



ERP Gap Checklist for Manufacturers

Is your ERP leaving gaps?

For owners, operations leads and estimators at manufacturers running an ERP such as Epicor, JobBOSS, Global Shop, SyteLine or Plex.

How to use it: answer each question yes or no, then count your yes answers at the end. It takes about two minutes. Every “yes” is a spot where people are working around the ERP instead of with it.

Quoting and estimating

- ☐ Do estimators build quotes in a spreadsheet, then retype the result into the ERP?
- ☐ Do they look up material costs, routings or labor rates in the ERP and copy them over by hand?
- ☐ Is there one person whose quoting spreadsheet nobody else fully understands?
- ☐ Do quotes go around by email for approval, with more than one version of the file in play?

Production

- ☐ Do jobs move through production on paper travelers?
- ☐ Are labor, scrap or job status entered at the end of the shift instead of as the work happens?
- ☐ To find out where a job stands, does someone have to walk the floor or call a supervisor?

ERP data and reporting

- ☐ Is the same information typed into more than one place, such as the ERP, a spreadsheet and a customer portal?
- ☐ Do the reports you rely on come from exporting ERP data to Excel and rebuilding them by hand?
- ☐ Have you stored information in a notes or description field because the ERP has nowhere else to put it?

Cost and control

- ☐ Do you pay for ERP seats that people use only to look something up?
- ☐ Have you been told a change you need would take a costly customization, an upgrade, or waiting for the vendor's next release?

What your score means

YES ANSWERS	WHAT IT MEANS
0 to 2	Your ERP is covering you well. Run this list again once a year.
3 to 5	There are real gaps, likely clustered in one area. A focused app beside the ERP, such as a quoting app or a live production status screen, can close one area at a time without replacing anything.
6 or more	Workarounds are carrying a meaningful share of your operation. Worth mapping before your next ERP renewal or upgrade.

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