

Retail STAR Newsletter

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Fill In/Restock Module

What is it?

The Fill in/Restock module is a new feature in Retail STAR/ICE 8.0. This powerful tool can create Purchase Orders or Transfers based on multiple ways of filling stock levels. It can be used to replace sales, split incoming shipments, and even create Vendor PO's.

What Items to restock?

After you have chosen whether you are going to make PO's or Transfers, you have to choose what items you actually want to fill in. There are many different ways to generate this "list" of items:

- You can manually select specific items.
- You can select all items that were sold at the Restock Store for a specific date range.
- You can select all the items from a specific vendor.
- For Transfers, you can also choose items that were received at a certain date, or items that will be received in the future.

In addition to these options, you can limit the items returned to all items at, below, or above Model Stock Inventory. This allows a greater level of control of just what items you can affect.

Now What?

Now that you have this list of items, you have the flexibility to choose what level they are restocked to. You can set the Restock Level to Model Stock, Min, or Max, which will then bring those items to those levels if you have already set them up. You can also tell the system an exact number you want, or simply have it replace all of the sales for specific date range.

There are many more advanced options in this module, and much more customization making this a very useful tool. You can read more about it in the STAR.PDF manual found in the Document folder on the Retail STAR install disk.

Common Terms related to Fill In/Restock

Model Stock Inventory: Your preferred quantity of stock for a particular item.

Max Inventory: The highest amount of inventory you would want to have for an item.

Min Inventory: The lowest amount of inventory you would want to have for an item.

Lead Time: The number of days between when you place the order with the Vendor and when you receive the product.

Safety Stock: The number of items you need to cover shortages or emergencies.

Days Stock: The total number of days inventory on hand you need to satisfy normal demand.

Total Stock: The total number of days inventory needed to cover all conditions between ordering cycles.

Retail Star BETA News!

We are currently looking for customers to participate in Beta Testing some of our upcoming products. If you have a Support Contract and are interested in participating in either of the following Beta programs, please contact Retail Star Support at 800-949-1470 Option 6, or send an e-mail to starmanager@camcommerce.com.

Retail STAR 8.5 BETA

We are currently testing the 8.5 version of Retail STAR, and are looking for customers to participate in this with us. Contact us if you are interested!

Report STAR BETA

We also have a new version of Report STAR that we are testing. We are looking for customers that run reports regularly and are used to creating new reports. You can still use the original Report STAR while beta testing this new version.