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Infor PLM (Product Lifecycle Management)

Build profitability and sustainable growth into your new products.

Successful new products are the lifeblood of your company's growth and profitability. The success of 60% of most new products is determined in the product development phase, including 80% of costs and 90% of regulatory risks. Supplier collaboration early on can improve your product's capabilities, as well as minimize costs and time to market.

Infor PLM (Product Lifecycle Management) helps your business maximize profit by optimizing every stage of your product's life from portfolio management to product development to ongoing maintenance and retirement. It integrates product information from design and engineering with sourcing, compliance, suppliers, and supply chains to speed product development, ensure quality, and mitigate regulatory risks.

Infor PLM has helped companies like yours:

- Improve product innovation
- Drive revenue growth with successful new product introductions
- Boost new product profitability by up to 10%
- Reduce time to market by up to 50%
- Improve on-time product launches by up to 98%, including regulated industries

Infor PLM is a web-enabled product lifecycle management system that is used by enterprising companies around the globe to transform products into profits. Capable of integrating with leading CAD/CAM software and ERP systems in multi-company and multi-site environments, it includes the following key components:

Integrated PLM—a set of integrated project, portfolio, and research and development (R&D) applications that speeds development of

new products and variations by managing all aspects of the project, and minimizing time to knowledge through information transparency and analytics.

Product Data Management (PDM)—tools that streamline new product development and variations by facilitating secure access to a single source of the truth for accurate product information including drawings, formulas, bills of material, engineering change orders, and the like.

Collaboration—seamless integration of customers, suppliers, and/or partners to shorten time to market, reduce costs, improve quality, ensure compliance, and increase innovation.

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“The enhanced functionality of Infor PLM is playing an instrumental role in helping us achieve new levels of product customization.”

Tony Williams
Director of Engineering,
Rodgers Instruments, LLC

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Infor PLM (Product Lifecycle Management) > Product Data Management (PDM)

Eliminate product data silos and speed product development.

You're under pressure to quickly develop new products and meet stringent cost, compliance, and serviceability requirements. But if your product data exists in silos, you have to focus on gathering and validating data instead of developing your next new product.

Infor's product data management (PDM) solution helps you speed product development by ensuring accurate product data and knowledge transfer—seamlessly captured and shared in a collaborative, distributed environment with version control and secure access through powerful search engines. You're able to not only capture data but also context, status, relationships, and information. As a result, you'll gain a single source of the truth about your product data, expedite approvals, and accelerate new product introductions.

Infor's PDM capabilities help companies like yours:

- Capture more knowledge
- Reduce the time to knowledge from days or weeks to minutes
- Eliminate redundant databases
- Reduce the risk of knowledge flight
- Ensure data consistency and accuracy
- Improve quality and ensure compliance

“*Infor's PDM solution is our real-time innovation engine. It enables us to work seamlessly across multiple departments to create, modify, and deploy new products, while also streamlining the management of existing offerings.*”

**Anne Schneider Senior
Business Analyst, R&D**
Rich Products

Infor's PDM solution for manufacturing and retail enterprises is tightly integrated with CAD/CAM, enterprise resource planning (ERP), supply chain management (SCM), and demand planning systems to help you improve quality, ensure compliance, reduce time to market, and improve productivity. It includes functionality that allows you to manage source data, version control, and status and turn data into knowledge that you can leverage seamlessly and securely across all aspects of your enterprise, supply chain, and partners to speed development of the right products.

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Build the optimal product and portfolio mix.

Late product launches or products that don't meet expectations are a major cause of product failures. With failure rates as high as 40%, many companies are losing research and development (R&D) capacity, wasting sales and marketing dollars, and missing out on customer orders and shelf space. The potential impact to their image and brand equity can be devastating.

Infor's integrated PLM connects product development with R&D applications, giving you real-time visibility so you can focus the best resources on the best opportunities. From requirements validation, project status, and resource allocation to costs and risks, you'll know at a glance if you need to kill a project early to minimize loss or reprioritize your resources based on trade-offs and risks. Plus, you'll eliminate the inefficiency of going to multiple systems for project information.

Integrated PLM solutions from Infor have helped companies like yours:

- Reduce time to market by 15 to 70%
- Increase R&D productivity 30 to 60%
- Improve on-time launch rates to 98% or greater
- Increase first-time success rates to 85% or greater
- Improve project and product margins

Infor's integrated PLM solutions are proven to help manufacturing and retail enterprises of all sizes maximize product and project profitability and ensure compliance to industry or geographic-specific regulations and special initiatives such as sustainability. Capabilities include:

Project Management—scales from basic projects to make-to-order products to a stage-gate or full-market launch, improving project status, risk, and cost transparency to reduce time to market and increase product success rates.

Analytics—puts business intelligence in the hands of decision makers and improves trade-off decisions from portfolio and collection planning to full lifecycle analysis.

Integrated R&D and Product Development—eliminates the cost, risk, and time associated with redundant data from disparate systems. Data is captured and projects are updated as they progress, providing critical information without extra cost or time.

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Infor PLM (Product Lifecycle Management) for Apparel & Footwear

Shrink time to market with profitable, collaborative design and development.

Unveiling the right collections to consumers at the right price is within your reach. The secret is getting your products to market on time while fostering design and development creativity, streamlining procurement and sourcing, and collaborating more effectively with agents, suppliers, and contract manufacturers, all while meeting aggressive cost and quality targets.

Infor PLM (Product Lifecycle Management) for Apparel and Footwear makes it possible by giving you visibility into your collection's success long before you send the first spec pack. That means you'll reduce risk and ensure profitable, successful apparel and footwear products—products from which you can extend your inspirations quickly to create successful new fashions.

Infor's PLM solutions for apparel and footwear help you:

- Streamline design and development
- Enhance creativity to capitalize on the latest trends
- Collaborate more effectively with design teams and external partners
- Improve costing visibility and accuracy
- Reduce redundancies and data errors by automating workflows
- Respond more quickly to changing consumer demands

Infor's PLM solutions help apparel and footwear companies meet seasonal launch dates faster and increase design and development velocity by improving collaboration on a global scale. They combine industry experience and technology expertise in a flexible, service-oriented architecture—Infor Open SOA—that easily integrates PLM with other systems including visual CAD, color management, and supply chain management (SCM). Whether you're a retailer, wholesaler, brand, or production company, you'll streamline your workflow. Components include:

Integrated PLM—enable more effective collaborative design from technical drawings to design simulations of colors, prints, knits, and weaves. Reduce lead times with advanced collection planning and improve productivity with workflow.

Product Data Management—integrate your design and pre-production data into your existing financial management, production planning, ERP, graphical, and pattern systems, regardless of brand. Automate data flow to reduce data entry and pre-production errors.

Collaboration—get fast, secure, web-based collaboration with suppliers, manufacturers, and production sites globally. Speed transfer of specifications and quotations, QC data, and test results and enable remote access to all collection data, style information, and sample and supplier data.

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Infor Aerospace Essentials

Remain competitive in the face of rising costs and complexity.

Whether you're an original equipment manufacturer (OEM), contractor, or supplier operating in a defense, commercial, or hybrid environment, running a profitable aerospace business is challenging. Increased competition, rising raw materials costs in fixed price contracts, market unpredictability, security issues, and other factors all affect your business differently. Is your IT infrastructure flexible enough to handle the impact?

Infor Aerospace Essentials solves tough enterprise-wide business challenges quickly and cost-effectively. We build on your existing infrastructure, so you're able to eliminate lengthy and expensive implementations. Our focused, scalable, reliable solutions allow you to remain competitive despite rising complexity and costs—costs that can't always be passed on to your customers.

The top ten aerospace companies rely on Infor Aerospace Essentials to manage manufacturing and supply chain complexity and remain competitive.

Infor Aerospace Essentials includes:

Infor ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning)—targeted ERP solutions including project management, line-assembly control, and configuration management.

Infor CRM (Customer Relationship Management)—a CRM solution with spare parts management, depot repair, and remote service.

Infor PLM (Product Lifecycle Management)—product data, configuration, and document management.

Infor SCM (Supply Chain Management)—global supply chain management including advanced planning, warehouse management, and event management.

Infor SRM (Supplier Relationship Management)—strategic sourcing, supplier collaboration, and rating.

Infor PM (Performance Management)—corporate performance management software including dashboards and key performance indicators; business intelligence (BI) software for effective business decisions.

Infor Open SOA (Service-Oriented Architecture)—an architectural approach that helps aerospace companies enhance the agility of their Infor solutions for greater business efficiency.

Aerospace-specific business experience built in.

Infor Aerospace Essentials is comprised of solutions that help you improve sourcing and reduce production lead times with no compromise in product quality or performance, build life-long customer relationships through superior aftermarket services, and manage products across their entire lifecycle. Supply chain integration that eliminates bottlenecks and improves time to market is also part of the package.

Infor has years of embedded industry expertise acquired by partnering with leading aerospace companies and their global supply chains. Our business-specific, integrated solutions are tailored to the needs of the aerospace industry, ensuring that your IT infrastructure is aligned with your business strategy. As a result, you'll stay competitive, improve quality and profitability . . . and be more enterprising.

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Infor Automotive Essentials

Your key to driving lean, profitable growth in the automotive industry.

Maintaining a lean, yet flexible global automotive supply chain is not enough. There's opportunity for enterprise-wide process improvement. You must be able to survive aggressive cost cuts and supply chain complexity, yet thrive by meeting consumer demand for customization and variety.

Infor Automotive Essentials allows you to integrate lean business processes throughout your entire enterprise quickly and cost effectively. Over half of the world's leading automotive suppliers depend on these tailored, scalable solutions for lean automotive customer management, lean supply chain management, lean manufacturing, and lean quality management, as well as business intelligence and multicurrency financials that help them stay profitable.

Fourteen of the world's top 25 automotive suppliers rely on Infor Automotive Essentials and over 5,000 automotive companies use it today on a global basis.

Infor Automotive Essentials includes:

[Infor ERP \(Enterprise Resource Planning\)](#)—exclusively for automotive manufacturing; no special setup or configuration required. The only repetitive manufacturing solution with integrated EDI, financials, barcoding, SCM, and Quality Management including QS9000 and ISO/TS16949 standards.

[Infor ACM \(Automotive Customer Management\)](#)—fully integrated electronic data interchange (EDI), release accounting, shipping control, and invoicing system. Includes business rules for 450 trading partners with the latest EDI transaction sets.

[Infor SCM \(Supply Chain Management\)](#)—quickly integrates automotive supply chain partners to improve operational performance, materials flow, and manufacturing flexibility.

[Infor FMS \(Financial Management System\)](#)—integrated financial solution to effectively manage the multinational finances of automotive manufacturers and suppliers.

[Infor PM \(Performance Management\)](#)—corporate performance management software including dashboards and key performance indicators; business intelligence (BI) software for effective business decisions.

[Infor Open SOA \(Service-Oriented Architecture\)](#)—an architectural approach that helps automotive organizations enhance the agility of their Infor solutions for greater business efficiency.

Automotive-specific business expertise built in.

Infor Automotive Essentials is comprised of solutions that improve customer service and increase satisfaction, directly support lean manufacturing initiatives, reduce the cost of quality, drive excess costs out of the supply chain, and enable innovation through supplier collaboration.

Infor has years of embedded industry expertise acquired by partnering with global automotive manufacturers including Magna and TI Automotive. Our business-specific, integrated solutions are tailored for the automotive industry, ensuring you can meet the challenges of today's highly volatile marketplace. As a result, you're able to improve quality, lower costs, accelerate time to market . . . and be more enterprising.

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Infor Chemicals Essentials

The right chemistry for sustained, profitable growth in chemical manufacturing.

Growth, customer satisfaction, regulatory compliance, and profitability are not mutually exclusive. So shouldn't your enterprise software make it easier for you to manage all four? This is especially critical in these times when mounting regulatory compliance and global pricing pressures threaten your bottom line.

Infor Chemicals Essentials reduces the cost of sourcing, quality, and compliance while improving customer service and driving down costs. We've helped numerous leading chemical companies save millions through inventory reductions, shortened time to scale, streamlined compliance, and improved fill rates.

Our chemical clients have experienced significant benefits including: 98% up time; 48% reduction in non-value added, high-risk materials; 25% increase in plant capacity utilization; plus more new product releases and sample conversions to orders.

Infor Chemicals Essentials includes:

[Infor ERP \(Enterprise Resource Planning\)](#)—an integrated ERP software system specifically built for chemical manufacturers with comprehensive manufacturing and multinational financial management capabilities.

[Infor SCM \(Supply Chain Management\)](#)—integrates leading process planning and scheduling optimization that minimize reaction time to market changes, ensure supply, and optimize profitability across the extended enterprise.

[Infor PLM \(Product Lifecycle Management\)](#)—integrates all product lifecycle phases so you can develop differentiated products in less time, improve product success rates, and drive profitable and sustainable growth.

[Infor EAM \(Enterprise Asset Management\)](#)—improves the performance of assets to meet customer demands, ensure quality, and improve profits.

[Infor PM \(Performance Management\)](#)—corporate performance management software including dashboards and key performance indicators; business intelligence (BI) software for effective business decisions.

[Infor CRM \(Customer Relationship Management\)](#)—a CRM solution that helps you manage your chemicals sales and marketing activities more effectively.

[Infor Open SOA \(Service-Oriented Architecture\)](#)—an architectural approach that helps chemical organizations enhance the agility of their Infor solutions for greater business efficiency.

Global chemical manufacturing experience built in.

Infor Chemicals Essentials incorporates comprehensive compliance control into every phase of chemical development and manufacturing. You'll simplify track and trace down to the sub-lot level and gain the visibility to handle regulatory requirements more profitably—from automating MSDS and hazard labels to ensuring only allowable materials are included in products.

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Infor has years of embedded industry expertise acquired by partnering with global chemical companies including GE Plastics, Akzo Nobel, and TRONOX. Our business-specific, integrated solutions are tailored to chemical manufacturers. They ensure that your enterprise software is aligned with your business strategy so you can achieve top-line growth and bottom-line savings ... and be more enterprising.

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Infor High-tech & Electronics Essentials

Get your high-tech and electronics innovations to market faster and more profitably.

Today's high-tech and electronics (HT&E) innovations become tomorrow's commodities. The challenge is getting them to market fast enough to maximize profit. Plus, you need acute supply chain visibility to respond to rapid price erosion and sudden demand shifts when what's new becomes standard.

Used in over 70 countries, our HT&E manufacturing solution helps you maximize profit by accelerating time to market and cutting costs. Whether you make or buy, Infor High-tech & Electronics Essentials enables you to synchronize your globally distributed supply and demand chain. Shortened product lifecycles and shrinking lead times are no problem. Real-time collaboration strengthens the entire concept-to-cash process.

Nine of the top 10 HT&E companies depend on Infor High-tech and Electronics Essentials to get their products to market faster and more profitably.

Infor High-tech & Electronics Essentials components include:

[Infor ERP \(Enterprise Resource Planning\)](#)—an integrated enterprise solution specifically built for HT&E manufacturers with comprehensive extended capabilities.

[Infor SCM \(Supply Chain Management\)](#)—quickly integrates supply chain partners to improve operational performance, materials flow, and manufacturing flexibility.

[Infor PLM \(Product Lifecycle Management\)](#)—integrated project, portfolio, and R&D applications; product data management tools; and collaboration speed the development of new products and product variations.

[Infor FMS \(Financial Management System\)](#)—integrated financial solution to effectively manage the multinational finances of HT&E manufacturing.

[Infor PM \(Performance Management\)](#)—corporate performance management software including dashboards and key performance indicators; business intelligence (BI) solution for effective business decisions.

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[Infor Open SOA \(Service-Oriented Architecture\)](#)—an architectural approach that helps high tech and electronic organizations enhance the agility of their Infor solutions for greater business efficiency.

Multinational electronics manufacturing and distribution experience built in.

Infor High-tech & Electronics Essentials is comprised of solutions that support lean manufacturing, provide innovation through supply chain collaboration, and allow your business to grow and contract as the market shifts. You'll also integrate with field service for a more profitable service organization.

Infor has years of embedded industry expertise acquired by partnering with global HT&E companies. Infor's integrated, business-specific solutions are tailored to the HT&E industry, so you can meet the challenges of a fiercely competitive marketplace. As a result, you'll speed innovation, accelerate time to market, maximize

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Keep your business healthy by driving down costs and managing compliance complexity.

In the life sciences industry, your bottom line is threatened by increasingly stringent regulation, government price controls, cost pressures, and the need to outsource without compromising aggressive lead times or local compliance efforts. You need flexibility to overcome these threats and manage new ones—from emerging compliance mandates to potential mergers or acquisitions.

Infor Life Sciences Essentials reduces the cost and complexity of regulatory compliance and global sourcing without jeopardizing on-demand order fulfillment or operational improvements. We've helped numerous leading pharmaceutical and nutraceutical companies reduce lead times, cut costs, and simplify validation and compliance with global pharmacopeia standards.

Twenty-one of the top 35 life sciences companies rely on Infor for validated enterprise resource planning (ERP), product lifecycle management (PLM) and enterprise asset management (EAM).

Infor Life Sciences Essentials includes:

[Infor ERP \(Enterprise Resource Planning\)](#)—an integrated and validated ERP software system specifically built for manufacturers in the life sciences with comprehensive manufacturing and multinational financial management capabilities.

[Infor SCM \(Supply Chain Management\)](#)—integrates leading process planning and scheduling optimization that minimize reaction time to market changes, ensure supply, and optimize profitability across the extended enterprise.

[Infor PLM \(Product Lifecycle Management\)](#)—integrates all product lifecycle phases so you can develop prototypes and commercialize products in less time, improve product success rates, and drive profitable and sustainable growth.

[Infor EAM \(Enterprise Asset Management\)](#)—improves the performance of assets to meet customer demands, ensure quality, and boost profits.

[Infor PM \(Performance Management\)](#)—corporate performance management software including dashboards and key performance indicators; business intelligence (BI) software for effective business decisions.

[Infor CRM \(Customer Relationship Management\)](#)—a CRM solution that helps you manage your life sciences sales and marketing activities more effectively.

[Infor Open SOA \(Service-Oriented Architecture\)](#)—an architectural approach that helps life sciences companies enhance the agility of their Infor solutions for greater business efficiency.

Global pharmaceutical manufacturing experience built in.

Infor Life Sciences Essentials is comprised of solutions that ensure product safety, reduce the cost and complexity of compliance, and improve interoperability between disparate IT systems that result from mergers or acquisitions.

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Our business-specific, integrated solutions are tailored for the life sciences industry and enable global collaboration with suppliers, customers, and partners. As a result, you'll lower operating costs, mitigate compliance risk, improve your bottom line ... and be more enterprising.

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Infor Plastic Fabrication Essentials

The velocity you need to satisfy customer demand.

Running a successful plastic fabrication business requires velocity. New manufacturing and materials technologies, higher raw materials costs, and global competition impact your bottom line, yet your customers demand greater levels of service. So how will you retain profitable customer relationships if your enterprise resource planning system (ERP) isn't synchronized with your customer requirements and outsourced partners?

Infor Plastic Fabrication Essentials delivers all the right elements. From injection molding and extrusion, to compounding and thermoforming, this robust solution gives you the velocity to manage plastic fabrication dynamics with ERP including real-time production monitoring, SCM and demand planning, plastics-specific master data (BOM, tools, granules, etc.), tool management, and performance management. You're well-equipped to reduce costs, optimize capacity, and satisfy customers with quality products when and where they're needed.

More than 500 manufacturers in North America, Europe, and Asia rely on Infor Plastic Fabrication Essentials to run their operations.

Infor Plastic Fabrication Essentials includes:

Infor ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning)—an ERP software system targeted to plastics manufacturing; no special setup or configuration required. The only manufacturing solution with integrated electronic data interchange (EDI), barcoding, SRM, and Quality Management including QS9000 and ISO/TS16949 standards.

Infor SCM (Supply Chain Management)—SCM software that quickly

integrates supply chain partners to improve operational performance, materials flow, and manufacturing flexibility.

Infor FMS (Financial Management System)—an integrated multinational financial management solution to effectively manage the global finances of manufacturers and suppliers.

Infor PM (Performance Management)—corporate performance management software including dashboards and key performance indicators; BI (business intelligence) software for effective business decisions.

Infor EAM (Enterprise Asset Management)—EAM software that enables companies to proactively manage assets, asset information, and maintenance activities.

Infor Open SOA (Service-Oriented Architecture)—an architectural approach that helps plastic fabricators enhance the agility of their Infor solutions for greater business efficiency.

Over 20 years of plastic fabrication experience built in.

Infor Plastic Fabrication Essentials is comprised of ERP and complementary solutions that increase customer satisfaction, directly support lean manufacturing initiatives, drive excess costs out of the supply chain, and help you run a profitable, demand-driven business.

Infor has years of embedded industry expertise acquired by partnering with leading plastic fabricators. Our business-specific, integrated solutions are tailored to the plastic fabrication industry, ensuring you have all the elements necessary to streamline your operations, stay competitive ... and be more enterprising.

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