Cycle Counting Best Practices

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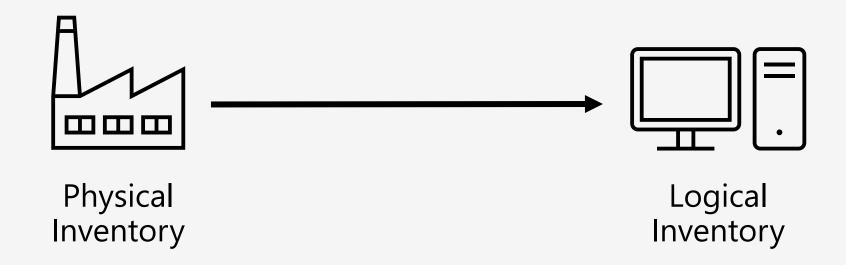
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Inventory Auditing







Cycle Counting





ABC
Classification &
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A-Monthly



B-Quarterly



C-Yearly



Cycle Counting: APICS Dictionary



An inventory accuracy audit technique where inventory is counted on a cyclic schedule rather than once a year. The key purpose of cycle counting is to identify items in error, thus triggering research, identification and elimination of the cause of the errors.





Establish a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Cycle Counting.







Appoint Cycle Counters and Train them in the Standard Operating Procedure.







Assign cycle counting items only at the beginning of the shift.







Select those items that are low in stock and that are not in production plan.







Make cycle counting open ended.







Do not authorize cycle counters to override your physical inventory.







Leave a gap of at least 25 days between two cycle counting events of the same item.







Order recount in case of quantity discrepancies.







Find root causes in case of discrepancies.







Maintain progress reports for each cycle counter accuracies and publish it.







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