

Comparison of aSa Rebar Financials Base vs. Inventory Management

aSa offers two versions of its powerful Rebar Financials package: the base package is designed for companies that supply primarily fabricated rebar and other concrete accessories; the Inventory Management package is a better solution for companies with advanced distribution needs, such as dual-role rebar fabricators/construction material suppliers.

Purchase Order

	Rebar Financials Base Version	Rebar Financials Inventory Management
Vendor/Item Cross Ref	No vendor/item cross references exist.	Vendor / Item cross references can be established, as well as vendor cost breaks.
Requisitions	There is no requisition process.	Requisitions can be created and then converted into Purchase Orders.
Purchase Orders	Physical Purchase Order forms can be printed.	Physical Purchase Order forms can be printed.
Blanket Purchase Orders	There is not an option to create Blanket Purchase Orders.	Blanket Purchase Orders can be created. Once created, purchase orders can be generated from the Blanket.
Change Orders	Changes made to Purchase Orders are not separately tracked.	If desired, changes made to Purchase Orders can be tracked.
Recent Purchases	A Recent Purchase Summary does not exist.	A Recent Purchase Summary is available for each item when placed on a Purchase Order. This summary lists recent purchases for each item, depicting the vendor the item was purchased from as well as the price paid.
Receipt of Goods	There is no matching process for receipts. However, receipts are entered and associated to Purchase Orders. (Posted receipts increase inventory.) Reports can be run to show discrepancies between order and receipt quantities.	There is a matching process to compare receipts to purchase orders. Discrepancies outside a defined tolerance code are flagged. (Posted receipts increase inventory.)
Receipt Adjustments	Adjustments can be made to a previously posted receipt.	Individual posted receipts cannot be adjusted. However, a cost tier adjustment can be used to revalue inventory.
Return of Goods	There is no formal return process within Rebar Financials. However, a return can be accomplished through a 2-step process. First the goods are removed from inventory via an inventory adjustment, and then a Debit Memo is created to update AP.	There is a vendor return process. Goods returned are decreased from inventory. In addition, a pending Debit Memo is created for each "credit" return.

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Receipt of Vouchers	Vouchers are directly entered into the AP module and are not automatically matched back to Purchase Orders. However, the PO/Receipt # can be tagged to the voucher, and reports can be run manually to review discrepancies between PO amounts and voucher amounts.	A matching process exists for vouchers. Vouchers associated with Purchase Orders are entered in the PO module. These vouchers are then "matched" to the original purchase order. Discrepancies outside a defined tolerance code are flagged. Once posted, these vouchers are available for payment in the AP module.
Purchases Clearing	A Purchases Clearing GL Account is used to track items received but not yet invoiced. This GL Account can be different per Location.	A Purchases Clearing GL Account is used to track items received but not yet invoiced. This GL Account cannot be different per warehouse; it is unique per company.
Reports	The following reports exist for Purchases: Order Listing, Receipts Listing, and Adjustment Listing.	The following reports exist for Purchases: Purchase Order Status, Open Purchase Order Items, Change Order Report, Purchases Clearing, Back Ordered Purchase Orders, Purchases Journal, Standard Cost Analysis, Purchase Analysis, Blanket Purchase Orders, Expected Delivery, and Tagged Orders.
Inquiries	No inquiries currently exist for Purchases.	The following inquiries exist for Purchases: Requisitions, Requisition Lines, Purchase Orders, Purchase Order Lines, Change Orders, Receipts, Receipt Lines, Returns, and Return Lines.

Inventory Management

	Rebar Financials Base Version	Rebar Financials Inventory Management
Warehouses	Location codes are used to track inventory in lieu of warehouses.	Multiple warehouses can be created. Items are assigned to warehouses for inventory purposes.
Replenishment	Replenishment functions are not available.	Inventory replenishment features (i.e. automated purchase order generation when quantity falls below a certain point, etc.) are available if the Inventory Replenishment module is purchased.
Stock Levels	Stock items are tracked by quantity on hand only. The user can inquire as to whether there are items "on order" or "on reserve." On reserve = on sales orders.	Stock levels are tracked by quantity available as well as quantity on hand. Quantity available takes into account items on purchase orders, sales orders, as well as pending quantities. The available quantity calculation is determined by the user.
Substitutes	Substitute items cannot be defined.	Established alternate items can be substituted on sales orders when items are out of stock.

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Bins	Bins are not used to track inventory.	If the Warehouse Management module is purchased, bins can be set up for each warehouse. Inventory can then be tracked per bin.
Lots / Serial Numbers	Lots and/or serial numbers are not used.	Items can be tracked by lot and/or by serial number.
Sales Quantity	Minimum sales quantities and sales multiples are not used.	A minimum sales quantity and/or a mandatory sales multiple can be established for every item.
Transfers	An automated transfer process does not exist; however, goods can be moved from one location to another via a two step adjustment in the Inventory Adjustment screen. The Adjustment posting report could be customized to display as a transfer delivery docket.	If the Warehouse Management module is purchased, a three-step transfer process (between warehouses) exists. This process allows goods to be tracked when they are in route, it also allows for the printing of a transfer delivery docket. If Warehouse Management is not purchased, a one step transfer process is available.
Physical Count	Complete physical counts can be performed once per fiscal period. (Rolling counts can be processed as manual inventory adjustments.) Count sheets and cards are not automatically created, but can be manually created via an export to Excel.	Physical counts can be performed as often as necessary (daily if required.) Counts can be done for all items at once, or for subsets of items. Count Cards and/or Count Sheets can be printed from within the system.
Kits	Assembled kit items can be created. Kits are priced as completed, finished items.	Both Assembled and Build-to-Order Kits can be created. Items within Build-to-Order kits can be changed on the fly on a Sales Order. Kits can be priced using a set price or the sum of the kit components.
Pricing	The following pricing schemes can be created: Job Pricing, Template Pricing, Matrix Pricing (by Item, Item Class, Customer, and Customer Class,) Price Sheets (Maximum of 4), and Standard Price.	The following pricing schemes can be created: Job Pricing, Template Pricing, Matrix Pricing (by Product Group or Customer Group), Contract Pricing, Customer/Product Group Pricing, Price Sheets (Maximum of 5), and Standard Price.
Loss Factor	Reduces inventory based upon a loss or scrap factor defined for each item.	The loss factor function is not currently available.
Reports	The following reports exist for Inventory: Inventory Movement, Inventory Status, and Adjustment Listing.	The following reports exist for Inventory: Stock Status, Inventory Transactions, Inventory Cost, Inventory Valuation, Negative On Hand, On Hand Lot Serial, Lot-Serial History, Bin Labels, Transfer Status, In-Transit Warehouse Variance, Kit Component Where Used, Special Order Items Report, Inventory Analysis, Inventory Performance, Low Cost, Lead Time Exception, and Unusual Usage.
Inquiries	The following inquiries currently exist for Inventory: Inventory History Inquiry.	The following inquiries exist for Inventory: Items, Inventory, Warehouses, Price Inquiry, Stock Status, Inventory Status, Cost Inquiry, Purchase Product Line, Item History, Lot Summary, Serial Summary, Transactions, Transfers, & Transfer Lines.

Sales Order

	Rebar Financials Base Version	Rebar Financials Inventory Management
Customer/Item Cross Ref	No customer/item cross references exist.	Customer / Item cross references can be established.
Quotes	Quotes can be created and then converted into Sales Orders.	Quotes can be created and then converted into Sales Orders.
Blanket Sales Orders	There is not an option to create Blanket Sales Orders.	Blanket Sales Orders can be created. Once created, sales orders can be generated from the Blanket.
Counter Sales	A BOL and Pending Invoice can be created and printed from the SO screen.	A BOL and Pending Invoice can be created and printed from the SO screen.
Change Orders	Changes made to Sales Orders are not separately tracked.	If desired, changes made to Sales Orders can be tracked.
Drop Shipments	Purchase orders are not automatically created for drop shipped items. However, a Drop Ship GL Account is used to document goods invoiced to the customer but not yet billed by the vendor. This GL Account can be different per location.	When an item is drop shipped on a Sales Order, a Purchase Order is automatically created for that item. A Drop Ship GL Account is used to document goods invoiced to the customer but not yet billed by the vendor. This GL Account cannot be different per warehouse; it is unique per company.
Drop Ship Costs	When an item is drop shipped, the cost for that item can be manually entered. This cost will hit COGS.	When an item is drop shipped, the cost for that item is automatically created by the system. The options for drop ship costing methods are: Last Cost, Average Cost, Landed Cost, Standard Cost, and Replacement Cost. (The cost cannot be manually entered.)
Recent Sales / Price Inquiry	A Recent Sales Summary and a Price Inquiry do not exist.	A Recent Sales Summary and a Price Inquiry is available for each item when placed on a Sales Order. The Sales summary lists recent sales for each item, depicting the quantity sold and price paid by the customer. The price inquiry displays the pricing schemes set up for the customer. Within this inquiry you can view quantity price breaks.
Picking	There is no picking process in Base Rebar Financials.	The SO process includes generating a pick list which is used to appropriately pull stock items from shelves in the warehouse.
Shipping	<p>Multiple sales orders can be grouped onto one BOL, thus one invoice. Multiple BOLs can be grouped onto one Invoice.</p> <p>Currently, you cannot partial ship rebar associated with a bar list. You must split the bar list first via an aSa e^x utility. You can partial ship other items (mesh, accessories.)</p> <p>BOLs can be voided after they are posted. All transactions (i.e. GL postings and inventory relief) are reversed.</p>	<p>Multiple sales orders can be grouped onto one BOL, thus one invoice. Multiple BOLs cannot currently be grouped onto one invoice.</p> <p>You can partial ship all items.</p> <p>You cannot void/delete a posted BOL.</p>

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Sales Clearing	A Sales Clearing GL Account is used to track items shipped but not yet invoiced. This GL Account can be different per Location.	A Sales Clearing GL Account is used to track items shipped but not yet invoiced. This GL Account cannot be different per warehouse; it is unique per company.
Returns and RMA's	There is no formal return process within Rebar Financials. However, a return can be accomplished through a 2-step process. First goods are received back into inventory, and then a credit memo is created to update AR.	There is a customer return process (including RMA's.) Goods returned increase inventory. In addition, a pending Credit Memo is auto created for every return.
Reports	The following reports exist for Sales: Sales Order Register, Sales by Product Report, Sales Tax Based on Payments, Excuse Code Report, Rebar Sales Summary and Quarterly Sales Report.	The following reports exist for Sales: Sales Order Status, Open Sales Order Items, Quote Expiration, Available to Ship, Short Stock, Expected Shipments, Back Orders, Tagged Orders, Change Orders, Blanket Sales Orders, Aged Orders, Sales Order Profitability, Sales Analysis, Projected Sales, RMA's, Customer Returns, Sales History, Sales by Product, Sales Tax Based on Payments, Excuse Code Report, Rebar Sales Summary, and Quarterly Sales Report.
Inquiries	Sales Inquiries can be created through Custom Report/Inquiry Manager.	The following stock inquiries exist for Sales Order: Quotes, Sales Orders, Sales Order Lines, Change Orders, Customer PO's, Picking, Shipments, Shipment Lines, Customer Returns, Customer Return Lines, and RMA's. In addition, custom Sales Inquiries can be created through Custom Report/Inquiry Manager.