

Exact Macola ES: Inventory Management

“We have total confidence in knowing everything about our inventory, from vendor orders through to customer shipments.”

Inventory is one of the largest investments a company makes. While challenges exist in ensuring correct products are in stock and avoiding stock-outs or overstocks, more complex difficulties can arise with managing inventory in multiple facilities that require special handling, inspection or fulfillment policies.

The *Macola ES Inventory Management* system manages the core of your distribution network through a comprehensive, integrated toolset that reliably controls and tracks not just inventory items, but inventory information. Managing a complex, dynamic and expensive inventory requires visibility of all processes, end to end. *Macola ES Inventory Management* enables you to maximize inventory-turns while eliminating shortages and excess inventory investment, all while providing the flexibility to support unique inventory requirements.

Both Drill-down Accuracy and Strategic Views

The ability to deliver the right product to the right place at the right time is at the root of your business. *Macola ES Inventory Management* brings accuracy, accountability and responsibility to the many aspects of inventory management, so that each step of the supply process is never incomplete. At the same time, high-level analysis can provide visibility into a product's lifecycle, purchasing trends and adjustments, ensuring against lost investment and product waste.

Your customers, facilities and locations are unique, and you require a solution that can address specific inventory management needs accurately. *Macola ES Inventory Management* is an all-inclusive solution, flexible to industry changes and customer requests, that maximizes your investment in inventory.



Macola ES Inventory Management business benefits:

- Visibility into all targets of the inventory management process
- Analysis of critical corporate information related to inventory: sales and cost, trend accuracy, obsolete inventory and recorder advice reports
- Centralized location of all inventory detail that is organized by functional groups for one-place information access

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Simple data tracking: Distribution and manufacturing functions maintain dates unique to each item which provide the system with essential information on how to purchase, sell, and manufacture the item. All item data is organized into comprehensive groups with access to other item-related information such as customer identification, vendor SKU, etc.

Drill down to location: You can create corporate inventory locations, allowing you to maintain stocked inventory in multiple locations, including on-hand, on-order, allocated, and back ordered quantities, along with price, cost, and sales/usage information. This allows for the same item at different locations to have different values assigned, such as reorder levels, order quantities and primary vendors.

Streamlined physical count processes: Conducting a full physical count is extremely important to ensure that system inventory balances accurately reflect the actual quantity. You can conduct physical or cycle count while you continue with daily business activities. Users can easily select locations for counting, generating count tags and extra tags. Multiple reports facilitate the reconciliation process, including counts by tag, missing inventory and variance reports.

Inventory tracking: You can define separate serial and lot formats and numbering conventions, and complete upwards and downwards traceability through inquiry. Items can also be traced from receipt through production all the way to the end user of the final product, which is especially important for FDA regulated industries that require item traceability.

One-touch access: The multi-level drill down capabilities allow you to inquire into inventory balances, open purchase orders, and open sales orders at any point in the inventory management process. You can quickly and easily find the quantity of any inventory item which is on-hand, allocated, or on order. Additionally, you can see a list of all customer orders for an item and view the order's header and item information down to the serial, lot and bin level.

Some of the Macola ES Inventory Management features and functions include:

- Management of item specification and stock levels
- Support of multi-bin system
- Serial/lot traceability from raw materials to finished product
- Item/document note system
- Integration with Macola Bar Code and EDI systems and Warehouse Management System
- Management of cycle and physical counting

Available-to-promise: Set expectations accurately and provide top customer service by letting customers know when to expect order delivery. *Macola ES Inventory Management* provides you with one simple-to-use inquiry that takes requirements and replenishments and nets out your available-to-promise for any given period. This inquiry will allow you to identify what stock you have on-hand or are expecting to promise to your valued customers.

Successful inventory management consists of a combination of maximizing inventory turns, reducing investment in inventory, eliminating shortages and most importantly, delivering goods to your customers on time—anything less can result in noticeable losses of time, labor, money and customers. *Macola ES Inventory Management* enables your company to rely on a streamlined and centralized solution that can be tailored to fit both your business and customer needs.

For more information about *Macola ES Inventory Management*, please contact your Exact Software business partner or account representative today, or visit www.exactamerica.com/macola.