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Headline News

Registration is open for Sage Software's annual user conference and trade show, Sage Summit. This year's event will be held November 17-20, 2008 in Denver, Colorado. Sage Summit promises:

- Educational opportunities
- Structured networking activities
- Roundtable discussions
- Trade show
- And much more

Call us for registration information.



Efficient Sage MAS 90 Shipping Solutions

Efficient delivery of your products is critical—inefficiencies can cut quickly into already slim profit margins. Sage MAS 90 ERP is equipped with the features and functionality to streamline your shipping operation.

The Shipping Data Entry function and barcode technology available in the Sage MAS 90 Sales Order module, combined with StarShip from V-Technologies, a freight manifesting solution, can give you an automated pick, pack, and ship engine to drive efficient distribution.

Shipping Data Entry

Warehouse personnel use the Picking Sheets generated by Sage MAS 90 Order Entry to select the items from your warehouse or storeroom shelves to meet an order's requirements.

From the Sage MAS 90 Shipping Data Entry screen, the shipping desk personnel enter an order number and record the quantities shipped for each item on the order. With flexible entry choices, you can key in the item number or scan the barcode of the item number being shipped from the item's label or from the barcoded item number field printed on the picking ticket. The entry automatically increments the quantity shipped. Alternatively, you can press a single button to ship the remaining quantity on the order.

Once quantities are recorded, you can assign items to packages, confirm freight charges, and make any necessary changes to the shipping address.



Shipping Data Entry shares the same data files as Invoice Data Entry, so creating a shipping record automatically creates an invoice. Your accounting department can review the invoice data, print the invoice, and update.

Inventory tracks the Quantity in Shipping, and dynamically deducts this quantity from the Quantity on Hand in real-time to ensure an accurate count. Appropriately, Drop Ship items do not appear in Shipping Data Entry.

Barcode Automation

Barcode functionality can increase accuracy and speed data entry. The scanners used to read the barcodes are relatively inexpensive, and when placed at each warehouse packing station, they promote fast, error-free order handling.

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Your products may already have a label with a barcode on them, or you may print labels containing barcodes from within Sage MAS 90. Many locations within Sales Order and Inventory Management support printing barcoded fields on labels and shipping documents. Using Crystal Reports and an add-on barcode font software, you can create a barcode of virtually any field, to add automation and efficiency to the shipping and warehouse control functions.

Consider barcoded sales orders and picking sheets for use during shipping. Barcoded sales order numbers, item numbers, and quantities can be printed and scanned as goods are shipped. When used in conjunction with an item barcode label, you can verify that the item shipped matches the item number on the sales order.

StarShip Interface

Sage MAS 90 has a strong interface with StarShip, an industry-leading freight manifesting solution. StarShip includes support for UPS and FedEx (Express and Ground). Support for USPS, DHL, Spee-Dee, and a user-defined carrier can be purchased optionally. Not only does StarShip calculate the freight charges and produce barcoded shipping labels, it can even shop for the lowest rates to your customers' locations.

StarShip does not replace your shipping carrier's service, rather it is a tool that adds efficiency by giving you access to multiple carriers from a single interface—and provides two-way communication with your Sage MAS 90 accounting software.

Automated Shipping Workflow

Here's an overview of the automated workflow:

1. Sales Order is entered in Order Entry.
2. Picking Sheets are printed.
3. At the warehouse, items are pulled for orders using picking sheets and brought to the shipping station.
4. At the shipping station, each item is scanned or entered in Shipping Data Entry and the quantity shipped is recorded.
5. A warehouse worker packs the orders. There is an option to either identify the contents of each package or list the number of packages being shipped for the order.
6. Once Shipping Data Entry is complete, the worker clicks the StarShip button on the Shipping Data Entry tab. This brings up the StarShip entry window, populated with critical fields such as the customer's name, e-mail address, ship-to address, invoice number, purchase order number, ship-via method, C.O.D. amount, and declared value.
7. With a system-integrated scale, the worker places a package on the scale and freight is automatically calculated.
8. A shipping label is printed from StarShip.
9. The worker clicks the Save button, and StarShip writes essential data including the tracking information and the freight charge back to Sage MAS 90.
10. A packing list, invoice, or both is printed.

StarShip Freight

For large orders or large bulky items, parcel delivery services are not the answer—these items are considered freight and must be delivered by truck. The StarShip Freight module handles larger shipments in two categories: Truckload (TL) and Less-than-Truckload (LTL). The StarShip Freight module handles everything you need to be able to ship a partial or full truckload. From rate shopping for freight carriers, to document printing and billing—it is all in a single powerful screen.

With StarShip Freight, data entry for your shipments takes place within the StarShip user interface, rather than in Sage MAS 90. Handy tabs on the StarShip Freight screen give you quick access to all the functions and to Sage MAS 90.

From the Sage MAS 90 tab, you can select one or more sales orders from a drop-down list. If you have more than one Sage MAS 90 company set up, you can select a sales order from any of your companies from the list.

From tabs on the StarShip Freight screen you can display the item detail from the original order and you can place items into boxes and onto pallets, you can even assign lot and serial numbers right from this screen.

We're Here To Help You

We would be happy to help you design and implement a shipping solution to meet your company's specific needs. Please give us a call. ✨