

Perpetual Inventory Module

Gain a competitive advantage with balanced inventory costs and movement

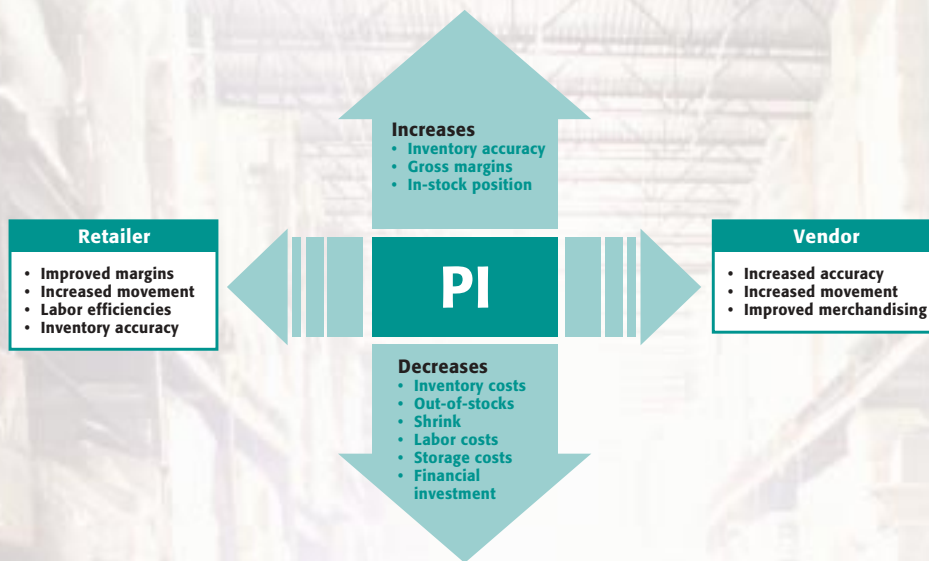
TCI's Inventory Package provides a complete solution for managing inventory throughout a grocery store chain, from the Point of Decision to Point of Sale.SM The Perpetual Inventory (PI) module empowers retailers with the control, automation and integration capabilities necessary to execute mission-critical inventory decisions. Built upon the TCI Retail Execution System™ and integrated with the TCI Pricing and Promotions Packages, PI manages the balance between inventory costs and inventory movement by tracking the movement and maintaining the actual on-hand quantity of an item or group of items at any point in time. This provides the execution distinction that protects and drives your margins.

Matching Sales Movement and Inventory Acquisition

In the demand-driven, replenishment-motivated grocery industry, higher inventory movement means higher costs to the retailer. Aligning your sales movement with inventory acquisition helps maximize your investment while minimizing expenses. A major cost and profitability issue in the grocery business is applying the various deals, allowances, rebates, promotions, and bill-backs to determine the true cost of items and deriving a retail price that maximizes movement. TCI's PI module facilitates this cost and pricing process by helping retailers manage the cost, quantity, location, shrink and use of inventory. Comprehensive perpetual inventory capabilities allow you to:

- Analyze stock status relative to the reorder point
- Manage inventory costs (LIFO, FIFO, Average)
- Control inventory financial position (Cost, Retail, Replacement Cost)
- Trace inventory at both cost and retail
- Increase product in-stock position
- Track and manage volatile assets
- Reduce labor associated with physical inventory
- Reduce inventory errors
- Analyze movement and maximize inventory turns
- Enforce employee and store management discipline and procedures





Manage Shrink Effectively

The PI module manages item movement through the back door (receivers and transfers), out the front door (POS movement data), and between departments and stores (transfers). This capability allows you to identify, quantify and better manage your shrink. For example, knowledge that your inventory may have been depleted by bakery production or used to clean a spill in the aisle helps you clarify actual usage and costs.

TCI's Perpetual Inventory module gives you the ability to set and administer a successful inventory management strategy. Controlling your inventory costs, while maximizing movement, gives you one more competitive advantage.

Like all of the TCI Retail™ solutions, the Inventory Package leverages the Retail Execution System™, the company's enterprise data and business process management platform. Built on a foundational data model for central control of operations processes, together with the ability to adapt and extend the model and solutions, the Retail Execution System gives retailers the flexibility needed to meet complex and changing business requirements.

