

Vendor Catalogs

Included with Purchasing Workflow

The Vendor Catalogs collect advanced information to allow the accurate calculation of pricing from sophisticated buying agreements. With this ability and many other options and settings in the catalog, Purchasing Workflow can make powerful purchasing suggestions.

Vendor Catalog Features

Purchasing Workflow includes Vendor Catalogs, a rich matrix of vendor specific details that can be recorded against each inventory item.

Setting available for each vendor / item combination include:

- Start and end dates for vendor prices
- Manufacturing / delivery lead-times
- Quantity breaks for reduced purchase prices
- Default vendor flag
- Minimum order quantities
- Incremental order quantities
- Vendor item number

Purchasing Workflow utilizes these setting to improve its ability to automate / optimize the requisition interface and inventory re-ordering processes.

Catalog Import Helper

Vendor Catalogs provides an easy to use import facility which allows vendors to supply a single flat file that represents their catalog.

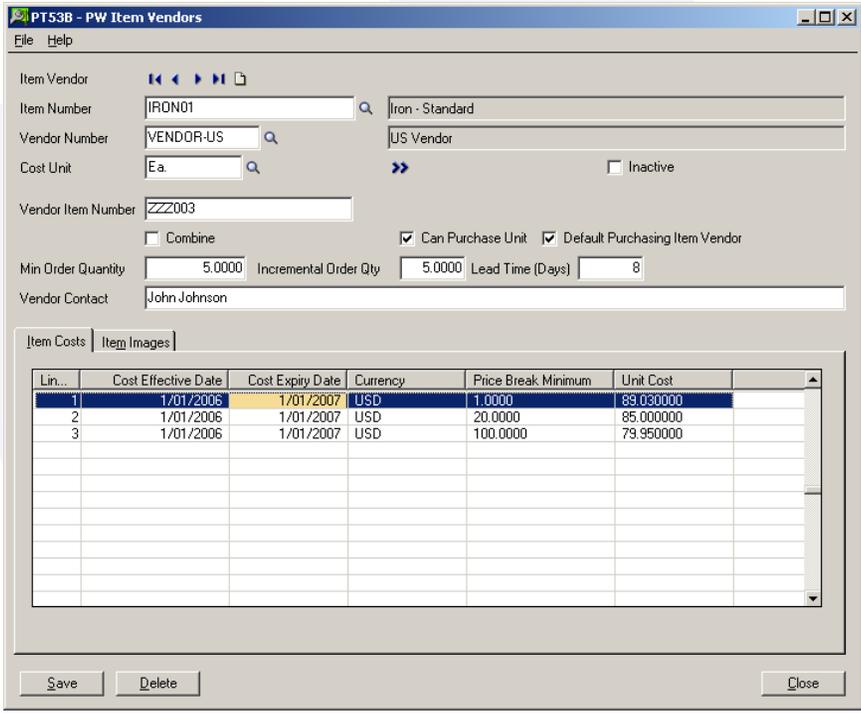
This is first imported to a staging table and validated; any problems with the input data are clearly identified. Finally this data is processed updating information in both Inventory Control and the Vendor Catalogs.

Lowest Cost Vendor

Purchasing Workflow is able to default the lowest cost vendor at the time of requisition entry.

Users / Purchasing staff / Cost Centre Managers in the workflow process are able to review the vendor selection and modify where they feel an improved approach is warranted to gain cost-benefits:

- purchasing in an alternative unit of measure
- a delay for new pricing effective dates
- purchasing a higher quantity to achieve discounts, or
- a different vendor



Vendor Item Documents

Images or any file can be associated with each vendor item; there is no limit on the number of images for each vendor item.

Users are able to view vendor item images or other manufacturer's specifications or internal documentation during requisition data entry to validate correct item or ordering procedures.

Availability & System Requirements

Please refer to the Purchasing Workflow datasheet for availability and systems requirements.

The screenshot shows the 'PT53B - PW Item Vendors' application window. It features a menu bar with 'File' and 'Help'. The main area contains several input fields and checkboxes for vendor item configuration:

- Item Vendor: Navigation icons
- Item Number: IRON01 (with search icon) | Iron - Standard
- Vendor Number: VENDOR-US (with search icon) | US Vendor
- Cost Unit: Ea. (with search icon) | >> | Inactive
- Vendor Item Number: ZZZ003
- Combine | Can Purchase Unit | Default Purchasing Item Vendor
- Min Order Quantity: 5.0000 | Incremental Order Qty: 5.0000 | Lead Time (Days): 8
- Vendor Contact: John Johnson

Below these fields are two tabs: 'Item Costs' and 'Item Images'. The 'Item Images' tab is active, showing a table with columns 'File Name' and 'Image Path':

File Name	Image Path
Iron.jpg	F:\Data\Products\Purchasing Workflow\Sales Materials\Demo\lr...

To the right of the table is a preview of an iron. Below the table are 'Description' (Item Photo) and 'Comments' text boxes. At the bottom of the 'Item Images' section are 'Upload Image' and 'Delete Image' buttons. The main window has 'Save', 'Delete', and 'Close' buttons at the bottom.

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