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For

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Advantage Series™



Custom Configurator

Introducing MISys Custom Configurator for ACCPAC Advantage Series Order Entry

Now create custom-configured
Sales Orders based on pre-
defined rules templates.



More and more, salespeople are being called on to create custom configurations of standard products. The difficulty lies in knowing which components go with which in any given configuration. Without specialized tools, salespeople cannot be expected to assemble all the right components. Worse still, they cannot quote the correct prices.

MISys solves this problem with the introduction of Custom Configurator, a rules-based configuration tool designed to look just like, work just like, and integrate seamlessly with ACCPAC Advantage Series Order Entry.

In the MISys system, rules such as these are stored as Configuration Templates.

New from MISys, Inc.

MISys Custom Configurator is a highly specialized tool that allows salespeople to custom configure products based on a set of pre-defined Configuration Templates.

The MISys Custom Configurator was designed to meet the needs of sales organizations that deliver specific variations of a product based on a pre-defined set of configuration options.

Rules-based Configuration

Because a sales order created with the MISys Custom Configurator is constrained to certain pre-defined combinations of components, the program is called a “rules-based configurator.” This means that it maintains a set of rules that dictate which components of the order are allowed, required, or excluded.

Anyone who has purchased a new car, or even a personal computer, has experienced rules-based configuration. “If you want leather seats, you must have the ‘Comfort Group’ which includes heated mirrors and pneumatic cup-holders.” Or, “if you want a CD-ROM and a DVD drive, you need a 200-watt power supply, but you cannot have a ZIP™ drive.”



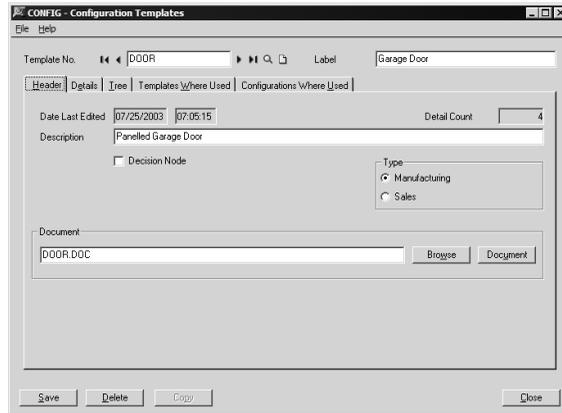
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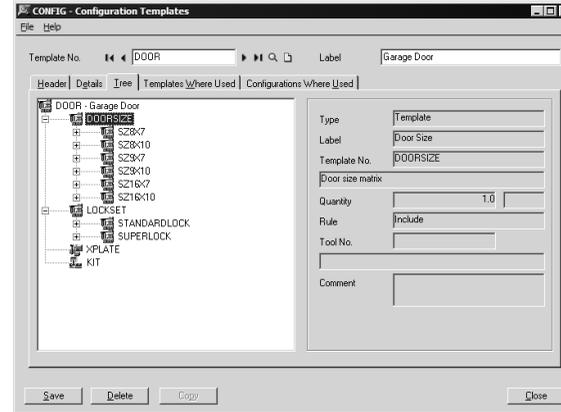
Configuration Templates

The heart of the MISys Custom Configurator is a Configuration Template. Typically, templates are built by personnel who understand the interdependencies of one component versus another. These interdependencies are expressed as “includes” (if you want component X, you must also have component Y) or “excludes” (if you want component Z, you cannot have component Y).



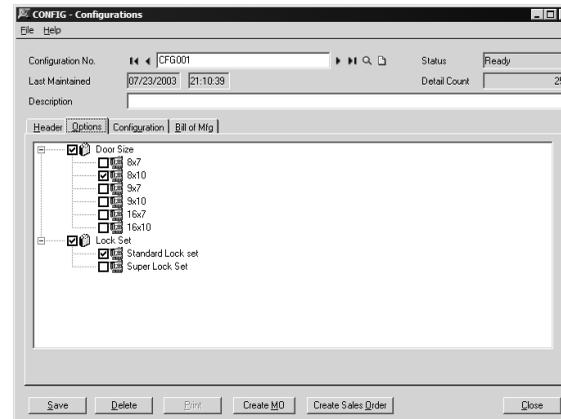
A second type of template called a “decision template” presents a list of possible options from which one must be selected.

The real power of the MISys Custom Configurator lies in the fact that templates can be nested. That is to say, any component of a template can, in fact, be a template itself. As a result, multi-level product structures with simple or complex interdependencies can be maintained quite easily.



Custom Configurations

Most users interact with the MISys Custom Configurator by creating Configurations, that is, a list of possible options based on the rules established in the underlying templates.



To make it particularly easy to custom-configure a product, MISys presents an exploded-tree view showing all possible configuration options. The user simply clicks to check off which options are desired and MISys instantly populates a Bill of Configuration. Once all the

configuration options have been specified, the Bill of Configuration is fully populated with all required material details.

Custom Configure ACCPAC Sales Orders

If MISys Custom Configurator senses the presence of ACCPAC Order Entry, it allows Configuration Templates to be created using items from the ACCPAC Inventory Control database.

Therefore, configurations can be created based entirely on sales items, a capability which greatly enhances the functionality of ACCPAC Order Entry and Inventory Control.

With the click of a button, the custom configuration is transferred from the MISys Bill of Configuration to an ACCPAC Sales Order. Nothing could be simpler.

Link Custom Configurations to Customers

Used in an Order Entry environment, the MISys Custom Configurator integrates seamlessly with ACCPAC Advantage Series Accounts Receivable to link configurations with customers.

Custom Configure MISys Manufacturing Orders

As an added benefit, the MISys Custom Configurator integrates with the MISys Manufacturing System version 5.2 as an extra-cost option and can be used with or

without ACCPAC Order Entry. This feature is particularly appealing to assemblers and manufacturers who custom-configure products for their customers.

Create Manufacturing/Sales Combinations

Although a given Configuration Template can be based on manufacturing items from MISys or sales items from ACCPAC, templates of either type can be combined in a “super template” which represents both manufacturing and sales configuration options.

Using this super template, it is possible to simultaneously create Sales Orders and corresponding Manufacturing Orders.

Download a Free Trial Copy

You are invited to download a free trial copy of MISys Custom Configurator version 5.2 from the MISys Web site at: www.misysinc.com/configurator

Requirements

MISys Custom Configurator requires ACCPAC Advantage Series System Manager 5.2 and ACCPAC Advantage Series Order Entry 5.2.

Guarantee

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