

Replenishment Tool Best Practices

Enable Auto Orders!

When your inventory updates with OEConnection every day, the Replenishment Tool sees which part numbers are below your target stocking levels, and automatically generates orders for them. Those orders are sent directly to your assigned Distributor, enabling them to deliver your order faster without any need for phone calls, faxes, or emails.

Replace Discontinued part numbers with current, program-eligible numbers.

Whenever you see a part marked with a status of Discontinued in your Stocking Guide, this means that it's no longer part of the OEM's tire program or has been discontinued. It will no longer auto-order, and needs to be replaced with a program-eligible part number. This ensures that the parts you sell to customers are on-program and not discontinued!

Grant your Distributors access to view your Stocking Guide parts assigned to them.

This enables your Distributors to view the inventory that you've set up in your Stocking Guide and assigned to them, including target stocking levels and current quantity on hand. It helps them see what kind of orders they can expect so they can better serve you as a customer. It also helps them work with you to develop your Stocking Guide as parts change over time.

Set Custom Scheduler if you have Mid-Day Inventory Updating.

Typically the scheduler is set to Nightly - After Inventory Update, but this schedule may become problematic if your dealership has multiple inventory updates a day. On the My Distributors Page, set the Scheduler to Custom and choose a time one hour after your nightly inventory updating time. This ensures that the engine will run once a day and send orders based on the stock level from your most recent inventory update.

Add all of your tires to the Replenishment Tool.

As a dealership, having the right tires in stock ensures that you won't miss around-the-wheel service opportunities when customers enter your service bays. The Replenishment Tool helps make sure that happens, but only if all of your tires are entered into the tool. Look for changes in the mix of vehicles entering your service bays and make sure that when you need to stock new tires, they are also added to your Stocking Guide!