



FABRICS

Intech's Textile Software

Overview

The Fabrics package is a complete inventory and distribution system, designed specifically to handle the unique requirements of distributors of Textiles, Floor Coverings, Wall Coverings, Soft Furnishings and related products.

Features of the System

Product/Colour Information:

- ❖ Multi-tiered Product/Colour coding for efficient maintenance or Product and Colour information and Prices.
- ❖ Product can be assigned to Types, Collections, and Classes for reporting purposes.
- ❖ Product Compositions, Finishes, Tests, attributes etc, are readily available to Customer Services when dealing with client queries.
- ❖ Each roll is uniquely identified by a Piece Number consisting of Batch and Roll number, so orders can be allocated to specific pieces, the history of orders against pieces can be viewed, and the Bin Location of each individual piece can be recorded.
- ❖ Special or promotional prices can be set by Customer/Product to override standard prices or discounts.

Ordering and Receiving Stock:

- ❖ Supplier Orders can be entered in foreign currencies and in Metres or Yards, to cater for suppliers in any country.
- ❖ When the delivery date of Supplier Orders changes, a Late Delivery Process enables backorders to be updated with new due dates and new Backorder Advice Letters to be printed.
- ❖ Barcode labels are generated and placed on stock as it is received, and stock goes into Quality Control stage, so it can be checked prior to releasing to Stock on Hand.
- ❖ When stock is released from Quality Control, backorders can be supplied and stock taken straight from Inward Goods to the Cutting Tables or the Despatch area in the case of orders for full rolls.

Customer Orders:

- ❖ Customer Orders can be supplied direct to Packing slips, Reserves can be entered for a set number of days, Cuttings for Approval sent to customers before firm orders are placed, Proforma orders entered for Cash Sale customers, and
- ❖ Backorders entered against incoming Supplier Orders. As orders are entered, the appropriate documents are automatically printed, and in many cases, can be emailed directly to customers.
- ❖ Orders can be easily updated, i.e. Products added or deleted, quantities changed, pieces reallocated, delivery details or special instructions changed etc.
- ❖ An Audit Trail is recorded as customer orders are entered, maintained, cut, despatched etc, so the status of an order and the staff who have been involved in the processing or maintenance of it is visible.
- ❖ Product and Colour information, stock availability, active pieces, history, customer orders, reserves, backorders, purchase orders, deleted orders, pricing, account details, notes, auditing, etc, can be easily and readily viewed.

Features of the System

Cutting Table/Despatch:

- ❖ Orders can be reallocated to different pieces if flaws are found or if the piece is found to be short.
- ❖ When rolls are cut, two labels are printed at the Cutting Table. One goes on the roll to be despatched, the other (showing the updated length left on the roll) is placed on the roll that goes back into stock.
- ❖ As each cut is made, flaws and/or lossage is recorded.
- ❖ At Despatch the Packing Slip is scanned and all individual rolls (including those from the Cut Length Tables) are scanned as they are packed. This ensures the goods despatched match those on the Packing Slip.
- ❖ Consignment information is recorded, despatch labels printed and freight charges can be automatically calculated as orders are confirmed.

Reporting:

- ❖ Extensive stock reports are available including stock status, pieces, stock valuation, stock movements, re-ordering, flaws and lossage, short ends etc.
- ❖ Operator Tracking Reports allow productivity reporting on customer service, cutting table and despatch areas.
- ❖ Customer contact, account information and account balances are maintained in Accounts Receivable.
- ❖ Customer Statements can be in Brought Forward or Open Item format and can also show forward dated transactions.
- ❖ A full range of standard and ad-hoc sales analysis reports are available.

Benefits of the System

Adaptability: FABRICS handles accessories such as curtain tracks, hooks, ties, cushions etc as well as upholstery fabrics and drapery. It is also suitable for leathers, floor coverings, wall coverings, bed coverings and ready-made products. FABRICS can be integrated with other modules to manage sample manufacturing and the issue and return of Loan Samples.

Ease of Use: FABRICS is designed specifically for the Textile industry. It uses the terminology of the trade and is readily understood by staff and customers. It can be operated by organisations without dedicated IT professionals.

Flexibility: Pricing flexibility in FABRICS handles special pricing and discounts down to individual customers, so that only exceptions need to be dealt with separately. Automated credit checking facilities should also ensure that the majority of customer orders can proceed speedily without manual intervention. Flexible order handling in FABRICS means that goods can be supplied, backordered, reserved, sent as samples, or allocated against future deliveries. Duplicate orders, or orders on hold can be highlighted and there are facilities to drill down quickly into history files for customers

Global Model: The International FABRICS package operates as a metric or 'American' imperial package whereby all inventory quantities are held as metres or yards, with a single decimal (eg 25.8 metres). Weights and other measures conform to either the metric or imperial system. FABRICS has quantity conversion facilities for export customers and foreign suppliers.

Benefits of the System (Continued)

Integrity of the System: FABRICS is a proven package and if the recommended procedures are followed, staff and customers can be confident the stock figures in the system reflect the up-to-date stock position at any given time. Spot audit checks can be done from time to time, but it should not be necessary to carry out full periodic stocktakes if barcoding is employed.

Investment: It is only necessary to purchase the FABRICS and associated modules as they are needed. Licence fees are based on the number of users on the client's network. The software is continually developed as a result of requests from clients, through changes initiated by Intech, or through changes in technology. Updated packages are installed each year.

Modular Approach: The complete software solution is made up of several well proven modules, which means that the software can be implemented in manageable stages.

Service Orientation: The emphasis in FABRICS is on providing superior customer service. Customers are given immediate and accurate information on product availability, pricing, and all the information they need to know to enable them to place orders. FABRICS will then help the user's staff process these orders, in the most efficient way to ensure timely delivery of the ordered goods. This marketing emphasis is supported by sound financial procedures and controls

Software Stability: Strong controls and audit trails built into the software provide checkpoints at various processing stages within FABRICS and the financials packages. Furthermore, there are sophisticated routines in the packages to simplify recovery in the event of an interruption through power failure or similar occurrences. To summarise, the Intech FABRICS system is a proven solution for the textile industry. It is operating in Australia and South Africa as well as New Zealand with all support provided from New Zealand. FABRICS is presently being used by importers and distributors of soft furnishing fabrics, curtains, apparel fabrics, carpet and vinyl distributors, textile mills, leather distributors, furnishing retailers and makers of custom curtains, ready-mades, and bed coverings. The software is developed and supported by Intech Software Limited of Wellington, New Zealand.

Visibility: Customers can specify their requirements and can be told immediately how their requests can be met from bulk, piece or cut length stock, or from future shipments. Customers with E-Commerce access can see most of this information themselves and place their own orders. Agents, sales representatives and other staff can access authorised information from anywhere at any time

Integration

The following are optional modules that integrate with the FABRICS package:

E-commerce: Allows customers, agents and sales staff to access account information and to inquire on stock availability, order status, and place orders over the internet. Inquiries and orders take place in real-time.

EDI: Enables the exchange of data between any Intech application and any third party system. It is typically used for banking interfaces, receiving customer orders from a large retailer or furniture manufacturer, transmitting electronic manifests to freight companies, and is also used internally when processing web orders via the E-commerce module.

Integration (Continued)

Electronic Warehousing: A paperless warehouse management system using RF scanners. When orders are entered they go into electronic systems instead of Packing Slips being printed. Pickers download a stream of pieces to be picked into their scanner. The pieces are ordered according to Bin Location so the picker can pick in a logical sequence through the warehouse. When a cutter scans a piece, the system displays the order and tells the cutter what Meterage to cut. Once all cuts are made, the piece goes into a pre-despatch area where the operator is told what to do with them (whether the piece is for a single-line order that can be despatched immediately, whether it is part of a multi-line order in which case it is scanned into a consolidation bin to wait for the remainder of the order to arrive, or if can go back into stock). When putting the rolls that have had cuts made from them back into stock, the operator's scanner shows the rolls to be put away and orders them by Bin Location. There is also a full range of inquiry programs to help manage urgent orders, problem orders where cuts cannot be made due to flaws or short rolls, and to over-see the despatch area.

Imaging: Scanned images of such items as Account Documents, Creditor Invoices and Product pictures can be stored and retrieved.

Loan Samples: This module manages the loan and return of barcoded Loan Sample items from showrooms and warehouses. When a Loan Sample is issued, the barcodes on the items are scanned and a docket is produced detailing the Loan Items and when they are due. If samples are not returned, Overdue Letters can be automatically generated and if they are still not returned, then Invoices can be generated. The quantity of Loan Sample items held in showrooms and warehouses is also tracked.

Make-Job Manufacturing: For curtains, bedspreads etc, that are made to order, or made for stock. This module controls the manufacturing process, materials, inventory and production planning. It can be interfaced to POS and to measure and quoting systems.

Point-of-Sale: Typically used when operating in a retail environment, it handles sales to the public and communicates to FABRICS Inventory usually on an overnight basis. It can interface to measure and quoting systems used by curtain or soft furnishing retailers and manufacturers. It can also be used for factory sales or handling credit card payments of accounts.

Sample Manufacturing: Manages the manufacture of Sample Items such as hangers, waterfalls, sample books etc. The recipe of components required to make the finished good is entered, and when work orders are placed for the finished goods, the recipe is used to calculate production requirements. The issuing of the fabric to the sample maker is managed and the receipt of the finished sample goods is updated into the FABRICS Inventory module where the customer orders for the Sample Stock are supplied. Inquiry facilities and reports provide manufacturing costs, raw materials requirements, work in progress, stock valuations etc.

Other Intech Financial Modules: Intech has a complete range of accounting modules including Accounts Payable & General Ledger for managing Creditors and producing financial accounts. Also Accounts Receivable and Sales Analysis for managing Credit control and collections.

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