



The Cross Dock capability in the Infor XA Material Logistics (ML) module allows customers to implement a logistics strategy of unloading materials from an incoming semi-trailer truck or railroad car, and loading these materials directly into outbound trucks, trailers, or rail cars, with little or no storage in between. Developed by Agility, Inc., this capability eliminates the need for the internal material handling transactions that were previously required. XA transactions (SA, RW, and PC via barcoding) occur behind the scenes and are transparent to the warehouse staff.

Many 'big box' retailers (Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, Amazon, Grainger, Wayfair, etc.) are demanding this cross docking capability. This efficient approach greatly reduces the need to handle materials multiple times which can delay the delivery of product to the end customers. This cost efficient approach may increase sales and reduces costs.

Advantages of Cross Docking:



- Reduced material handling/labor costs (no packaging and redundant storing of products). Redundant put away, shipping, and picking for the shipping and receiving sites is nearly eliminated.
- Reduced time for products to reach customers which improves customer service.
- Improved time to invoice customers and receive payment.
- Transportation has fuller loads for each trip, therefore reducing transportation costs, while also being more environmentally friendly.
- Products are moved more quickly through a cross dock.
- Easier to screen product quality.
- Elimination of processes such as 'pick-location' and 'order picking'.
- Cross docking terminals are less expensive to construct than your average warehouse.
- Higher turnover of products with everything moving quickly through the cross docking terminals.
- Products destined for a similar end point can be consolidated and transported as a full load, reducing overall distribution cost.

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