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EPICS UPDATE FEATURES AUTOMATIC SHORTAGE WORKORDERS

The EPICS V8.8 update will be available for download next week. All EPICS System Administrators will receive an email notice as soon as the update is ready.

EPICS users rated the ability to easily create workorders for shortage lots as the #2 item on the 2007 Wishlist. The V8.8 update adds this ability.

SO Num	Item	Orderd	Tolerance	Customer	Die Number	Finish	Ship Date	Orderd	Extruded	Open	Scrap	Min	Max	Sel	New Lot
50554	1	50 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	10/27/2006	211	211	0	211	190	232		211
50553	1	50 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	10/27/2006	211	211	0	211	190	232		211
50548	1	114 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	10/17/2006	482	482	0	334	288	385		351
50540	1	100 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	10/11/2006	423	422	0	422	381	465		423
50535	1	100 Pc	+35/-35 %	Alaa Pet Products	19799	010	9/18/2006	423	423	0	253	105	402		296
50534	1	100 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	9/18/2006	423	422	0	422	381	465		423
50530	1	500 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	8/4/2006	2113	2057	0	2957	1902	2324		2113
50505	3	96 Pc	+37/-23 %	Aluminum Company of Penn.	27349	000	7/1/2005	492	0	492	0	10	308		226
50426	1	100 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	9/1/2005	303	0	303	0	576	636		579
50424	1	100 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	9/1/2005	303	0	303	0	576	636		579
50423	1	100 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	9/1/2005	303	0	303	0	576	636		579
50417	1	60 Pc	+37/-23 %	BILL'S CUSTDM WINDOWS	30141	000	7/21/2005	235	260	0	260	184	325		239
50170	1	1 Pc	+37/-23 %	New's Window Co.	00000	000	6/1/2001	1	0	0	0	1	2		1
50169	1	1 Pc	+37/-23 %	New's Window Co.	00000	000	3/30/2001	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
50140	1	267 Pc	+10/-0 %	Aluminum Company of Penn.	19799	000	9/27/2002	1001	208	793	208	206	307		281
50137	2	1000 Pc	+10/-10 %	Acme Wholesale, Inc.	19799	000	10/28/2002	10000	2890	0	58	60	3050		2890

The "Print Workorders" screen now includes a "Shortages" tab, which allows the user to scan for all inprocess jobs that will require replacement metal. EPICS automatically calculates the quantity to include on a "Shortage Workorder", although the user can over-ride this value. Selecting SOItems on this screen will cause EPICS to place these Shortage Workorders on the Press Schedule as well as the Workorder "Scan" screen.

YOU WANTED STANDARD NOTES? YOU GOT STANDARD NOTES!

Another top Wishlist item was the ability to create and store often-used notes and easily recall them at order entry. EPICS V8.8 gives you this ability. So if you routinely add the same note to a customer's order time and time again, you can now store the note and insert it into an order with just a couple of keystrokes.

NEW FEATURE HELPS CATCH PRICING ERRORS

Have you ever forgotten to include a paint price even though the item calls for a painted finish? Or have you ever used a routing that does not include the anodize department even though you included a price for anodizing?

The EPICS V8.8 update allows you to eliminate these types of errors. You can tell EPICS which departments each finish code uses, as well as which departments each General Ledger code refers to. EPICS will use this information to make sure that Finish Codes, Prices, and Routings are "in sync" at time of order entry.

If you want to use this new feature, you must add the "Department Category" info to EPICS, and your EPICS System Administrator must activate the feature using the Configure screen.

PRESS SCHEDULE SCREEN IMPROVED

The EPICS V8.8 update adds a couple of highly-requested features to the Press Schedule screen.

You can now use colors or fonts to highlight past due jobs, items that are due in the near future, and non-mill-finish items. This makes it easier to quickly identify items that might require special attention.

You can also reduce the number of items in the "unscheduled items" screen by using the new "Filter" capability. For example, you can tell EPICS to only display items for Press 1, or only items with a PlanDt earlier than today. You can also apply multiple filters, such as "all Finish Code 111 items for Press 1 with a shipment date before February 1."

Both of these new features are accessed by right-clicking on the Unscheduled Items heading line.

PERCENT RECYCLED DATA NOW AVAILABLE IN EPICS

Many extruders are capitalizing on aluminum's recyclability in their marketing efforts. The EPICS V8.8 update adds a feature that assists in this effort.

A field for "Percent Recycled" has been added to the Chemical Composition, Billet, and Ticket tables. If your billet supplier includes a Percent Recycled value in the composition data they provide for each cast number, EPICS will store that value. When packing tickets are printed, EPICS can locate the Cast Number on the pertinent press production record, transfer the associated Percent Recycled value to the Ticket table, and print that value on the ticket.



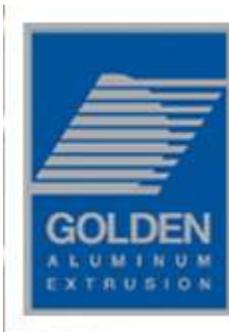
If the Percent Recycled value is not available for a Cast Number, EPICS will try to locate that value in the appropriate Billet record. So if your billet supplier does not provide you with a Percent Recycled value by Cast Number, you can enter a fixed value for each billet type – i.e., 6063 Secondary Logs might be made from 92% recycled metal.

OTHER ENHANCEMENTS IN EPICS V8.8 UPDATE

In addition to the improvements described earlier, the EPICS V8.8 update includes several minor bug fixes, as well as the following enhancements:

- When preparing offsetting documents from the Invoicing screen, the user is offered the choice of using today's date, the original document date, or a custom date.
- The fields for email addresses used when emailing acknowledgements, manifests, and invoices have been increased from 40 characters to 512 characters.
- When saving physical inventory history, manually created stock records are now saved.
- Customer-specific rack tags are now permitted if final packing is being done at the press.
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GOLDEN ALUMINUM INSTALLS EPICS AT TWO LOCATIONS



[Golden Aluminum Extrusion](#) recently purchased two former Alcoa plants—one located in Plant City, Florida, and the other in Warren, Ohio. Given only a 30-day window to transition from Alcoa's in-house system, Golden turned to Foy for fast-track EPICS installations at the two plants. Despite the short lead time and the conversion complexity, both plants were up and running on time.

Each plant is using Microsoft SQL Server, and has the EPICS Enterprise Edition with all available optional modules.

NEW EPICS INSTALLATION IN AUSTRALIA



[Independent Extrusions Limited](#), or INEX, installed EPICS at their two-press plant in New Zealand last year. The rapidly expanding company has now installed another press in Melbourne, Australia. Naturally, they are also installing EPICS at this plant. This makes Foy's third EPICS installation in Australia.

MAJOR WINDOW COMPANY INSTALLS EPICS



[Alenco](#) is one of America's best-known names in residential windows and patio doors. The company is in the process of installing EPICS at their extrusion plant in Bryan Texas. They previously had been using a system from JDEdwards.

Alenco will be using the EPICS Basic edition, running on SQL Server.

2008 USER CONFERENCE PLANS PROGRESSING

The 2008 EPICS User Conference promises to be another in a long string of valuable, challenging, and enjoyable gatherings.



The conference will take place April 20-23, 2008, at the [Argonaut Hotel](#), located in the historic Cannery building at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. The conference will start with a Registration Reception

on Sunday evening, and continue with two days of intensive EPICS topics. The popular optional Training Day will wrap up the conference on Wednesday.

For the Monday evening activity, we are planning a dinner at [Events Ondine](#). This dining room is located in Sausalito, across the bay from San Francisco. I took this picture when I was looking for a dinner spot last summer, and I know you will enjoy a great dinner here while watching the sun set over San Francisco Bay.

Conference sessions will run from 8:00AM through 2:00PM, leaving time for participants to enjoy the sights in The City By The Bay.



You should have received a conference brochure via email last week. If not, you can download it [here](#). Be sure to register ASAP at www.foyinc.com, and be sure to make your hotel reservations soon.

FOY OFFICE BUILDING CHOSEN FOR STATE AWARD

The Texas Downtown Association chose the new Foy Building as a finalist in their annual "Best New Construction" competition. The award commended Foy's "outstanding contribution to preserve, revitalize and redevelop Texas downtowns."



Their announcement commented on the building's blending of historic features with modern office requirements.

EPICS CUSTOMER LIST

**On any given day
EPICS is helping over 12,000 people
at over 80 extrusion plants around the world.**

Aacao Extrusions – Niles, Michigan
Alenco – Bryan, Texas
American Aluminum Extrusions of Ohio – Canton, Ohio
American Aluminum Extrusions of Wisconsin – Beloit, WI
Aerolite Extrusion – Youngstown, Ohio
Almag Aluminum Inc. – Brampton, Ontario
Altec (Alumnitec). – Jeffersonville, Indiana
Aluminio de Baja California (ABC) – Tijuana, Mexico
Aluminio de Centro America (ALDECA) – San Salvador, El Salvador
Aluminio Del Caribe– San Juan, Puerto Rico
Aluminum Extrusions Inc – Senatobia, Miss.
APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Calgary, Alberta
Arch Aluminum – Miami, Florida
Astro Shapes – Struthers, Ohio
Atlantic Aluminum (Signature) – Lumber Bridge, N.C.
Benada Aluminum – Medley, Florida
Bristol Aluminum – Levittown, Pennsylvania
Briteline Extrusions – Summerville, S. Carolina
BRT Extrusions – Niles, Ohio
CanArt – Brampton, Ontario
CanArt – Tecumseh, Ontario
Central Aluminum – Columbus, Ohio
Crane Aluminium Extrusions – Angaston, Australia
Crane Aluminium Extrusions (Capral) – Penrith, Australia
Crown Extrusions, Chaska, Minnesota
Crystal Extrusion Systems – Union, Missouri
Empire Resources – Baltimore, Maryland
Extrudex – Weston, Ontario
Extrudex – Bernières, Quebec
Extrudex – North Jackson, Ohio
FISA – Guayaquil, Ecuador
Frontier Aluminum – Corona, California
Golden Aluminum Extrusion – Plant City, Florida
Golden Aluminum Extrusion – Warren, Ohio
Hualum. – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
Hualum. – Capetown, South Africa
Hualum. – Olifantsfontein, South Africa
Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Hamilton, New Zealand
Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Melbourne, Australia
International Extrusion – Alhambra, California
International Extrusion – Waxahachie, Texas
International Extrusions – Garden City, Michigan
Jalex – Kingston, Jamaica
Keymark Corporation – Fonda, New York
Keymark Corporation – Lakeland, Florida
MI Metals, Inc - Smyrna, Tennessee
MI Metals, Inc – Millersburg, Pennsylvania
MI Metals, Inc – Oldsmar, Florida
MI Metals, Inc – Millen, Georgia
MI Metals, Inc – Prescott Valley, Arizona
Mid-America Extrusions – Indianapolis, Indiana
Midwest Aluminum – Withee, Wisconsin
Non-Ferrous Extrusion – Houston, Texas
Patrick Metals – Mishawaka, Indiana
Pennex – Wellsville, Pennsylvania
Perfiles de Aluminio.– San Juan, Puerto Rico
Postal Aluminum – Cassopolis, Michigan
Pries Enterprises – Independence, Iowa
PT Alumindo Perkasa – Jakarta, Indonesia
PT Indal – Surabaya, Indonesia
Profab Industries – Canfield, Ohio
Profile Extrusions – Rome, Georgia
Profile (RJS Precision Ext.) – Phoenix, Arizona
Selaco Aluminium – Johar, Malaysia
Service Center Metals – Prince George, Virginia
Sierra Aluminum – Fontana, California
Silver City Aluminum -- Taunton, Mass
Sierra Aluminum – Riverside, California
Specialty Extrusion – Fullerton, California
Spectra Aluminum – Woodbridge, Ontario
Star Extruded Shapes, Canfield, Ohio
Superior Extrusion – Gwinn, Michigan
Sun Valley Extrusions – Los Angeles, California
Tecnoglass – Barranquilla, Columbia
Taber Extrusions – Gulfport, Mississippi
Taber Extrusions – Russellville, Arkansas
TAI-AO Aluminium – Taishan, Guang Dong, China
Temroc Metals (Signature) – Hamel, Minnesota
Tri-City Extrusion – Bristol, Tennessee
Tubelite – Reed City, Michigan
Vista Wall Arch. Products – Midway, Tennessee
Vista Wall Arch. Products – Terrell, Texas
Vitek – Franklin, New Hampshire
Wakefield Engineering – Pelham, New Hampshire
Western Extrusion – Carrollton, Texas
Zarbana Industries – Columbiana, Ohio

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