



# Sage Line 500

What's new guide

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“At Sage, we understand that mid-sized and larger businesses have varied and complex requirements. From accounting and payroll through to Customer Relationship Management and Enterprise Resource Planning, we offer scalable, integrated software to meet their needs.”

Paul Stobart,  
CEO, UK and Ireland Region,  
Sage (UK) Limited

## Sage Line 500: Developed for you

**Sage Line 500 is built on a solid platform of tried and tested technology and, today, it's an important part of the infrastructure of thousands of organisations. But, just as businesses don't stand still, we're constantly looking for ways to help you get the best value from your Sage software, to improve efficiency and productivity. It all helps you increase your competitive edge.**

We really value your commitment to us and we want you to get the most from our software. That's why we regularly update our software with new releases, to reflect what you, our customers, tell us you need.

Since January 2005, we've delivered four major releases and we're now proud to announce Sage Line 500 v7.1.

### Sage Line 500 v7.1

We've grouped our new improvements for v7.1 around a number of key themes:

- **Customer Wish List:** we take your requests for changes seriously. After all, it's you who uses the software day in, day out! We're continuing to use an online voting system so you can steer our decisions on what to change. We've reflected your feedback in v7.1.

- **Usability:** The Sage Line 500 v6 release brought a major improvement to how you experienced the software, particularly through use of the latest Windows™ look and feel. With v7.1, we're focusing on flexibility and efficiency. It makes it easier and faster for you to use common functions.

- **Integration:** In many cases, Sage Line 500 integrates with other applications, both from Sage and third parties, to create a single solution covering many areas of your business. We're hoping to make this more straightforward and v7.1 includes further tools to do this.

- **International Support:** A key strength of Sage Line 500 is its availability in foreign language versions. With v7.1 we're strengthening the support for existing language variants.

- **Platform Support:** Operating systems and databases continue to evolve and Sage Line 500 v7.1 supports developments in both these areas.



# What's New?

**Sage Line 500 v7.1 delivers many significant improvements designed to improve how you use the software and make it work even harder for your business. We've highlighted some of the key developments over the next few pages.**

**To discuss how how these latest developments could benefit your business, please contact your Sage Business Partner.**

## What's new in Finance

- **General Ledger Transaction Archiving:** You can now enter a cut-off year and period, rather than entering the number of periods to save. It's easier and more intuitive for you.
- **Transaction Enquiries:** You can now enquire on the posting code description and print the transaction analysis codes. Also, in the Accounts Receivable cross reference transaction enquiry, the invoice date is now displayed, as well as the cash batch date. We've added drill-downs to the Accounts Receivable Archive Transaction Enquiry and Open Item Enquiry, to let you drill down from the second reference field to the Invoice/Credit reprint option where the invoice or credit note originated from Sales Order Entry and Invoicing.

- **Posting Code Generation:** You can now copy the security group code from the account code to the posting code.
- **Aged Creditors Analysis:** We've made this report similar to the Aged Debtors Analysis in Accounts Receivable. We've provided similar range selection fields to improve usability of the report.
- **Authorised Invoice Posting:** We've enhanced this to show the original invoice amount for those invoices and credit notes currently awaiting authorisation.
- **Cash Management Journals:** You can now go to a specific page number, to save time when you cross-match journal entries.
- **GDPdU Data Extract:** This addresses the German legal requirement to extract data from the company database into the required format that you send to your auditor.
- **Italian VAT Reporting:** We've introduced a new report to address the Italian legal requirement to provide details of customer and supplier VAT transactions by online submission. The listing provides summarised details of VAT transactions by tax reference for the customers and suppliers that your Sage Line 500 company has dealt with during the tax year.
- **HR Interface Management:** We've improved functionality so that your Payroll Management system can use data in external HR systems. It allows import and processing of payroll data from an external source.

## What's new in Distribution and Manufacturing

- **Sales Order Processing Order Line Insertion:** We've enhanced the Sales Order Entry and Invoicing entry functionality by allowing an additional line at any point in the order/invoice. This new functionality applies to the following options:
  - quotations
  - sales orders
  - sales invoices
  - sales credits
  - standard orders.

We've modified Sales Despatch confirmation to despatch items in the updated sequence and update the printing routines.

- **Supply Chain Management: Supply Chain Allocations:** We've enhanced Telesales to extend the functionality where orders may be satisfied by defined rules, to ensure your warehouses have the right stock available to fulfil the order.
- **Transfer Orders:** With this functionality you can:
  - Manage telesales sales orders with stock from multiple distribution centres on a single order.
  - Automatically determine the source of each stock item to be shipped.
  - Allocate stock and creation of telesales sales order lines for 'back-ordered' items.
  - Create transfer orders to initiate picking and despatch from distribution centres.

- Update your stock immediately after it's despatched from distribution centres.
- Consolidate your transfer orders by delivery number for 'bulk picking' at the distribution centres.
- Track 'stock in transit' for valuation and control purposes.

- **Stock General Ledger Distribution Analysis:** We've made it easier to reconcile the distribution analysis by listing the warehouse and product code for each inventory movement and transaction.

- **Purchase Order Enquiry:** We've made a few changes that you requested to improve the sequencing and the available drill-downs.

- **Purchase Invoice Entry:** We've improved the cross-check and validation of invoice numbers, so that it exists between purchase order processing invoices and both posted and unposted accounts payable invoices, displaying a warning where a duplicate exists. Also, the print-outs show the GL posting code, amount and the project and expense codes, where appropriate.

- **Purchase Order Receipts:** When you're receiving or returning goods, you can get improved browses on the service code as well as the product code. You can also print serial numbers on the goods received note.

- **Sales Order Entry and Invoicing:** We've made several enhancements in this area to make it easier for you to use.

- You can now see the original order quantity when you're enquiring on a back order or despatched order.
- You can now print despatch notes in customer code order. And, when you don't need to print the despatch notes, you can manually advance to 'despatch note sent.'
- A new 'Quotation Cleardown' allows you to delete or archive quotations that are no longer valid.
- We've added additional drill-downs to Order Entry, to drill into stock summaries.

- **Automated Credit Card Processing:** The first 12 characters of the credit card number on the Telephone Payment Details File are no longer visible. We've replaced these with asterisks.

- **Works Order Processing:** We've added additional batch tracking fields to the picking list option.

- **Manufacturing Requirement Planning:** We've added more drill-downs to look at associated orders and stock policies batch.

## What's new – Language Support?

We've updated the existing language forms and online help for primary languages, to cover the new features in v7.1.

## What's new – Databases and operating systems?

It's important that Sage Line 500 remains compatible with changing operating systems, databases and other software in use in customer businesses. With v7.1, we've made the following enhancements:

- Support for Microsoft® Windows Server 2008

# Sage Line 500 at a glance

System Module/Features	Sage Line 500 v7.1	Sage Line 500 v7	Sage Line 500 v6	Sage Line 500 v5.5	Sage Line 500 v5	CS/3 V4
<b>Finance Modules</b>						
Generic Auditing Module	✓	✓	Improved	✓	✓	✓
Intrastat Declaration Enhancements	✓	✓	Improved	Improved	✓	✓
Credit Management Module	✓	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓
Full Euro Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Accounts Receivable Multi-Currency	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
General Ledger Document Header	✓	✓	✓	✓		
AP & AP Prepayments	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Retrospective AR & AP Statements	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Enhanced Transaction Tracking	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sales VAT Posting Enhancements	✓	✓	✓	✓		
VAT Claw back Posting Enhancements	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Extended Purchase Invoice Numbers	✓	✓	Improved	✓		
Payment types by transactions	✓	✓	✓			
AP and PO Invoice Payment Status	✓	✓	✓			
Flexible Factoring for Supplier Invoices	✓	✓	✓			
AP Template Invoices	✓	✓	✓			
Automatic Reversal of GL Journal and AP Invoice	✓	✓	✓			
Enhanced Bad Debt Management	✓	✓	✓			
VAT Exception Reporting	✓	✓	✓			
International Bank Account Numbers	✓	✓	✓			
Aged Debtors Analysis	✓	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓
Automatic General Ledger Year End Journal	✓	✓				
Flexible Item Reallocation	✓	✓				
General Ledger Transaction Archiving	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transaction Enquiries	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aged Creditors Analysis	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Authorised Invoice Posting	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cash Management Journals	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HR Interface Management	✓					
German and Italian Legal and Fiscal compliance	Improved	✓	✓			
<b>Manufacturing &amp; Distribution Modules</b>						
EU Waste Management Regulations Module	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 Way Matching and Variance Analysis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supplier Contracts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Passive Warehouse Management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Product Configuration Enhancements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sub-Contracting Module	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
XML Interfaces	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Extended Discounts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Product Hierarchies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Production Scheduling System	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Product Management Module	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Works Orderless Production Module	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Manufacturing Extension Pack	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Graphical Master Production Schedule Module	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Graphical Planning Module	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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<b>Manufacturing &amp; Distribution Modules continued</b>						
Enhanced Project Support for Sales Orders and Purchase Orders	✓	✓	✓			
Enhanced Product Code Search	✓	✓	✓			
User Defined Stock Status	✓	✓	✓			
Release Stopped Orders	✓	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓
Automatic Credit Notes	✓	✓				
Enhanced Back to Back Orders	✓	✓				
Stock 'Hold' and Obsolete 'Controls'	✓	✓				
Customer Returns Module	✓	Improved	✓	✓	✓	
SOP Line Insertion	✓					
Supply Chain Allocations	✓					
Transfer Orders	✓					
Stock / GL Distribution Analysis	Improved	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quotation Cleardown	✓					
<b>System Module/Features</b>						
Alternative BOMS and Routes	✓	✓	✓			
'Where-used' enquiry on alternative BOMS	✓	✓	✓			
BOM cleardown	✓	✓	✓			
Rough Cut Capacity Planning Demand Filtering	✓	✓	✓			
Works Order Variance and Cost Analysis	✓	✓	✓			
Dynamic Product Lead Times	✓	✓	✓			
Multiple Cost Sets	✓	✓	✓			
<b>E-business And Technology</b>						
Client Enhancements	✓	✓	Improved	Improved	✓	✓
Context Sensitive Help	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Online Product Documentation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Web Sales	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Generic Auditing Module	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
XML printing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Archiving Module	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Multi-Server Architecture	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Extended Drill-down Functionality	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Auditors Guide	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Application Integration Server	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Improved password security	✓	✓	✓	Improved		
<b>Services</b>						
Sub-contracting Module	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Project Billing Module	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Project Ledger to General Ledger Links	✓	✓	✓			
Project Support for EDI AP invoices and Purchase Orders	✓	✓	✓			
Project Support for POP Accruals	✓	✓	✓			
<b>Reporting</b>						
Sage Enquiries Module	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sage Business Intelligence Module	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sage Paperless Suite	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Application Programming interfaces (APIs)	✓	Improved	✓			

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