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Sage 200 Manufacturing end-of-life guide

Move to Sage X3 to future-proof your
manufacturing operations.



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Introduction

The Sage 200 Manufacturing module reaches end-of-life (EOL) on 31st December 2025. The manufacturing module's code will be removed from Sage 200 with the release of Sage 200 2025 R2.

If you are operating Sage 200 Manufacturing, you may be considering options to move to another Sage manufacturing-specific business solution such as Sage X3.

For many businesses, Sage 200 Manufacturing will have performed exactly the way you wanted it to when you first implemented the system. However, an imminent end-of-life announcement is certainly a catalyst to evaluate other manufacturing business solutions. Additionally, your business may also be growing and evolving, which often means you need more sophisticated and modern functionality.

When applications are no longer supported, this poses a risk for an organisation. Not having access to critical security updates creates security vulnerabilities and no more security fixes being issued means that your applications are a minefield of security hazards. For this reason alone, organisations should act as soon as possible. A firewall and antivirus are not sufficient protection against such vulnerabilities, which hackers are quick to exploit.

Discover how this essential guide tackles the pressing challenges and potential pitfalls of operating a vital business system like Sage 200 Manufacturing on outdated, unsupported software. Uncover the transformative advantages of transitioning to a cutting-edge, fully supported manufacturing solution like Sage X3.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#) 

Sage 200 Manufacturing end-of-life deadlines

Effective December 31, 2025, Sage will discontinue the Sage 200 Manufacturing module. Consequently, this system will cease to receive any further bug fixes, updates, or security enhancements. This decision marks a pivotal shift in the software's lifecycle, necessitating users to consider alternative solutions or upgrades to maintain operational efficiency and security. Current users should explore other options provided by Sage, such as Sage X3, to ensure a seamless transition and continued support for their manufacturing processes.

Sage version	Withdrawn from sale	Entered 'Extended Support'	End of all support and existence of module
Sage 200 Manufacturing Module	1 November 2020	1 January 2021	31 December 2025

Staying on Sage 200 Manufacturing may seem like an easy option, especially if the system is working for your organisation without any issues. However, this is not necessarily the right path to take. Organisations will potentially face growing system issues both internally and externally, which may force a discussion that the business isn't quite ready for.

Some organisations may also be inclined to assume that there is minimal risk associated with a system which was running successfully for several years, even if it is no longer supported. After all, surely all bugs have been found by now. So, what could go wrong? There are, however, significant risks involved, and sadly, they are very real.

We recommend that rather than waiting for issues to arise, start your new ERP journey and those conversations now keeping in mind future business goals and growth targets.

Risks of running unsupported ERP software



Organisations evolve as the demands of the markets change, and ERP systems should equally evolve to support these changes. If not, the ERP system no longer supports the business processes, and hence the purpose of an integrated ERP is at stake.

To protect the ERP investment, the ERP system needs to keep pace with the business requirements and changes. Hence it is necessary to adapt, adjust and use new features. Hardware, database software, office productivity systems, business intelligence tools and cloud computing have all evolved hugely, but the ability to take advantage of these innovations is severely hampered when using unsupported ERP software that relies on the technology and functionality of the past.

Business system changes shouldn't be taken lightly – there is work to do with designing, configuring, testing and retraining users. Planning well ahead before the End of Life (EOL) takes effect, allows ample time to execute correctly and avoid the issues identified above. Below are some specific risks of keeping an out-of-support ERP system.

Security: When software is out of support, patches, bug fixes and security upgrades stop. Security is compromised because vendors no longer offer a security patch if a vulnerability is discovered, leaving you open to cyber-security hacks.

Incompatible software: New applications are released almost daily, and these are optimised for the most recent operating systems. That means when using out-of-support ERP you cannot use the latest applications or upgrade to the latest versions. If you are holding on to legacy applications, you will not have access to the latest features and developments. This causes issues with your systems, as they are unable to communicate with each other. Moreover, being forced to maintain older versions of applications that surround and integrate with your existing ERP increases the vulnerability of your company with multiple entry points for potential hacks, as these ancillary applications are also not receiving essential security updates from their vendors.

'Landlocked' operating systems and ageing hardware platforms: The issue concerning operating systems and out-of-support software needs to be highlighted as a key risk to any business. Out-of-support software is not only not optimised for the most recent operating systems, but also often incompatible entirely, leaving the business 'landlocked' to legacy operating systems and therefore vulnerable to viruses, malware and cyber-attacks.

As hardware platforms need replacement, the operating system is almost always replaced/upgraded. If the hardware cannot be replaced due to the out-of-support software being incompatible with the new operating system, the business is exposed to a potential hardware failure with little or no backup options.

Higher operational costs: Out-of-support software costs more; whether it's through lost/stolen data, updating and maintaining with third parties, legal liabilities, or lost revenue from downtime or issues. The cost of upgrading to a new ERP can sometimes seem large and prohibitive from a business point of view. But consider the consequences of a security breach, major bug or data loss. The peace of mind that comes with having a fully secure and supported system that won't randomly go offline is worth the investment.

Move to Sage X3

Integrated or add-on?

[Sage 200](#) Manufacturing is an add-on to Sage 200. With the add-on module being retired, perhaps it's time to rethink your business and technology strategy and consider a fully, integrated ERP solution with native manufacturing functionality.

Pros and cons of another manufacturing add-on module

Pros:

- ✓ Your business can continue using Sage 200 for financial management while incorporating a third-party manufacturing solution.
- ✓ Ensuring compatibility with Sage 200 will likely necessitate an upgrade, thereby maintaining your financial systems in alignment with your current standards.

Cons:

- ✓ **Consultancy and upgrade expenses:** Transitioning to a third-party manufacturing module will necessitate data migration from Sage 200 Manufacturing and training on the new system.
- ✓ **Vendor reliance:** The new manufacturing module will not be owned by Sage, posing a risk that compatibility with Sage 200 may be discontinued in the future.
- ✓ **Absence of browser support:** Sage 200 financials and third-party manufacturing modules are generally not browser-based, potentially increasing hosting costs for on-premises or cloud-based solutions.
- ✓ **Restricted support options:** There is a limited number of Business Partners qualified to implement and support third-party manufacturing modules for Sage 200.

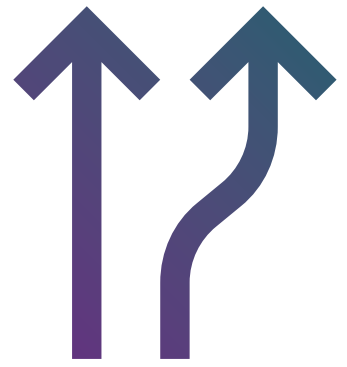
The integrated advantage of Sage X3 ERP

[Sage X3](#) is a fully integrated enterprise-wide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that includes manufacturing, distribution and finance modules. Investing in Sage X3 helps:

Future-proof your manufacturing operations: For businesses seeking a future-proof and scalable alternative to Sage 200 Manufacturing, migrating to a modern ERP suited to manufacturing and [distribution](#) businesses, like [Sage X3](#), offers significant advantages.

Fully integrated manufacturing functionality: Sage X3 has fully integrated manufacturing functionalities. It's particularly suited to manufacturing and distribution businesses, and anyone managing inventory of any kind.

Staying on Sage: By [moving to Sage X3](#) ERP, you are also staying on Sage with a solution that is familiar to you.



About Sage X3

[Sage X3](#) is Sage's flagship ERP system, offering you the core business functionality you may have from your current Sage system, but so much more. Sage X3 contains three main modules – [Manufacturing](#), [distribution](#) and finance. It's highly configurable and offers industry-specific functionality – from finance and distribution to manufacturing and supply chain. It can be deployed on-premises or in the cloud.



Some of the key benefits of Sage X3 are:

- ✓ **Fully scalable** – a flexible system that will grow with your company
- ✓ **An accurate view of business data** – by using one solution for all your data you minimise the room for error and save time by eliminating duplication of workload
- ✓ **Real-time control** – complete control, visibility and interaction across the whole business and its processes
- ✓ **Multi-everything** – multi-currency, multi-company, multi-ledger, multi-site, multi-legislation, allowing you to easily manage everything
- ✓ **Highly configurable to your unique processes** – a flexible solution unique and tailored to your organisation
- ✓ **Integration with other business-critical systems** – Sage X3 can be integrated with other business-critical systems, extending the functionality and still giving you a single version of the truth
- ✓ **Access anywhere, anytime from any device** – having access to real-time data wherever you are on any mobile device or tablet
- ✓ **In-built reporting and analysis** – reduce time to decisions - [Sage Enterprise Intelligence \(SEI\)](#) is Sage's Business Intelligence system for Sage X3. SEI provides real-time, self-service data analysis, fully integrated with Sage X3 and other data sources.

Sage X3 Manufacturing capabilities

[Sage X3 Manufacturing](#) includes financial management and distribution modules. It can be deployed on-premises or in the cloud, providing organisations with a flexible approach to managing their IT strategy.

Adaptable configuration options and applications support your unique business needs. Below are the key manufacturing, distribution and financial management capabilities the Sage X3 Manufacturing module offers:

Sage X3 Manufacturing capabilities	Sage X3 Distribution capabilities
Make-to-stock	Multiple location management and bin control
Make-to-order or project manufacture by 'batch or process'	Stock management by physical location, lot (batch) and sub-lot, quality status, serial numbers, expiration dates and more
'Discrete' manufacturing	Consigned inventory and third-party inventory
Technical data setup	Inventory balances by stock status
Replenishment and planning rules	Warehouse management and physical counting
Master Planning Schedule (MPS), Material Resource Planning (MRP) scheduling	Forward and backwards traceability
Workplan and manufacturing analysis	Inter and Intra-company movements, and automation of these
Interactive capacity planning	Inventory replenishment by MRP and other methods
Variety of material tracking methods	Variety of inventory costing methods
Cost accounting	Configurable Stock Allocation Methodologies
Multi-level Bill of Materials (BOMs) and routings	
Preventive maintenance	
Shopfloor data collection	

Sage X3 Finance capabilities		
Accounting and budgets	Fixed assets	Financial reporting
General ledger with multiple charts of accounts	Numerous depreciation models	Real-time analytics, alerts and notifications
Accounts payable; accounts receivable	Fixed asset lifecycle with traceability of capital expenditure	User-defined dashboards based on trigger events
Cash flow management	Interim statements and closing	Configurable inquiries on any data table, with automatic or manual joins, sorting and selection
Bank management	Fixed asset stock count and financing	Inquiries to search and filter predefined data collections using a variety of prebuilt parameters
Cost and analytical accounting	Franchised asset management	Library of over 400 reports supplied as standard, including legal reports
Expenditures	Financial reporting and dashboards	Full 'drill down' to the data underlying all financial postings
Budgets and commitments		



Inixion thought very carefully and deeply about our unique and specific needs. They have a huge level of expertise and are really focussed on the project in hand.

John Bradley
Group Financial Controller



Sage X3 Manufacturing is designed to manage all aspects of businesses revolving around manufacturing, distribution and financial management.



Multi-company and multi-currency

Multi-site and multi-company operations are handled with ease within the same database allowing for flexible consolidation and reporting. Differing fiscal legislation between countries is accommodated without compromising the overall structure of a true corporate setup. Buy in Dollars, sell in euros, report in Sterling and produce consolidated accounts in Yen? Sage X3 does not constrict any transaction to a particular currency with full reporting, exchange rate control and full Intrastat reporting.



Compliance

Sage X3 provides a toolset to help you meet the regulatory and compliance needs of your industry sector, or those of your customer, including, but not limited to, batch and lot tracking and traceability and quality control tools.



Full audit trail and logging

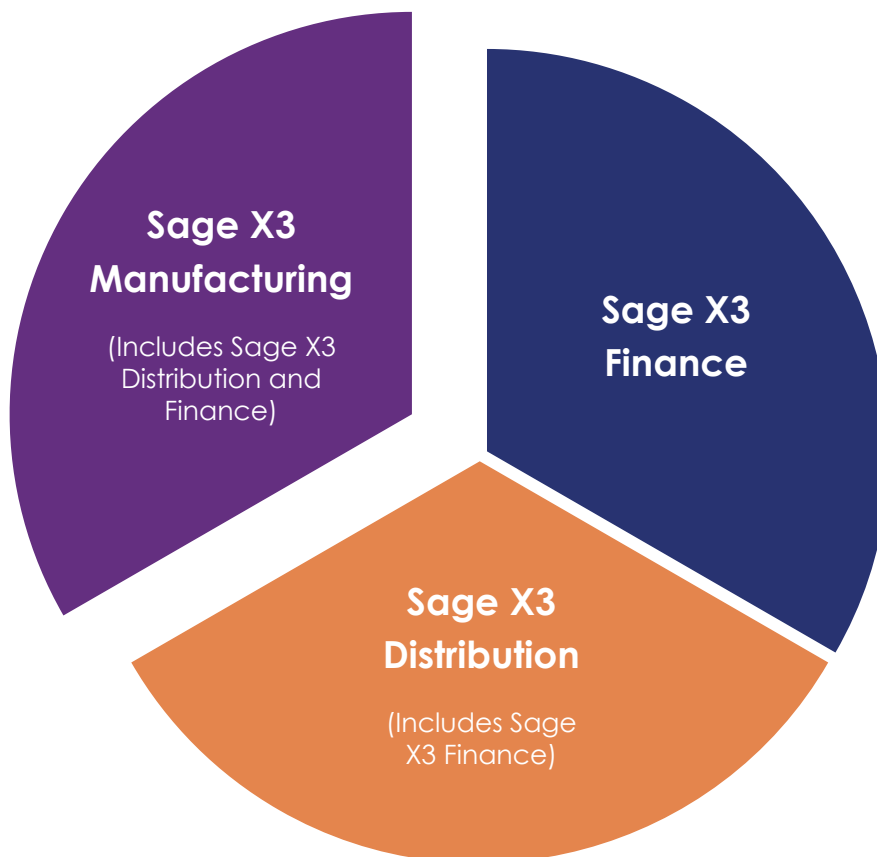
Full traceability of all transactions from source entry down to journal level is embedded throughout the entire system. This provides not just a log but an auditable trail of all changes.

Sage X3 Manufacturing costs and licensing

Sage X3 is an all-encompassing global ERP solution that offers an advanced level of insight that supports all your core business processes, from supply chain to sales. It's designed to be modular, to suit different industries' needs.

Licensing for Sage X3 is subscription-based with different license costs depending on what module you need. There are three core platforms: [Finance](#), [Manufacturing](#) and [Distribution](#).

Sage X3 Manufacturing includes manufacturing, distribution and financial management modules.



The advantage of Sage X3 is its flexibility. However, this means that licensing and costs depend on several factors. We've broken down the elements that could affect the price of your Sage X3 solution. Essentially, the cost of Sage X3 is determined by 4 key factors:

1. The base configuration
2. The number and roles of users
3. The add-on modules needed for your business functions
4. Configuration, implementation and training costs

Below, are some cost factors to consider:

1. Chose a base

Which platform do you need? Sage has specific modules for Financials, Distribution or Manufacturing. These modules are cumulative meaning that the Distribution module includes Finance and the Manufacturing module includes both Distribution and Finance modules. However, the Finance module can be licensed as a standalone module.

2. Define users

How many users will you have on your Sage X3 platform and in what role? Sage X3 offers concurrent user licensing defined by user role. This logic automatically delivers functional security access and restrictions by role, thereby simplifying the user setups and maintenance. Roles that require less functionality are also cheaper, too.

Standard Sage X3 user roles and licensing include:

- Administrator - Designed for IT Administrators that need access to security setup, maintenance, and the database tools
- Full - Access to all functions across the application
- Accounting - Can access budgeting, accounting and fixed assets transactions
- Distribution - Can access inventory management, purchasing and sales
- Manufacturing - Can access distribution and production capabilities
- Transactional - Can input Purchase Order (PO) requisitions, timesheets and expense entry together with 'view only' capability across the entire Sage X3 system, subject to user permissions
- Warehouse - Handheld devices used to collect distribution and production data

Business Intelligence licenses are further defined as:

- Report Full User - Can create and modify reports, dashboards and insights
- Report Viewer User - Can consume all reporting data, dashboards and insights

3. Complementary modules

Another factor that affects Sage X3's price is complementary modules. Such optional modules deliver advanced capabilities like Inixion's [extension and enhancement modules](#): EDI, Document Management, BI, HR, Automated Exchange Rate and Electronic Data Interchange modules.

4. Inixion implementation and support services

Lastly, you need to factor in services for configuration, training, go-live and ongoing support for your Sage X3 investment. Inixion's services are individually scoped for each project and are dependent on requirements and internal IT resources to name a few.

Why partner with Inixion?



Laser-like focus on Sage X3

Sage X3 is the only solution Inixion works with. This laser-like focus ensures that we know the intricacies of Sage X3 inside and out and how it can be applied to various industries, with the ability to think 'outside the box' to help solve more complex business challenges.



Partnership and quality approach

Our focus is on building partnerships with customers and acting as an extension of their team and in-house capabilities. This approach has served us very well - we boast an impressive 'zero-failed' projects to date accolade.

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Unrivalled product knowledge

We have a combined experience of over 250+ collective years and many of our Inixion employees were previous end-users of Sage X3, giving us the advantage of unrivalled product knowledge. Additionally, many from the Inixion team have worked in the industry and have a real-world insight into the complex processes faced by businesses.



Sage X3 has helped us get to one standard version of the truth. We don't have all of these spreadsheet reports that can go wrong, we get everything directly out of the system. That's the biggest benefit.

Woodie Perkins
VP of Information Technology



Resources & FAQs

Manufacturing ERP selection checklist

[Access your checklist here.](#)

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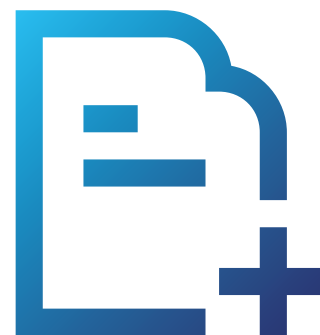
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Sage 200 Manufacturing End-of-Life Frequently Asked Questions

What does End-of-Life mean for Sage 200 Manufacturing?

Sage 200 Manufacturing becomes end-of-life on 31st December 2025. This means Sage 200 Manufacturing will no longer be supported, or developed and will not be included in new versions of Sage 200 following 2025 R2.



What are the risks of doing nothing?

There will be no security updates, bug fixes or new features and you'll also be unable to update your entire Sage 200 package.

What do you need to do now Sage 200 Manufacturing is End of Life?

Start researching alternative options. Consider moving to a fully-integrated and support manufacturing and ERP system, like Sage X3. Moving business-critical systems takes time and planning. Inixion has moved customers from older Sage products to Sage X3 and have the experience to partner with you. Get in touch with us [here](#).

Would moving from Sage 200 Manufacturing to Sage X3 be classed as an upgrade or migration?

Moving from another Sage product, such as Sage 200, means you would need a new implementation. It would be classed as a new ERP system.

All Sage solutions, including some of the older products, are quite different in how they are structured and deployed. Sage X3 is similar in this respect but we have had extensive experience with assisting customers with the move to Sage X3, irrespective of their incumbent system.

Can Inixion support Sage 200 businesses in North America and Canada?

We are a fully accredited Sage North America and UK partner and experts in international implementations of Sage X3. Many of our customers are in North America and are supported by our team in the UK. Moreover, we proudly assist many of our customers with their global subsidiaries, providing comprehensive support every step of the way.

We are nervous about moving to another Sage partner, so why should we choose Inixion?

At Inixion, our singular focus is Sage X3, and we proudly declare, "We do one thing, better'." Our deep-rooted expertise in manufacturing is backed by a team of Sage X3 consultants who have firsthand experience in the industry. We've successfully transitioned numerous businesses from outdated or obsolete Sage systems to Sage X3, fully empathising with the apprehensions that come with change. Since our founding in 2006, we have maintained an impeccable record of zero failed ERP projects, a testament to our reliability and a source of confidence for you.

About Inixion

At [Inixion](#), we don't just implement ERP systems, we deliver success.

Founded in 2006, Inixion is a trusted Sage ERP partner with a 100% implementation success rate and a reputation for delivering long-term value. We specialise in Sage X3 for manufacturers and distributors across the UK and USA, and Sage Intacct for professional and business services companies in the UK.

What sets us apart? Many of our consultants have worked in the industries we serve. That means we bring real-world understanding to every project, combining deep product expertise with genuine business insight.

Above all, we believe in building mutual value. Our approach is collaborative, transparent, and outcomes-driven. Whether you're scaling, streamlining, or modernising, we're with you every step of the way.

Zero failed projects. Proven results. Trusted by industry.

Speak to our team today: enquiries@inixion.com



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