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# **How to Implement Fabrication ESTmep-Best Practices**

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# **Learning Objectives**

- Discover the basic concepts and necessary steps of implementing Fabrication ESTmep.
- Learn how to navigate through the Product Information Editor.
- Discover how Fabrication ESTmep links to pricing list.
- Learn how to import pricing updates.

# Description

This class will cover hot to implement Fabrication ESTmep software. We will provide a recommended implementation strategy, along with best practices for a smooth implementation. We will examine the Product Information Editor, ID Codes, and how pricing information is linked to items in Fabrication ESTmep software. We will also look at the Harrison Pricing Service to update the existing price list.

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# Discover the basic concepts and necessary steps of implementing Fabrication ESTmep.

#### Where to Start?

If you are new to the Fabrication products, you may ask yourself, "Which product do I start with"? We'll discuss the best approach to question based on your company needs and company pain points.

# **Implementing Fabrication ESTmep**

There are many challenges when setting up ESTmep and it may seem overwhelming at times. Let's take a look at what is needed for ESTmep to work and how we can streamline the process.

## **Sheet Metal**

- Bought Out vs. Fabricated
- Where does Material Cost come from?
- Where does Fabrication Cost come from?
- Where does Install Cost come from?
- How does this link to the items?

## **Sheet Metal Costing Data**

- SMACNA
- Internal
- Supplier

# **Plumbing and Piping**

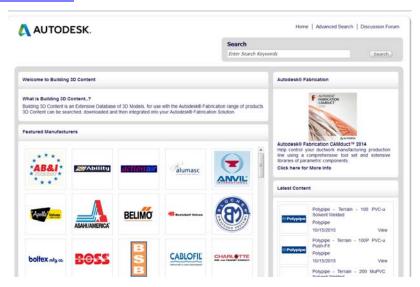
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## **Plumbing and Piping Costing Data**

- CINX (Harrison)
- PHCC
- MCAA
- Supplier

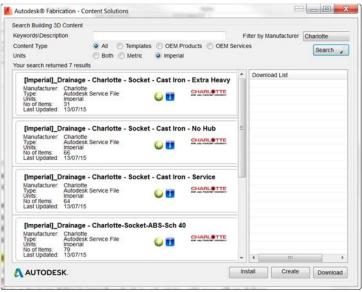
# **Downloading Content**

The Autodesk Fabrication products include content libraries with the installation of the software. You can check for additional fabrication content from within the software or by visiting <a href="https://www.Building3Dcontent.com">www.Building3Dcontent.com</a>.



# **Building 3D Content Website**

- Advanced Search
- Discussion Forum



# **Downloading Content within ESTmep**

- Help>Download Content
- Navigate and search items
- Add, Download and access Mapprod info.



# **Creating Content**

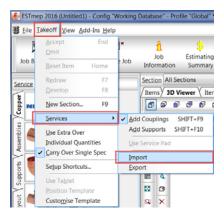
- Product Information
- Material
- Connectors
- Cost Codes
- Ancillaries

## Available ITM content for download from Manufacture

- Victaulic
  - http://www.victaulic.com/en/downloads/cad-files-software/autodesk-fabrication-cadmep1/
- Uponor
  - http://www.uponorpro.com/Catalog/Cover.aspx
- Viega
  - http://viega.thomasnet-navigator.com/

# **Navigating Through Fabrication ESTmep**

# Importing Services (.IEZ)

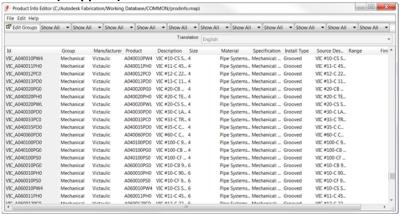


#### Item Takeoff

- Customize header layout on Item Tab
- Cost Breakdown
- Item Properties
  - > ID Code
  - Costing Tab
  - Pricing Hyper links
- Harrison codes are not linked to the ADSK code until they are added to the Product Information Editor (Mapprod).

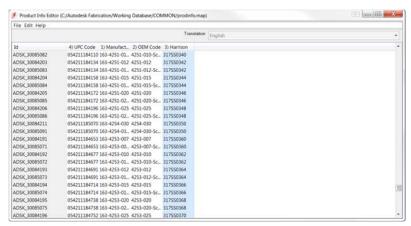
# Learn how to navigate through the Product Information Editor.

#### **Product Information Editor (Mapprod)**



#### **Show Information**

- The Show Information Tab is used to store all of the product information and ADSK ID codes. This information is most commonly used when creating reports. When downloading content, this information is automatically inserted inside the Product Information Editor but can be manually added as well.
  - Use the drop sown menus to create filters.
  - Use the Edit tab to manipulate the data
  - The Green New button located at the bottom is used to paste information from excel.



## **Show Suppliers**

- The show Suppliers tab is used to add the supplier cod and link it to the ADSK ID code. By default the UPC Code, Manufacture ID, OEM Code and Harrison Code are included. New Suppliers can be added or deleted.
  - The Green New Button is used to import excel information.
  - If subscribed to CINX (Harrison), they will send you a pricing updated that will use these same codes.
  - This information can also be used in reports.



- The supplier data will need to be imported separately when downloading content.
- Open CSV file from the content Download
- When downloading content from the Building 3D Content website, you will need to import the Mapprod information along with the Supplier Information from the CSV file provided in the download.
  - The Product Information will be ID-Finish.
  - > The Supplier Information will be Manufacture-UPC Code.

# Example of Excel Sheet for Data Entry (Table Builder)

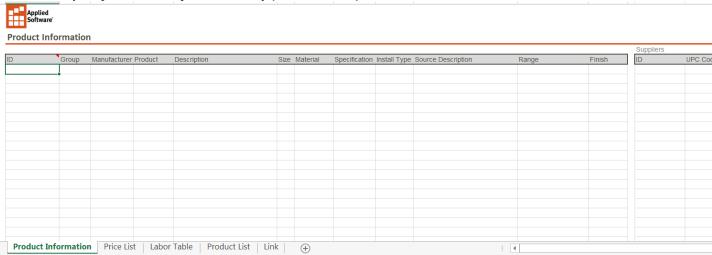


 Table Builder is an excel spreadsheet that is used to help manage the Product Information and Supplier Information. This excel spreadsheet helps speed up the process of importing the information into the Product Information Editor.

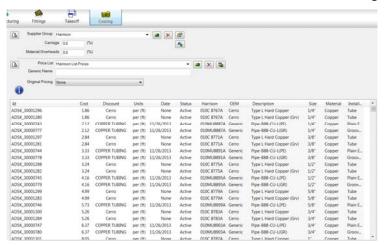
# Discover how Fabrication ESTmep links to pricing list.

#### **Updating Pricing List**

There are multiple ways to update a price list in the Fabrication ESTmep database. You will learn how to download a price list update from CINX and import the CSV file with the program.

#### **Database Costing Overview**

• The costing portion of the Database Is used to setup and maintain the Price List, Fabrication Times, Installation Times, Labor Rates and other costing information.



## Costing Tab>Price List

- Supplier Group: Name of the supplier wanting to be displayed and categorized in Estimate Summary. Used to group price list together from the same supplier ensuring the summaries/reports isolate the cost of each supplier across multiple price list.
- <u>Carriage</u>: Additional Nett cost added to the price. Example: Used for a transportation percentage from the Supplier to site if there were charges for delivery.
- Material Overheads: extra supplier based percentage mark up for inclusion into Gross cost calculations.
- Price List: Name of the Price list contained within the Supplier group. This is the table name assigned to the M-Rate field of each item.
- ➤ Generic Name: Used for grouping price lists that contain the same product codes but from an alternative supplier.
- Setup Discounts: Discounts are available for assignment to each code in the price list. You can assign a discount code to each of the product codes in the price list. The calculation can be a percentage decrease/increase or by a factory/multiplier.

# Learn how to import pricing updates.

#### **CINX**

## CINX Addin Tool (Beta)



 CINX has a new Addin Tool that will help streamline the pricing updates inside of ESTmep.

#### CINX Website Overview

- CINX is a web-based tool that is used to request and download pricing updates.
- General Navigation
  - Custom Download
  - Search by download
- Export CSV file.

#### **Item Folders Overview**

- The Item Folders can be used to add a new price list or change a price list to multiple items. When changing the price list at the Item Folder level, this will is a global change throughout the program. Any new items taken off from a service, will reflect the new price list change.
  - ➤ Changing the view to Details, shows the Item Properties information.
  - Once the price list has been changed at the Item Folder Level, you will need to update any items in the job.



# File Management

- MAJ Files
  - > Automatically links to the current database
- ESJ Files
  - > Archive Jobs that saves a snapshot of the current database into the ESJ file.
- Batch Jobs Together
  - > Combining multiple MAJ files together.
- Job Browser