

CatalogXpress®

Custom Catalog Service



The Source
for Critical Information and Insight™

Streamlining Parts Research
Process through Single-Point, Online
Management of Supplier Catalogs

Introduction

IHS can create and maintain your vendor catalog collection — all for less than it would cost you to hire even one clerk trying to do the same job! In just four easy steps and in less than 30 days, IHS can have your custom catalog collection ready for 24/7 access. As a result:

- Catalog library space and maintenance is eliminated
- Product research is streamlined
- Engineering and purchasing productivity is improved
- Quality of information is enhanced

Your return on investment is substantial when you eliminate the time and costs associated with collecting, storing and maintaining all of your vendors' catalogs.

Powerful Advantages

Having the right information available to the right people at the right time is a powerful competitive and business advantage. The CatalogXpress Custom Catalog Service gives you this advantage by providing your entire organization with desktop access to current, complete product catalogs and technical information from your suppliers plus over 16,000 other vendors already in CatalogXpress.

- No fumbling to find printed catalogs
- No time wasted making phone calls and then waiting for new catalogs to arrive
- No surfing the Web only to find incomplete information

Comfort of Knowing Your Catalogs are Current

Priority updating ensures that you always have access to the most current catalogs. We personally contact each supplier and manage updates daily to ensure the data you need is always at your fingertips. You get the comfort of knowing the catalogs are current and easy to access from a single source shared throughout the organization.

Ensure the Specification and Purchase of Quality Products

Armed with the CatalogXpress Custom Catalog Service, your staff has complete information from your preferred suppliers ensuring the specification and purchase of quality products. Product offerings from your suppliers can quickly be compared to those from the other 16,000 suppliers in the CatalogXpress Service to ensure you're getting the best product with the least amount of research time and effort.

Because data delivery is our business, not yours . . .

For over 45 years, IHS has provided engineers, purchasing professionals and related disciplines with convenient access to industrial vendor catalogs and technical information. Today, our state-of-the-art system and staff manage daily updates for over 550,000 catalogs.

IHS Makes it Easy

Four Steps to Create Your Custom Catalog Collection

1. Definition

An IHS Data Acquisition specialist works with your in-house coordinator to clarify the content, scope and timeline of the project.

2. Acquisition and Quality Assurance

Sit back and relax. The IHS Data Acquisition team will contact suppliers and coordinate all logistics related to obtaining the catalogs defined in your custom collection.

Information from your suppliers can arrive at IHS in printed or electronic format. Files are quality checked, per our ISO 9001 quality procedures, to ensure excellent resolution and color representation.

3. Management

Never worry about your catalog collection again. The IHS Data Acquisition team collects, stores, updates and maintains all of your vendors' catalogs, including conversion & search - enabling hardcopy catalogs.

Data about each supplier and catalog is entered into the system, including sales office listings,

phone numbers and URLs. Each supplier is assigned to applicable Industry Categories so offerings from your preferred suppliers can easily be compared to similar suppliers already in the CatalogXpress Service.

Every word and part number within each catalog is captured as ASCII text, thus making your collection full-text searchable. The ASCII text is tied to the PDF images to ensure accurate retrieval. Once in the product, this text is not only used to facilitate and prioritize search results, it is also displayed as sample text to help the user validate their search result without paging through an entire catalog.

4. Implementation

Ready to use with ease and confidence. Your custom catalog collection is instantly available, 24/7, on desktops throughout your organization.

- Full-text searching allows users to quickly find parts meeting specific requirements
- Part number searching allows users to instantly find the precise information they need
- Catalogs can even be searched by Mil Spec, Industry Standard, or Government Standard document numbers to locate high-reliability parts

All PDF images are stored on the IHS Object Server, a state-of-the-art, high reliability Network Appliance disk farm. A duplicate file is kept for disaster recovery purposes and all files are backed up every night.

For more information on CatalogXpress, contact your IHS representative or visit www.ihs.com



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