

## Warehouse Management Systems (WMS)



A useful starting point for the selection of a suitable warehouse management system is to carry out an audit or assessment of clients' warehouse operations, processes and systems.

At Burman Associates, we have been asked to conduct a number of warehouse audits in this way for our customers across a diverse range of industries - including retail, hardware, utilities, food & drink, transport and automotive industries.

Our experience in WMS requirements definition and capture, together with up-to-date knowledge of which systems are commercially available, has allowed us to work with our customers in helping them to define what they need from a warehouse management system.

We have knowledge of most of the current WMS vendors including Catalyst International, HighJump Software, Manhattan Associates, MARC Global, Oracle, Provia Software, RedPrairie, SAP, and Swisslog.

One of Burman Associates' strengths is being able to translate our customers' needs into a language and terms that can be clearly understood by potential vendors and vice versa.





Sometimes our customers want something beyond the scope of warehouse management systems and ask us to include elements such as demand planning, order fulfilment and scheduling in the specification.

We have knowledge of integrated systems that combine WMS with inventory management or procurement, although recent Forrester research indicates that pure WMS generally perform and have better functionality than integrated systems.

Using our commercial experience in supply chain management, we are also able to support our customers in compiling ITT documents as the logical next stage following requirements capture.

We are often asked to help evaluate commercially available warehouse management systems against our clients' requirements. Having no ties to any hardware or software product ensures our complete independence and that the best solution is selected for our customer.



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Not all customers are starting from scratch! Some of our customers come to us because they wish to improve their existing WMS system. Other customers want to combine or integrate more than one WMS system as the result of a merger or acquisition. Either way, we can help!