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MAS 500

WEB-BASED REPORTING

All Product Configurator reports can be generated and viewed through Microsoft Internet Explorer with our Web Reports module, at the same high level of security as with the module's standard output.

REPORTING FEATURES

- Maintain custom form layouts for printed forms used throughout all MAS 500 modules.
- Tailor forms to your organization's design requirements.
- Export all report data to an external file. Data types supported include ASCII text, delimited, Excel, Lotus 1-2-3, HTML, RTF or Microsoft Word.
- Output any report to the screen, a printer or a variety of file formats.
- Create customized, presentation-quality reports through Crystal Reports software.

REPORTING FEATURES

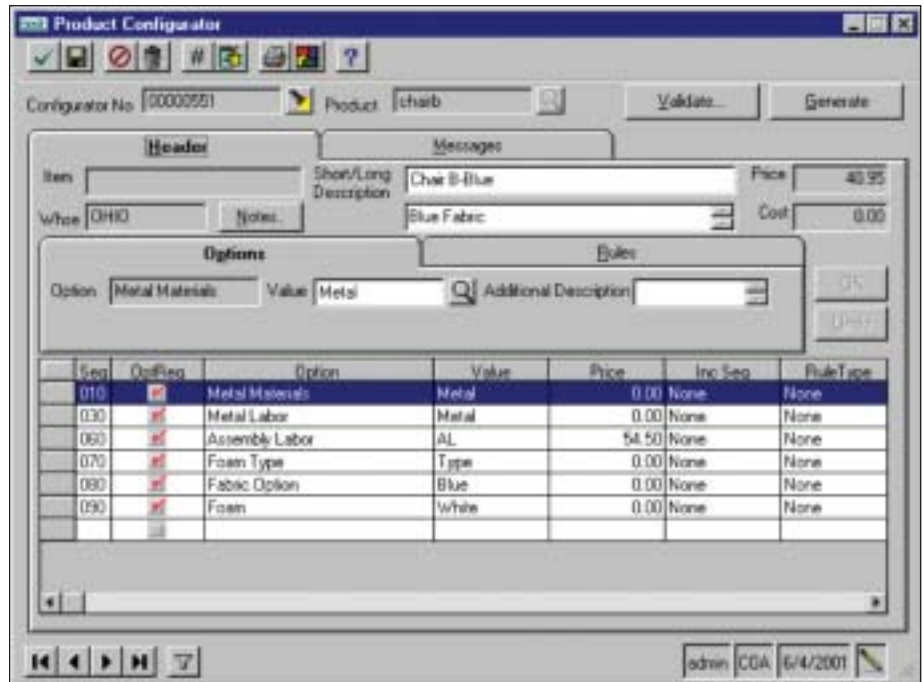
- Product Definition Report
- PC Options and Values Listing
- PC Item Where Used
- PC Module Options Listing
- PC Options Where Used

MAS 500 SOLUTIONS

- CRM and E-business
- Financials and Project Accounting
- Distribution and Manufacturing
- Human Resources and Payroll
- Customization



PRODUCT CONFIGURATOR



Advanced Product Configurator for Distributors and Manufacturers

MAS 500's Product Configurator was designed for use in either distribution or manufacturing environments. Customer service personnel benefit from an easy-to-use interface for feature/option selection, and integration with Sales Order entry.

This advanced solution is easy to set up and maintain. The intuitive user interface helps the user configure base products quickly using a double mouse-click or search function to choose pre-configured options for each customer order.

The Product Configurator builds new parts by starting with a base item and adding features or options to it. New items can be created on-the-fly using customized item masks, new long and short item descriptions, and other options.

Finished configurations contain unique routings and bills of material built during the configuration process. The Product Configurator also builds the item cost and suggested price.

Popular configurations are saved and reused as standard parts. All configurations are based on standard rules that limit or require certain features or options if another feature or option is selected. Final configurations can be validated to make sure that the final item can be produced.



MAS 500 Product Configurator

"We've doubled our business in the past eight months, and yet lowered our labor costs, thanks to MAS 500."

*John Kalinich, COO
Teva Sport Sandals*

FEATURES:

Options

Engineers can easily set up and maintain features and options.

- Engineers choose whether an option, such as color, is displayed during configuration. Options may or may not be required. The engineer also chooses whether or not they want to display the price, short description, or long description during configuration.
- Two options or values may be added to the item code, as segments, to identify an item as being new.
- Options may be tied to a configuration rule. For example, require (option) color if (option) fabric is selected.
- Rules are user-defined to require or skip a certain option if another is either selected or omitted. Users can also enforce the opposite of any defined rule.
- Options may have virtually unlimited values. For example, the option color may include values for blue, light blue, red, pink, black, etc.
- Values may also be linked to options using configuration rules. For example, require (option) arms if (option) color (value) red is selected.
- One value may be set as a default for each option.
- Values may be linked to multimedia such as audio, video, bitmaps or tif images, and CAD drawings. The multimedia options will change as the user builds the final configuration. For example, when configuring a chair the image may show a black chair but when the user selects the red value for the color option the image will change to show a red chair.
- Each option and its values are linked to a unique routing and bill of material that is used to build a configured routing and bill of material for new items.

Creating New Items

The Product Configurator is very useful for building items on the fly from base models.

- Configured item IDs may include up to four item segments. The first segment uses the base model ID. This ID is set up in inventory as a standard part. The second and third segments can include option and/or value descriptions. The fourth segment is an item counter that is used to define unique configurations. For example, ChairA-Red-Wheels-000000000001.
- Configured items may be up to 30 characters long (includes dashes or other segment separators.)
- The Product Configurator may be integrated with manufacturing and sales orders.

- Users can select the base item from inventory and choose each option that applies to the item.
- The Product Configurator not only configures the new item ID, cost and suggested price, but it also creates a new price sheet for each unique configuration. This price sheet is stored in MAS 500 and can be reused if the same configuration is made in the future.

Base Item

Configuration data entry personnel can quickly build new items from customer specifications.

- Base items may be configured through the Product Configuration activity or through Sales Order entry.
- The Product Configurator is also useful for configuring Routings which can be converted to part estimates, customer quotes, and work orders.
- When configuring an item to meet customer specifications the base item is chosen from inventory and each option and value is selected from an easy-to-use grid.
- Final configurations are stored and reused if the same item is configured again.
- Distributors can use the Product Configurator as an item selection tool or to group items together for a customer's order.

Formulas and Calculations

Options may be defined as ranges and used in calculations.

- Define valid ranges for an option such as length so that valid configurations fall within a range. For example, the length can be 1 to 8 inches and defined to four decimal places. A length of 10 inches is not valid but a length of 5.0025 is valid.
- Create formulas using basic arithmetic expressions to calculate square feet (length x width), volume (length x width x height), diameters, and other formulas.
- Use formulas to determine material requirements and item costs.