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A LOT MORE ON THE SHOP FLOOR IN VERSION 7.4

The Advanced Manufacturing modules were the beneficiary of a number of significant enhancements with the release of Sage ERP MAS 500 Version 7.4. Everything from transaction posting and workflow to material tracking and work order management is faster, easier, and more intuitive. Let's take a closer look.

Separate Preferred Bins for Manufacturing

In prior versions of Sage ERP MAS 500, the bin preferences you defined were applied to **both** distribution and manufacturing picking. In most cases, this was fine. But for some manufacturers whose materials are also distributed as replacement parts or stand-alone stock/inventory, a single preference wasn't enough.

That's why Version 7.4 allows you to establish distinct bin preferences for manufacturing. You can designate distinct bins reserved just for materials demand, and a separate bin/supply for distribution. That way, your production floor is never in the position of running out of raw materials ... which can bring the shop floor to a screeching halt.

Work Order Step Complete Flag

Orders get cancelled, quantities change, and stuff happens that can throw a wrench in your replenishment calculations. That's where the new "**Step Complete**" check box in Version 7.4 comes in handy. It allows you to mark a work order step complete while clearing any outstanding material quantities from the replenishment calculation. This keeps replenishment calculations accurate and helps to avoid costly overstock.

Manufacturing Posting Improvements

This one comes straight from feedback from Sage ERP MAS 500 customers like you who expressed concern over the confusing and time-consuming nature of month-end reconciliations between the GL and Inventory Management sub-ledger. The brand new transaction posting process in Version 7.4:

- Arranges all the disparate Transaction Types on a single consolidated panel.
- Includes filtering options that select just the transactions you want to post.
- Automatically creates posting batches grouped by date to ensure they tie out to the General Ledger journal date.
- Provides a review panel so that you can verify your selection prior to final posting.

Other Notable Enhancements

Version 7.4 also delivers a collection of manufacturing improvements like the ability to Backflush from Bin-Tracked Warehouses and Reverse Production Entries while returning materials to inventory in one step. [Contact us](#) if you need assistance upgrading to Version 7.4 or go online and get the full scoop on [What's New in Sage ERP MAS 500 7.4](#).

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Sales Tax Compliance Made Easy

If you haven't heard, sales tax audits are on the rise and that trend is likely to continue for some time. In fact with record budget shortfalls, States are discovering a new revenue source in auditing existing businesses, looking for loopholes of non-compliance, and collecting back sales tax, penalties and interest.

Add that to an already complex sales tax law and ever-changing rates and it's not hard to see why small businesses are struggling with the cost and burden of compliance. Luckily, your Sage ERP MAS 500 system can meet this challenge head on with Sage Sales Tax Powered by Avalara.

The Cost of an Audit

Regardless of whether or not you're aware of potential non-compliance, you can be held accountable for penalties and interest for any mistakes or miscalculations that are uncovered during an audit. Even with the best intentions, mistakes are not uncommon among businesses that are calculating sales tax **manually**. With thousands of tax regions throughout North America, constantly changing rates and jurisdictional boundaries, and sales tax that can be vastly different on two sides of the same street, it's virtually impossible for most companies to keep up.

Automated Sales Tax for Sage ERP MAS 500

Put the worry behind you with [Sage ERP MAS 500 Sales Tax](#) Powered by Avalara – an affordable alternative to the old-fashioned method of managing sales tax manually.

It plugs right into your Sage ERP MAS 500 system, performing address validation, jurisdictional research, and up-to-date rate calculations while you continue to use the same order entry and customer screens that you're accustomed to. It all happens 'behind the scenes' with no change to your existing workflow. Plus, you get automatic tax rate updates as they happen, detailed reports, and optional filing service.

And since Sage Sales Tax Powered by Avalara is a web-based service, it takes just minutes to download and install. No hardware, no complicated implementation, and no hassle.

It Just Makes Good CENTS

With Sage ERP MAS 500 Sales Tax, you get the benefits of a "big business" sales tax engine with a small business price tag. Put the hassle and audit concerns behind you and focus, instead, on what your company does best!



Download the [Sage Sales Tax brochure](#) for more information. Or feel free to contact us and discover how easy sales tax compliance can be.

Customer Refunds EZ as 1-2-3

With Sage ERP MAS 500 Version 7.4, Customer Refunds are as easy as 1, 2, 3 ... no need to access multiple modules with numerous steps (as with previous versions). You can now perform the entire task in 'Enter Cash Receipts.'

1. Designate the type of refund to issue.
2. Select the invoices, debit memos, overpayments and credit memos you want to use.
3. Print the refund check directly from the *Process Cash Receipts* panel. It's that simple.

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