

Microsoft® Business Solutions Manufacturing—Great Plains®



Master Production Scheduling

Master Production Scheduling (MPS) provides a flexible solution for managing high-level production requirements. Master Production Scheduling can be used to draw information from sales forecasts, netting them together to form a single, comprehensive production schedule. Sales forecasts can be refined in Master Production Scheduling, and Manufacturing Orders automatically created to meet the expected need. Simply review the Manufacturing Orders, and you're ready to begin production.

The make-to-stock features offered by Master Production Scheduling dovetail with the sales order driven make-to-order functionality of other Manufacturing Series modules to provide a broad-based solution for a wide range of production environments.

Key Features

- MPS is completed within an easy-to-use, spreadsheet-like window.
- The flexible, plan-oriented structure allows for multiple MPS plans to be active and used simultaneously.
- Each plan can be built using user-defined time periods, ranging from daily to yearly.
- Each item within a plan can include different settings for the routing to be used and the scheduling preferences required.
- When appropriate, selective portions of any MPS plan can be activated by simply clicking the mouse.
- MPS plans can be populated by activated sales forecasts, allowing projected sales values to seed the production schedule.
- MPS-driven manufacturing activity defaults as open, but can be released directly within the MPS window.

Master Production Scheduling also requires the Bill of Materials and Manufacturing Order Processing modules to operate.

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