

# Understanding the big ideas in Kinetic 2025.2

Think of a company's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system as its digital brain. It connects all the different parts, like sales, finance, and manufacturing, so they can work together seamlessly. Just like any technology, ERP systems get regular updates to become smarter and more helpful.

This guide is designed to demystify three specific, impactful new features from the **Kinetic 2025.2** update. Our goal is to move beyond the technical jargon and focus on how these enhancements solve real-world business problems and empower your team to work more effectively.

## NEW FEATURES

1. **Delivery Plans**
2. **Carbon Cost Posting**
3. **Inactive Tag for Operations**

## 1. Making complex deliveries simple with 'Delivery Plans'

### **THE CHALLENGE:** Juggling many delivery dates

Imagine a customer places a huge order that needs to be delivered in many small batches over the course of a year, like a subscription. We often see clients struggling with this - a single change request from a customer can trigger hours of manual, error-prone data entry. Someone has to go into the system and manually update every single future delivery, a process where it's easy to make a mistake, leading to shipping errors and unhappy customers.

### **THE SOLUTION:** One plan to rule them all

The 'Delivery Plans' feature is a master plan created within a single sales order that controls the delivery schedule for many different items or release dates. Instead of managing dozens of individual lines, you manage one central plan.

### **Here are its key benefits:**

- **Streamlined Management:** It allows users to manage large, multi-delivery orders from one central place within the sales order.
- **Flexibility:** It's easy to add new items or shipments to an existing plan without starting over.
- **Automatic Updates:** When the master delivery plan changes, all the linked sales order lines update automatically. This is the core power of the feature, as it eliminates the need for manual updates.

### **OUTCOME:** Why does it matter?

Ultimately, this transforms a high-risk, manual task into a reliable, automated process. This not only improves operational efficiency but also enhances customer trust by ensuring delivery schedules are always accurate and up-to-date. As Kinetic makes order management more efficient, it's also adding powerful tools to help companies track their broader environmental goals.

## 2. Tracking sustainability with 'Carbon Cost Posting'

**THE CHALLENGE:** Accounting new tool for environmental impact

'Carbon Cost Posting' is a new tool that allows a company to track its carbon emissions (CO2e) with the same rigor and precision it uses for its finances. The system does this in three logical steps:

1. First, Kinetic creates a place to hold this new type of data using Carbon Fields for Statistical Accounts (special ledgers for non-financial information).
2. Next, it links this carbon data to the company's core financials using GL Account Tracking, ensuring everything is managed within one system.
3. Finally, it automates the entire process with Posting Rules, treating carbon data with the same discipline as a standard financial transaction.

**OUTCOME:** Why does it matter?

This provides the kind of rigorous, auditable sustainability data that is no longer optional in a global market. It allows a business to confidently report to regulators, attract environmentally-conscious customers, and make strategic decisions based on a complete picture of its operational costs, both financial and environmental.



Carbon Cost Posting allows a company to track its carbon emissions (CO2e)

## 3. Preventing errors with the 'Inactive Tag for Operations'

**THE CHALLENGE:** Using an outdated recipe

While tracking high-level goals like sustainability is critical, operational excellence also depends on preventing small, day-to-day mistakes. A common source of preventable manufacturing errors is poor process hygiene within the ERP. An 'Operation' is like a single step in a recipe for building a product. If an old, incorrect, or inefficient step remains active in the system, an employee might accidentally select that outdated 'recipe step' for a new job, causing production errors, wasting materials, and costing the company money.

**THE SOLUTION:** A simple 'off switch'

The 'Inactive Tag for Operations' is a new flag, essentially a simple checkbox that lets a manager 'retire' an operation without completely deleting its historical record. Once an operation is tagged as inactive, the system prevents it from being used in new work. It's important to note that this is a forward-looking safety measure; marking an operation as inactive will not disrupt any existing jobs that are already using it.

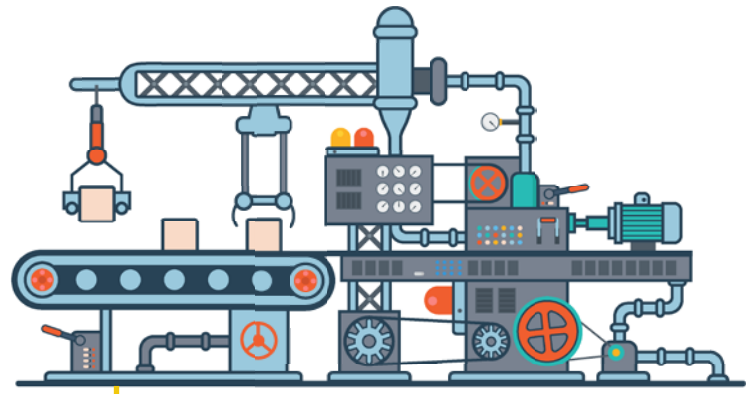
See the below table showing a clear breakdown of where an inactive operation can and cannot be used:

| System area           | Can an Inactive Operation be used? |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Engineering Workbench | No                                 |
| Job Entry             | No                                 |
| Quote Engineering     | No                                 |
| Existing Jobs (BOMs)  | Yes (No change)                    |

**OUTCOME: Why does it matter?**

This simple flag is a crucial tool for maintaining data integrity at its source. It proactively prevents errors before they can cascade into production, ensuring that product quality, cost estimations, and shop floor execution are always based on the most current and approved processes.

These three features, from large-scale planning to detailed error prevention, show how the latest Kinetic update helps businesses run more smoothly.



Inactive Tag for Operations tool prevents errors before they can cascade into production

**CONCLUSION: Working smarter, not harder**

The Kinetic 2025.2 update delivers a clear message: operational excellence is achieved by managing complexity at scale, embedding sustainability into core processes, and ensuring data integrity at the point of entry. These enhancements are not just isolated features, they are strategic tools designed to build a more efficient, resilient and competitive business.

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