

ERP and ERM: What's the difference?

ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software

Controls resources where the company is producing thousands of products based off a standard bill of materials, and placing purchase orders based on MRP and stock levels for delivery at set locations.

ERM (Enterprise Resource Management) software

Controls resources where the company is producing thousands of items—each with a unique bill of materials—and placing purchase orders based on early design estimates with contingencies, for delivery at remote locations.

Using ERP when you should be using ERM can cost you

ERP

Costs of ERP

Missing industry-specific features and processes

Does not allow control of requisitions changes during the design process

More MRP-focused, offering poor project control and visibility

Missing integration with engineering design tools

Incomplete coverage over the project lifecycle

Does not highlight inefficiencies, re-work and delays

Missed opportunities for optimization and digital transformation

ERM

Benefits of ERM

Industry-specific support for construction of process plants, marine, and shipbuilding

Optimizes requisitions

- Tracks changes in quantity, both positive and negative
- Handles contingencies based on project phase

Project planning built in with 4D status visualization

Automatically updates requisitions and orders as 3D design changes get approved

Controls cost of changes due to

- Client change requests
- Design changes for optimization or safety

Every aspect of ERM is focused on reducing delays in construction, reducing material waste and hitting handover on schedule

Specifically designed to optimize construction and support digital transformation

AVEVA™ Enterprise Resource Management gives process plant and marine companies:

4%

total savings off total installed cost

10%

reduction in field labor costs

11%

reduction in bulk materials costs

30%

less specification time

Don't use the wrong software and leave this value on the table.

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