



Optimising supply chain performance

Managing your stockholding at customer sites couldn't be simpler with the VMI addition to prof.ITplus. The Vendor Managed Inventory module enables you to automate the management of your stock in remote locations, eliminating the need for lengthy manual procedures.

With the VMI solution, your customers will have continuous access to the products they require, without suffering the inconvenience of sell-outs or incorrect order quantities being delivered.

Fully integrated with prof.ITplus, the VMI solution benefits from the same comprehensive pricing and analysis features, allowing you to manage your customer requirements more effectively. Slow replenishment procedures will also be a thing of the past as automated data capture and processing ensures your supply chain performance is maximised.

Streamlining processes

Hand-held barcoding devices can be used for faster stocktaking, either by your customers on site or by your own representatives on their scheduled visits. Time consuming inventory checks can be completed in a fraction of the time, increasing productivity and reducing operational costs. Each device comes in an easy-to-use Windows format and its rugged design ensures full functionality in the toughest industrial environments.

Captured data is transmitted back to the central prof.ITplus system via a docking station or a wireless network for real-time updates. Sales orders can then be generated automatically for the stock that has been used and scheduled invoices can be created for post, fax or email to your customers.

Improving business relationships

Having the ability to pre-empt shortages at customer sites ensures they maintain optimum stock levels at all times. As well as increasing profitability by minimising the risk of sell-outs, the VMI solution also enables you to identify priorities much faster, ensuring you are always one step ahead.

With VMI from prof.ITplus, you'll not only improve the service level to your customers by having the right product available at the right time, you'll also strengthen the relationship with your suppliers by stabilising the timing of purchase orders and reducing the likelihood of ordering errors. Greater visibility of stock levels, more effective forecasting and the easier implementation of promotions will also benefit all parties in the supply chain.

Increasing efficiency

Whatever the set-up of your customer sites, the prof.ITplus VMI solution can improve the transition of stock into a bin location. With its bespoke labelling functionality, the VMI solution can produce bin labels to match your customers' product labels – including stock descriptions, product images and barcodes as well as customer information. This improves consistency for the customer and ensures stocktaking is completed more efficiently, reducing the amount of information needing manual entry.

For stock needing replenishment, packaging labels can be automatically generated at the same time as picking lists without any user intervention. This gives your staff time to complete alternative tasks rather than get caught-up in unnecessary administrative procedures.

Tailored towards you

Storing elements of your stockholding remotely increases your own storage capacity, leaving you more room for additional product lines and increasing the choice for your customers. Alternatively, with the prof.ITplus VMI solution taking care of your stock in remote locations, you could even reduce the size of your warehouse – cutting operational costs significantly.

Whatever your requirements, VMI for prof.ITplus has been designed to fit around the existing structure of your organisation, ensuring operational performance is optimised as your business grows and changes.

Building a successful future

Ensure you stay ahead of the competition by providing a first-class service to both your customers and suppliers. With VMI for prof.ITplus, you'll have everything you need to significantly improve product availability whilst reducing costs.

Choosing VMI for prof.ITplus gives you the peace of mind that comes with a fully integrated business solution designed specifically for your industry. Backed up by a full support package from OGL, the VMI solution can help improve the efficiency, productivity and profitability of your business.



Vendor Managed Inventory features checklist

Synchronisation

- ▼ Additional product and customer information required for the VMI process integrates seamlessly within the prof.ITplus system
- ▼ Customer specific bin information and product descriptions can be stored against each VMI product
- ▼ Data is held on the prof.ITplus server and uploaded onto hand-held terminals

Hand-held terminals

- ▼ Compact and lightweight with an ergonomic design for comfortable use
- ▼ Fully operational in harsh environments, they can be subjected to considerable stress
- ▼ Impact tolerant with a drop specification of four feet
- ▼ Durable sealing ensures continued use and uptime by protecting against extreme temperatures, moisture and dust
- ▼ User-friendly Windows interface with clear screen
- ▼ 1D and 2D bar code scanning from various angles
- ▼ Full back-up support from OGL

Data capture

- ▼ Data from the hand-held terminals can be transmitted to the prof.ITplus system via a docking station or using a wireless network for real-time updates
- ▼ Reliable and accurate data capture with large storage capacity for batch updates
- ▼ Docking stations can be installed at your head office, branch or VMI location
- ▼ Wireless LAN connectivity with Bluetooth option
- ▼ Data is used to update all relevant prof.ITplus screens, renewing all stock and customer information automatically

Sales orders

- ▼ After the initial data capture, replenishment quantities are used to automatically generate sales orders for the stock that has been used
- ▼ Order Acknowledgements can be produced immediately to verify the quantities used with the customer
- ▼ Invoices can then be produced and scheduled to be sent to the customer via post, fax or email depending on requirements
- ▼ Purchase orders can be raised automatically for any shortages

Purchase orders

- ▼ Quickly create a comprehensive list of stock needing replenishment to be sent to suppliers
- ▼ The production of purchase orders is not affected by the VMI process
- ▼ These can be generated at the touch of a button and sent to suppliers immediately or can be scheduled to be sent when required

Labels

- ▼ Existing customer product labels can be developed for use as customer bin labels
- ▼ These labels can be configured to match the existing layout - detailing stock codes, item descriptions and product images as well as barcoded customer account information, bin number and bin quantity
- ▼ Before stock is delivered to the customer, packaging labels can also be created at the same time as the picking lists without any user intervention
- ▼ As a Zebra reseller, OGL can provide the complete solution including rugged, industrial-class label printers

