

The Kitting module is designed to be used by manufacturers and distributors whose goods are often resold in many different configurations. Users can decide whether assembled units of a kit item must be kept in stock or whether they can be packaged on-the-fly as orders are received. Kit items can be sold using a pre-defined formula or customized per order.

This module tracks items when they are sold as part of a kit and provides the necessary reports to help you determine whether you have sufficient stock to meet existing kit orders thereby allowing you to make sound and up-to-the-minute inventory management decisions. The Kitting module integrates with AccountMate's Accounts Receivable, Sales Order, and Return Merchandise Authorization modules.

Ease in Creating Kit Items

Kit items are inventory items created by packaging units of other inventory items together for sale to the customer. For example, instead of pre-assembling a complete bicycle for sale, the manufacturer might keep in stock the individual components such as the frame, wheels, handlebars, seat, and pedals and sell them together as a kit item.

Standard Kit Items

A Kit Formula is used to define the standard composition of a kit item-unit. Standard kit items can be pre-built according to the standard formula and stocked in inventory, or they can be built as needed according to the same formula. The Kitting module can also be configured to allow non-stock items to be used as kit components.

Kit Formula Maintenance

Customize Kit Formula

The Kitting module allows you to modify for a sales order the standard composition defined in the kit formula thereby giving you greater flexibility when processing customer transactions. The customized formula applies only to the sales order and does not affect the standard kit formula record. You can customize a standard kit formula as often as necessary. This allows you to change some kit components before shipping an order in case an insufficient component needs to be replaced with a different item.

View Total Estimated Kit Item Costs

You can see the total estimated item cost for standard, customized, prebuild or on-the-fly kit items. Use this information to set customer pricing limits and to project gross profit from kit item sales.

Identify Kit Component Shortage

Whether building a standard or customized kit, if any of the kit components do not have the required quantity the system will generate an error message which identifies the kit components that are short and specifies how much is needed. You can also use the Projected Kit Item Requirement Report to see a list of kit components that are required to fulfill open customer orders. It shows the component quantity required for each sales order and the projected remaining quantity after each sales order's kit item is built. This helps you plan and manage the company's inventory reorders to meet its kit requirements.

Quickly Build Kit Items

AccountMate provides the ability to simultaneously build and ship kit items within one function. This enables faster order processing and allows greater flexibility to use the kit components for other purposes, such as when the components can also be sold as individual items. This eliminates the need to stock quantities of kit item units and allows for more effective inventory management.

Disassemble Kit Items

A kit item unit can be disassembled when it is overstocked or when its components are needed in a separate sale or to be used in assembling other kit item units. The disassembly and restocking of kit component parts allow for more efficient management of available inventory.

Monitor Kit Transactions Using Kit Numbers

You can choose to assign kit numbers to prebuilt kit item units. Kit numbers can be used to track sales of kit items to customers, transfers of kit item units across bins or warehouses, and issuance of kit items for internal consumption.

Assign Serial Numbers to Kit Items

Kit item units can also be serialized. The assignment of a serial number to each kit item unit permits the tracking of a specific cost for each unit.

Lot Control Tracking of Kit Items

When the Lot Control module is activated, lot control numbers can be assigned to groups of kit item units. This is especially useful when dealing with kit items predominantly composed of parts that may expire over time or are subject to recall.

Integration with Inventory Control, Sales Order, Accounts Receivable, and Return Merchandise Authorization Modules

- When integrated with the Inventory Control module, the Kitting module enhances the Inventory Adjustment, Warehouse and Bin Transfers, Internal Stock Issuance, and Physical Count functions to allow the selection of kit numbers when dealing with kit items.
- Integration with the Sales Order module allows users to customize the standard kit formula, simultaneously build and ship kit item units, and select kit numbers when shipping customer orders.
- Integration with the Accounts Receivable module supports the simultaneous building and invoicing of kit item units as well as the selection of kit numbers when recording customer invoices and returns.
- Integration with the Return Merchandise Authorization module allows users to record and track the return of kit items or any of their components. If an RMA order requires substitution, a kit item can be used as a substitute for a non-kit item and vice versa. The kit numbers of kit items or kit components that are received for RMA orders are monitored to ensure that they cannot be returned by a customer if they are already back in stock. Shipments of replacement or substitute kit items allow the selection of kit numbers from the ones that are on hand.

Other Features

- View the standard kit formula for existing kit item records using the Kit Formula Listing.
- Review details of transactions that involve kit items using the Kit Item Transaction Report.
- Ability to simultaneously replace a certain component in multiple kit items.

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