

LoadTide Freight Helper

What's new in version 1.3.1 — user guide & update notes

How you get it: nothing to do. As soon as the Chrome Web Store approves 1.3.1 (review is in progress), Chrome updates the extension automatically from the Chrome Web Store. To update right away, open **chrome://extensions**, turn on **Developer mode** and click **Update**. Your settings, templates and signature stay as they are.

Works with: DAT One (Search Loads) and Sylectus. You still need your own DAT / Sylectus / RTS access — LoadTide adds information on top of what you already see.

At a glance

New feature	What it does for you
Reload column (DH-D)	Every load row shows [Hot] [OK] [Slow] — how easy it will be to find your next load out of the destination state.
Load details panel	New Reload and LoadTide (Fuel estimate) boxes next to Trip and Rate when you open a load.
MC# lookup	Type any MC number and see the broker's RTS record (green) and DAT credit score / days-to-pay (blue) in one place.
Smarter email	Email written in the load COMMENTS is used for Send; a ! warns you if the email domain doesn't match the broker.
Market card	New card in the left menu (under Tools): national \$/mile, weekly trend and how strong the pickup state is right now.
Sylectus	Deadhead-to-origin (DH-O) now calculated from the FROM CITY, STATE; email window no longer closes on auto-refresh.
Stability	Many small fixes (see the end of this guide).

1. Reload column — DH-D badge

In the results list, the **DH-D** column now shows a colored badge for the **destination state**. It tells you how good the outbound (reload) market is where this load delivers — before you even open the load.

Badge	Meaning
[Hot]	Strong reload market — many loads per truck in that state. Easy to get out, rates usually firmer.
[OK]	Average market. You should find a reload, but compare rates.
[Slow]	Weak market — few loads per truck. Expect longer waits or a deadhead to a better area. Price the inbound load accordingly.

Tip: hover your mouse over the badge to see the market numbers for that state plus the local fuel price.

2. Load details panel (when you open a load)

When you click a load, the detail area now has four sections side by side: **Trip | Rate | Reload | LoadTide**. The LoadTide boxes are light and see-through so they don't hide DAT's own information.

Reload box

Shows "Reload from [destination city, state]" and checks what loads are available going out of the delivery area. While it works it shows Checking loads....

LoadTide box — Fuel estimate

Item	What it means
\$ amount (e.g. \$502)	Estimated diesel cost for the whole trip, including your deadhead to pickup (DH-O) .
Cheap lane / Expensive lane	Label comparing fuel cost on this lane to typical lanes.
State fuel chips (e.g. FL \$6.14 → GA \$6.14)	Diesel price per gallon in the pickup state and the delivery state.
Detail line	Total miles (with DH-O), truck assumption (53' truck, MPG), gallons needed, \$/gal used and fuel cost per mile.
Footer	Which price source/date was used. Tolls are not included.

Use it to quickly see what the load really pays after fuel: **Rate – Fuel estimate**.

3. MC# lookup

A new **MC# lookup** box sits on the right side, next to the search filters. Type a broker's MC number and press the search button.

Color / source	What you see
Green = RTS	Broker's RTS record: pay history (60 days / 90 days / total), operating authority, bond and other RTS details.
Blue = DAT	DAT credit: CS = Credit Score (0-100, higher is better) and DTP = average Days To Pay. When available, a 12-month history is shown.

- Each block tells you where the data comes from, so you always know which number is RTS and which is DAT.
- DAT credit is picked up automatically when you open a load from that broker in DAT One, or when the broker is in your results list.
- For the 12-month history LoadTide uses the DAT Directory. **A DAT Directory tab may open by itself in the background** — this is normal (at most once every 5 minutes). You can ignore it or close it.

4. Email improvements

Email from COMMENTS

Many brokers write a different email in the load comments (e.g. "send to loads@broker.com"). LoadTide now finds it and the **Send** button goes to that address. The DAT contact email is still offered as a small **alternative chip** — click it if you prefer that one.

The ! warning

A red **!** next to the email means the email domain is **different** from the broker's domain on file at RTS (for example, the broker is abclogistics.com but the email is @gmail.com or a look-alike domain).

Hover over it for the explanation.

Why it matters: double-broker and identity-theft scams often use look-alike or free email addresses. When you see **!**, call the broker at the number listed on their authority before sending your truck details or signing a rate confirmation.

Reminder — email features from 1.3.0 still work the same: ✉ Email with ready-made templates (26' / 53'), ➦ **Send** in one click with **Undo**, and 🗒 to open the edit window with the map and fuel before sending.

5. Market card (left menu, under Tools)

A new **Market** card shows the current market for your equipment type (e.g. Reefer), based on DAT Trendlines. It refreshes about every 6 hours.

Field	What it means
US average \$/mi	National average spot rate per mile for this month, linehaul + fuel , with the change vs. last month (▲ up / ▼ down). Linehaul and fuel parts are shown separately below.
This week	Weekly change in rates and in the load-to-truck ratio (L/T).
Pickup state (e.g. Dundee, FL)	Market in the state you are searching from, rated Strong / Average / Weak .
L/T	Loads posted per truck. Higher = more freight per truck = better for carriers. Compared with the US number.
Rank	State's position out of all states (#1 = strongest).
Rate	Average rate in that state and its change.
Loads/day, Trucks/day	Daily posted loads and trucks in that state.
Your search now	L/T for your current search right now.
Bottom line	Diesel price, change in loads and trucks, and the US L/T last month vs. the same month last year.

Click **Trendlines** ↗ in the card to open the full DAT Trendlines page.

6. Sylectus

- **DH-O** (deadhead to origin) is now calculated from the load's **FROM CITY, STATE**.
- The email/edit window stays open when Sylectus auto-refreshes the board, so you don't lose what you were typing.

7. Fixes and reliability

- Fixed an issue where Send could fire twice; Undo is more reliable.
- Correct data when DAT reuses rows while you scroll.
- Subjects with special characters are sent correctly.
- Better behavior after your computer sleeps (no more stuck limits).
- Templates no longer hit Chrome's sync size limit.
- RTS lookups no longer repeat in a loop.

New permission

Version 1.3.1 asks Chrome for **unlimited storage**. It is used only to keep cached data (fuel, market, broker credit) on your own computer so pages load faster. It does not show a warning and does not give access to anything new.

8. Setup checklist

If you installed LoadTide fresh from the Chrome Web Store (not an update), open the LoadTide settings and enter again:

- Company link (provided by your company admin)
- Sylectus details
- Gmail connection
- Email templates and signature

Connecting Gmail

Google is still reviewing LoadTide's Gmail permission. Until that is finished, you may see a screen saying "Google hasn't verified this app". This is expected: click **Advanced** → **Go to LoadTide** and allow **send email**. LoadTide only sends the emails you send with the Send button — it does not read your inbox.

Questions & feedback

Found a bug or have an idea? Reply to this message or visit loadtide.com/freight-helper. Privacy policy: loadtide.com/freight-helper-privacy.

LoadTide is an independent tool and is not affiliated with or endorsed by DAT, Sylectus or RTS. Rates, fuel costs, market and credit figures are estimates shown for convenience — always confirm with the broker and your own sources before booking.