

# STEEL PLUS 2008

ORDER ENTRY, INVENTORY CONTROL, & ACCOUNTING FOR SERVICE CENTERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

## OVERVIEW

STEEL PLUS is an integrated order entry, inventory control, and accounting system designed exclusively for metal service centers and distributors. STEEL PLUS is now used by nearly 300 metal companies throughout North America. STEEL PLUS is designed to be platform independent. It will perform well in Windows, Novell, Linux, or Unix environments.



In addition to handling almost all types of metal service centers and distributors, STEEL PLUS was also designed to handle the specific needs of COIL PROCESSORS and TOLL PROCESSORS. These features include specialized coil slitting, cut-to-length, and flat-production work-order programs. In order to handle the needs of toll processors, STEEL PLUS also handles customer owned inventory in addition to any inventory that is owned by the toll processor.

STEEL PLUS is a comprehensive system that performs the following functions:

- General Ledger
- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Inventory Control
- Purchase Order Entry
- Sales Order Entry

## SUPPORTED INVENTORY "FORMS"

The following forms of inventory are supported:

- Length items (beam, angle, channel, bar, tube, pipe)
- Area items (plate & sheet)
- Coil items
- Widget items (nuts, bolts, flanges, valves, fittings)
- Weight-only items (castings, billets, scrap)

## SUPPORTED INVENTORY TYPES

Both tagged and homogeneous inventory types are supported. In fact, you can even set up some of your inventory categories as tagged and others as homogeneous.

## TAGGED INVENTORY

Tagged inventory is used when material must be tagged with an identifying number. Typically, inventory is tagged when traceability is a major concern. For tagged inventory, the following standard information is tracked:

- Warehouse
- P.O. #
- Vendor
- Date Received
- Heat #
- Total Footage (applies to random length items)
- Piece Count
- Width/Length
- Net Weight
- Thickness
- Cost (material, freight, and up to 8 additional user-defined costs are tracked)



In addition to the standard information listed above, you can track information unique to your business in "user-defined" fields. These fields add flexibility to the inventory control system assisting you in the tracking of information such as:

- Country of Origin
- Mill
- Condition
- Rockwell/Olsen
- Color
- Mill Reference Number



STEEL PLUS tracks up to 999 inventory generations. After a tag is processed, all critical information from the parent tag is passed down to all associated child tags.

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## HOMOGENEOUS INVENTORY

While not as powerful as tagged inventory, homogenous inventory has its own advantages. The key advantage of homogeneous inventory is its simpler, more streamlined user interface. For example, when receiving homogeneous inventory, an operator simply indicates the quantity received. Tag numbers are not assigned, printed, etc. Likewise, when shipping homogeneous inventory, the operator simply indicates the quantity shipped. It is not necessary to identify the specific tag number(s) that were shipped. You can think of homogeneous inventory as a big melting pot. When inventory is received, quantity is simply added to the pot.

## REMNANT TRACKING

Homogeneous inventory items track an unlimited number of standard sizes. STEEL PLUS also allows for two separate ways of tracking remnant information. The first method simply tracks a lump sum quantity for remnants (example 1). The second method allows full tracking of remnant detail (example 2):

### Example 1: Lump Sum Remnants

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Product: 1 x 1 x 1/8" Bar Angle

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Size	Quantity
20'	112 PCS
40'	75 PCS
<b>Remnants:</b>	146 FT

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### Example 2: Full Remnant Detail

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Product: 1 x 1 x 1/8" Bar Angle

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Size	Quantity
20'	112 PCS
40'	75 PCS
<b>Remnants:</b>	
9'	8 PCS
9' 6"	4 PCS
12'	3 PCS

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## ORDER ENTRY FEATURES

The STEEL PLUS order entry system is designed to:

- Allow an experienced operator to input a typical order in 1-5 minutes
- Allow orders and quotes to be faxed and emailed directly to the customer
- Allow a quote to be quickly converted to a sales order
- Allow sales and purchases history to be quickly and easily reviewed
- Allow stock levels to be quickly and easily checked
- Allow on hand inventory to be allocated to a sales order
- Allows sales employees to reserve inventory...thus eliminating "double-selling"

## SECURITY

STEEL PLUS is a secure system. A state-of-the-art menu system prevents unauthorized use of restricted programs based on a user's security profile. In addition to allowing you to restrict program access, you can fine-tune the security profile of each individual user in a variety of ways.

## ABOUT BAYERN

For more than 20 years, Bayern has provided software to metal service centers and distributors. Our integrated order entry, inventory control, and accounting systems are used on a daily basis by more than 2,000 individuals in the metals industry across North America. We are in business to serve our customers in the metals industry. Contact us today to find out how your business can benefit from our products, services, and commitment to quality!



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