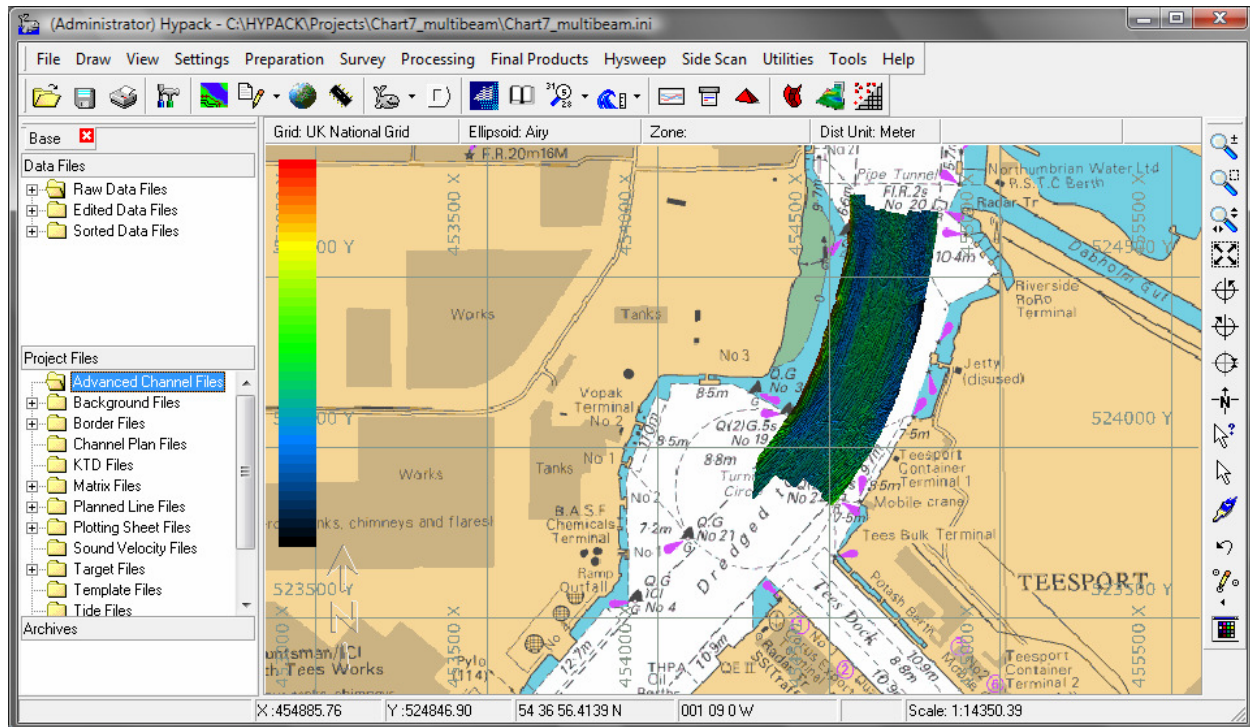


What Happens to my ARCS or S63 Permits After a New Install?

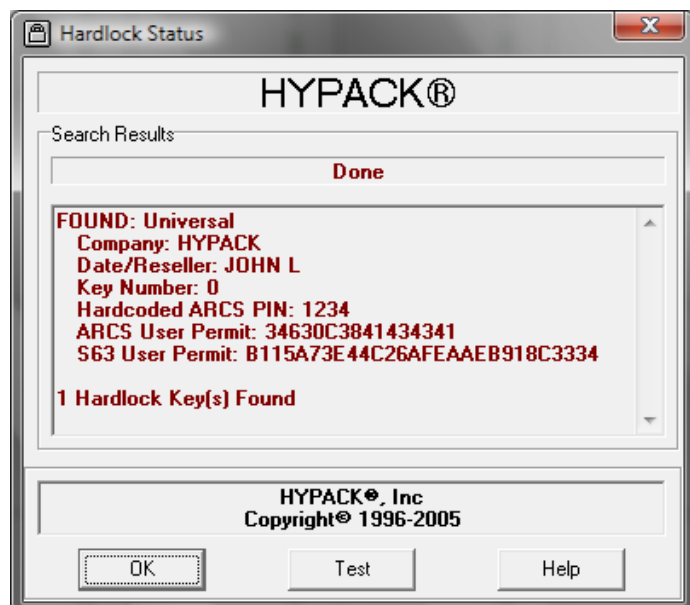
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ARCS Chart displayed in HYPACK 2008

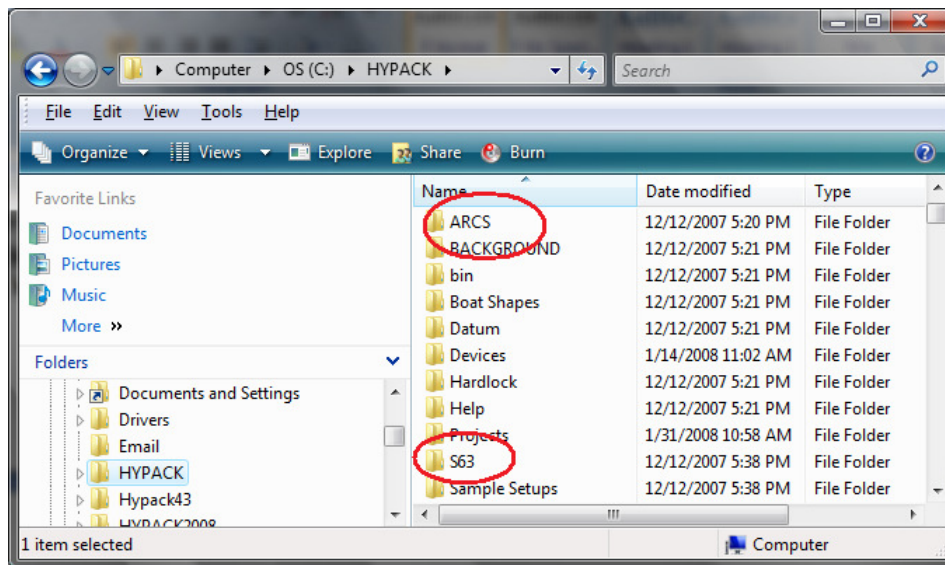
A lot of users have the concern that their ARCS or S63 permits may get lost after a new HYPACK® install. The truth is, however, that we do NOT remove anything during an uninstall that was not part of the previous HYPACK® install. For example, even though you may have projects in the \hypack\projects folder, they will not be deleted if you uninstall HYPACK® from your PC. The same goes for ARCS and S63 permits.

For those unfamiliar with either type of chart, ARCS charts are raster type charts available from the UKHO. These charts are worldwide and available at many dealers around the world. All HYPACK® hardlocks issued after January 2004 contain an ARCS code. To find this code you simply run the Hardlock Test program in HYPACK® (under Settings – Check Hardlock in 6.2B and later). You will see a window like this:



The example above also shows the S63 code, which was added to all hardlocks issued after January 2007. The code is supplied to your chart dealer and, in return, they will supply you with the proper permits. You then install the charts and permits in HYPACK® as described in the manual and in the Help section.

When you install these charts, all charts and permits get installed into HYPACK® subfolders – ARCS charts are installed into an \ARCS folder, and S63 charts are installed into an \S63 folder. The example below shows my HYPACK® install folder. Notice the ARCS and S63 folders. That is where all my charts and permits are stored.



If you decide to uninstall HYPACK 6.2B, and install HYPACK 2008 to the same folder (for example C:\HYPACK) you don't have to do anything. The ARCS and S63 folder structures will remain unchanged, and all charts and permits will be displayed in the ARCS Manager and/or S63 Manager programs.

In my case, I decided to retain HYPACK 6.2B (for support reasons, of course) and install HYPACK 2008 to another folder. (I have HYPACK 6.2B installed in C:\HYPACK and HYPACK 2008 installed in C:\HYPACK2008.) To add these charts to HYPACK 2008, I simply use Windows Explorer to copy the ARCS and S57 folders from C:\HYPACK to C:\HYPACK2008.

The next time I run HYPACK 2008 and go into the ARCS Manager or S63 Manager programs, I will see any chart or permit loaded, and I will be able to add any chart for which I have permits to any of my projects.