NETSUITE QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Inspect, Test, Rework and Report

Designing, manufacturing, distributing and selling a product of high quality doesn't happen by accident, it requires a company-wide commitment to enforce policies and standards. NetSuite's Quality Management solution has been designed to help you deliver the highest quality in your products with minimal overhead regardless of the size and complexity of your business and product line.

Key Benefits

- Formalize quality policies, standards and practices.
- Improved product quality.
- Initiate quality activities from business transactions.
- Collect in-process and incoming inspection results.
- Compare to pass/fail criteria.
- Integrated non-conformance reporting.
- Reduced cost of quality.

Inspections

The inspection record defines exactly what it is that you want your quality engineer to check. These inspection records can be re-used so, for example, you only have to create a "check for material certificates" inspection once—these are later grouped into specifications that are then applied to items, etc. There are currently two main types of inspections that are supported.

With qualitative inspections, the inspector can verify that the item is in good overall condition or verify that the appropriate certificates are in place.

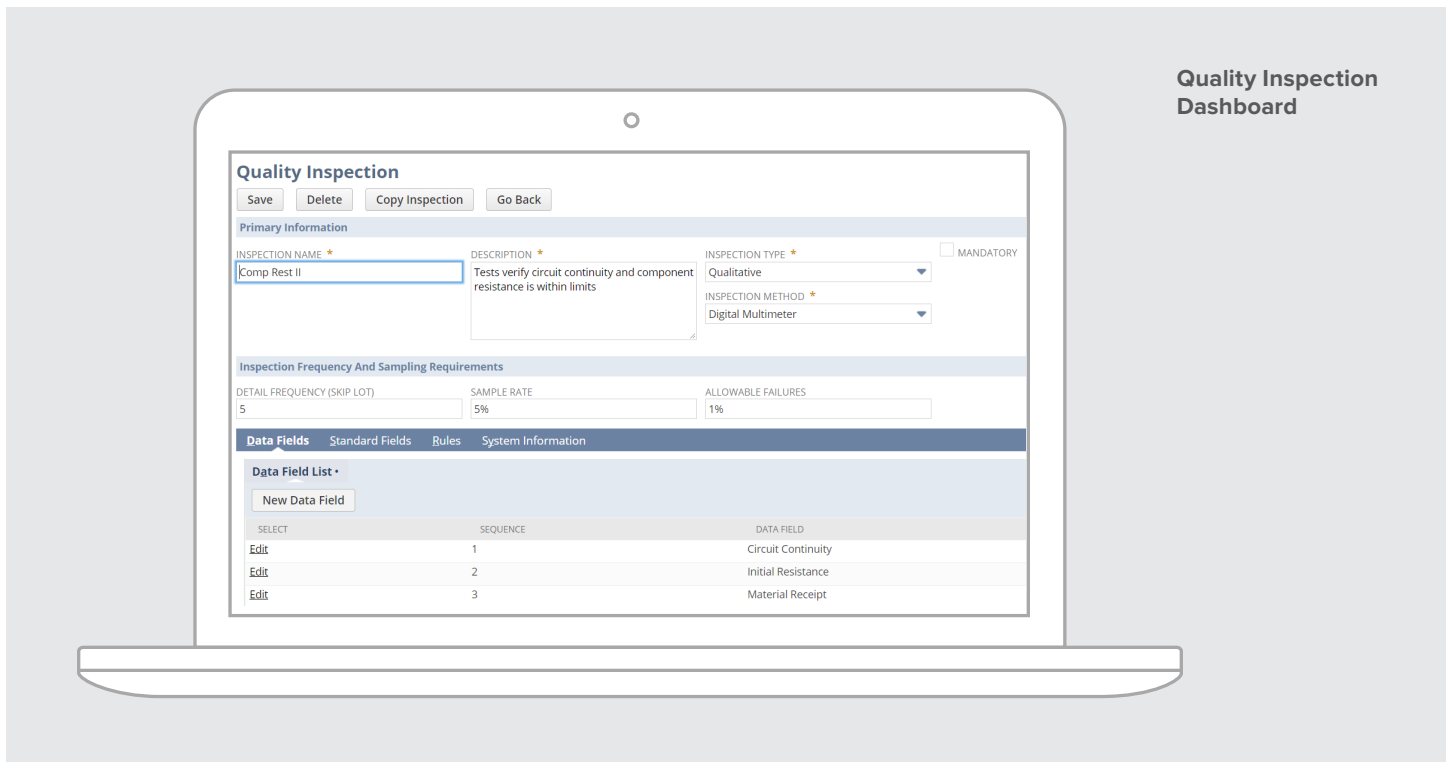Quantitative inspections, on the other hand, allow you to define multiple measurable elements along with criteria for acceptance, i.e. diameter, width, length, temperature or even chemical composition.

Skip Lot, Sample Size and Failures

Within each inspection, you can also specify how many items need to be inspected and define rules for inspecting specific sequences of lot or serial tracked items. Failures then define how many of the inspected units can fail inspection before the inspection itself is failed—kicking off the non-conformance workflow.

Test Definition

Each inspection can be set up with multiple data elements that define the parameters of the inspection process.

Quality Inspection Dashboard

Quality Inspection

Save	Delete	Copy Inspection	Go Back

Primary Information

INSPECTION NAME *	DESCRIPTION *	INSPECTION TYPE *	☐ MANDATORY
Comp Rest II	Tests verify circuit continuity and component resistance is within limits	Qualitative ▼	
		INSPECTION METHOD *	
		Digital Multimeter ▼	

Inspection Frequency And Sampling Requirements

DETAIL FREQUENCY (SKIP LOT)	SAMPLE RATE	ALLOWABLE FAILURES
5	5%	1%

Data Fields   Standard Fields   Rules   System Information

Data Field List ▾

New Data Field

SELECT	SEQUENCE	DATA FIELD
Edit	1	Circuit Continuity
Edit	2	Initial Resistance
Edit	3	Material Receipt

Data Fields define the information that must be entered during the inspection, i.e. length, width and height.

Data Fields	Standard Fields	Rules	System Information

Standard Field List ·

New Standard Field

SELECT	STANDARD FIELD	DATA TYPE ▲
Edit	Circuit Checks OK	Boolean
Edit	Resistance UCL	Decimal
Edit	Resistance LCL	Decimal

Standards fields are then established to define how the data field should be compared to a standard.

Data Fields	Standard Fields	Rules	System Information

Rule List ·

New Rule

SELECT	SEQUENCE	RULE	DATA FIELD	COMPARISON	STANDARD FIELD ▲
Edit	1	Circuit Continuity Rule	Circuit Continuity	Equals	Circuit Checks OK
Edit	2	Initialial Resistance Rule UCL	Initial Resistance	Less Than Or Equal To	Resistance UCL
Edit	3	Initial Resistance Rule LCL	Initial Resistance	Greater Than Or Equal To	Resistance LCL

Rules then establish how the data field entries should be compared to the standard and determine pass/fail.

One of the benefits of this approach is that it allows the user to define a single inspection and have item specific standards.

Specifications

The specification record groups related inspections to establish quality activities. So, for example, when receiving some raw materials, you might confirm dimensions as well as verify that the appropriate certification is present. Additionally, the specification record allows the user to:

Quality Specification Form

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Primary Information

SPECIFICATION NAME *

Beam Inspection

SPECIFICATION DESCRIPTION *

Inspect incoming cross-beams for minimum length and width

Inspections   Contexts   Conformance Rules   System Information

Assigned Inspections •

Add Inspection

SELECT	SEQUENCE	INSPECTION	INSPECTION METHOD ▲
Edit	1	Dimension Test	Visual Inspection

- Associate specifications to item/vendor/location combinations.

- Define inspection frequency via settings for skip-lot, sampling and more.

- Define conformance rules that establish when an item fails an inspection.

- Display error messages that describe where and why updates failed.

Automatic Triggering of Inspections
Based on item/vendor/location associations, NetSuite item receipt transactions are monitored and can initiate inspection activities with different rules for each.

In an upcoming release, inspections will be able to be triggered from manufacturing routing steps to capture in-process quality results.

Inspections   **Contexts**   Conformance Rules   System Information

Associated Items •

LOCATION	ITEM	TRANSACTION TYPE	TRANSACTION FREQUENCY	SOURCE/DESTINATION	IS DEFAULT ▲
Indianapolis Facility	I-945 BEAM	Receipt From Purchase Order	0	N/A	Yes
Indianapolis Facility	psm-001	Receipt From Purchase Order	0	N/A	Yes

Assign Inspection

Inspector Assignment

Once an item has been identified as requiring inspection, an entry is made into the inspection queue where an individual quality engineer can be assigned to perform the task. Workflows can be utilized to automatically assign inspectors based on location, vendor, inspection type, etc.

Perform Inspections via Tablet

The quality tablet interface enables quality engineers to perform inspections, review standards, record data and submit data for analysis directly from the inspection area providing real-time feedback and instant access to test results.

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Once the user selects an inspection, they are walked through capturing the results and get real-time feedback where there are issues.
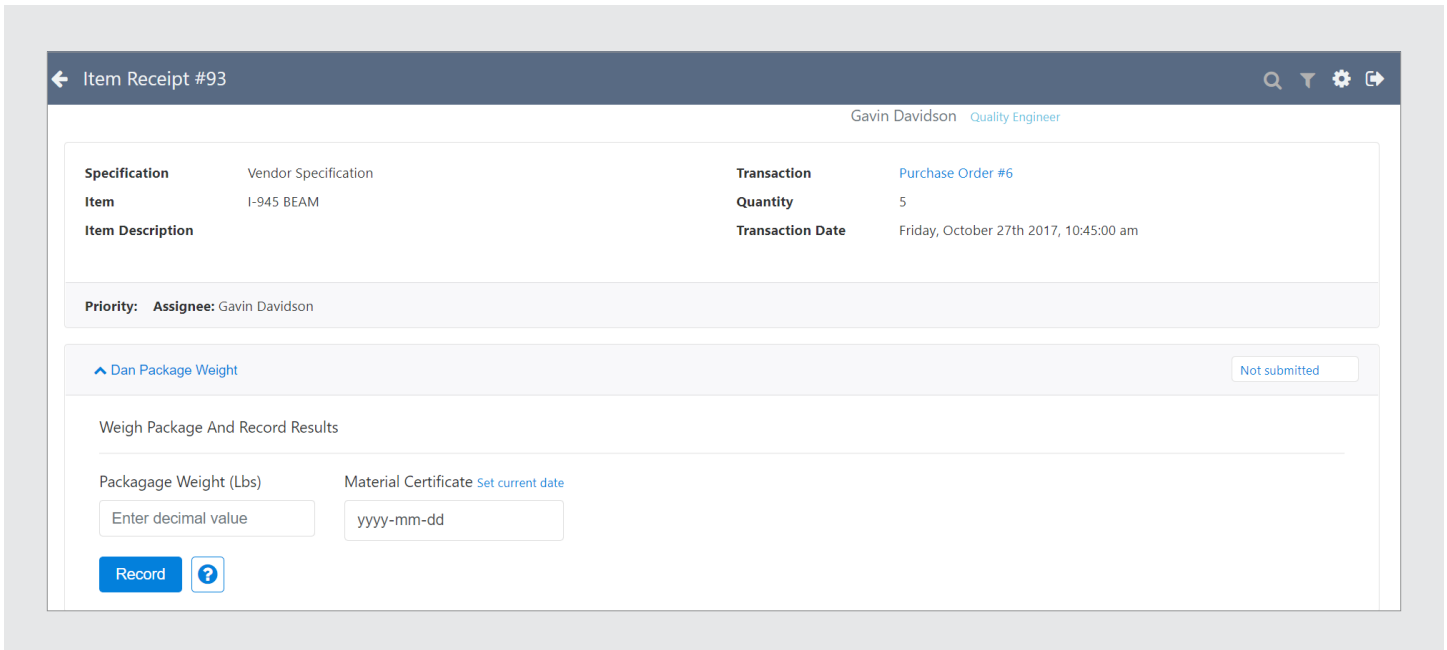
Workflow Driven Non-Conformance

Quality failures, or non-conformances, can drive additional activities within NetSuite through customizable workflows—the application provides initial workflows for:

- Quarantine and Release
- Initiation of Vendor Return Authorizations

Roles

The system comes with three distinct roles that are assigned to existing users:

- **Quality Administrator**: Responsible for setup and maintenance of quality specifications, context checks and workflow.

- **Quality Manager**: Responsible for monitoring and managing quality execution and reporting.

- **Quality Engineer**: Responsible for quality data collection.

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