

Bar coding provides job status information for customers



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Currently, a "bar code team" has been formed and is in the process of studying the effects of bar coding all jobs in the shop. By bar coding jobs and customer orders throughout the

shop, all employees will have the ability to scan the host computer system for job status and location in a "real-time" scenario. The bar code readers will automatically transmit job information directly to the host as the transactions are recorded. When a customer calls in, we can report very accurately exactly where the job is in the process and when it will be completed. The goal is to eliminate a good majority of the paperwork throughout the shop and to increase the accuracy of time reporting by job.

Improved Accuracy

Bar coding equipment has an accuracy rate of one error per three million transactions as opposed to one error per 300 transactions for handwritten recording methods. Once the program is in place and each employee is familiar with the equipment, recording transactions will take less than 10% of the original time to record information on the job paperwork or a work log by hand.

Techmetals' goal is to be completely bar code integrated by December 31, 1993 and would be happy to share their experiences with any customer who is interested in bar coding, and would certainly invite any suggestions or experiences any customer may have had with bar coding.

On-line bar code operations began January 1, 1993. All employees utilize a bar code reader to perform each time clock function for recording their hours on the job. The project has been deemed extremely successful. ●