

Real-Time Insights
For A Real Advantage





Industry Trend and Overview – Manufacturing

In a 2017 Plant Floor study*, manufacturing executives stated that asset management is essential to success. They want real-time asset management and quality control of goods throughout the production process, and tracking assets is taking center stage in manufacturing.

Companies can no longer afford to track products solely at Goods-In and Goods-Out. According to survey respondents, only 8% have real-time monitoring throughout the entire manufacturing process. However, 35% expect to add this capability within the next five years.

1. Inventory and Material Management

Along with wearables and voice solutions, manufacturers are adding RFID alongside existing barcode technologies to provide a more connected plant floor. IoT is already beginning to transform manufacturing and companies are increasing their usage of RFID as a powerful tool to convert physical materials into digital assets that are easy to track in real-time on the plant floor.

2. Work In Progress Management

Today, 62% of those surveyed use pen and paper to track vital manufacturing steps and 47% are using spreadsheets or a computer on wheels. The use of pen and paper to track WIP is highly inefficient and makes the process susceptible to human error. While plant floor managers can use the data stored in spreadsheets to identify areas for improvement, it's a time-consuming, manual process.

3. Component and Product ID

The rising number of product variants, growing price of materials and rising customer expectations are shifting companies to a quality-minded philosophy, paving an alternate route to growth and profitability. According to the survey, manufacturers are introducing quality checkpoints and automation at more stages in the process.

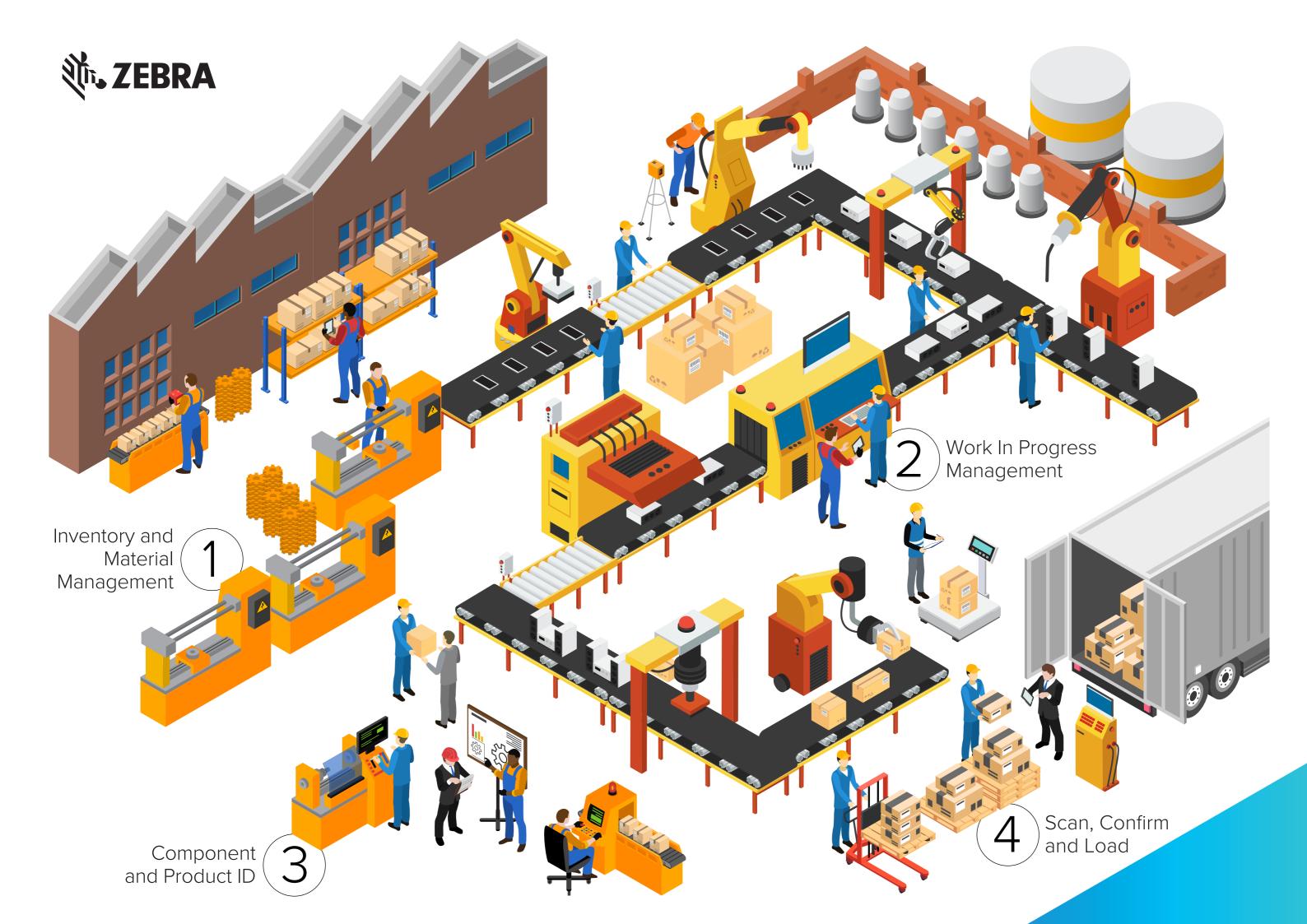
Checking the status of a product after it's assembled and finding an imperfection not only slows down production and increases costs, but it also makes it significantly more difficult to identify the point-of-failure.

4. Scan, Confirm and Load

Your loading dock is the last touch point before goods are shipped to the customer. Eliminate many of your manual processes and ensure goods get on the right lorry in the right order, while optimising trailer space. Zebra's mobile scanning, RFID tags and readers, and 3D sensing and camera technology with analytics software provide you with the automation you need to effectively verify shipping details, trailer assignments, and space utilisation to confidently ensure flawless fulfilment.



*2017 Plant Floor study is a research commissioned by Zebra Technologies and conducted with manufacturing executives across the globe, compiled and written by a reputable research partner.



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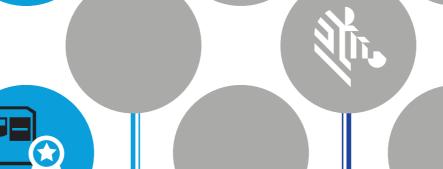
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Why you should use Zebra Certified Supplies







Silverline On-Metal RFID Labelling for Inventory and Material Management

Application:

RFID asset tagging for metal and liquid-filled containers



Challenges

Illegibility:

RFID read range deteriorates when a traditional RFID label is applied on a metal surface or liquid-filled item

Lack of Visibility:

When labels are not easily readable, products cannot be identified quickly

Zebra Value-Add

Effective:

Innovative foam-backed construction, designed to enhance read range

Exclusive to Zebra:

Silverline RFID on-Metal tags are only available from Zebra and are suitable for printing and encoding through Zebra's purpose built printer



- Works on difficult to read metal and liquid-filled containers
- 4 sizes available from stock
- Read range up to 6 meters
- Must be used with Zebra ZT410 silverline printer



General Purpose RFID Case and Pallet Labelling for Inventory and Material Management

Application:

Labelling of cases and pallets with RFID tags to automate data capture



Challenges

Availability:

Most RFID labels are custom made and costly

Inefficient:

Labels that need to be scanned individually or require direct line-of-sight in order to scan can slow down inventory management processes and cause inefficiency

Zebra Value-Add

Convenience:

Offer common sizes of paper case and pallet RFID labels

Service:

Zebra can help you find the right solution to fit your application

- Pre-tested with Zebra printers to ensure quality printing and long lasting image
- Compatible with Zebra industrial and desktop RFID printers



Z-Perform 1000T 190 Tag for Work-in-Progress Management

Application:

Work-in-progress tags to maintain visibility throughout the manufacturing process



Challenges

Lack of Visibility:

A barcode that can't be scanned, can't be tracked throughout the entire process

Delays:

Without a means to track products, it is difficult to identify bottlenecks in the assembly line

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Zebra Value-Add

Visibility:

Let Zebra help you identify the right material to maintain visibility into the manufacturing process

Customisable to meet your needs

- · Designed for indoor use
- A good value between performance and cost
- Pre-tested with Zebra printers to ensure printing quality and image longevity
- Compatible with Zebra industrial and desktop printers



Z-Ultimate 3000T White for Component and Product ID

Application:

Labelling of small parts or components in electronics



Challenges

Shrinking Real Estate:

The smaller parts become, the more critical identification becomes

Expanding Supply Chain:

It's becoming harder to track the increasing volume of components that comprise each product

Theft and Fraud:

As parts become smaller, they become harder to identify if stolen

Global Regulations:

Labels have to comply with global and regional information mandates

Lack of Durability:

Labels must meet the growing number of stringent environmental & durability requirements

Inflexibility:

With more complex components, pre-printed labels may be the wrong size or shape

Zebra Value-Add

Precision:

Ensure each label is printed in the right location with our tight manufacturing tolerances

High Resolution:

Optimise your real estate by printing smaller, denser barcodes and data in high contrast

Flexibility:

On-demand micro labels allow you to easily customise them for your needs

Durability:

Our micro labels are engineered to withstand extreme temperatures, harsh chemicals and rough surfaces

- Ability to manufacture small-sized labels
- Excellent durability, smear, scratch and chemical resistance
- Compatible with most Zebra industrial and desktop printers

8000T Tyre Tack Extra for Tyre Labelling

Application:

Identify tyres with energy labels in accordance with regulation (EC) No 1222/2009



Challenges

Difficult surface:

Labelling tyres is difficult due to the uneven surface and the chemicals present in the tyre rubber

Regulatory requirement:

Tyres sold in the EU are subject to energy labelling requirements as they are responsible for 20-30% of a vehicles' fuel consumption

Zebra Value-Add

Tried and tested:

The material components required for this application are critical to ensure the labels remain adhered to the tyre for the required duration

Customisable:

Labels can be printed with the EU-specified label design along with any brand logo or colours as required

Durable image:

UV resistant inks ensures the coloured image will last even in outdoor storage conditions

- High quality polypropylene labels with an aggressive adhesive specifically designed for tyre labelling
- Excellent print quality and image durability when paired with Zebra 4800 or 5095 resin ribbon
- Excellent initial tack and long-term adhesion to rough and uneven tyre profiles



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Z-Supreme 4200T Yellow for Electronic component labelling

Application:

Identify electronic components which are subject to extreme high temperatures during the product lifecycle



Challenges

Extreme high temperatures:

Labelling components which need to withstand temperatures over 500°C during the PC board (PCB) manufacturing process remaining adhered and legible

Regulatory requirement:

UL Recognised, complies with IEC 61249-2-21. Chemical resistance for military electronics, tested to MIL-STD 202G, Notice 12, Method 215K

Zebra Value-Add

Tried and tested:

The material components required for this application are critical to ensure the labels remain adhered and withstand extreme temperatures, chemicals and solvents.

Small label dimensions:

Typical electronic labelling applications require very small labels. Zebra are able to manufacture very small sizes which are printable with the recommended Zebra resin ribbons.

Durable image:

Despite withstanding temperatures in excess of 500°C along with harsh chemicals and solvents, Zebra's Z-Supreme range of products remain legible throughout the manufacturing process.

- UL recognised polyimide specifically designed to resist extreme temperatures, harsh chemicals and solvents.
- Excellent print quality and image durability when paired with Zebra 5095 or 5100 resin ribbon
- Ideal solution for component labelling and PCB manufacturing.





This is only a selection of the labels we supply for Manufacturing: there are many more!



Silverline On-Metal RFID

Silverline labels are designed to work on a variety of surfaces including liquid bottles and metallic cylinders that in the past presented difficulties for RFID applications.



General Purpose RFID

Available in paper and synthetic materials that work on non-metallic surfaces, plastics or corrugate.



Z-Perform 1000T 190 Tag

190 micron matte paper tag.



Z-Ultimate 3000T White

Gloss white polyester label with general purpose permanent adhesive.



8000T Tyre Tack Extra

Gloss-white polypropylene label with a specially formulated aggressive adhesive to stick onto tyres.



Z-Supreme 4200T Yellow

Gloss yellow polyimide label and permanent high-performance acrylic adhesive with ultra high temperature and extreme chemical resistance. UL approved for electronic equipment labelling.

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