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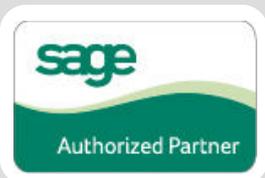
INTRODUCING SAGE INVENTORY ADVISOR

We recently saw the introduction of **Sage Inventory Advisor** - affordable cloud-based software that's helping companies reduce excess inventory and working capital while eliminating stock-outs. Let's take a closer look at this new and unique add-on solution for your Sage 100 ERP system.

What is Sage Inventory Advisor?

Sage Inventory Advisor is a web-based application that connects to your Sage 100 ERP system, crunches the numbers, and delivers a real-time health-check on your inventory. Leveraging the power of a sophisticated forecast engine, it delivers data and insight that helps determine the optimal investment required to achieve target fill rates.

Decision-Making Tools and Monitoring

The graphical, web-based dashboard displays key performance indicators (KPIs) so you can quickly identify problem SKUs and then drill into the underlying data for deeper insight. Sage Inventory Advisor will also monitor inventory status and provide early warning for critical items such as inventory out of stock or near out of stock as well as excess and surplus orders.

You also benefit from features like supplier performance tracking, order scheduling so you know when and what to order, and order management to review and amend existing orders.

Track inventory performance and problem items with the interactive dashboard.

The Business Benefits

Benefits of Sage Inventory Advisor include:

- Reduce excess inventory and carrying costs
- Free up cash that's tied up in inventory
- Improve fill rates and eliminate stock-outs
- Reduce time spent crunching numbers and forecasting
- Cloud-based software that's up and running in just a few hours with no hardware installation

Complements Your Sage 100 ERP System

It's important to note that Sage Inventory Advisor **does not replace your existing inventory module** which is used to manage day-to-day inventory transactions. Instead, it *complements* your existing functionality, adding advanced forecasting and planning features that work hand-in-hand with the supplier, inventory, sales, and purchasing information in your Sage 100 ERP database.

Sage Inventory Advisor is offered as a monthly subscription service with the monthly rate determined by the number of SKULs (SKU Location). **Contact us if you'd like to learn more**, or read about how Hubert Glass Oil saved $300,000 in 5 months using Sage Inventory Advisor.

For Sage 100 ERP Version 2013

Some of the new features in Sage 100 ERP 2013 - like Visual Process Flows - are high profile and get all the attention. Then there are new features that fly under the radar, but are perhaps just as important to your business. So here are some enhancements in Accounts Payable that we think you should know about.

Expanded Invoice Number to 20 Characters

The Invoice Number field in Accounts Payable is expanded in the 2013 release to accommodate **up to 20 characters** so that the entire invoice number of a vendor can be entered, exactly as it appears, minimizing the need to truncate.

For some, this added flexibility can simplify the process of matching invoices (and reduce errors) by allowing you to use the same invoice number in Sage 100 ERP as the invoice number used by your vendor.

Clearing the Clutter with 'Inactive Vendors' and Reason Codes

New in Sage 100 ERP Version 2013 is the ability to set Vendor status to **Inactive** along with "reason codes" that can be created to reference why that action was taken (No Activity in XX Days, Out of Business, Dispute, Merged, etc). All historical transactions for that vendor are maintained in the database (and can be reported on) until an authorized user chooses to permanently delete those records.

Full details of the action taken are in the audit log, and only authorized users can make a payment to a vendor with an inactive status to avoid payment mistakes. In 2013, Inactive Vendors can be hidden from view, or excluded from listings and forms for faster lookups and data entry.

NOTE: Similar "Inactive Customer" functionality is now also available in Accounts Receivable.

In Vendor Maintenance, set Vendor Status to Inactive to restrict transactions, and prevent inadvertent data entries while maintaining historical transaction information.
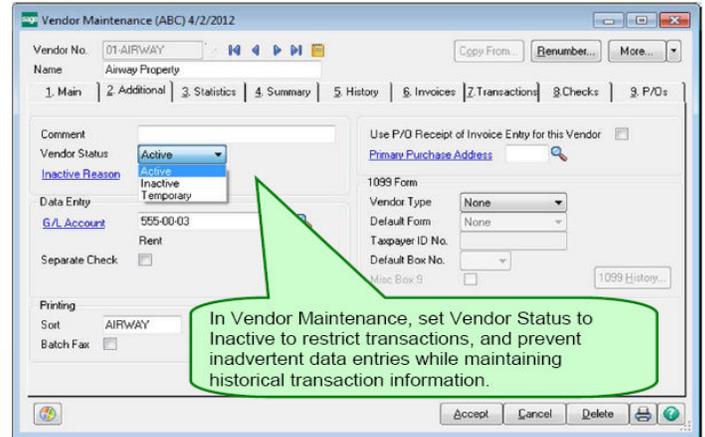
Cleared Check Information

In response to customer requests, the 2013 release includes the option to display and access relevant bank information in more places. For instance, cleared checks now display in Invoices, Transactions, and Check Tabs in Vendor Maintenance. You also have the option to show cleared checks in Bank Reconciliation and A/P Vendor Maintenance without having to access the Bank Reconciliation module.

SUPPORTED VERSIONS REMINDER

As a reminder, Sage officially supports the current plus 3 prior versions of Sage 100 ERP. Here's a glance at the current versions and support retirement dates:

Version	Phone/Email Support Retirement
Version 2013	Current - no retirement date yet
Version 4.5	9/30/15
Version 4.4	9/30/14
Version 4.3	9/30/13

Download the Supported Versions Matrix for Details ...

Supported Versions Matrix (PDF) >>>

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