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Buyerplan® Supplier Interaction

Buyerplan Supplier Interaction is a key tool in the quest for fast fashion and on-time deliveries. With a speedy single channel for sending and receiving data it enables process co-ordination and gives one visible source of status information. It can dramatically reduce the delays and miscommunication that can impact significantly on profitability.

Buyerplan Supplier Interaction is a web-based system, which allows the 'instant' exchange of information that is vital to the product development process between Buyers, Merchandisers and Suppliers worldwide. All information is entered once and exchanged, avoiding the re-keying into multiple documents that, according to AMR Research, exacerbates errors and greatly extends lead times.

Supplier Interaction allows information to be 'published' from the central Range Buyer system to Suppliers who then action the information sent, entering the data required and 'submitting' for approval. Once published and approved, key data is visible to all, leading to a significant reduction in e-mail, phone calls, spreadsheets and faxes.

Data is secure because the Supplier can only see published information and submissions must be approved before Range Buyer is updated. Approved forms automatically update critical path dates, again avoiding duplicated effort and ensuring accuracy of data. Communication between and within departments and locations can be significantly enhanced, as can control, decision-making and profitability.



“Most retailers do not help themselves by using crude technology such as faxes, spreadsheets and word documents when managing their product sources.”

Global Sourcing
Retail Week Dec 16, 2005

Supplier Interaction

features include:

Status Dashboard

Shows status of all forms and decide priorities.

Design Pack

Design forms and sketches, open costs and sample progressing.

Critical Path Management

Monitor 'actual' dates against plan with 'traffic light' indicators.

Fabric Management

Control fabric and trim approval.

Quality

Share garment specifications, fits and grade measurements, comments and illustrations.

Summary Reporting

View and print sample progress, costing and critical path reports.



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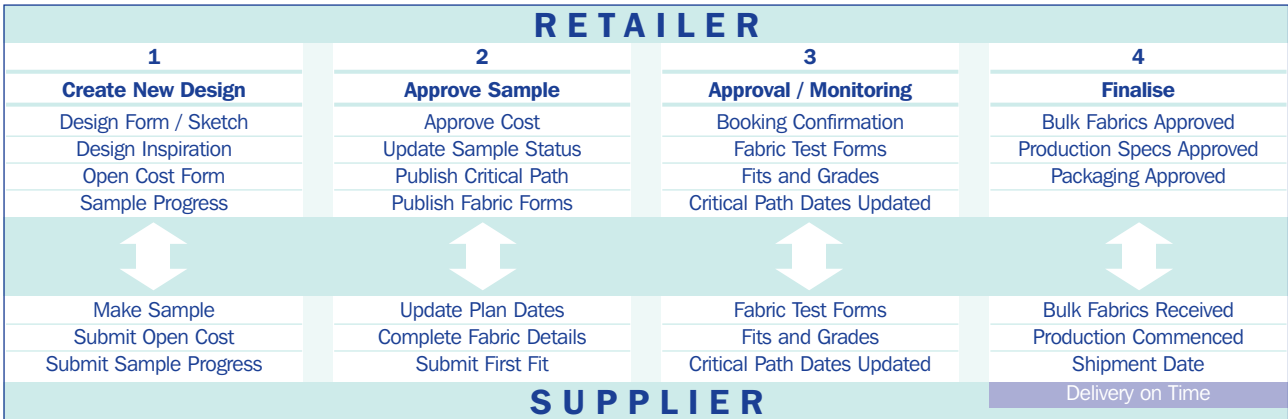


Who uses Supplier Interaction?

As well as Suppliers, the system is used by Designers to send sketches and specifications, by Buyers to monitor sampling and control production and by Quality and Fabric Technologists to manage the manufacturing cycle, working closely with Suppliers.

How does it fit with other Buyerplan products?

Supplier Interaction partners Range Buyer in providing a comprehensive set of internet-based tools that ensure complete control of the buying process from sample to shipment.



Main features

Status Dashboard:

For each design, the Status Dashboard shows the status of all forms. This allows the Supplier to concentrate on the forms that require action. Data can be filtered by season and line status.

Date	Design Ref	Description	Colour	Fabric Ref	Design Form	Sample Progress	Cost Form	Booking Confirmation	Quality	Progress	Fabric
12 May 2006	080018	Long sleeve top	Blue Mix	230101	Viewed	Resubmitted	Accepted	New	Design Spec.	Actuals Received	Comp Dec Approved
12 May 2006	050179	Print Blouse	Pale Aqua	TMK90	Viewed	Seen by PU	Accepted	New	Gold Seal Required	Actuals Received	Test Form Published

Design Pack:

The Design Pack published from Range Buyer contains five forms. The Design form, Design Inspiration and Design Sketch contain information relevant to the sampling process; the Open Cost form is designed to capture all cost information and a Sample Progress form to track the sample process.

Fabric Management:

With the publication of the Fabric and Trim Declaration form, details of a sample garment's key components are captured and added to the critical path. Test Approval forms may then be exchanged and the approval process monitored.

Quality:

Quality starts with the Design Specification form where sample measurement details are published to the Supplier. The approval process starts with the submission of First Fit forms, containing the actual measurements and continues through the grading process to the approval of the Pre Production Form, containing the approved measurements for bulk production.

Critical Path Management:

Critical Path Management is key to on time deliveries. The Supplier initially completes the Progress Plan Dates form with critical dates which is then submitted for approval and Range Buyer progress is updated. Actual dates may then be entered by both the Supplier or Head Office user. Critical dates, comments and action points are updated on both sides instantly.

Reporting:

Reporting provides a Sample Summary, showing garment sketches or images and key sample progress dates. The Progress Summary report, with images, shows actual dates against plan with status. The Costing report shows and compares the cost submissions for all of a supplier's lines.

Description	Owner	Mag Detail	Plan Date	Actual Date	Revised Date	Comments
Booking Confirmation sent	Merchandise	✓	03 Feb 06	03 Feb 06		Booking Confirmation sent - Please reply.
Contract sent	Merchandise	✓	03 Feb 06	05 Feb 06		Contract sent on 8th Feb
POP approved	Product Developer	✗	10 Feb 06			Could you send details to me.
Care instructions sent	Fabric Technologist	✓	14 Feb 06	14 Feb 06	17 Feb 06	Need the Approved by 17th !!!
Base Fabric 1 approved	Fabric Technologist	✓	15 Feb 06	15 Feb 06		Sent to you on 14th Feb - let me know
Base Fabric 2 approved	Fabric Technologist	✓	15 Feb 06	15 Feb 06		Lining as used previously
Tric 1 approved	Fabric Technologist	✗	17 Feb 06		21 Feb 06	Will send by courier on 18th
Tric 2 approved	Fabric Technologist	✗	17 Feb 06			Standard XXX sty 908

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