

Material Registration

In Critical Manufacturing MES, there are multiple methods available for creating **Materials** - including manual creation through the **Material** page, creation via **Production Orders**, and a method that can be scanner-assisted, represented by the Register Materials operation.

The system offers native support for several barcode label formats, such as ECIA, GS1, and MAT-Label. However, it is also designed with flexibility in mind, allowing for the configuration of additional custom label formats to accommodate specific business requirements.

Info

Material Logistics is a separately licensed module required to enable this feature.

Overview

In this tutorial, we will walk through a complete scenario covering the configuration and execution of the Material Registration operation, using both both manual and scanner-assisted methods.

The tutorial is structured as follows:

- Initial Considerations: Key concepts and prerequisites to be aware of before getting started.
- Use Case Presentation: A clear description of the production context and specific system requirements.
- Configuration: Step-by-step setup, supported by video and images.
- Feature Execution: Hands-on walkthrough of the operation, covering both manual input and a simulation of scanner-assisted registration.
- Final Considerations: Additional tips and usability notes to help users get the most out of the functionality.

Initial Considerations

Before starting the tutorial, there are a few key aspects you should be familiar with to ensure a smooth understanding of the process and its context.

The [Register Materials](#) operation is available under **Planning and Logistics** Menu, and is used for the creation of **Materials** of **Products** with the following types:

- Raw Material
- Durable
- Part

These are the only **Product** types that support the definition of Product Manufacturers, which is a prerequisite for the registration process.

Regarding the required user features, to execute the Register Materials operation, the user must be granted:

 **Material.Register** – Required to access the operation in general

 **Material.RegisterManual** – Required to perform manual registration specifically

For label support and customization, Critical Manufacturing MES supports several barcode label formats natively (ECIA, GS1, MAT-Label).

If you are considering supporting a custom label format, you should be aware of the following Lookup and Generic configuration tables, which define how label data is interpreted:

Table Name	Description
LabelSpecification	Lookup Table for Label Specifications
LabelMaterialProperty	Lookup Table for Material Properties
LabelSpecification	Generic Table for defining the properties of the different Label Specifications
LabelSymbologyIdentifier	Generic Table for defining label specs with symbology identifiers and barcode types
LabelMaterialProperty	Generic Table for setting Material properties or attributes that can be referenced as a Label Specification Field
LabelSpecificationField	Defines each field in the label format, including prefix, length, and mapping

Use Case

In this use case, we are operating within a production environment where raw materials are delivered to the production site. Upon arrival, an employee is responsible for registering these materials in Critical Manufacturing MES.

For the purposes of this scenario, we consider that the Raw Material Business Partner supplies two products:

- Raw Material 1
- Raw Material 2

The following conditions and requirements apply to this use case:

Material Placement: When created, **Materials** are assigned to a designated physical location.

- Raw materials are created in the Warehouse **Facility**.
- They are placed in the Receiving and Storage **Flow**, at the Receiving **Step**.

Labeling Standard: The information provided by the supplier follows the GS1 label specification.

Data Capture at Registration: At the moment of **Material** creation, the employee must collect and register the following data:

Data Point	CM MES Mapping
Facility	Maps to the Facility Material property
Manufacturer	Business Partner linked to the Material
GTIN	Maps to Part Number Identification Material property

Data Point	CM MES Mapping
COUNT	Maps to Primary Quantity Material property
BATCH/LOT	Maps to Manufacturer Lot Number Material property
PROD Date	Maps to Manufacturer Date Code Material property
ERP Code	Must be stored as Material attribute ERPCode

Product Details: Logistical attributes linked to the **Product** definition.

Product	Part Number	Standard Quantity Delivered	Moisture Sensitivity Level
Raw Material 1	11111111111111	100	2a
Raw Material 2	22222222222222	25	6

Configuration

The following steps outline the configuration required to support material registration in this tutorial.

A video walkthrough of this configuration is included at the end of this section.

Warning

This configuration walkthrough does not cover the base model setup (e.g., **Calendars**, **Facilities**, and **Areas**).

Business Partner

To create a **Business Partner**, navigate to: **Business Data > Business Partner**.

In order for a **Business Partner** to be recognized as a Product Manufacturer, the following conditions must be met:

- The Manufacturer property must be set to true
- A Label Specification must be defined - for this use case, select GS1

Example configuration:

Raw Material Business Partner

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Raw Material Business Partner (Active)

DETAILS

Business Partner

Name: Raw Material Business Partner

Description: Raw Material Business Partner

Universal State: Active

Contractor: ☐ No

Customer: ☐ No

Supplier: ☐ No

Manufacturer: ☒ Yes

Label Specification: ☐ GSI

Address Information

Address:

ZIP Code:

Country:

State:

City:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Title:

Name:

Email:

Mobile Phone:

Business Phone:

Business Fax:

Other Information

Tax Number:

Website:

DETAILS

ATTACHMENTS

[See more information about this entity here](#)

Entity Type Material Add Attribute

Since `ERPCode` is not a native attribute of the **Material** entity, it must be added manually.

To do this, go to: **Administration > Entity Types > Material > Manage Attributes**, and add a new attribute named `ERPCode`.

Attribute details:

Property	Value
Name	ERPCode
Type	NVarChar
Size	256
Is Reportable	Yes
Is History Enabled	Yes
IsMandatory	No
Other flags	Leave default unless needed

Example configuration:

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Material

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Material (Active)

ATTRIBUTES

Refresh Manage

REFERENCE TYPE: ALL ERP

ERPCode
ERP Material Code

Attribute Details	Content	Flags
Name: ERPCode	Reference Type: None	Indexed: ☒ No
Description: ERP Material Code	Scalar Type: NVarChar	Mandatory: ☒ No
Property Type: Attribute	Size: 256	Reportable: ☒ No
Data Group:	Default Value:	History Enabled: ☒ Yes
Enabled: ☒ Yes	Array: ☒ No	Versioned: ☒ No
System: ☒ No	Clone Display Order:	Searchable: ☒ No
State: Active		

Validation

Range:

Regular Expression:

Localized Message

Key:

Access Level

	ENTITY			TEMPLATE		
	VIEW	CREATE	UPDATE	VIEW	CREATE	UPDATE
Read Only	☒			☒		
Hidden						

Note

If the attribute does not appear in the system after being added, you may need to use the Generate operation on the **Material** entity to apply changes.

See more information about this configuration here

Generic Tables

First, you must include the `ERPCode` attribute as a collectable label property, in the `LabelMaterialProperty` Generic Table.

Set it as mandatory, define its sequence, and specify the data type.

Example configuration:

Label Material Property

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General Table Data Actions

Label Material Property (Active)

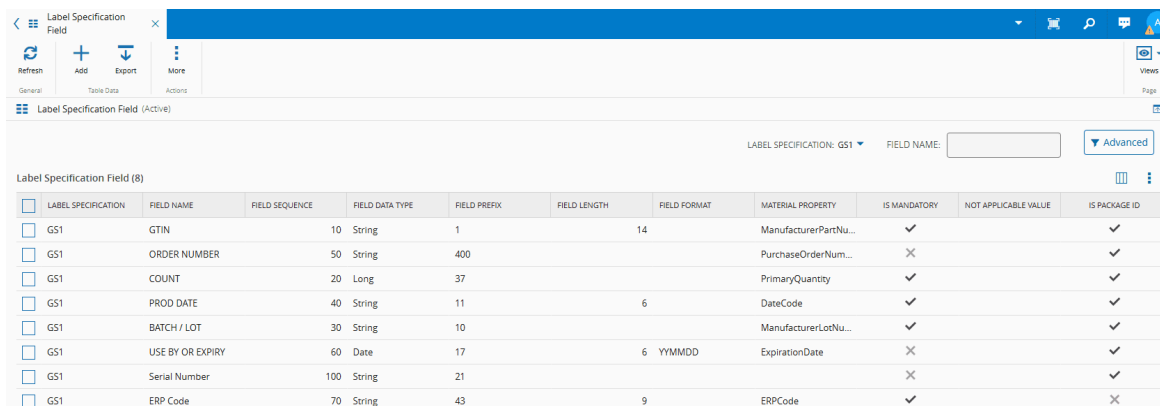
NAME: DESCRIPTION: Advanced

Label Material Property (10)

	NAME	IS MANDATORY	DESCRIPTION	SEQUENCE	DATA TYPE	PRODUCT PROPERTY	PRODUCT PROPERTY VALUE
☐	ManufacturerPartNumber	☒	Manufacturer Part Number		1 String		
☐	PrimaryQuantity	☒	Quantity		2 Long		
☐	ManufacturerLotNumber	☒	Manufacturer Lot Number		3 String		
☐	DateCode	☒	Manufacturing Date Code		4 Date		
☐	ExpirationDate	☒	Expiration Date		5 Date		
☐	PurchaseOrderNumber	☒	Purchase Order Number		6 String		
☐	MoistureSensitivityLevel	☒	Moisture Sensitivity Level		7 String		
☐	IsRoHSCompliant	☒	RoHS Compliant		8 Boolean		
☐	IsRoHSCompliant	☒	IsRoHSCompliant		8 Boolean		
☐	ERPCode	☒	ERP Code		9 String		

Then, add `ERPCode` as a valid field under the GS1 Label Specification at the `LabelSpecificationField` Generic Table, with a prefix (for example 43), a data type (for example String), length and sequence number.

Example configuration:



LABEL SPECIFICATION	FIELD NAME	FIELD SEQUENCE	FIELD DATA TYPE	FIELD PREFIX	FIELD LENGTH	FIELD FORMAT	MATERIAL PROPERTY	IS MANDATORY	NOT APPLICABLE VALUE	IS PACKAGE ID
GS1	GTIN	10	String	1	14		ManufacturerPartNu...	✓		✓
GS1	ORDER NUMBER	50	String	400			PurchaseOrderNum...	✗		✓
GS1	COUNT	20	Long	37			PrimaryQuantity	✓		✓
GS1	PROD DATE	40	String	11	6		DateCode	✓		✓
GS1	BATCH / LOT	30	String	10			ManufacturerLotNu...	✓		✓
GS1	USE BY OR EXPIRY	60	Date	17	6	YYMMDD	ExpirationDate	✗		✓
GS1	Serial Number	100	String	21				✗		✓
GS1	ERP Code	70	String	43	9		ERPCode	✓		✗

[See more information about this configuration here](#)

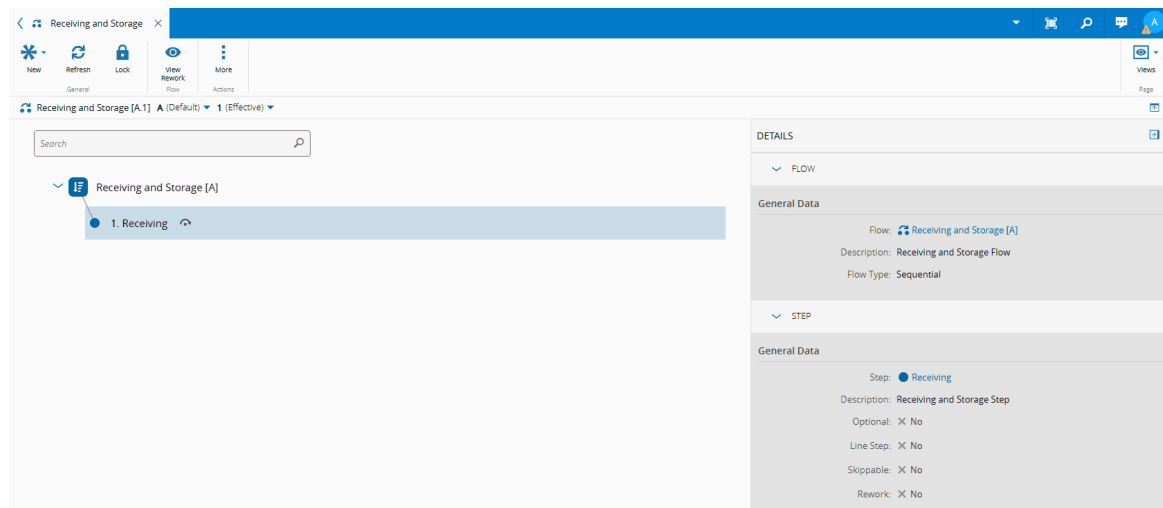
Flow and Step

Create a simple **Flow** and **Step** structure at the Warehouse **Facility**:

- **Flow**: Receiving and Storage
- **Step**: Receiving

No further operation-related entities (e.g., **Resource** or **Service**) are required.

Example configuration:



Receiving and Storage [A]

1. Receiving

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FLOW

General Data

Flow: Receiving and Storage [A]

Description: Receiving and Storage Flow

Flow Type: Sequential

STEP

General Data

Step: Receiving

Description: Receiving and Storage Step

Optional: ✗ No

Line Step: ✗ No

Skippable: ✗ No

Rework: ✗ No

[See more information about these entities here](#)

Products

For this use case, create two **Products**: Raw Material 1 and Raw Material 2.

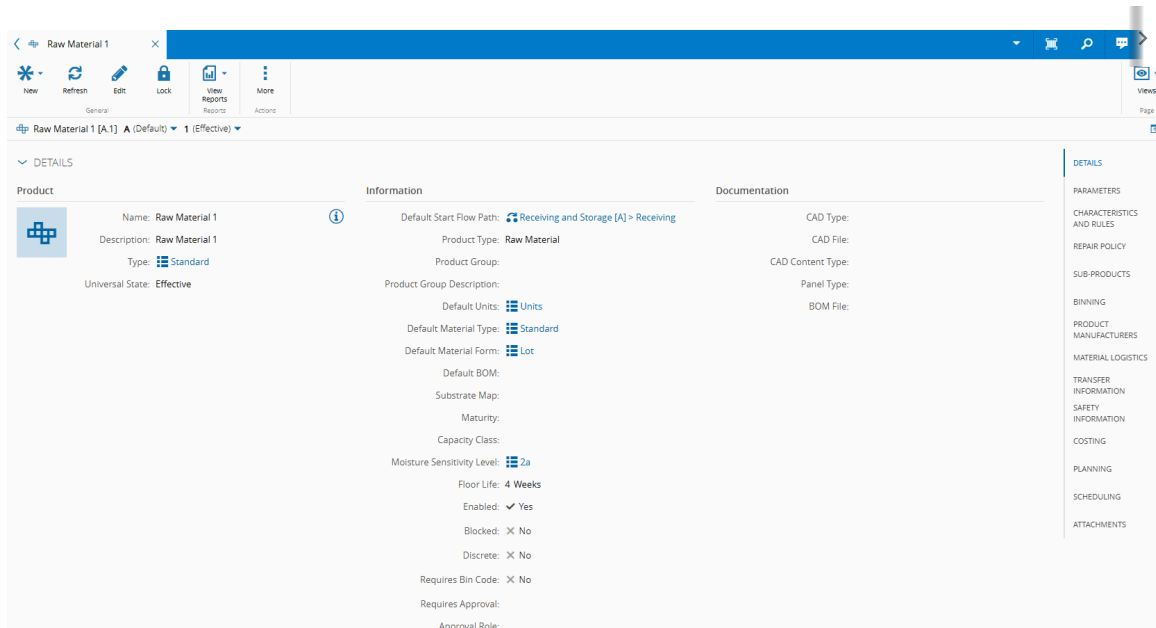
Each **Product** must include:

- Product Type: Raw Material
- Default Units, Form, and Flow Path

In the Products Manufacturer section, add the information for the Raw Material Business Partner and include:

- Part Number
- Standard Quantity
- Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL)

Example configuration:



Raw Material 1

DETAILS

Product

Name: Raw Material 1
Description: Raw Material 1
Type: Standard
Universal State: Effective

Information

Default Start Flow Path: Receiving and Storage [A] > Receiving
Product Type: Raw Material
Product Group:
Product Group Description:
Default Units: Units
Default Material Type: Standard
Default Material Form: Lot
Default BOM:
Substrate Map:
Maturity:
Capacity Class:
Moisture Sensitivity Level: 2a
Floor Life: 4 Weeks
Enabled: Yes
Blocked: No
Discrete: No
Requires Bin Code: No
Requires Approval:
Approval Role:

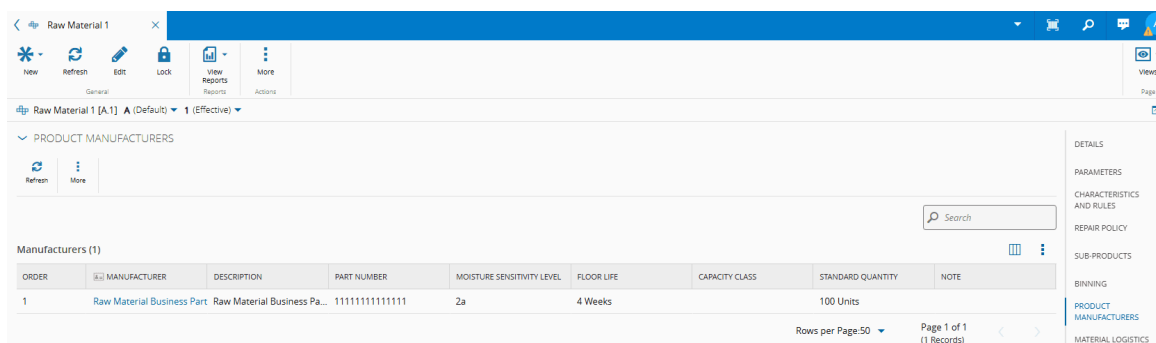
Documentation

CAD Type:
CAD File:
CAD Content Type:
Panel Type:
BOM File:

DETAILS

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Raw Material 1 - Product Manufacturer



Raw Material 1

PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS

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Manufacturers (1)

ORDER	MANUFACTURER	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER	MOISTURE SENSITIVITY LEVEL	FLOOR LIFE	CAPACITY CLASS	STANDARD QUANTITY	NOTE
1	Raw Material Business Part	Raw Material Business Pa...	1111111111111111	2a	4 Weeks		100 Units	

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MATERIAL LOGISTICS

Raw Material 2 - General

Raw Material 2

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Raw Material 2 [A.1] A (Default) 1 (Effective)

DETAILS

Product Information Documentation

Name: Raw Material 2
Description: Raw Material 2
Type: Standard
Universal State: Effective

Default Start Flow Path: Receiving and Storage [A] > Receiving
Product Type: Raw Material
Product Group:
Product Group Description:
Default Units: Units
Default Material Type: Standard
Default Material Form: Lot
Default BOM:
Substrate Map:
Maturity:
Capacity Class:
Moisture Sensitivity Level: 6
Floor Life:
Enabled: Yes
Blocked: No
Discrete: No
Requires Bin Code: No
Requires Approval:
Approval Role:

CAD Type:
CAD File:
CAD Content Type:
Panel Type:
BOM File:

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Raw Material 2 - Product Manufacturer

Raw Material 2

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Raw Material 2 [A.1] A (Default) 1 (Effective)

PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS

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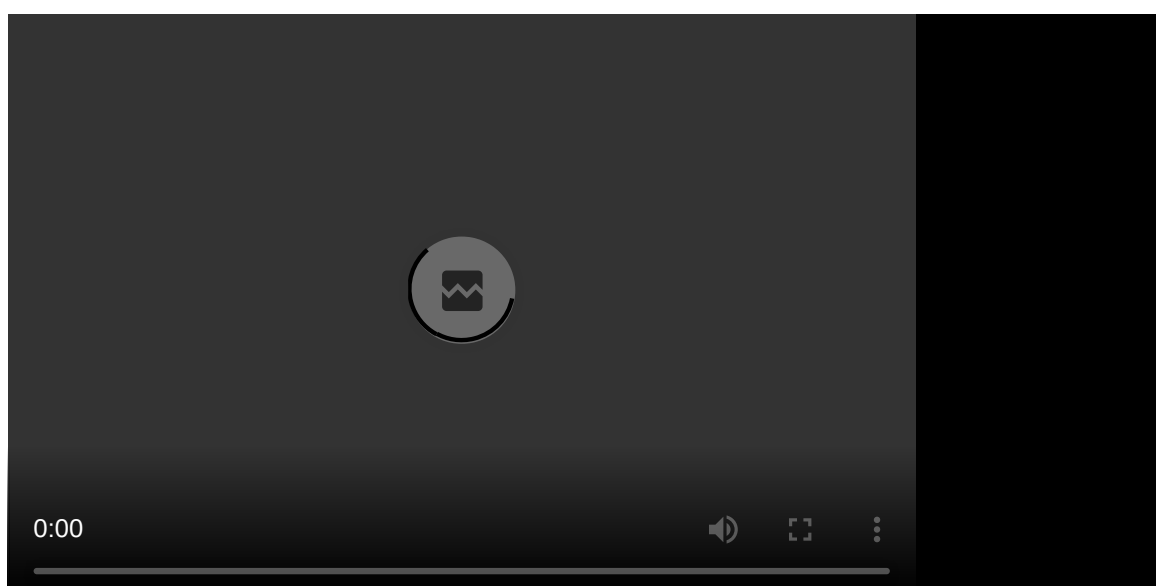
Manufacturers (1)

ORDER	MANUFACTURER	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER	MOISTURE SENSITIVITY LEVEL	FLOOR LIFE	CAPACITY CLASS	STANDARD QUANTITY	NOTE
1	Raw Material Business Part: Raw Material Business Pa...		22222222222222	6			25 Units	

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See more information about this entity here



The master data file supporting this model is available here: [XML File](#), and was designed using version 11.1.

Warning

If you use the master data file to create the new attribute in the **Material** entity, you may still need to perform the Generate Schema operation referenced earlier.

Register Material Manual Process

In this section we will simulate the creation of a **Material** through the Register Material operation.

When navigating to **Planning and Logistics > Register Material**, you will be presented with an interface designed to guide you through the registration process.

Creating a material for Raw Material 1:

Property	Value	Note
Facility	Warehouse	This is where the material is being received
Manufacturer	Raw Material Business Partner	The Manufacturer must match the defined Supplier Part Number
Number of Identical Materials to Register	2	Defines how many identical material records will be created in this operation, each with the same properties
GTIN	1111111111111	The Part Number Identification Material
Count	150	The primary quantity of the material
Batch/Lot	202505081	The manufacturer lot number
Prod Date	20250508	The Manufacturer Date Code
ERP Code	ERP111111	ERP Code Material attribute value

Example:

Register Materials

Materials

MATERIAL

MATERIALS TO REGISTER

New Material #1

Raw Material 1 (Raw Material 1)

2

Material Details

Facility:

Warehouse

Manufacturer:

Raw Material Business Partner

Number of Identical Materials to Register:

2

GTIN:

1111111111111111

Product:

Raw Material 1 [A.1]

Product Description:

Raw Material 1

COUNT:

150

BATCH / LOT:

202505081

PROD DATE:

20250508

ORDER NUMBER:

Scan barcode to read data

USE BY OR EXPIRY:

MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm PP

ERP Code:

ERP111111

Comments:

Cancel

Register

Creating a material for Raw Material 2:

Property	Value	Note
Facility	Warehouse	This is where the material is being received
Manufacturer	Raw Material Business Partner	The Manufacturer must match the defined Supplier Part Number
Number of Identical Materials to Register	1	Defines how many identical material records will be created in this operation, each with the same properties
GTIN	22222222222222	The Part Number Identification Material
Count	85	The primary quantity of the material
Batch/Lot	202505082	The manufacturer lot number
Prod Date	20250508	The Manufacturer Date Code
ERP Code	ERP222222	ERP Code Material attribute value
Time on Label	90	Related to Moisture Sensitivity Level

Example:

Register Materials

Materials

MATERIAL	MATERIALS TO REGISTER
New Material #1	2
Raw Material 1 (Raw Material 1)	
New Material #2	1
Raw Material 2 (Raw Material 2)	

Material Details

Facility:

Warehouse

Manufacturer:

Raw Material Business Partner

Number of Identical Materials to Register:

1

GTIN:

2222222222222222

Product:

Raw Material 2 [A.1]

Product Description:

Raw Material 2

COUNT:

85

BATCH / LOT:

202505082

PROD DATE:

20250508

ORDER NUMBER:

Scan barcode to read data

USE BY OR EXPIRY:

MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm PP

ERP Code:

ERP222222

Time on Label (Hours):

90

PRINTING OPTIONS

Comments:

Cancel

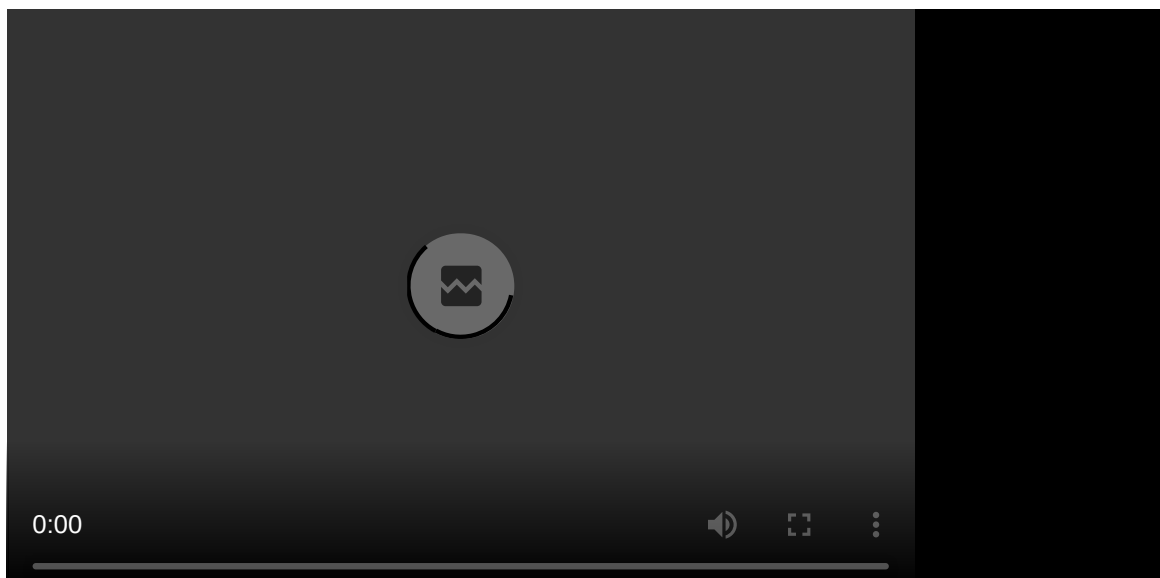
Register

In the upper-right corner of the interface, you'll find an option to print labels. This allows the user to specify the number of labels to print for the **Materials** being registered.

To enable this functionality, the following conditions must be met:

- The **Step** where the **Material** is created must have a **Printable Document** assigned. To configure this, go to **Step > Details View > Edit > Material Label**, and set a **Printable Document**.
- The Print Material Label Automatically flag must be set to `true`.

This process is demonstrated step-by-step in the accompanying video.



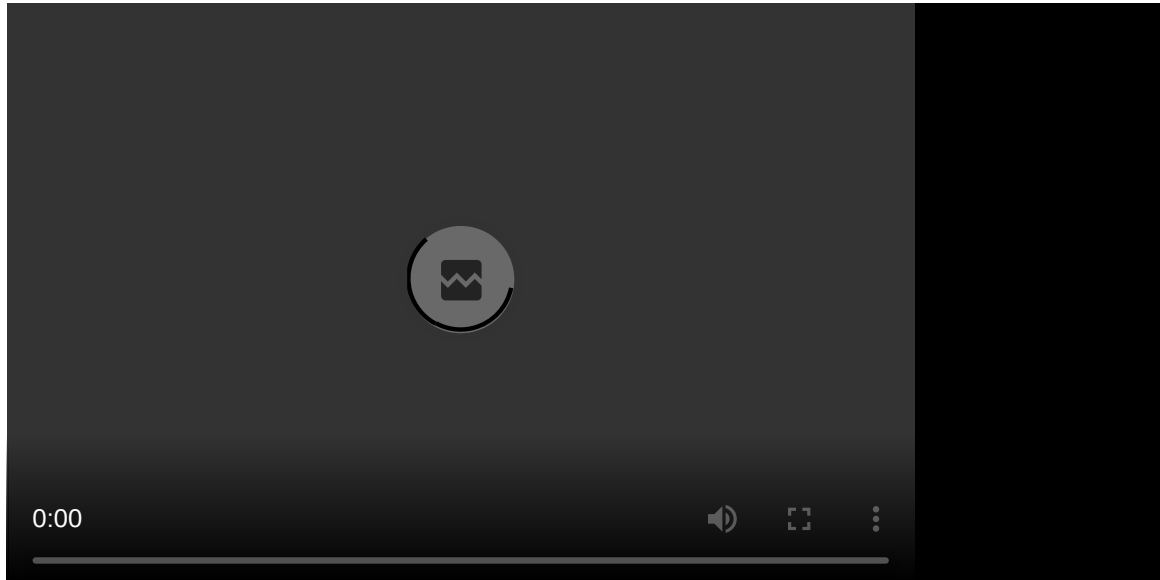
Register Material Using Barcode Scanner

To simulate barcode scanning, you can generate the required barcodes, place them in a file, and use your device's camera to scan them, or use a barcode reader. The barcodes used in this demonstration are

available in this [PDF File](#), and were generated following GS1-Code128.

Using the same Register Material interface, simply select on the camera icon  to activate the scanning mode and present the printed or on-screen barcodes.

You can follow this process step by step in the video below.



Final Considerations

This section provides additional tips and usability notes to help users get the most out of the Register Materials functionality.

- The Facility field can have a predefined default value. To configure this, use the [GUIElementDefaultValue](#) table with the following:
 - Context: `Material.Register`
 - Element: `Facility`
- If the system configuration `/Cmf/System/Configuration/MaterialLogistics/RegisterMaterials/AutoPopulateDataFromProductManufacturer/` is enabled, the system will attempt to automatically populate fields using data from the Product Manufacturer.
- If the configuration `/Cmf/System/Configuration/MaterialLogistics/RegisterMaterials/InferManufacturerFromManufacturerPartNumber/` is enabled, the system will attempt to infer the Manufacturer based on the provided Manufacturer Part Number.