

BEST-IN-CLASS COMPANIES AUTOMATE CALENDAR MANAGEMENT TO ENSURE PRODUCTS ARE ON TIME.

Centric Calendar Management provides the entire team with easy access to activities and deadlines without sacrificing quality or creativity.

► Get everyone on the same page

Centric Calendar Management delivers visibility into key milestones and action items for each product, ensuring that tasks are executed on time. Each team member is kept informed of specific responsibilities, and management gains visibility across the entire development calendar with views of calendars relevant to their roles. But Centric Calendar Management also provides schedule flexibility to accommodate every product, season, style or SKU.

The result? Everyone works off the same calendar to bring products to market on time. Priorities are clear. And managers have visibility into the status of all collections to help resolve bottlenecks and achieve timely completion.

► Automation is essential

Many companies still keep a paper time-and-action calendar posted on the wall. Emails, phone calls and lots of spreadsheets are no way to manage a calendar, especially when teams are in different locations – or on different continents! Such outdated methods make it impossible for managers to know the current status of their product lines and which ones need their attention.

Meanwhile, the market is demanding more products, more rapid product development, and more deliberate execution against a continuously decreasing timeline. Centric Calendar Management delivers an automated, easy-to-use calendar management capability that enhances managers' visibility to quickly identify critical issues that threaten on-time delivery. The solution supports a development team's fluid and creative development flow that can't conform to rigid workflow rules. Centric Calendar Management is flexible enough to support multiple product lines, each with their own specific scheduling requirements.

The screenshot shows the Centric Calendar Management software interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation tabs. Below that, a table displays a calendar grid. The columns represent months from January to December. The rows represent different product lines or styles. Each cell in the grid contains a date and is color-coded: green for on-schedule, yellow for at-risk, and red for delayed. The interface includes various filters and navigation options.

CALENDAR BY STYLE AND COLOR APPROVAL

CENTRIC CALENDAR MANAGEMENT BENEFITS

Centric Calendar Management delivers vital business results:

Meet market windows

- Drive development schedules.
- Ensure awareness of deadlines and responsibilities.
- Track task execution and completion automatically.

Hierarchy of Calendars

- Track key dates and deliverables at multiple levels in organization.
- Access a hierarchical view of multiple roles to keep the entire team on task and target.

Increase capacity

- Increase the number of styles by creating more efficiency with minimal overhead.
- Launch and track more product lines per year by better managing timelines.
- Easily reallocate internal and external resources based on workload.

Boost team productivity

- Manage tasks by exception to focus on the most critical issues.
- Eliminate time updating spreadsheets.
- Minimize phone calls, emails, and status update meetings.

Centric offers a range of essential features that deliver compelling benefits.

DASHBOARDS

- Manage by exception with alerts to critical deadlines by style, SKU, or product line.
- Provide visibility to all team members so all understand what needs to be done.
- Obtain a comprehensive, roll-up view of product line timing, with no additional work.
- Gain instant visibility into late activities that may affect on-time delivery or product quality.

CALENDARS

- View and maintain a hierarchy of multiple calendars for all levels of the organization.
- Create a clear action plan with global visibility without the limitations of a sequential workflow.
- Utilize templates to create new calendars faster and more easily.
- Manage different materials with calendars that match their development process and timing.
- Manage fast-track and basic products using separate calendars within the same season.
- Keep collection master calendar independent of calendars for fabric or process types.

RAPID UPDATES

- Use Excel-like bulk table editing with instantly recorded status on multiple styles simultaneously.
- Ensure the right date is entered with calendar date-picker.

SUPPORTS BOTH FLEXIBLE AND STRUCTURE WORKFLOW

- Encourage a development team's fluid and creative development flow without rigid workflow rules.
- Jump ahead to next task without formal completion of previous task.
- Define the task that needs to be done without overbearing details or required preceding tasks.
- Ensure each step is carried out following defined process, and status is tracked.
- Keep team members informed of the progress of work.
- Create workflow templates with an easy-to-use visual editor.
- Attach workflow to documents, styles, materials or any other object in the system.



Centric 8 PLM and sourcing suite is an enterprise solution set that includes Line Planning, Product Specification, Product Sourcing, Calendar Management, Enterprise Search, Storyboard, and Materials Management on one powerful yet easy-to-use platform.

