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2012-2013 Wishlist Published

The EPICS Wishlist, submitted by EPICS User Conference attendees and voted on by EPICS users, appears below. Almost 60% of the EPICS User Licenses voted on this year's ballot.

We will include as many of the top items as we can in EPICS V9, due for release at the 2013 conference in New Orleans.

2012-2013 EPICS Wishlist

As determined by a vote of EPICS users				
Rank	Score	Item		
1	100	Allow input of die correction and repair and keep a log of all such events		
2	91	Add a table to keep track of nitriding history by die copy		
3	87	Allow separate calendars for each department/machine including hours of availability for each date (will override default calendar)		
4	79	Expand ticket change log to keep track of all changes made to any ticket		
5	78	Add pop-up alert functionality to the Corrective Action Module - actively alert appropriate personnel to the existence of pertinent corrective action items		
6	75	Allow tickets packed for an order (status 'A') to be put directly into stock without having to void and re-print (e.g. for overruns)		
7	64	Record with each packing ticket whether the ticket weight was manually input or was calculated and, if calculated, indicate whether print weight or actual weight was used		
8	60	Add email capability to notes and alerts		
9	59	Add a utility to identify items that are with a few pieces of completion and allow them to be easily marked as complete		
10	59	Send email notifications when an order quantity (or other key field) is changed		
11	57	Better holds and enforcement of holds for stock, packed bundles, and racks		
12	57	Eliminate ability to completely delete stock tickets - void them instead with the ability to re-activate them if voided in error		
13	56	Add a lookup table to keep reason codes for order cancellations		
14	55	Add a change log to the Rack table to keep track of changes to rack contents		
15	55	Allow input of an extrusion tolerance for each item that is different than the shipping tolerance		
16	54	Print Corrective Action docs directly from the corrective action screen		

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17	53	Allow pricing and other sensitive customer data to be viewed and edited only by the salesperson or CSR registered for that customer		
18	52	Add configuration setting that will require all production departments to record the inbound and outbound rack ID for each posting		
19	50	Allow multiple variables (e.g. alloy and length) to be specified for each pricing rule or discount/surcharge		
20	50	Automatically calculate the total price for a kit or assembly based on the pricing saved with each kit component		
21	49	Allow plant-specific specs (recipe information) for each part		
22	48	Allow longer SpecCodes		
23	48	Allow creation of miscellaneous shipping manifests for non-extrusion items - should use a unique range of manifest numbers		
24	47	Allow press production to select active cast numbers from a dropdown list		
25	47	Enlarge cast number field to 24 characters (currently 16-character max.)		
26	47	Move double-drag configuration settings to the Machine table so that each press can have its own settings		
27	47	Extend alert functionality to sales order and item notes		
28	41	Allow barcode scanning of more fields at production (e.g. Supervisor could scan his namebadge instead of typing in his name)		
29	40	Improve ability of press operator and saw operator to cooperatively edit extrusion production records - including possible simultaneous editing of the same posting		
30	39	Keep track of billet receipts and usage by cast number and mark each cast as inactive when it is fully depleted		
31	36	Create a running balance report for stock inventory (inventory "ins" and "outs")		
32	36	Allow discounts and surcharges to be re-applied at time of invoicing		
33	36	Add user fields to ShiftProdDetail so that they can be entered for each rack at production. Optionally transfer this user field data to the RackDetail table.		
34	35	Add a query builder to the Create Orders for Stock Replacement screen so it can be searched by customer, die, CSR, etc.		
35	33	Post billet receipts by scanning a barcoded tag on each bundle - will require a data file from the billet supplier to be imported prior to scanning		
36	32	Allow user field changes for an item to be applied to all items on the sales order		
37	31	Add lifecyle limits to each die copy to better gauge when a die should be retired		
38	31	Save with each work order the name of the user that printed it as well as the date/time that it was printed		
39	31	Allow list of invoice numbers returned from a query on the invoice screen to be easily copied to the Print Invoices screen (reprint entire list)		
40	27	Increase the size of long text user fields		

41	26	Save the source rack ID with each packed ticket
42	25	Allow input of a minimum line item price
43	24	Add more contacts to the Maintain Customers screen
44	23	Assign a date and user name to each Correction Action note
45	21	Allow production personnel to change the status of a die copy on the production screen
46	21	Allow production planner to quickly add new billet records if there are no billets available to plan a given work order
47	17	Add a "Saw Crew" field for each rack input at production
48	17	Allow a list of permissable (interchangeable) alloys to be added to each part
49	16	Add a field to the ChemComp table to record log lengths for each cast
50	13	Require a special permission setting to move material from one rack to another
51	11	Implement a multi-stage sales order approval process (similar to quote module)
52	9	Allow better comparison between scrap that has been sold and secondary billet that has been received

Work Progresses on EPICS V9



The bulk of our time at Foy Inc over the next nine months will be spent continuing development on the next major version of EPICS. We invite you to follow our progress on our <u>Facebook</u> page, and on our <u>web site</u>. Currently, both sites show the proposed EPICS V9 menu bar. Let us know what you think of it – we think it will be easier for you to navigate to the wealth of EPICS features. In the future we will be showing you other new features, such as drag-and-drop press scheduling, departmental

calendars, touchscreen capabilities, etc.

Follow Foy Inc on Facebook



You can now communicate with the Foy staff as well as other EPICS users on the Foy Inc Facebook page. Check us out <u>here</u>, or at <u>http://www.facebook.com/pages/Foy-Inc/114419065922</u>

2013 EPICS User Conference

Mark your calendars now -- the 2013 EPICS User Conference will be held in New Orleans, on April 14-17. We will be at the <u>Hyatt French Quarter Hotel</u>. The hotel, adjacent to Bourbon Street, was completely renovated earlier this year. The 254 rooms have 12 foot





ceilings, and each has a refrigerator as well as the usual coffee maker, safe, etc. Each room has free internet access. The new outdoor pool is very nice. Attractions such as Jackson Square, Royal Street shopping, and the Audubon Aquarium are in easy walking distance.

Of course the highlight of the conference will be the introduction of EPICS V9, and a walkthrough of its major features. And as

always, networking with other EPICS users from around the world will be an invaluable experience.

EPICS Training Opportunities



EPICS classroom training sessions are held at the Foy Inc offices in Farmersville, Texas. The next class is scheduled for September 17-20, and you must register for this class by September 10. There will also be a one-day class on "Using Crystal Reports with EPICS" on September 21.

Another training class is scheduled for October 22-25, 2012.

One Hour Webinars continue to be very popular. Webinars scheduled for the near future are:

Sep 11	Die Oven Management
Sep 25	Press and Departmental Scheduling
Oct 2	Notes and Alerts
Oct 9	Pricing Module
Oct 16	EPICS Basics
Oct 30	Physical Inventory

Details on these Webinars can be found on the Foy Inc web site. The charge is only \$50, and you can gather a roomful of attendees together to view a session.

EPICS Customer List

On any given day EPICS is helping over 14,000 people at 98 extrusion plants around the world.

Aacoa Extrusions - Niles, Michigan Aerolite Extrusion - Youngstown, Ohio Alenco – Bryan, Texas 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 Aluminio Del Caribe- San Juan, Puerto Rico 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 - Portland, Oregon Apex Aluminum Extrusions - Langley, BC, Canada Arch Aluminum - Miami, Florida Architectural & Metal Systems - Cork, Ireland Ascend Custom Extrusions - Wylie, Texas Astro Shapes - Struthers, Ohio Benada Aluminum – Medley, Florida Bristol Aluminum - Levittown, Pennsylvania Briteline Extrusions - Summerville, S. Carolina BRT Extrusions - Niles, Ohio CanArt – Brampton, Ontario Capral Extrusions - Angaston, Australia Capral Extrusions - Penrith, Australia CanArt - Tecumseh, Ontario Central Aluminum - Columbus, Ohio Claridge Products - Harrison, Arkansas Crown Extrusions, Chaska, Minnesota Crystal Extrusion Systems - Union, Missouri Extrudex - Weston, Ontario Extrudex - Berniéres, 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 Extrusion Corp. (UMEX) - Waxahachie, Texas Jalex – Kingston, Jamaica

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