

Inventory Management:

At the heart of CONTROL is a sophisticated perpetual inventory management system. A product may have multiple suppliers and have promotional, quantity break and customer category or customer-specific pricing. Serial number tracking is available for big-ticket items. All stock movements can be maintained on-line.

The Inventory Management module integrates fully with the Order Entry and Invoicing, Sales and Profit Analysis, Point of Service, Accounts Payable and General Ledger modules.

Basic Inventory Management Module Features

- Product codes of up to 15 characters - alpha and numeric.
- Standard product descriptions of up to 60 characters for a meaningful description and optionally long descriptions of up to 2000 characters.
- Various types of notes can be maintained per product, e.g.: ingredient lists, nutritional information, safety warnings, etc..
- Separate product group and supplier fields - no need to include supplier or category identification in the product code so the product code structure is simplified.
- Unlimited time stamped notes can be maintained for each stock item.
- The ability to create new stock items by 'cloning' existing stock records in both file maintenance and stock receipts makes setting up of new stock records a very quick and simple task.
- Unlimited number of products and product groups.
- Can maintain details of multiple suppliers per product and the current cost per supplier.
- Promotional pricing can be entered in advance and will start on the nominated start date and complete on the nominated end date.
- Shelf labels and/or individual product barcode labels can be printed on demand or as part of the stock receipting process.
- Configuration options include features required by different product specialist organisations.

Multi-location Facilities

- Multi-location control of stock for organisations with stock held in multiple stores, branches and/or warehouses.
- Separate stock level and pricing information may be held for each location, so that the unique stocking requirements of each individual store/location can be taken into account.
- Stock received centrally can be allocated to the stores as it is received.
- Full stock transfer facilities between stock locations, including tracking of stock in transit and the production of transfer dockets to eliminate manual documents.
- Simple procedure to acknowledge receipt of inter-location transfers.

Stock receipting

- Stock can be received against a purchase order or expected transfer advice.
- Stock being received from a supplier can be processed as a delivery docket, i.e. only quantity received confirmed or entered, or processed as a supplier invoice, with costs confirmed and Accounts Payable updated.
- CONTROL includes an option that allows selling prices to be automatically calculated and interactively set while processing stock receipts.
- Pictures of new products can be captured during the stock receipting process.
- Comprehensive integrated import costing facilities included.

Enquiries

- Stock Items may be selected using any one of ten fields in the stock record, including the product codes used by each of the suppliers and the barcode.
- Partial field search / match facilities allow the selection of stock items by entering just a portion of any of the lookup fields - no need to remember the complete field.

Enquiry facilities allows instant access to:

- static details including current pricing, suppliers, units of measure etc.
- key current statistics
- complete movement history
- current customer orders
- current purchase orders
- stock availability in all stores and warehouses
- sales and cost statistics for any nominated range of sales periods and locations
- any notes maintained for the selected stock item
- an image of the selected product
- the components that are used to make an assembled item or package
- tracking details for serial numbered items (where required)
- details of all colours and sizes (optionally across all locations) for any style item

Reports

- Stock valuation at last cost , average cost. and FIFO
- Aged Stock Report.
- Reporting of stock approaching or past their “best by” date.
- A comprehensive array of standard reports, each with multiple options.
- An easy-to-use report writer facility for special reporting requirements.

Special Item Types

- An item can allow or disallow decimal quantities.
- Full style / colour / size (and sub-size) facilities.
- Facilities for stock items with serial numbers - for warranty, stock tracking or recall purposes.
- Facilities for handling consignment stock, with optional automatic generation of suppliers' invoices for the consignment stock sold.
- Correct calculation of quantity sold where sale is by value rather than quantity, eg Petrol, etc.
- A stock item may be purchased in one unit, held in another, sold in another, and priced in another, with automatic conversion between the units.
- A single stock item may be sold in multiple sizes and forms (eg, by the tonne, box, bag, or each), while maintaining accurate stock control.
- Special facilities for non-stock items such as services.

Stocktake

- Provision for both full and partial stocktakes.
- Stocktake may be counted using a Portable Data Entry device (PDE).
- Trading can continue while stocktake is being finalised.
- Complete stock shrinkage analysis with comparisons over multiple periods.