

# GLOSSARY OF SAP S/4HANA PLM FOR PROCESS INDUSTRIES

A Quick Reference Guide to SAP Terminologies

Concept/Term	Definition
SAP S/4HANA PLM	A suite of tools in SAP S/4HANA that supports product lifecycle management, from design and development to manufacturing and disposal, specifically tailored for process industries.
Product Lifecycle Management (PLM)	A process that involves managing a product's entire lifecycle from conception, through design and manufacture, to service and disposal.
Recipe Management	A functionality in SAP PLM used in process industries to define, manage, and adjust product recipes for manufacturing.
Material Master	A central repository in SAP that holds data related to materials, including description, specifications, and inventory information.
Bill of Materials (BOM)	A detailed list of all the raw materials, components, and sub-assemblies required to manufacture a product, including quantities.



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Tax Calculation Engine	The core component of Vertex that computes tax rates and applies tax rules to transactions, ensuring accurate tax determination in real-time.
VAT (Value-Added Tax)	A consumption tax levied on the value added at each stage of production or distribution, commonly supported by Vertex for accurate calculation.
Taxability Determination	The process of determining whether a product or service is taxable and at what rate, which Vertex automates to ensure accuracy and compliance.
Tax Codes	Codes used in SAP to define tax rates and types applicable to specific transactions or products, integrated with Vertex for accurate tax calculation.
Tax Reporting	The process of generating reports on tax calculations and liabilities, which Vertex supports by providing accurate and up-to-date tax data.

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Process Flow Management	A tool in SAP that allows businesses to model and manage process flows in manufacturing, from raw materials to finished products.
Change Management	The process of handling changes in product design, materials, and processes within SAP, ensuring accurate tracking and approval.
Document Management System (DMS)	A system in SAP that manages product- related documents, such as technical specifications, design drawings, and quality reports.
Recipe Versioning	The management of different versions of recipes in SAP to track changes and ensure the correct version is used in production.
SAP Integrated Business Planning (IBP)	A solution that integrates with SAP PLM to enhance forecasting, demand planning, and supply chain management.

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Process Industry-specific Functions	SAP features and tools specifically designed for the process industries, including functionalities for chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and food and beverage sectors.
Batch Management	A process in SAP that tracks and manages products in batches for traceability and quality control, especially important in process industries.
Production Planning for Process Industries	A set of tools in SAP that helps businesses plan and optimize production processes, from raw material to finished goods, in the process industry context.
Quality Management (QM)	A module in SAP that supports quality control processes, including testing, inspections, and compliance for process manufacturing.
SAP S/4HANA Engineering Change Management	A feature that tracks and manages engineering changes to products, materials, and processes in the SAP system.



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Process Order Management	The process in SAP for creating and managing process orders, ensuring the correct materials and resources are used for production.
Product Data Management (PDM)	The process of managing and organizing product-related data, such as specifications, drawings, and production instructions, within SAP.
Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS)	SAP tools that help ensure compliance with environmental regulations and standards, ensuring safety in product manufacturing and use.
Process Industry MRP (Material Requirements Planning)	A specialized version of MRP in SAP designed to handle the specific needs of process industries, such as demand-driven planning and batch control.
Material Flow Control	A tool in SAP used to manage the movement of materials through the production process, ensuring optimal workflow and inventory management.

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Waste Management	A process in SAP to manage and minimize waste during manufacturing, helping companies to meet environmental standards and reduce costs.
Batch Production Records (BPR)	A record in SAP for managing the production details of batches, ensuring compliance with regulatory and industry standards.
Process Order Execution	The process of executing a process order in SAP, including production scheduling, monitoring, and completion.
Product Lifecycle	The stages a product goes through from its creation, through production and usage, to its retirement and disposal, all tracked in SAP PLM.
Process Data Logging	The continuous recording of process data, such as temperature, pressure, and chemical composition, in SAP to ensure product quality and traceability.

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Regulatory Compliance	The adherence to industry regulations, such as FDA, EMA, and ISO standards, facilitated by SAP PLM tools to ensure product safety and quality.
Product Development	The process of designing and developing a new product, including prototyping and testing, with support from SAP PLM tools.
Packaging Management	The management of packaging materials and processes in SAP to ensure that products are packaged in accordance with regulatory and customer requirements.
SAP PLM Analytics	A set of tools in SAP PLM that provide insights into product lifecycle data, helping businesses to improve decision-making and efficiency.
Collaboration Tools in SAP PLM	Features that enable cross-departmental and external collaboration during product development and production, improving innovation and time-to-market.



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Product Design	The phase in the product lifecycle where product concepts are developed, designed, and tested, supported by SAP PLM tools for material and process planning.
Materials Management (MM)	A module in SAP that supports the procurement and management of materials needed for production, closely integrated with SAP PLM.
Process Monitoring	The monitoring of production processes in SAP to ensure they adhere to predefined standards and thresholds for quality and efficiency.
Traceability	The ability to trace products and materials throughout the production process, critical in process industries for compliance and quality assurance.
Supplier Management	The process of managing and evaluating suppliers of materials and services in SAP, ensuring they meet quality and delivery standards.



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SAP PLM for Process Industries	A solution tailored for the process industry that integrates product data management, compliance, and production processes within SAP.
Material Specifications	Detailed descriptions of the properties and composition of materials used in production, maintained in SAP to ensure consistency and quality.
Digital Product Passport	A digital representation of a product's lifecycle, including raw material sources, production data, and environmental impact, supported by SAP PLM.
Product Lifecycle Sustainability	Managing and optimizing the environmental and social impact of products through their lifecycle, facilitated by SAP PLM tools.
Process Engineering	The application of engineering principles to the design, improvement, and optimization of manufacturing processes, supported by SAP PLM.



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Process Flow Diagrams (PFD)	Diagrams used in process industries to represent the flow of materials and energy through a manufacturing system, managed and analyzed in SAP.
Production Efficiency	The ratio of output to input in a manufacturing process, optimized in SAP PLM to improve productivity and reduce costs.
Plant Maintenance (PM)	A module in SAP that manages maintenance activities for manufacturing plants, ensuring equipment reliability and process uptime.
Product Lifecycle Costing	The process of estimating and managing the total cost of a product from inception to disposal, supported by SAP PLM and related modules.
Batch Traceability	The ability to track batches of products from production through distribution, ensuring compliance and product safety, facilitated by SAP.