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Sales and Engineering Information Systems Automation for Illinois Manufacturers

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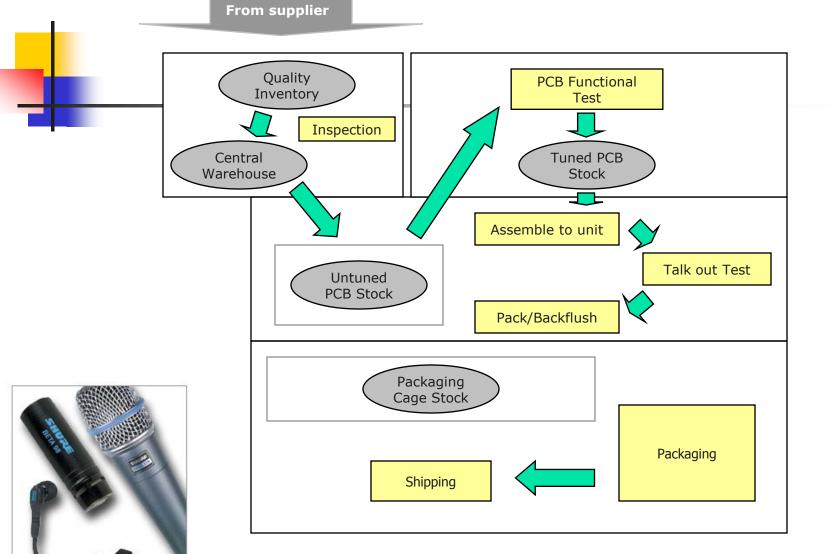
- Global leader in audio electronics
- Founded in 1925 by Sidney N. Shure
- Many famous customers















Current Issues

- Inventory Control
- Shipping and Receiving
- Error Proofing



First In First Out - FIFO





FIFO Purpose

- Save space
- Increase efficiency
- Work with large variety of products
- Work with lots of orders
- Enable tracking and dating system





FIFO Rack Layout

Racks containing all other Items (Existing Racks or new Flow Racks)

FIFO Rack

Packaging Line (Close to FIFO rack)





FIFO Rack

- More Efficient
- Compatible with all types of products
- Cheap and seamless integration to existing system
- Minimal investment in new storage areas required
- Decreases time in tracking orders
- Measures up to goals





Benefits of Barcoding

- Cost effective
- Decrease paperwork
- Serialization to improve inventory control
- Reduces errors
- Post finished goods







Steps Taken

- Visited Shure, Inc
- Research products for bar-coding
- Research Value Added Resellers (VARS)
- Benchmarking





Obstacles Encounters

Limited feedback from Shure

Little previous exposure







Recommendations

- Integrate a bar-code system
- Implement FIFO rack
- Initially create a small-scale model
- Serialize each product
- Develop separate PCB database
- Determine support requirements



