

Catalog Maintenance Services



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IHS Intermat Solutions' Services for Building and Maintaining a Complete MRO Catalog

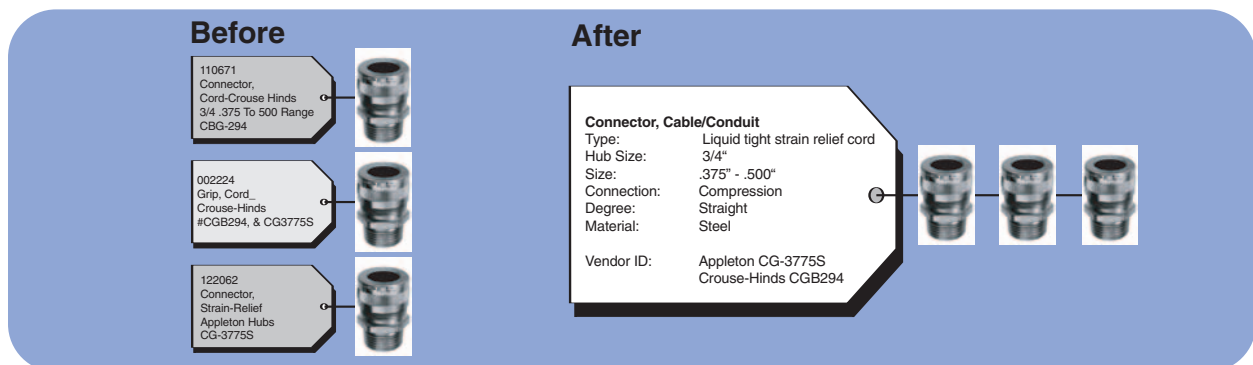
IHS Intermat Solutions offers complete catalog maintenance services designed to help companies successfully manage MRO parts data in order to:

- **Avoid part duplication**
- **Reduce inventory**
- **Maximize Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) systems**

Enabling and unlocking the full benefits of ERP and EAM systems are not straightforward tasks. While these systems embody significant functionality, companies typically have vastly underutilized the capabilities of ERP and EAM systems. This is often attributed to inadequate item master catalog information for maintenance, repair and operations (MRO).

An item master rife with duplicate parts, poor item descriptions and unstructured inventory data renders ERP and EAM systems ineffective, because users cannot effectively identify a part or replacement. This leads to duplicate items being created and users buying parts outside of the system. The financial impacts are significant. Inventory values rise, inventory turn rates decrease, expedited part orders increase, and equipment availability decreases.

Therefore, it is essential that companies optimize their industrial MRO parts with complete and consistent descriptions, free of duplication and ambiguity.



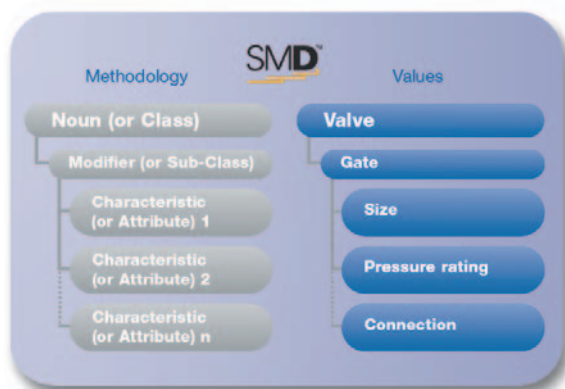
IHS Intermat Solutions provides services to cleanse, standardize and enrich unstructured MRO/Indirect parts data using industry-proven templates

A standardized inventory catalog can reduce inventory from 8% to over 20% by identifying duplicates and obsolete materials. Reducing extra line items preserves working capital, lowers finance costs, and increases inventory turns.

A standardized inventory catalog also helps purchasing departments standardize on functionally equivalent items and avoid “maverick” buys. Companies save on overnight delivery fees for critical parts that otherwise can't be found. Avoiding these “false stock outs” not only reduces procurement costs, but also reduces plant and equipment downtime.

The Solution - Catalog Maintenance Services

IHS Intermat Solutions offers complete catalog maintenance services to build and maintain a material master catalog with consistent and complete item descriptions. In terms of experience and expertise, no company compares to IHS Intermat Solutions, serving customers worldwide for over 28 years. Our parts optimization templates and tools are used in over 2,000 industrial plants and facilities in 31 countries. The basis for building a structured catalog is IHS Intermat Solutions' taxonomy for industrial MRO parts - the Standard Modifier Dictionary (SMD™). The SMD provides the framework for consistent and complete descriptions.



The SMD is a two-tiered classification schema that provides a consistent and repeatable set of rules to characterize and catalog inventory.

Services Provided

Because clients have varying requirements, business processes, internal workflows and ERP/EAM system configurations (even within the same software package), IHS Intermat Solutions has developed a flexible and customizable catalog maintenance outsourcing model. Services include:

- Review and Quality Assurance of new item requests and item changes
- Research and enhancement of current catalog descriptions, including use of our in-house reference data sources
- Review and reporting of potential duplicate items
- Checks for generic equivalents of OEM procured parts
- Documentation and analysis of the current catalog workflow
- Recommendations for improvements to create an optimal, efficient and effective process for future catalog management efforts

IHS Intermat Solutions' approach and methodology is customized to meet each customer's specific requirements (for turnaround times, transaction volumes, and system configuration) and budget (fixed fee, per record, per transaction, per task or per month).

Benefits

Using IHS Intermat Solutions as a catalog outsourcing partner will significantly reduce the number of customer resources needed to maintain the catalog, with no need for dedicated resources. The benefits are significant, including:

- Reduced inventory costs
- More efficient, standardized purchasing
- Increased plant and equipment availability
- Increased employee productivity

Contact IHS Intermat Solutions today for a free consultation.



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