup Wizard walks you through the configuration tasks that are necessary before you can start printing labels. Simple stuff, really, as shown in the Setup Checklist above.

Comply/MSL uses a dedicated serial number which is entered automatically, completing that step of the setup process. Each step will be enabled as the prior one is completed.

The WAWF and RFID steps apply only to licensed users of the MIL-Comply, so those will not be applicable to MSL setup.



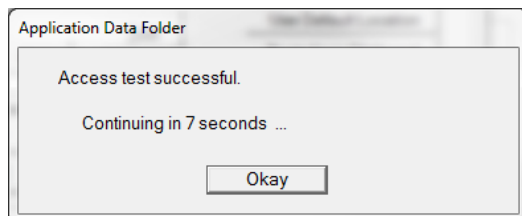
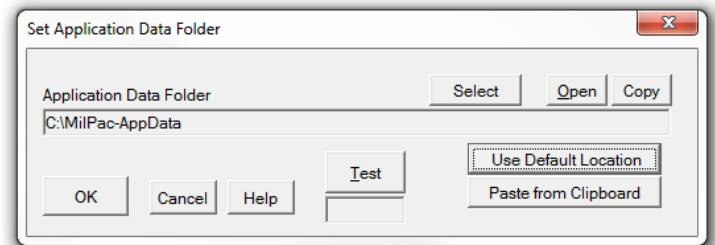
Application Data Folder

The first step is to click on the [Application Data Folder] button, which determines where MIL-Comply will store data. It will suggest that you use the default location.

It is important to use a folder for data storage that is not a "special folder" or one under direct control of Microsoft OneDrive. This helps avoid permissions issues caused by synchronization or restrictive IT policies.

MIL-Comply will suggest *C:\MilPac-AppData* for this purpose instead of traditional data locations, such as the Windows Common Data Folder (*C:\ProgramData*) or folders in the User tree, such as *Documents*. We recommend simply accepting the default or finding a similarly uncontrolled location.

It should be emphasized at this point that the user be logged into Windows at this point rather than someone with more advance permissions that may have installed the software. Regular users may not be able to access folders created by administrators. The [Select] button will allow you to navigate to a folder and/or create one.



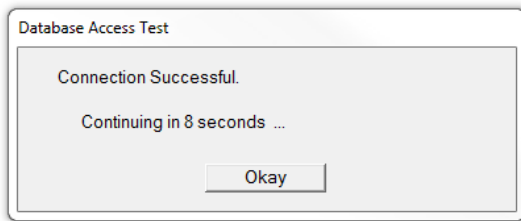
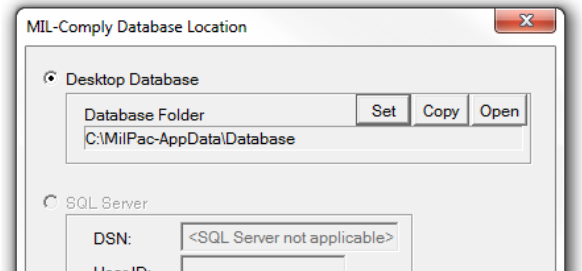
The [Test] button will ensure that the folder exists, and that the user can access it. This will happen automatically when [Ok] is clicked, but the button allows for a proposed location to be tested before moving forward.

A known path may be entered with the [Paste...] button. Using [Test] here will ensure that the folder can be created, if necessary, and is accessible to the user.

Database Location

The default location for the database folder is a *Database* folder in the Application Data Folder described above. If desired, that location may be changed with the Set button, but we recommend that the default be used initially. It can always be changed later.

Use of the Microsoft SQL Server or SQL Express is highly recommended for multiuser installations. It is not offered in the free Comply/MSL release.



Upon clicking [Ok] the Setup Wizard will test accessibility of the selected folder, then create the database unless one already exists. Should an existing database be found its lock files will be removed, so no one else should be accessing the database at this time.

User ID

MIL-Comply employs a simple User ID to differentiate users from each other when more than a one user shares a database. This keeps configuration details separate. In single user installations this is simply a formality.

The User ID may be up to twelve (12) characters, without spaces or special characters. It does not have to relate to your Windows login or any other ID. During this setup task the User Login Dialog will be used to establish the default User ID for this machine. In the process of doing this MIL-Comply will test the database connection.

Shipment Number Prefix

The Shipment Number Prefix is the collection of the first three characters at the start of a shipment number. For example, it is the "XYZ" in shipment number "XYZ0001". This is primarily used by MIL-Comply when creating a shipment with imported data. It is also used in situations where MIL-Comply must create the first shipment number for a contract/order.

Labeling Setup

You may override the default formats used by Comply/Labeling for each container level (e.g., unit, exterior, shipping), as well as the label stock and printer used. Comply/MSL limits users to the MSL and DD1387, so the task here is identify the printer that will be used by default.

Default Ship-From Address

The default Ship-From CAGE and address may be entered at this point to save time creating labels. Mil-Std-129 limits the address to three lines of 35 characters. It is not necessary to enter a Country Code for US addresses. Addresses may be entered with upper and lower case for readability. They will be printed in upper-case.

Comply/MSL - Next Step

Guidance on completing the MSL can be found by selecting *Getting Started* in the Comply/MSL *Help* menu. This same information can be found online at <https://help.milpac.com/comply/html/index.html?getting-started-for-msl-users.html>.