

# TraxFast™ Locator Plus

## AN INVENTORY TRACKING SYSTEM

*"where Plus means Flexibility"*



TraxFast™ Locator Plus, a dock to dock inventory tracking system using proven scanning technologies, is the ultimate tool for your workforce in streamlining your warehouse and stockroom operations. Use Locator Plus to link your company into the supply chain network from the point of supplier receipt of inventory goods to shipment of your products. At the same time satisfy your internal requirements of inspecting, disposing and consolidating your inventories. Activate the Locator Plus cycle count program to measure and ensure your adherence to your management set inventory policies and stocking level objectives.

TraxFast™ Locator Plus is the easiest, most user friendly Batch or Radio Frequency (RF), real time inventory control system ever developed within its price range. The system is easy to learn, implement and is designed for those who have never scanned a barcode. Because of its features and low cost, the ROI payback is months, not years. The fastest way to a better bottom line runs straight through the inventory and Locator Plus is the tool you need.

Because "Parts are Parts", Locator Plus can be used to manage raw materials, support a manufacturing process, and track finished goods in a warehouse. There are six (6) Locator Plus functions located in the handheld terminals that provide the tools the operator can use to manage inventories in either the warehouse or stockroom.

**Receiving.** Assists in the recording of receipts from supplier or, if manufactured, the production lines. Returns from customers or any other approved miscellaneous receipts coming from other sources can be recorded and product labeled according to the packaging profile (item, pallet, carton, serial number, etc.) assigned to the product. The physical presence of the received product can be assigned a dock location or put away to a stocking location. Condition codes allow for the designation of damaged product or product requiring further inspection. Scanning or key entry of the purchase order, shop order, return authorization or any other reference data can combine the other collected information into a transaction that updates Locator Plus location inventory instantly and, if required, formats a transaction to feed an ERP based system.

**Location Moves.** Product can be moved individually or collectively with other product(s) from one or more locations to other location(s) for consolidating inventories to better utilize your stockroom space. As product barcodes are scanned and removed from locations, Locator Plus will account for those products to assure they are relocated to another location.

**Picking.** Records the process of removing product from locations to satisfy an order request for the customer, manufacturing or any other approved user. The barcode scanning of the product, the location and other data (quantity, serial number, lot number, etc) in combination with the order number depletes the Locator Plus inventory balances and, if required, can format a transaction to feed an ERP based system.

**Load Verification.** Creates a manifest listing all product loaded for carrier shipment. An entry of the order number and a quick scan of each product as it is loaded onto the carrier's vehicle or delivered to production will generate the necessary paperwork that can be used as a final audit and attachment to the shipment.

**Physical Inventory.** Whether its a complete physical or a cycle count of selected locations, Locator Plus will provide the tool for count entry and verification. A simple scan of the barcodes identifying location and product along with the entry of quantity of product found in that location will adjust inventories, if applicable, and be reported if variances exist, on the Locator Plus reports and inquiries.

**Inquiries.** A real time display of where your inventory is located at that moment. By entering or scanning the product identifier, Locator Plus will display quantities and all locations that house inventory of that product.

Add the Locator Plus workstation generated inventory reports and file inquiry capabilities of Locator Plus and you will have the tool you need now to better manage your warehouse inventories.

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## Locator Plus “where Plus means Flexibility”

Locator Plus was designed with the user in mind. **Flexibility** is an important ingredient of that design. The software can adapt to your unique environment easily by providing simple methods of changing the “look and feel” of the handheld terminal screens to flow with your inventory procedures and also use the terminology that your employees understand.

The screen designer included with Locator Plus allows you to take away or add transaction fields from the standard screens supplied with the Locator Plus product. Should you wish to change the titles on the screen, just retype those you want and the next time you use the handheld terminal those screen changes will appear. Don't worry about future Locator Plus releases changing your custom configuration. Because the screen designer is a supplied function of Locator Plus, any future enhancements will make sure they don't disrupt the “look and feel” that you had previously incorporated into your system.

**Flexibility** is also found in meeting your demands in identifying your inventories. Some or all of your suppliers may deliver product already labeled with barcodes. Many times your stocking number may not be part of that label but other information such as the supplier's part number or the UPC identifier is available. With Locator Plus, scanning that barcode will trigger the translation between the supplier number and your number. In fact, it may be possible to avoid re-labeling the product altogether by using the supplier label throughout your inventory cycle.

This translation technique also works for converting catalog numbers back to your stock keeping unit numbers or any other translation needed in your business environment. This means even greater efficiencies and accuracies in managing your inventories resulting in lower cost of warehouse operations.

**Flexibility** guides Locator Plus in directing the packaging of your inventory. The labeling needs of the product are dictated by the way you want to control your inventory flow. A product can be stocked and tracked by location, by pallet, by carton, by piece, by serial number, manufactured lot or any other variable that fits your needs. Once your inventory item profile is defined in Locator Plus, the system will direct your employee to label and scan according to the detail required.

**Flexibility** in printing barcode labels gives you control over what information, company logos or colors you want on your product labels. Locator Plus provides printing of standard location and part number labels. Should these not fit your requirements, an optional label designer module is available that lets you design and print any labels in any form necessary for your operation.

**Flexibility** in the architecture of the Locator Plus system provides you with many options in the equipment you need for your warehouse operations. Locator Plus uses the standard Microsoft Windows operating system and application support platforms that let you choose the single workstation or network that fits your needs. Using the Microsoft's Pocket PC or Windows CE operating system for the handheld terminals give you many choices in PDA handheld terminal selection.

**Flexibility** in the mode of operation of Locator Plus easily adapts to your physical constraints of your inventory operations. Configuring your system to operate in a batch “Store and Forward” mode can accommodate collection of inventory in remote locations where wireless networks are not available. Those transactions collected in the batch environment can be later downloaded to the PC by either direct connection or a cellular network. Should your facility be “wireless” capable then Locator Plus will work for you in a real time mode giving you instantaneous update of your inventory balances. Not enough flexibility? Locator Plus can operate in both modes. Should you wander outside the wireless network, Locator Plus will automatically put you in batch mode until you return to an area recognized by your wireless network.

**Flexibility** in protecting your initial investment in software, equipment and training of personnel is extremely important as today's technologies fade into the past and are replaced with the new. Keyboard entry to barcode scanning, barcode scanning to radio tagging, radio tagging to satellite monitoring are all technologies that have been used or are being introduced to save your company time and money. Locator Plus is designed for equipment and software “plug-in” modules that will easily accept these and other technologies as they are proven in the real world of supply chain management.

**Flexibility** is also embedded into our marketing and product support program. Visit our website [www.eteklogics.com](http://www.eteklogics.com) to retrieve product literature and even user manuals on Locator Plus. Send us a message or sign up for our regularly scheduled webinars to learn more about the product. Download the thirty day demo so you can see the system first hand and to understand what we mean by **Flexibility**. Or give us a call now to discuss how Locator Plus can get your inventory in line with your objectives.

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