

Allow all columns of a table to have vertical cell merging enabled

This Tech Tip looks at how to enable merging of vertical cells in all columns of a table.

In the image below you can see a draft table where the column "TAGLIA" reports two cells with the same value "1532". The user would like to "merge" the cells with the same value.

TABELLA 1					
GRUPPO SP	TAGLIA	VERSIONE	QUOTE PARAMETRICHE (mm)		
			(x)	(xx)	QUOTA TAGLIO TUBO
SP12 505	1532	B-LN-SL	1806	2113	1846
SP12 507	1532				
	1732	B-LN	2806	3113	2846
	1932				
	1932	SL	1806	2113	1846
	1952	B-LN	2806	3113	2846
	1952	SL			

Editing the table property column "TAGLIA" and activating the option "Merge vertical cells with same value" will produce an incorrect result as seen in the images below.

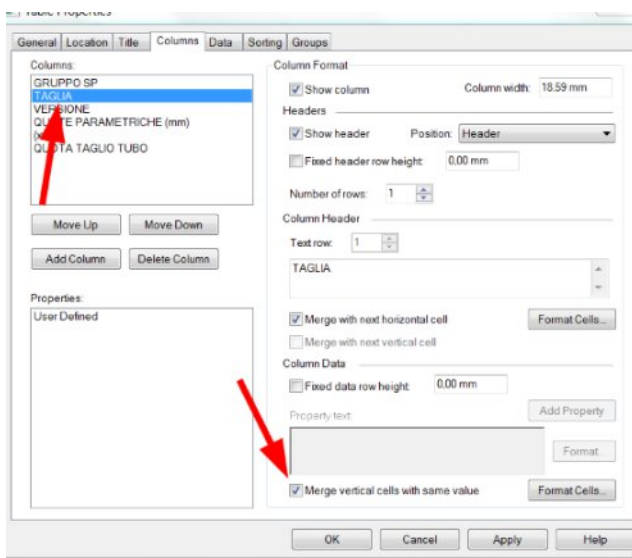
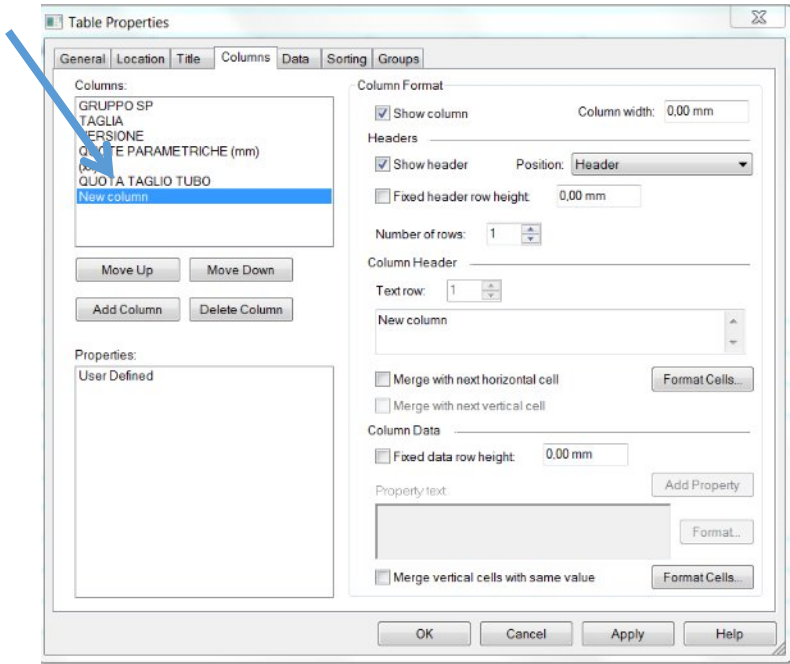


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This is not correct since the "1532" value corresponding to the row "SP12 507" disappears from the table.

The workaround is to create a user defined column at the end of the table. Set the width of this column to 0.0 so that the column is not displayed. Do not set "Merge vertical cells with same value". This new column will maintain the integrity of all the rows.



The result will now be correct.

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