

GLOSSARY OF SAP S/4HANA EWM PP INTEGRATION

A Quick Reference Guide to SAP Terminologies





Concept/Term	Definition
SAP EWM	SAP Extended Warehouse Management is a module that manages complex warehouse operations, including goods movement, storage, and inventory control.
SAP PP	SAP Production Planning handles planning and execution of manufacturing processes, including material requirements planning (MRP) and shop floor control.
EWM-PP Integration	The linkage between SAP EWM and PP to synchronize warehouse tasks (e.g., component staging) with production processes (e.g., order execution).
Production Supply Area (PSA)	A designated location in EWM near the production line where components are delivered for manufacturing orders.
Staging	The process of moving materials from storage bins to the PSA in preparation for production activities.





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Replenishment	A warehouse process to ensure that PSAs are filled with required components for continuous production without interruption.
Inbound Delivery	A document used in EWM to track the receipt of goods from suppliers or production, integrating with GR (goods receipt) in PP.
Outbound Delivery	A document in EWM that manages goods issued to production or customers, linking to the PP consumption process.
Warehouse Order	A set of warehouse tasks grouped for execution, such as picking materials for staging in production.
Warehouse Task	The smallest executable unit in EWM, such as moving a product from storage to PSA.

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Manufacturing Order	A production order created in SAP PP that details the production of a specific quantity of finished goods, triggering staging in EWM.
Backflushing	Automatic posting of component consumption in SAP PP upon confirmation of production, often updated in EWM for inventory adjustment.
BOM (Bill of Materials)	A list of components needed to manufacture a product, defined in PP and referenced during staging in EWM.
Routing	A sequence of operations in PP required to produce a material; used to plan time, work centers, and resources.
Work Center	A location in production where specific operations are carried out, linked with material staging areas in EWM.





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Control Cycle	A configuration in PP-EWM integration that defines how materials are supplied to production (e.g., Kanban, staging methods).
Advanced Production Integration (API)	A method in S/4HANA for deep integration between EWM and PP to enable real-time updates and control.
Component Consumption	The process of deducting used materials from warehouse stock as they are consumed in production, reflected in both EWM and PP.
Production Supply Document	A document in EWM used to control the material supply process to production, generated from production orders.
Batch Management	Handling of materials in batches with unique characteristics, ensuring traceability during production and warehouse operations.

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HU (Handling Unit)	A packaging unit in EWM that combines material with packaging information, used for component supply to production.
Resource	A mobile or fixed unit (person or equipment) executing warehouse tasks in EWM, including staging to PSAs for PP.
Cross-Plant Configuration	Integration setup that enables EWM and PP to function across different plant codes or locations.
Staging Type	The method of supplying components to production (e.g., pick parts, release order parts, Kanban), configured for EWM-PP integration.
Staging Indicator	Determines the staging method in the control cycle and helps EWM decide how to prepare materials for production.





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Monitor - Warehouse Management	A tool in EWM to track open tasks, warehouse orders, and production staging queues.
Queue Management	A system in EWM that manages task prioritization for resources, including staging and replenishment tasks.
Production Supply Kitting	Grouping components together as kits in the warehouse before sending them to the production line.
Decentralized EWM	An EWM system that runs separately from the core S/4HANA system, communicating via integration points with PP.
Kanban	A lean manufacturing technique for just-in- time production and replenishment, supported in EWM via control cycles and bins.





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Synchronous Goods Movement	Real-time posting of goods movements in EWM and PP for accurate inventory and production tracking.
Material Staging Monitor	An interface in EWM to review and manage staged materials for production orders.
Warehouse Process Type	Defines the kind of warehouse operation in EWM, such as staging, replenishment, or putaway.
Goods Receipt (GR)	The process of receiving finished goods from production back into warehouse inventory.
Goods Issue (GI)	The process of issuing materials from the warehouse to production or to customers, recorded in EWM.





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Postprocessing Framework (PPF)	A tool in EWM to trigger automated follow- up actions like printing labels or posting documents during production staging.
HU Transfer	Moving handling units within the warehouse or to PSA using warehouse tasks.
Cross-Docking	A technique in EWM where materials are received and immediately moved to PSA without long-term storage.
Staging Bin	The physical or logical bin in EWM where components are placed for production use.
Production Confirmation	A process in PP that confirms completion of production steps and updates inventory and consumption records, interfaced with EWM.





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Integration Scenario	A predefined configuration for how EWM and PP interact, such as synchronous staging or decentralized execution.
Warehouse Structure	The organizational setup of EWM, including storage types, bins, and sections aligned with production requirements.
EGR (Expected Goods Receipt)	A forecasted document in EWM that helps plan and reserve space for incoming production or purchase orders.
Storage Type	A classification in EWM representing different areas of the warehouse (e.g., high-rack, PSA, goods issue zone).
Manufacturing Execution	The execution of production orders on the shop floor, supported by warehouse staging and component availability from EWM.





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Inventory Visibility	Real-time tracking of stock levels in both EWM and PP modules for components and finished goods.
Process-Oriented Storage Control	A method in EWM that determines the sequence of warehouse activities based on the process, often used in staging and GR.
Production Integration Model	The configuration template for connecting SAP EWM and SAP PP to ensure synchronized production supply processes.
Manufacturing Bill	A production-specific BOM that is extended with EWM-specific supply information for integration.
Component Grouping	Organizing multiple components together for batch staging to reduce transport effort and optimize warehouse operations.