



FOY'S EPICS EVENTS

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V9 Advantages

The EPICS V9 upgrade was first made available for download in early 2014. Most of our customers have upgraded since then, but a number have yet to take advantage of this vastly improved version of EPICS.

There really are too many benefits to list in a short article, so we are going to provide you with just a few of the key reasons you should upgrade as soon as possible.

- **User Friendly** – Time and time again we hear from V9 users about how much they appreciate the improvements made to the user interface. Screens are easier to find and navigate, the control panel is far more intuitive, the data you need is more readily accessible than ever, and there is no more confusing technical jargon. Right-click lookup tables have been replaced with friendly dropdown menus. Often you will find new controls and guided dialogue to help better understand functionality.

We are hearing that not only is it an improvement for existing users, but that it really stands out when training new users. It has the look and feel of other popular software platforms, similar to the Microsoft Office suite, while maintaining the familiarity of EPICS V8 functionality.

- **Data Integrity** – We worked very hard to fine tune EPICS in order for our customers to have an even more stable and reliable experience across the board. You'll see this in many places throughout EPICS V9. Below are just some of the key improvements to data integrity.
 - Required fields are clearly identified and marked when critical data is missing or erroneous.
 - Dialogue boxes often guide users through processes and validate data as they go.
 - The department backlog is routinely updated with more reliability.
 - The sales order item production summary by department (departments tab on the SO screen) has been improved tremendously. This data is now extremely reliable. Each time any of the following functions is performed, EPICS uses new and improved code to re-calculate the department summary to accurately reflect your production history:
 - Scrapping material at any production department.
 - Sending pieces for rework and posting rework production.
 - Re-allocating material from one sales order item to another.
 - Putting material into stock and taking material out of stock.
 - Sending material to and from outside processors.
 - Posting new production.
 - Posting cutback.
 - Editing existing production records.

- Permissions have been significantly expanded to give administrators greater control over who can see and touch sensitive data. Admins can control who can create, edit, and delete records. Tabs on screens can be restricted as well.
- **Translations** – EPICS V9 now includes a full Spanish translation. The tools for translating the software have been improved, to make custom translation easier than ever.
- **New Features** – There really are too many to list. Since V9 was released in early 2014, there have been **58 additional wishlist items** included in the software! Below are just some of the new features to take advantage of:
 - Drag and drop press and department scheduling.
 - Department specific production calendar. You can now schedule available production days by department, and by press for the Extrude departments.
 - Fill entire sales orders from stock automatically.
 - Billet oven visibility and production queue.
 - New and improved system for Reserves.
 - Chart views for department backlogs and machine production history (more coming).
 - Die thumbnails.
 - Refresh buttons to always have current data on screens.
 - Easy access to edit production postings from the SO screen.
 - Option to require production to be posted to racks, along with many improvements to rack tracking.
 - Scanner functionality added to Physical Inventory.
 - Many additional configuration settings to accommodate your plant specific needs.

As mentioned, these are just **some** of the many new features that you will want to take advantage of!

We encourage you to get EPICS V9 set up as a test database in your plant as soon as you are able. Let us give you a walkthrough, so that you can see first-hand just how much this version improves upon an already outstanding foundation.

In the near future, we will release more information about when support will cease for EPICS V8. As you probably already know, even now all updates and future developments pertain to EPICS V9 only.

There's always an adjustment period when something new is introduced. We get that. That's why we are committed to helping you in every step of the process of making the upgrade. Call us at 972-782-7282 or email us at info@foyinc.com to see how we can customize a plan to get you upgraded as soon as possible!

Wishlist Feedback

We've been working hard to make your formal wishlist items from EUC 2016 a reality. Our goal is to always make these features as useful as possible to our customers. Occasionally, we need clarification or additional details in order to accomplish this. Would you help us out by providing some feedback regarding a couple of items?

Wishlist Item # 3 – Add ability to preview documents before emailing.

What functionality is needed beyond the current ability to display proof documents on screen?

Wishlist Item # 4 – When adding new orders for a customer, immediately warn if the customer is on hold.

Should this be any type of hold? Credit, Plant, Racks, Tickets?

Should this be configurable?

Wishlist Item # 6 – Add ability to print a 'Hold' ticket from the Maintain Tickets and Plant Hold screens.

Would you expect to see a button on these screen that you could click after tickets are put on hold?

Should this be a pop-up message instead?

Any answers, thoughts, or suggestions would greatly be appreciated. Call us at 972-782-7282 or email us at info@foyinc.com to share your feedback.

We can't do this without you!

EUC 2017

We are getting very excited about EUC 2017. It really isn't all that far away! The conference will be held April 9th – 12th at the [Four Seasons](#) in Austin, Texas.



Join us Monday night for a signature Austin time at the [Banger's Sausage House and Beer Garden](#). They have 30 house made sausages and **over 100 beers on tap**. It's not just a great place to eat, it's a great place to **experience!**

Austin is one of the best places in the US to enjoy live music, amazing food, and a one-of-a-kind southern culture. You'll be within walking distance to many enjoyable locations, including the [Rainey Street District](#), one of the up-and-coming places to be in Austin.

You can reserve your hotel rooms now! Rooms are blocked off for April 8th – April 12th at the conference discount rate of \$259.00 per night. On June 15th and after, call 1-512-685-8100 and mention '**EPICS User Conference 2017**'.

Foy Inc Holiday Schedule



'Tis the season, almost! We'll soon be enjoying time with family and loved ones, eating way too much food and generally doing things we will regret. So that you can be prepared, here are the days we will be **closed** for the holidays:

November 24th & 25th

December 24th - January 1st

EPICS Training Opportunities

Be sure to have your EPICS Administrator and key users trained thoroughly on EPICS V9.

EPICS classroom training sessions are held at the Foy Inc offices in Farmersville, Texas. The next available V9 classes are scheduled for **January 16-19**, **February 20-23**, and **March 13-16**. You can always view training class availability on our [Training Classes](#) webpage.

If you are interested in a two-day Reports training class working with the EPICS database, please let us know by calling 972-782-7282 or emailing us at info@foyinc.com. We schedule the Reports classes on demand.

EPICS Customer List

*On any given day
EPICS is helping over 15,000 people
at 100 extrusion plants around the world.*

Aacoa Extrusions – Niles, Michigan
 Aerolite Extrusion – Youngstown, Ohio
 Almag Aluminum Inc. – Brampton, Ontario
 Almax Aluminium – Brisbane, Australia
 Altec – Jeffersonville, Indiana
 Aluminio de Baja California (ABC) – Tijuana, Mexico
 Aluminio de Centro América – San Salvador, El Salvador
 Aluminum Extrusions Inc – Senatobia, Miss.
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Canton, Ohio
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Beloit, WS
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Roscoe, Illinois
 Anaheim Extrusions (UMEX) – Anaheim, California
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Calgary, Alberta
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Coburg, Oregon
 Apex Aluminum Extrusions – Langley, BC, Canada
 Arch Aluminum – Miami, Florida
 Architectural & Metal Systems – Cork, Ireland
 Ascend Custom Extrusions – Wylie, Texas
 Astrex Inc – Lake Shore, Ontario
 Astro Shapes – Struthers, Ohio
 Benada Aluminum – Sanford, Florida
 Bristol Aluminum – Levittown, Pennsylvania
 Briteline Extrusions – Summerville, S. Carolina
 BRT Extrusions – Niles, Ohio
 CanArt – Brampton, Ontario
 CanArt – Windsor, Ontario
 Capral Extrusions – Angaston, Australia
 Capral Extrusions – Penrith, Australia
 Central Aluminum – Columbus, Ohio
 Claridge Products – Harrison, Arkansas
 Crown Extrusions - Chaska, Minnesota
 Gateway Extrusions, Ltd – Union, Missouri
 DeeZee, Inc – Des Moines, Iowa
 Extruders - a division of Tower – Wylie, Texas
 Extrudex – Weston, Ontario
 Extrudex – Bernières, Quebec
 Extrudex – North Jackson, Ohio
 FISA – Guayaquil, Ecuador
 Frontier Aluminum – Corona, California
 G. James – Brisbane, Australia
 G. James – Sydney, Australia
 Hulamin – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
 Hulamin – Capetown, South Africa
 Hulamin – Olifantsfontein, South Africa
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Hamilton, New Zealand
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Brisbane, Australia
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Melbourne, Australia
 International Extrusions – Garden City, Michigan
 International Extrusions (UMEX) – Waxahachie, Texas
 Jalex – Kingston, Jamaica
 Keymark Corporation – Fonda, New York
 Keymark Corporation – Lakeland, Florida
 Keymark Corporation – Orlando, Florida
 MI Metals, Inc - Smyrna, Tennessee
 MI Metals, Inc – Millersburg, Pennsylvania
 MI Metals, Inc – Oldsmar, Florida
 MI Metals, Inc – Prescott Valley, Arizona
 MI Windows and Doors – Carrollton, Texas
 Michigan Extruded Aluminum – Jackson, Michigan
 Midwest Aluminum – Withee, Wisconsin
 Nanshan America – Lafayette, Indiana
 Nigalex – Lagos, Nigeria
 Non-Ferrous Extrusion – Houston, Texas
 Oldcastle Building Envelope – Midway, Tennessee
 Oldcastle Building Envelope – Terrell, Texas
 Orrvilon (Holtec) – Orrville, Ohio
 Patrick Metals (UMEX) – Mishawaka, Indiana
 Pennex – Leetonia, Ohio
 Pennex – Wellsville, Pennsylvania
 Perfiles de Aluminio.– San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Ply Gem Extrusion– Bryan, Texas
 Postle Aluminum – Cassopolis, Michigan
 Press Metals – Cumming, Georgia
 Pries Enterprises – Independence, Iowa
 PT Alumindo Perkasa – Jakarta, Indonesia
 PT Indal – Surabaya, Indonesia
 Profile Extrusions – Rome, Georgia
 Profile (RJS Precision Ext.) – Phoenix, Arizona
 Schimmer Metal – Bangkok, Thailand
 Selaco Aluminium – Johar, Malaysia
 Service Center Metals – Prince George, Virginia
 Shoals Extrusion – Florence, Alabama
 Sierra Aluminum – Fontana, California
 Sierra Aluminum – Riverside, California
 Silver City Aluminum -- Taunton, Mass
 Spectra Aluminum – Bradford, Ontario
 Star Extruded Shapes - Canfield, Ohio
 Sun Valley - Los Angeles, California
 Superior Extrusion – Gwinn, Michigan
 Superior Metal Shapes – Chino, California
 Tecnoglass – Barranquilla, Columbia
 Taber Extrusions – Gulfport, Mississippi
 Taber Extrusions – Russellville, Arkansas
 Tifton Aluminum Extrusions – Tifton, Georgia
 Tri–City Extrusion – Bristol, Tennessee
 Tubelite – Reed City, Michigan
 Universal Molding (UMEX) – Downey, California
 Vitex – Franklin, New Hampshire
 Wakefield-Vette – Pelham, New Hampshire
 Wakefield-Vette – Withee, Wisconsin
 Western Extrusion – Carrollton, Texas
 Zarbana Industries – Columbiana, Ohio

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