

4.01.04. Items - Usage tab

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The Usage tab allows you to view the historic item usage per month in the store that you are logged in to. This information is very useful for quickly spotting a trend in usage for a particular item.

The screenshot shows the 'Item details' window with the 'Usage' tab selected. The item name is 'CONDOM, male, lubr., 53mm width, natural, WHO/UNFPA Prequalified, pce' and the item code is '99999999'. The date range is '06/02/2023 - 05/02/2025'. The table below shows the following data:

Year-Month	Consumption	Mean Stock	Days out of stock
2025-02	0	9000	0
2025-01	5000	10419	0
2024-12	2000	14581	0
2024-11	9060	20347	0
2024-10	24000	26854	0
2024-09	13060	46070	0
2024-08	2500	7323	0
2024-07	1000	8903	0
2024-06	1000	9900	0
2024-05	3500	12645	0
2024-04	2500	15917	0
2024-03	4000	18339	0
2024-02	2320	21200	0

Below the table, the 'Months' dropdown is set to 24, resulting in a 'Mean usage' of 3280.167 and a 'Standard dev' of 5311.943. There is an 'Include builds' checkbox which is currently unchecked. The 'Forecasting' section has four radio buttons: 'Use historical Average Monthly Consumption (AMC)', 'Use historical AMC increased by a factor of: 0%', 'Use a fixed, estimated AMC of: 0 items/month', and 'Use projection: A'. The 'Projections' section has a 'Show projection' button and a 'Save projection' button. The 'Add year' section has a 'Copy values' button and dropdowns for 'from column' (Consumption), 'to column' (ProjectionB...), and 'of Projection' (ProjectionA 2...). There is also a 'Modify selected cell' dropdown and a 'by' dropdown set to 0%.

Below the list of usage for each month there is a drop down list to choose from 1 to 24 months. After choosing a value, the **Mean** (average) **usage** and **Standard deviation** figures will be updated to give the figures for the period chosen (the period is from the selected number of months ago to the current day).

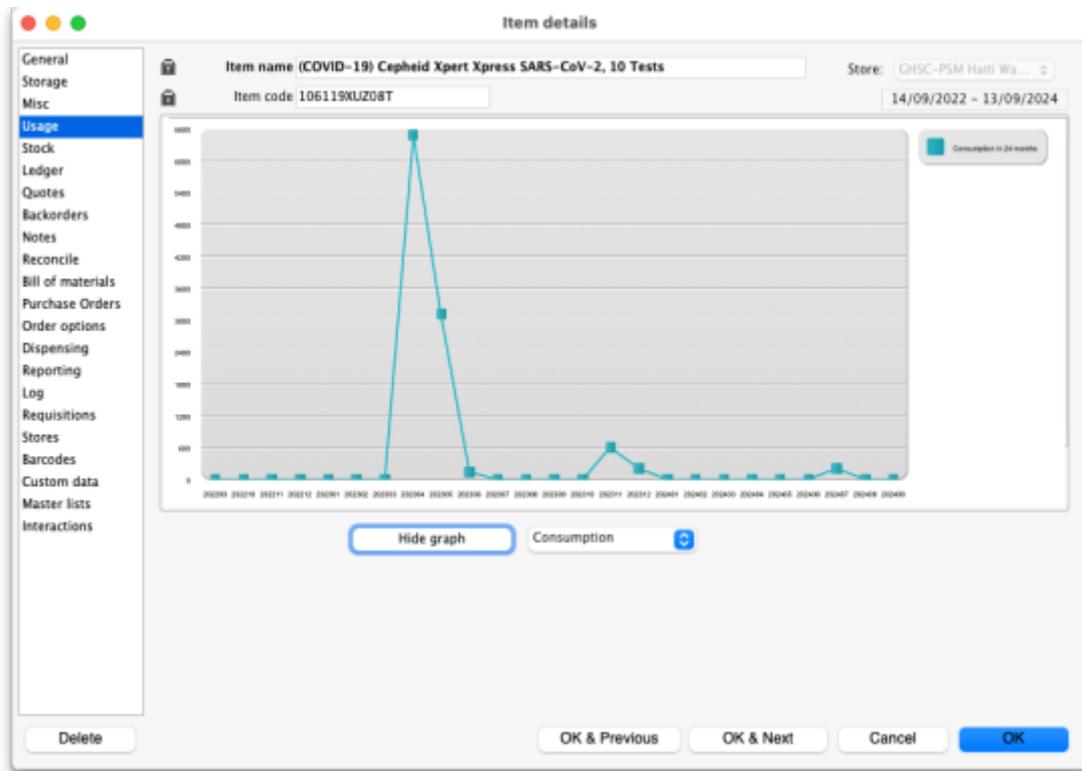
Refresh usage button: This button allows you to update the usage with transactions that were added since you opened the window (this applies to multi-user mode). It also allows you to show the usage with or without build transactions included in the totals, depending on whether or not the **Include builds** checkbox is checked.



If a user has the **View items** permission but not the **Edit items** permission, they are still able to use the functionality described here to investigate the usage of items in 'this' store (that they are logged in to) since this makes no changes to the properties of the item itself.

Show Graph button

Clicking the **Show Graph** button shows the same information in a graphical format:



One coloured set of bars shows the usage for the current year, another coloured set shows the usage for the previous year (if data is available).

Forecasting

Refer to the section on [Forecasting](#) to see how the lower part of the Usage tab can be used.

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