

# Infor M3 Inventory Planning Workbench

## View, Analyze Inventory & Plan Production

The Infor® M3 Inventory Planning Workbench (IPW) is an online configurable spread-sheet style grid for viewing and/or simulating and editing inventory, demand, and supply across multiple variable time buckets. Filtering of items and color-coding of cells helps the user to focus on exceptions like low-stock, short coverage time, orders vs forecast deviations, expiring stock, and more. Configurable columns allow the user to add information about forecast fulfilment percentage, dynamic coverage time, planned reclassifications, and other measures and KPIs.

The M3 IPW enables an unlimited number of favorite views to support various roles and activities across an organization. Each favorite view allows for a complete setup of item- and warehouse-selection, time bucket lengths, filtering on exceptions, color-coding, and more.

Related tabs provide detailed information about the aggregated data in the grid. These tabs display item-level M3 screens for material plan, stock balances, and more.

For authorized users, the workbench allows for editing the MRP-forecast as well as adjusting, firming, and releasing manufacturing proposals into manufacturing orders. Released orders can also be planned from within the workbench.

### With M3 Inventory Planning Workbench, you can:

- Plan and analyze scheduling proposals to meet inventory needs.
- Simplify identifying issues with demand and supply, through color coding and filtering of items.
- Directly release scheduling proposal into real manufacturing orders—directly from within the grid.
- Plan across multiple warehouses to provide greater business insight.
- Deliver role-based and configurable capabilities to production planning, customer service, buyers, and more.

## M3 Inventory Planning Workbench helps optimize inventory, minimize stock-outs, prevent excess inventory

### Core features include:

- Online connection to planning data in M3 BE to support real-time access to stock levels, demand and supply data.
- Grid-based overview of all items displaying the material plan as a timeline defined with start and stop down to the hour and minute.
- Color coding and tool tips helping easily identify issues and exceptions in demand and supply.
- Configurable columns allow users to add critical planning KPIs and measures of their choice.
- View a consolidated plan across multiple warehouses serving as production and distribution warehouses.
- Graphical visualization of projected inventory levels including demands and supplies.
- Configurable settings of multiple parallel favorite views allow users to define alternative viewpoints of the same, or different selection of items.
- Additional tabs with item detailed views from M3 like the material plan, inventory balances, etc, and a graphical display of the material flow.
- Related options per line item to open/execute M3-functions like MRP, material plan, item/warehouse, etc.
- Easy export to Microsoft® Excel for sharing and printing the plan.
- Specific pin code needed to activate updates of decisions and thus allowing data to be shared to view-only users as well.

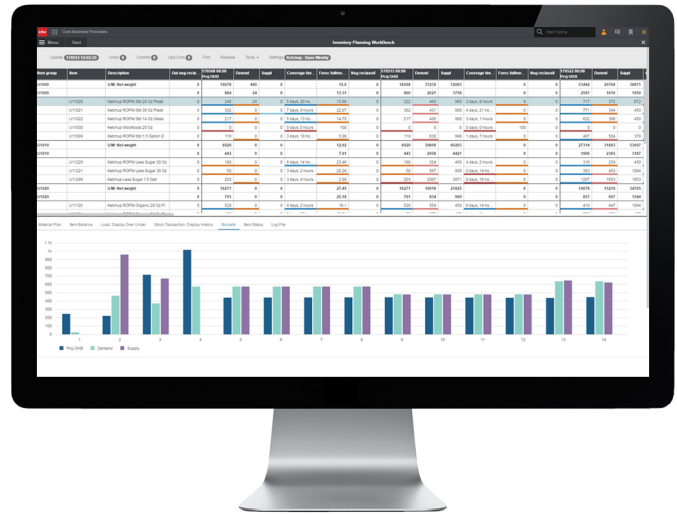
## Who can benefit from M3 Inventory Planning Workbench?

Several roles within the organization will realize benefits from the Inventory Planning Workbench, adding to the fast ROI of the solution. Here are just some examples:

**Production planner.** The Inventory Planning Workbench is a game-changer for the production planner, drastically improving productivity, freeing time to be more strategic and forward-thinking. With the online solution, now the production planner will be able to identify items with low coverage time, below safety stock and/or where actual sales deviates substantially from the forecast. It's also possible to prioritize between items, if needed. By simulating consequences on projected inventory, the planner can make well-informed adjustments to the schedule. He'll also be able to perform a rough-cut validation of production capacity and load and release proposals into real manufacturing orders with a single click.

**Customer Sales and Service.** Sales and service teams will also be able to leverage the Inventory Planning Workbench to better align with customers and provide accurate information about current inventory levels and availability of your product assortments, as well as projected levels. This helps sales and service personnel to be pro-active, anticipate potential stock-outs that may impact a customer, and suggest alternatives that are in stock or provide estimates of when the product's stock is expected to be replenished.

**Buyer.** The Inventory Planning Workbench is an essential tool for the company's buyer, improving productivity and empowering informed decision-making and a strategic approach to planning replenishments. Other benefits for the buyer include the ability to see a time-phased view of planned replenishment, an overview of purchased items organized by group of items or supplier, a view of projected inventory levels and coverage time based on firm and released purchase orders only, and the ability to filter purchased items by targeted minimum coverage days or safety stock.



M3 Inventory Planning Workbench provides graphical view of inventory for Food & Beverage, Fashion, Chemical, and other manufacturing & distribution industries.

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