

Genius Solutions Launches the Next Generation of Genius Manufacturing NG

The Quebec company Genius Solutions — a major supplier of software solutions for enterprise resource planning (MRP/ERP) aimed at manufacturers — has launched the next generation of its Genius™ Manufacturing NG solution.

The new version includes numerous improvements and new features, such as a software architecture based on the entity concept and built on .Net technology. It also takes advantage of the Microsoft SQL 2005 platform, Microsoft Dynamics™ GP connectivity and the new Genius CAD2BOM gateway for SolidWorks.

Among other significant improvements there is a new interface to Microsoft Office 2007, compatibility with a broad range of

Microsoft Mobile 5 equipment and enhanced dashboard functions.

The Genius Manufacturing NG solution identifies each customer process and exploits the best practices in manufacturing management to optimize operations, reduce costs, improve lead times and establish new performance standards.

Genius Manufacturing NG offers a multi-level software architecture built on the .Net technology that ensures direct and transpar-

ent integration with other applications and software systems such as Microsoft Dynamics GP. The new architecture makes it possible to perform rapid changes, updates or upgrades to applications without significantly affecting systems and processes of manufacturing management and without interrupting operations. Genius Manufacturing NG also comes with the Genius™ IDEAL (Intelligent Data Entity Access Layer), a new layer for access to data entities, integrated in the software architecture. This new layer introduces a mappable data structure unifying the application when data comes from multiple sources.

An ISV certified Solution, Genius Manufacturing NG is closely coupled with Microsoft Dynamics GP, extending its functionality and allowing users to access operational manufacturing data — general ledger, clients, items, invoices and accounts payable, for example — using a seamless end-to-end solution.

Genius Manufacturing NG also includes an interface to Microsoft Office 2007 to present users with a familiar landscape and thus ensure maximum ease-of-use. ■

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Bolted-Construction Pallet Rack Looks Set to Enjoy Widespread Appeal in Canada

Econo-Rack, one of Canada's leading suppliers of racking and storage systems, now offers **R2** pallet rack with bolted-construction upright frames as an alternative to welded frames.

R2 bolted-construction pallet rack is fully compatible with the complete "Redirack" line of welded upright frames, since load-support beams connect to either style of upright frame in a similar manner. As with welded rack, R2 can be fitted with a wide range of accessories, such as coil cradles, safety bars (for odd-size items) and solid decking, etc., to allow for the storage of non-palletized loads.

Posts and braces are embossed with a numeric character at key points along their length to denote the specific gauge (thickness) of the steel. This feature helps installation contractors and other personnel to identify and assemble frames engineered with multiple gauge components.

R2 posts are available in (14Ga) standard, (13Ga) medium or (12Ga) heavy-duty profiles. Upright frame braces and baseplates are available in standard or heavy-duty options and are supplied with appropriate hardware. Powder-coat paint or pre-galvanized finish is also available on all R2 components. ■