

The Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing



The Benefits of Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing:

The Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing is designed specifically for the business and supply chain demands of today's global manufacturing companies. The solution offers:

- ➔ **Optimized supply chain visibility, operational efficiency.** The Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing optimizes operational efficiency and supply chain visibility through immediate access to real-time visibility of all external B2B communications and activities.
- ➔ **Ease of use for maximum supply chain flexibility.** Covast allows companies to quickly add new trading partners and protocols as required. Because our solutions can be used by non-programmer resources, you can easily custom-fit your solution without relying upon costly IT resources.
- ➔ **Comprehensive support of all manufacturing B2B standards and protocols.** Covast supports all B2B communication standards and protocols used in manufacturing operations across the globe.
- ➔ **Secured, controlled communication.** The Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing enables companies to communicate with all trading partners in a secure and controlled way, thus ensuring communication integrity and reliability.
- ➔ **Faster responsiveness to supplier, partner and customer demands.** Through real-time visibility of all B2B communications, Covast helps companies quickly identify and execute critical production floor, order and payment changes.

Operational efficiency is king in today's manufacturing environment. As a result, the world's leading manufacturers are applying the same lean manufacturing principles commonly found on the production floor to their IT practices.

Covast is helping many of these companies achieve true operational efficiency through B2B integration. The Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing helps companies integrate the B2B systems that support supplier, customer and partner communications onto a single integration platform.

The result? Insightful supply chain visibility. Real-time business activity monitoring and business process management. Unprecedented flexibility throughout the production cycle. Reduced operational costs and a leaner manufacturing environment.

Why B2B Integration is Critical to Your Business.

If you haven't already invested in a single integration platform, chances are you will be soon. Today's businesses use an astounding number of different applications, databases and systems to conduct business. Until recently, there hasn't been a way to easily manage the real-time business processes and activities — especially those that involve customers, suppliers and partners — that are housed within these applications.

Single integration platforms have partially solved this problem. But, while integrating internal systems is fairly simple with the help of these platforms, B2B system integration is not.

This is where the Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing comes in. Covast's combination of B2B integration software and expert professional services drastically extends the B2B integration capabilities of two of the world's leading integration platforms: Microsoft BizTalk Server and IBM WebSphere. The benefits are immediate and powerful. The ability to consolidate and manage all applications and business activities from one place quickly translates into improvements in efficiency, productivity, business process management and business activity monitoring.

Why Covast?

The Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing is the industry's most reliable and scalable B2B integration solution. With more than a decade of B2B integration success behind us, Covast understands there is no "one size fits all" solution. Our solutions are designed specifically to overcome the operational and market challenges of your manufacturing company.

Many of the world's leading manufacturing companies turn to Covast to facilitate B2B integration and communication. As a result, these companies are able to support all B2B communication protocols, handle unprecedented levels of secure B2B transactions on their networks, increase supply chain flexibility and better manage business processes and activities.

B2B Solutions Tailored for Your Business.

The Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing is comprised of several award-winning and industry-certified products and services from Covast. Depending on your specific B2B communication needs and requirements, Covast custom builds B2B integration from the following components:

- **EDI Accelerator for BizTalk Server** — The EDI Accelerator for BizTalk Server is a seamless extension of BizTalk Server's functionality that handles every type of B2B document format and transportation.
- **B2B Suite for WebSphere** — The B2B suite for WebSphere is a seamless extension of the WebSphere Message Broker that handles every type of B2B document format and transportation.
- **Map Accelerator for BizTalk Server** — The Map Accelerator for BizTalk Server is an automated solution to migrate legacy B2B systems to the Microsoft BizTalk Server environment.
- **Map Accelerator for Websphere** — The Map Accelerator for IBM WebSphere is an automated solution to migrate legacy B2B systems to the IBM WebSphere environment.
- **OFTP Adapter for WebSphere** — The OFTP Adapter supports end-to-end exchange of B2B transactions using the protocol commonly found in just-in-time operations in the automotive, manufacturing, chemical, retail and banking.
- **AS2 Adapters for BizTalk Server and the Covast EDI Accelerator** — The AS2 Adapter for BizTalk Server and the Covast EDI Accelerator provides the means to connect, deliver, validate and reply to data in a secure and reliable way.
- **B2B Suite for GXS Trading Grid** — GXS and Covast have jointly developed advanced Trading Partner Management tools within the Microsoft BizTalk Server platform to accelerate partner enablement and deliver real time supply chain visibility.
- **Covast Professional Training Services** — Covast provides training at one of our two training facilities or on-site in your environment. Our two-day course provides the foundation necessary to install, configure, manage and maintain Covast's B2B Solutions.

“ The Covast-BizTalk solution has helped us realize two major accomplishments — first, we have a more flexible and responsive supply chain; second, we have drastically reduced the amount of time and money required to do business with our customers, suppliers and partners. ”

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- **Covast Professional Consulting Services** — Covast partners with global and regional System Integrators to provide professional services for its solutions. Covast can provide long-term on-site assistance or its “Quick Start” package to accelerate solution delivery.
- **Covast Support** — Covast is committed to providing comprehensive support for all of our B2B integration products. We offer Software Assurance which includes new versions of the software and helpdesk support during local office hours. Upon request, 24*7 helpdesk support is also available.

Immediate ROI.

Deploying the Covast B2B Suite for Manufacturing is quick and easy. The Covast solution is designed to tightly integrate with both Microsoft BizTalk and IBM WebSphere. This means that, once you deploy your Covast solution, you have everything required to facilitate fast, easy B2B communication.

Covast customers see improvements in supply chain management, productivity and B2B communication in weeks, even days. Please contact a Covast representative to learn how your manufacturing company can benefit from B2B integration.



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