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Inventory Attribute Definitions and Control

Any number of attributes can be defined and assigned to inventory items, providing the ability to define an item's specifications for purposes of inventory control, quality control, cost control and for many other purposes.

As an example, an attribute could be created that defines the diameter of a machined item with tolerances, and this attribute could be assigned as a testable attribute in the item's routing at the specific machining operation. The attribute definition could be defined to be a mandatory test, providing an automatic rejection if the test fails to meet the attribute's limits or it could be an informational test permitting the item to pass on to the next operation.

In a clothing operation, an attribute of a shirt could be defined to describe the acceptable colors of the shirt and the attribute could be used to identify the various colors of shirts found in the inventory. Additional attributes of this shirt could be defined as neck size, sleeve length, etc. Every inventory transaction would then note each value of the attributes that are under inventory control, and the exact configuration of the shirts of this type in inventory would be known at all times, including the configuration of the items shipped on sales orders.