



Solar Fire Tips and Tricks

MOVING CHARTS AND MERGING CHARTS FROM SOLAR FIRE

(Print this and keep for your records)

FROM ASTRO GOLD IPHONE/IPAD TO SOLAR FIRE

It is very easy to copy chart files from your iPhone or iPad and add them to Solar Fire. There are two basic methods.

E-MAIL METHOD

1. Click on Settings, then click on Export Chart File
2. Find the file of charts that you want to send to Solar Fire and click it, which will put a tick mark next to that file's name. Then click on the Send button.
3. An email will open up with the chart file you have selected showing as an attachment. Enter an email address in the To field. This should be an email address that you have access to on the computer containing Solar Fire. Then click the Send button.
4. Check your email on your computer, and you should see the email, from your Astro Gold App, with the subject line Exported Charts from Astro Gold App. Double click on the attachment to that email, which should be the name of the chart file you just sent. This attachment should end in .SFcht

Now, you can double-click on the attachment to open it in Solar Fire, and you should be able to see all of the charts you just imported. But the file may not be in the same folder as your other chart files, so rather than opening it directly, I suggest you do the following:

5. Right click on the attachment, and save it to your desktop.
6. Go to the top of Solar Fire and click Utilities, then click Open User Files Folder
7. In this folder, find and open the folder called Charts
8. Now, drag the .SFcht file, which you saved to your desktop, into the Charts file.

You should now have access to all of the charts you just sent from Astro Gold.

ITUNES METHOD

1. With your iPhone or iPad connected to the computer where you have Solar Fire, open iTunes
2. Click on the device symbol at the top left of your iTunes:
3. On the left side of the screen, under Settings, click on Apps
4. Scroll down to the bottom of iTunes to the File Sharing section and click on Astro Gold
5. To the right of the Astro Gold icon you should now see all of your Chart Files. Click on each one that you want to put into Solar Fire and drag it to your desktop, which will put a copy of the file there but won't hurt the one on your iPad or iPhone
6. Go to the top of Solar Fire and click Utilities, then click Open User Files Folder
7. In this folder, find and open the folder called Charts
8. Now, drag the .SFcht file, which you saved to your desktop, into the Charts file.

You should now have access to all of the charts you just sent from Astro Gold.

MERGING CHARTS

Once you have the charts from Astro Gold copied into Solar Fire, you may wish to merge them with chart files you already had on Solar Fire. This is quite easy to do.

1. From the Main Screen click on the Chart menu.
2. Click on the Open menu item, and the "Chart Database" dialog box will open.
3. Click on the File button in the upper left corner to display the "File Management" dialog box with a list of your chart files.
4. Select the chart file you want to merge charts into (from other files) by clicking on it. (If the file you want to merge charts into doesn't exist then create it.)
5. Click on the Merge button. This opens the "Chart Merge Utility" dialog box.
6. The list on the left shows all the chart files in the current folder. To see other chart files in other folders change the folder). The file that will receive all the charts from other files (the destination chart file) is shown in blue in the bottom right of the dialog box.

That file, at the moment, should also be listed on the right side, because that side shows all the files whose charts will be merged together, and so far you have only put the destination file there.

7. For each chart file you want to add to the merge list (on the right) click on the file in the left list and then click on the Add button. The file will be added to the merge list on the right. Alternatively you can double-click on the file and it will be automatically added to the merge list. Or you can select many files and then click the Add button.

(If you decide you don't want to use one of the files on the merge list, the process is similar for removing files. Select the file(s) first then click on the Remove button (double-clicking doesn't apply for this part of the process).) When you are done, you should have all the files that you want to merge on the right side, and the destination file should also be at the bottom below the merge list.

8. Now click on the Merge button and copies of the charts will be created in the destination chart file. A message will let you know the number of charts that were merged in this way. Click on the OK button and the "Merge" dialog will close.

FROM SOLAR FIRE TO IPHONE/IPAD

It is very easy to copy charts from Solar Fire to Astro Gold on your iPhone or iPad. There are two methods.

EMAIL METHOD

1. Open your list of chart folders (the Chart Database).
2. Open the chart file that contains the charts you want to upload to Astro Gold
3. Now, you have two options. You can either send some of the charts in that file, or all of the charts in that file.
 - a. If you want to send some of the charts in that file, highlight the charts you want to send
 - b. If you want to send all of the charts in that file, click on one of the charts
4. Right click on one of the charts, and you will see several options.
 - a. If you want to send only the highlighted charts to Astro Gold, click Email Selected Charts Only
 - b. If you want to send all of the charts in that folder to Astro Gold, click Email All Charts.
5. The Email Charts window will open.
 - a. Make sure Attach chart file to email is ticked
 - b. Unless you are sending charts from a very old file, pre-Solar Fire v6, make sure Solar Fire v6 or higher is ticked
 - c. You can leave Include chart comments and Include life events unticked, but if they are ticked it won't matter. Make sure Write chart details as text in body of email is not ticked. And leave Show me this dialog each time I send charts by email ticked.
6. Click the OK button.
7. Your selected charts, or chart file, should now show up as an email attachment. You want to send it to an email account that you have on your iPhone or iPad, so put the appropriate address in the To field. Then click the Send button.
8. Check your email on your iPhone or iPad and you should see the chart file as an attachment to the email. Click on the attachment to open it
9. You should then be asked what app you want to use to open the file. Click on the Astro Gold icon.
10. If you already have a file of charts on the device with the same name you will be asked whether you want to Merge non-duplicate charts, Overwrite existing file, or add Add a new file name. Click the one that best suits your needs.
11. You should see a note pop up on your device telling you that your Import was successful. Now you should have access to your selected charts.

ITUNES METHOD

This method avoids using email, but only enables you to copy whole chart files to Astro Gold, and not choose only selected charts in a chart file.

1. Go to the top of Solar Fire and click Utilities, then click Open User Files Folder
2. Find and open your Charts file
3. Find the chart files you want to copy to Astro Gold, right click and copy them, then left click on your desktop and click paste, which will put a copy of that file on your desktop without hurting the original file.
4. With your iPhone or iPad connected to the computer where you have Solar Fire, open iTunes
5. Click on the device symbol at the top left of your iTunes:
6. On the left side of the screen, under Settings, click on Apps
7. Scroll down to the bottom of iTunes to the File Sharing section and click on Astro Gold
8. To the right of the Astro Gold icon you should now see all of your Chart Files that are currently on your iPhone or iPad. Drag the chart file you saved to your desktop into this folder with the other chart files.
9. Now you should be able to access all of the charts you wanted in Astro Gold.