

Rentable MRP cuts out the complexities

SOUTHAMPTON-based company Rent-IT Systems has developed a manufacturing resource planning system aimed at small companies that do not have the funds to spend on complex systems.

The company claims that its 123MRP system simplifies manufacturing management systems without sacrificing functionality.

Rent-IT's aim, according to managing director Guy Amoroso, is to streamline the "ownership" as well as the operation of the MRP system. "However," he says, "simplicity is a complex undertaking."

The system is rented by the month direct from Rent-IT. If a user decides it doesn't want MRP123 any more, it simply stops paying and it won't then receive the monthly update code that allows it to log into the system. "There are no contracts and no minimum rental period," says Amoroso.

There is also an intention for no on-site consultancy and for minimal training of just three days. Although the system has been designed

to be transparent and intuitive, any queries that do arise can be handled by phone or email.

Amoroso says that, unlike traditional MRP systems, its one-size-fits-all system has no separate modules for discrete functions and no user bands for different types of user in separate departments: "Everybody gets exactly the same system with the same functionality."

The system's inbuilt simplicity, along with the extensive use of wizards, has made updating data faster than with conventional MRP. Under the new system everything can be seen, and if information in one part of the structure is changed then that change automatically feeds through to other affected areas, and is flagged up when people enter that section.

123MRP has been developed over the past four years and Amoroso says that there are now 700 desks in 90 different customers. He claims that not a single customer has yet stopped paying the rental.