

Infor Manufacturing Solution built with IBM Power Systems

Proven business software on an integrated platform

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Highlights

SOFTWARE:

- Infor ERP is robust manufacturing management software that can help manufacturers optimize inventory levels, increase productivity and improve profitability.

PLATFORM:

- IBM Power Systems offer platform integration, fast implementation and low total cost of ownership.
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Succeeding in the manufacturing industry has become more challenging in recent years. Even though the basics are the same — minimize costs, maximize flexibility, and keep your systems current — your company must adapt to rapid business and accelerating shifts in technology, while providing rock solid service. It can be a daunting challenge without the right solutions working for you and your business.

The right solution for manufacturers

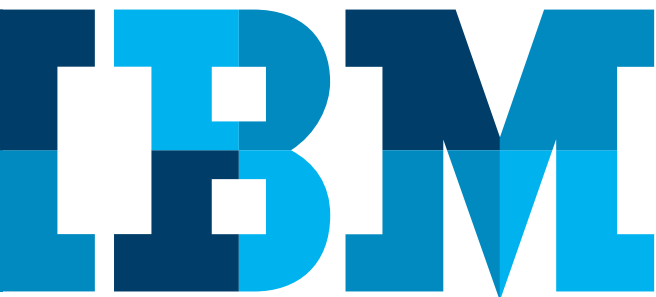
Infor and IBM have joined forces to offer an integrated and optimized combination of software, hardware, and services that can help the modern manufacturer thrive: the Infor Manufacturing Solution built with IBM Power Systems™. This package includes Infor Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), IBM i Solution Edition, three years of premium support, implementation and migration services, together with a choice of optional software and services.

Start with Infor ERP

A leading edge (ERP) solution for manufacturing, Infor ERP provides rapid system modification capability. Built on 30 years of manufacturing experience, Infor ERP helps deliver the right functionality at the right time to the right people – driving down costs.

Integrate with an IBM i Solution Edition

Integrate with an IBM i Solution Edition, combining the speed of IBM POWER7® hardware with the strengths of the IBM i operating system, including a relational database, security, web services, networking and storage management.



Add optional products

Add any of the fully integrated optional products including Infor CRM for System i, Infor Workspace, and others that embrace today's technology advancements, such as optional cloud-based disaster recovery services.

The Result: A comprehensive solution

The Infor Manufacturing Solution built with IBM Power Systems offer attractive pricing and financing options resulting in a solution that is uniquely suited to help manufacturers truly leverage their IT infrastructure to improve efficiencies and promote growth.

Infor ERP

Infor is the world's largest software provider for the IBM i Operating System. Infor continually invests in the rapid advancement of ERP capabilities on IBM i, including state of the art architecture and tools built in Java™.

Comprehensive functionality

Infor ERP provides comprehensive functionality to address critical business processes, including:

- Customer Relationship Management
- Financial Management and Reporting
- Quote to Cash
- Purchase to Pay
- Plan to Produce
- Design to Build
- Business Intelligence Analytics and Reporting
- User Analytics
- Integrated Workflow

Benefits

- *Information at your fingertips* — Infor Development Framework (IDF) provides users 360 degree access to data and maximum personalization and customization.
- *Low cost to upgrade* — Personalization, customization and integration is unchanged from release to release, providing low cost, low risk and rapid software upgrades.
- *Rapid adjustment to business conditions* — Modify your application more efficiently than traditional methods.
- *Manage a variety of applications* — Infor ION technology supports rapid and flexible integration of Infor and your own applications into a common framework.

Complementary offerings

Infor Workspace makes information accessible and actionable – and that's the reason people use business software in the first place. It presents current information from virtually any data source into a tailored web page, complete with reports and key performance indicators (KPIs) based on their roles.



Infor Storefront is a state-of-the-art web foundation designed to provide a world-class shopping experience on both B2C and B2B websites. Featuring a robust catalog with advanced searching, order entry, tracking and account maintenance capabilities, Infor Storefront delivers the capabilities manufacturers need to automate selling, servicing and sourcing.

Document Management improves efficiency and reduces cost by replacing paper-intensive manual processes with automated, optimized document storage, retrieval, and business process workflow.

Supplier Relationship Management is your means of instantly communicating with your suppliers at all levels. Provide plans, orders and schedules immediately to your suppliers. Rapidly negotiate price and delivery, support inbound tracking, and support all forms of supplier interaction – traditional, VMI, repetitive delivery, and supplier Kanbans.

Enterprise Asset Management is an equipment maintenance application that goes beyond the maintenance scheduling and management of traditional applications, Enterprise Asset Management optimizes your costs – equipment energy and operating costs, manpower and materials costs, and even tracks and optimizes carbon outputs.

Expense Management shows where every expense dollar goes, helping reduce waste, head off fraud and abuse, and streamline your audit process. You can have the advantage of a globally distributed data center that offers enterprise-class availability, scalability and security features.

IBM i Solution Edition

IBM i Solution Editions are built on IBM POWER7 processor-based hardware, which represent a true leap forward to more intelligent systems. Each i Solution Edition provides a simplified, manageable, high-performance IT environment for core business applications. The editions come in two footprints: the IBM Power® 720 Express and IBM Power 740 Express. The i Solution Editions offer flexible configurations for memory, disks and network adapters, and your choice of tower or rack mount, to address your individual requirements.

Total cost of ownership

Quick implementation coupled with non-disruptive upgrades helps deliver a low total cost of ownership. This is accomplished by reducing complexity and energy consumption, automating processes, and reducing downtime and other operational costs, making it possible to enjoy rapid return on investment.

IBM preloads the core middleware components of IBM i upfront, enabling companies to reduce the time it takes to fully deploy and maintain business-critical applications.

Flexible configurations for memory, disks, network adapters with a choice of tower or rack mount.



IBM Power 720 Express

Allows the small or midsize company seeking simplicity to avoid increased spending and staffing requirements while becoming more responsive to their customers, improving their productivity and helping to create a security-rich data environment. The IBM Power 720 Express, together with the IBM i operating system, come with integrated features to help simplify your IT environment and deliver a comprehensive, cost-effective business system that can grow with a business.



IBM Power 740 Express

Provides the same integrated value as the Power 720 Express with additional expandability, enabling system growth as your business grows. The performance, capacity, energy efficiency and virtualization capabilities of the Power 740 Express make it an ideal server for solution deployments with demanding capacity and growth requirements.

An ITG study¹ evaluating the total costs of ownership over three years showed that IBM i on Power costs are an average of 42 to 56 percent less than other server infrastructures. Infor Manufacturing ERP and the IBM i operating system are tested to work together seamlessly. Clients can focus more on growing their business.

The bottom line

Manufacturing is a process, and each step can dramatically affect profitability. Gaining visibility into processes and optimizing each of the steps efficiently is crucial for any company wanting to compete globally, open up new markets and leverage its IT investments to meet evolving business needs.

By offering an integrated hardware and software solution, the Infor Manufacturing Solution built on IBM Power Systems simplifies the manufacturing environment to make this transformation possible.

Infor Manufacturing Solution built with IBM Power Systems combines the power of IBM POWER7 and IBM i with affordable enterprise software that is tailored to help transform business processes, backed by superior service and support that make deployment and management simpler than ever before. You can benefit from:

- Better management insight due to unlimited access to data
- Improved productivity, efficiency and responsiveness
- Lower IT costs
- Rapid adjustments to changed business conditions
- Better return on IT investment
- Ultimate reliability for your enterprise system

The fast track to product innovation

Infor Flex gives current Infor customers a fast, cost-effective path to adopt its latest product innovations. In many cases, customers are entitled to these capabilities at no additional charge as part of their maintenance agreements. The Infor Flex Program enables customers to leapfrog to new levels of business agility and functionality, at a lower cost with reduced risk, by combining reduced fees and rapid implementation services. For more information about Infor Flex, visit: www.infor.com/flex.

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