

PRODUCTION SCHEDULING



ACCURATE PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT: FROM DOORKNOBS TO DELIVERY DATES

For companies that build or assemble units such as pre-hung doors and windows, scheduling, tracking and taking inventory can be a major “production.” The larger the company, the harder it is to track and provide accurate information to the scheduler.

With Activant Catalyst Production Scheduling, any type item - N, M, V and X - can be flagged as a production item. Each production line can be set up with its own automatic print capability. Items are linked to the production lines and the production browser will, by line, display all items to be produced that have not been scheduled. Each line is assigned a “closed-through” date, thus giving your point-of-sale personnel the opportunity to give the customer an expected completion date for the product.

With the production browser, users can produce a production package in a just-in-time situation.

This package includes:

1. A consolidated raw material/parts list the production line will need for that day's production
2. A consolidated build list which combines all like items, regardless of sales order/customer
3. Individual work orders printed containing only items produced by the specific production line
4. Jamb tags to be applied as the product is completed

With Production Scheduling, the accuracy of scheduling and producing finished products will increase dramatically, improving customer satisfaction.

BENEFITS

- Quote an estimated completion date for manufactured products with confidence
- Eliminate confusing and duplicated paperwork with just-in-time documentation
- Set up production lines with their own print capability for streamlined production and scheduling

Production Scheduling					
File Edit Page Reports Layout Options Window Help					
Date Range: 09/01/01 / 11/04/02 Line#: INT Sort: Sc					
Ord#	Line#	Qty	Stock #	Line#	Expected Schedule
3850	10/5		1038	INT	05/13/03 07/25/03
3851	10/1		1038	INT	05/13/03 07/25/03
3852	10/9		1038	INT	05/13/03 07/25/03
3869	50/1		1038	INT	05/13/03 07/25/03
3869	10/4		1038	INT	05/13/03 07/25/03
3870	20/1		1038	INT	05/13/03 07/25/03
3871	20/1		1038	INT	05/13/03 07/14/03

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Enter the Pick Ticket Sort Label.

The POS message window displays all items on an order that are production items and alerts the operator to the status and proposed completion date.

KEY BENEFITS OF PRODUCTION SCHEDULING

Customer Loyalty Grows When You Can Give Accurate Completion Dates

- Manufactured products display at order entry, offering “when scheduled” or “completion dates”
- Customers notified at order entry that item ordered is a manufactured product
- In an ASAP situation, priority status can be applied for a “fill-in” product
- Credit hold scanning - production orders scheduled for a specific date can be “re-processed” to see if the credit status has changed between the order entry time and the production time

Efficient Paperwork System Guarantees That Products are Manufactured on Time

- No fault scheduling, as the scheduler does not use paperwork supplied by POS, which is easy to misplace
- Reason codes for scheduled date changes for reporting purposes
- Paperwork is not pre-printed. If changes are made prior to production, these changes are correctly incorporated into “original” paperwork supplied in a just-in-time process
- Special inventory processes minimize the work required to count finished goods, helping protect against over-production

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