

# Advanced Shipment Notification Guide

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Steelcase's requirement for suppliers to provide advanced shipping notifications and shipping documentation are an essential tool in measuring performance and improvements within the supply chain. These measurements will guide Steelcase and our supply base to become most efficient in on-time deliveries and planning inbound logistics. The ASN process accurately communicates from the supplier to Steelcase what is being shipped, how much is being shipped and when to expect the arrival of goods. A prerequisite to unlocking the full features used in the auto-packing process, packing instructions should be completed in the supplier data maintenance site.

Thank-You for your participation and cooperation.

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# Glossary of terms

ASN: Advanced Shipment Notification. Can also be referred to as an Inbound delivery. The

process of notifying your customer of shipments prior to arrival at its final

destination.

**Shipment:** A shipment is the contents of a trailer or overseas container. One shipment could

contain multiple ASN's.

Pack: A moveable container. An example would be a pallet, uni-pack, drum or box. Multiple

boxes on a pallet could be defined as one pack.

**Handling Unit** A unique identifier used to track a pack. A handling unit is a sub-set of an ASN.

**External ID:** A unique value that represents an internal process within your company. This could

be a unique manufacturing order or sales order within your business. For suppliers

on Evaluated receipt settlement, this value is used for reconciling payment.

**ASN Available date:** The date this ASN is available for pick-up at the supplier's shipping docks.

**ASN Delivery date:** The date when this ASN will arrive at its final destination.

Carrier Code: Standard Carrier Alpha Code (or SCAC)- Used in the transportation industry in the

United States to identify freight carriers in computer systems and shipping

documents.

**Trailer Number:** Unique trailer number or identification this ASN and Packs are being shipped upon.

**SDM** <u>Supplier Data Maintenance</u>. A Supplysync web based application that standardizes

how materials are packaged and shipped. The ASN auto packing feature utilizes the

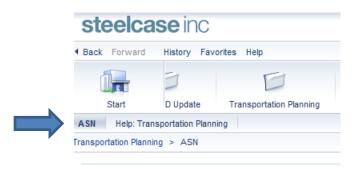
pack data to determine how parts are packaged.

**Storage Location** A predefined area within the plant where materials are stored/warehoused or

consumed.

## **Transportation Planning Tab**

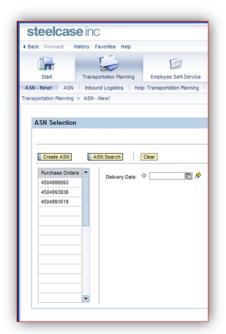
Select the Transportation planning tab at the opening page of Supplysync. Then select ASN sub-tab. This will guide you to the new ASN application.



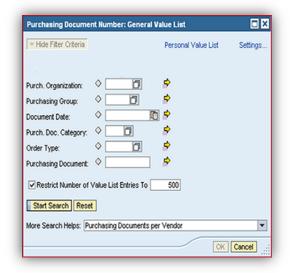
## **Entering Purchase Order(s)**

In the heading ASN Selection section, the first column to the left is a list field to individually enter purchase orders to include in this shipment. Or you can search for open Purchase Order(s) by selecting the drop down

icon within the PO field.

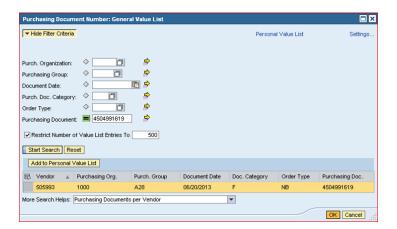


Based on select criteria, a search for open purchase orders can be initiated. Select "Start Search" icon for results.



- Purchase Organization is 1000.
- Purchase group is the Steelcase buyer ID.
- Document date is the date the purchase order was created.
- Purch Doc. Category is equal to "F"
- Order type is equal to "NB".
- Purchasing document is the purchase order number.

Results are listed below. Select the box to the left of the line listed to Highlight, then select the "OK" icon to add it to the list.





To begin creating an Advanced Shipment Notification, select the "Create ASN" icon.



## **Entering ASN Header information**

Fields labeled by a red asterisks (\*) are required information. The system will not allow you to proceed with the creation of an ASN without these fields completed.

Under the ASN heading, the first field is "External ID" field. The value placed in this field is determined by the supplier. It can be alpha, numeric or combination thereof. It can be an internal sales order or manufacturing order number. Something that can be referenced between Steelcase's ASN number and the suppliers internal process.

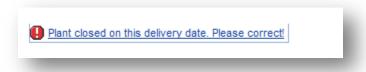


The next field is the availability of this ASN and the arrival date. The ASN availability date is when this ASN can be scheduled for pick up at the suppliers' outbound shipping docks. The ASN should have been completed and all shippable units or PACKS properly labeled by this availability date.

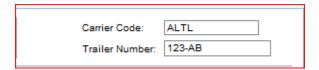
The ASN Delivery date is the date when this entire ASN will be arriving at its final Steelcase destination and received. Based on the origin of where your materials are shipping from and the final destination, the number of transit days will be displayed below. **Add these days** to the delivery dates to calculate when this shipment will arrive at the Steelcase manufacturing plant. Since multiple shipping methods could be used, this calculation is used for **estimating** purposes only.



You can select days that steelcase plants are open for business for manufacturing and receiving. An error message will be displayed if an invalid date is chosen.



The final header information is the Carrier Code and Trailer number. The Carrier code (SCAC) must be entered along with the specific trailer number the ASN Packs are being shipped. (See appendix pages 13 and 14)



## **Packing Process**

The packing process is dependent upon accurate and up-to-date information used in the Supplier Data Maintenance (**SDM**) site on SupplySync.(See the Part Pack User guide found under the SDM tab). Identifying and standardizing how materials are packaged and shipped to Steelcase locations is an essential step in automating the ASN packing process. To enable the automation of auto-packing, packaging instructions must first be defined on the SDM site. As packaging needs change, updating the SDM site is required for accurate ASN auto packing. When packaging rules are not established or vary for any reason, manual packing steps will have to be followed.

Make sure all lines show UNPACKED QTY as zero and the Status is GREEN after packing. If not, labels and pack lists cannot be printed.

#### **Auto Packing:**

1. If shipping less or more than the ordered quantity, adjust the PO quantity to include in this ASN in the

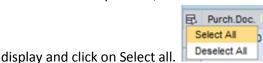


2. Highlight the line to the left of Purchase Order by selecting the box  $\rightarrow$ 



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3. Or to select multiple lines, Click on the Select all icon in the upper left hand corner.



4. To select individual lines, Hold the Ctrl key down as you select the lines.

Based on SDM packaging rules, materials are automatically packed.

5. Select the Auto Pack icon.

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- 7. If rounding calculation not equitable, the remainder will be placed in the last pack.

Auto Pack

- 8. Make sure all lines show UNPACKED QTY as zero and the Status is GREEN after packing. If not, labels and pack lists cannot be printed.
- 9. Select SAVE icon.

#### **Manual Packing:**

When the pack quantity is unknown, SDM pack data has not been maintained or varies, the manual packing process will have to be followed.

1. Adjust the PO quantity to include in this ASN in the PO Quantity field if different than displayed.



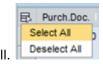
2. Highlight the line to the left of Purchase Order by selecting the box  $\rightarrow$ 

- 3. Change PACK Quantity value to match desired Packed Quantity if needed.
- 4. Select Item Pack icon.
- 5. Packed quantity is deducted from available quantity.
- 6. Continue above process until PO Quantity has been packed completely.
- 7. Make sure all lines show UNPACKED QTY as zero and the Status is GREEN after packing. If not, labels and pack lists cannot be printed.
- 8. Select SAVE icon.

## **Combine Packing:**

When consolidating multiple Purchase Order line items into a single pack. Follow these steps when placing all materials into a single pallet.

1. Click on the Select all icon in the upper left hand corner.

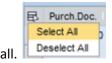


- 2. Or to individually select lines, hold the Ctrl key down as you select the lines.
- 3. Click on the Combine pack icon.
- 4. All Purchase Order line items will be assigned to the same Handling Unit.
- 5. Make sure all lines show UNPACKED QTY as zero and the Status is GREEN after packing. If not, labels and pack lists cannot be printed
- 6. Select SAVE icon.

#### **Item Packing:**

When packing each purchase order line item onto its own handling unit. Follow these steps when placing a single purchase order line item onto its own pack.

1. Click on the Select all icon in the upper left hand corner.



2. Click on the Item pack icon.



## **Delivery Tolerance:**

Within certain commodities it is allowable to ship quantities greater than the purchase order requested amount stated in PO Quantity field. The amount allowed to over-ship, is determined by your Steelcase Supply Chain Lead and should be agreed upon during contract negotiations. To increase the purchase order requested quantity prior to starting the packing process, highlight the quantity displayed in the PO Quantity field then press ENTER. The system will update the Pack Quantity filed and allow you to pack the exact amount being shipped.

### **Deleting a Line:**

When a purchase order line item(s) or a pack must be removed from a shipment or if you wish to unpack and change how it's packed, use the delete icon to proceed.

- 1. Highlight the box the left of the item(s)
- 2. Select the Delete Row icon.
- 3. From here, you can re-pack or combine Purchase Order line item with an existing pack.
- 4. When complete, select the SAVE icon.

#### Saving ASN:

Upon completion of packing the purchase order, selecting SAVE icon will generate an inbound delivery (ASN) number. Before an ASN can be saved, an external ID value will have to be entered. Also the ASN Available and ASN Delivery dates <u>must be completed</u>. The ASN <u>must</u> be saved before attempting to print any shipping paperwork.

#### **Restrictions:**

During the packing process, there are restrictions that enable accurate ASN to be delivered at the proper Steelcase location.

- When multiple materials are combined on a single pack and one or more have are assigned a
  different delivery door, the system will display a message and not allow to continue to SAVE the
  ASN. If you feel you've improperly received this message, contact <u>SyncHelp</u> or Steelcase Planner
  for resolution. Otherwise, continue packing by placing each on a separate Handling Unit using the
- If multiple materials have different **Storage Location** assigned to them on the Purchase order, they will not be allowed to be placed on the same Pack or Handling Unit. They must be packed separately. An error message will be displayed and not allowed to continue to SAVE the ASN.

#### **Print Paperwork:**

Steelcase requires labeling of all materials on an inbound shipment. Proper labeling of product being shipped assures both the supplier and Steelcase accuracy of the shipment.

- 1. ASN must be SAVED and delivery number provided by the system before printing documents. (follow the SAVE ASN steps)
- 2. Highlight the line packed items identified with a BOX....
- 3. The Print function Print has four features
  - a. Print ALL
  - b. Print Pack List
  - c. Print Pack Labels
  - d. Print 4 x 6 Labels

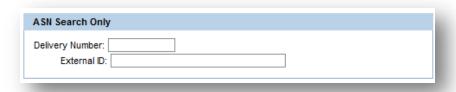


- 4. "Print ALL" can print the **Packing list** and **Pack Label**(s) in a standard 8 ½ x 11" paper
- 5. "Print Pack List" can print just the **Packing List** on standard 8 ½ x 11" paper
- 6. "Print Pack Labels" can print all **Pack Labels** on standard 8½ x 11" paper.
- 7. "Print 4" x 6" labels" will allow any **Pack Label** packed with a single material be printed on a portrait 4 inch by 6 inch label. Or if routed to a standard printer with 8 ½ x 11" paper, only the upper left hand quadrant will be used.

#### **Confirming a Shipment:**

The final step in this process is confirming when this shipment has **left your shipping facility**. The appropriate time to confirm your shipment is the exact time the trailer leaves your shipping docks. To confirm your shipment, log on to Supplysync and select the Transportation Planning tab.

Under the "ASN Search Only" heading, you can search for an existing ASN by using the ASN number provided when it is was saved or you can use your external ID value.

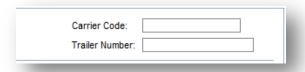


Then select ASN Search icon.



The system will display the entire ASN as is was originally created. *If there are adjustments or corrections that need to be made, they must be completed BEFORE confirming the shipment.* After shipment is confirmed, ASN is closed and no changes can be made. Please make any adjustments at this time and select SAVE. Then you can confirm the shipment.

The Carrier Code and Trailer number must be completed. The Carrier code (SCAC) <u>must</u> be entered along with the specific trailer number the ASN Packs are being shipped. (See appendix pages 13 and 14)



The system will not allow you to proceed without a valid Trailer number.

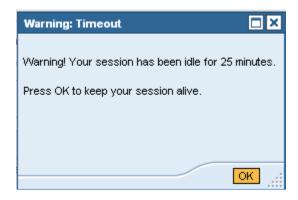


When successful, the system will provide feedback.



#### **Session Limits:**

The system will provide a warning message if there has been no activity noted during the ASN create process. Select OK to reset the clock and return to processing. If 30 minutes has been exceeded, any ASN information and packing instruction done up to this point will be lost and must be completed again.



# **APPENDIX:**

# **SCAC** codes

Carrier Name	SCAC Code	Carrier Name	SCAC Code
A DUIE PYLE	PYLE	MP LOGISTICS, LLC	MPQG
ABF TRANSPORTATION	ABFS	MULTISERVICIOS EXPRESS DEL NORESTE	MSEN
ALTL	ALLM	NEW PENN MOTOR EXPRESS	NPME
ANDERSON TRUCK SVC	AQSM	NEW YORK CAROLINA EXPRESS	NYCI
APEX LOGISTICS	APEH	NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	NOLS
APL	APLS	NYK	NYKS
BDP INTERNATIONAL INC.	BOPT	OAK HARBOR FREIGHT LINES	OAKH
BIG G EXPRESS	BGXP	PACIFIC ALASKA FORWARDERS	PAKH
BOARDER TO BOARDER TRUCKING, INC.	BDBT	PACKARD TRANSPORTATION	PKDS
C&T TRUCKING	СТОК	PANTHER II	PTWT
CELADON TRUCKING SERVICES, INC.	CDNK	PAR LOGISTICS, LLC	POCR
CEVA FREIGHT LLC FOR TARGET.COM	EUSA	PASHALL TRUCK LINES INC.	PASC
CLASSSIC CARRIERS	CCRK	PENSKE LOGISTICS DEDICATED FLEET	PSKQ
CONWAY LTL	CNWY	PERKINS	PRKL
CONWAY TRUCKLOAD	CTRQ	PIGGYBACK CONSOLIDATORS	PGBC
CORRIGAN MOVING SYSTEMS	CRRG	PINNACLE FREIGHT	PINF
CRATE LOAD	CRAT	PRIME INC.	PRIJ
CSX	CSXL	RAPID LOGISTICS, LLC	RPID
CUSTOMER PICKUP	CUPU	STEELCASE TRANSPORT	SCRP
DAYTON FREIGHT LINES, INC	DAFG	SHARP TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS INC.	SHQY
DB SCHENKER (FORMERLY BAX)	BNAF	SHIP DIRECT (VENDOR)	XXXX
DHL	DHLX	SOUTHEASTERN FREIGHT LINES	SEFL
E&H TRANSPORT NETWORK INC	EHTP	STEELCASE CANADA FLEET	SQCN
EASSONS TRANSPORT LTD	ESOT	STEELCASE CANADA INTERNAL ORDER	PU
ECLIPSE FREIGHT SYSTEMS INC	ECLF	STI DELIVERS	SGCG
EDWARDS DISTRIBUTION SVCS INC	EDDG	SUNSET LOGISTICS	SSET
EDWARDS STORAGE	EOPA	SUPER SERVICE	SUSE
EQUITY TRANSP	EQUT	SUPERIOR STORAGE - (GRTL LOADING)	SUPU
EQUITY TRANSPORTATION (2)	EQWT	TAYLOR TRUCK LINE INC	TTLQ
EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL	EXDO	TOTAL LOGISTICS CARGO, INC.	TLCI
EXTREME TRANSPORT	EXTG	TOWN AIR FREIGHT	TOWE
FEDERAL EXPRESS	FDEN	TRANSPORT CORP. OF AMERICA, INC.	TCAM
FEDEX CUSTOM CRITICAL	FDCC	TROPICAL	TSCW
FLASH FREIGHT	OTOE	TROPICAL SHIPPING OF CANADA	TSCW
FLS TRANSPORTATION	FLSJ	UNIVERSAL	UACL
FTS DBA WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS	FNTY	UNIVERSITY MOVING & STORAGE	UIVQ
GUSGO TRANSPORT LTD	SEAP	UPS	UPS
HANSHIN AIR CARGO USA INC.	HNAC	USA TRUCK LINES	USIL

HIDDEN VALLEY MOVING SOUTHWEST	AVHL	USF BESTWAY	USFB
HOLLAND SPECIAL DELIVERY	HOSD	USF HOLLAND	HMES
HUB GROUP, INC	HUBG	USF REDDAWAY	RETL
J B HUNT TRANSPORT, INC (BROKERAGE)	HJBB	VAN EERDEN TRUCKING	VAEC
J&R HALL TRANSPORT - BC POOL	JRHC	VAN KAMPEN	VAKM
J&R HALL TRANSPORTATION	HJNR	VANS INTERSTATE SRVCS (MASSELINK)	VISI
J.B. HUNT DEDICATED	HJCS	V-MAX	VMGS
J.B. HUNT INTERMODAL	HJBI	VSF EVERFRESH TRANSPORTATION	EVFF
JUSTO LOGISTICS, INC.	JUFO	WDS ENTERPRISES	WDSI
K&G LINEHAUL	CFII	WERNER TRANSPORTATION INC	WERN
KINTETSU	KINT	WEST MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATORS	WMCD
KKW TRUCKING	KKWQ	WESTERN LOGISTICS	WGLS
KOLEASECO	KOLE	WHITTIER TRANSFER & STG. CO., INC.	WTTT
KUPERUS TRUCKING	KUCI	WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS	FOTK
LANDSTAR EXPRESS	LEAM	YELLOW FREIGHT SYSTEMS	YFSY
LANDSTAR EXPRESS-53'	LRGR	YRC GROUP (ROADWAY EXPRESS)	RDWY
LIBERTY LINEHAUL INC (CAN)	LBLH		
LIBERTY LINEHAUL WEST INC (US)	LLHL		
LYNDEN TRANSPORT	LTIA		
MCARTHUR EXPRESS INC	MTHV		
MERGENTHALER TRANSFER	MRGQ		