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& Material Technologies Joint Panel
Meeting
Seattle, WA

Panel Project
Automated Label Plate Generation

NSRP Panel Project
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Project Team



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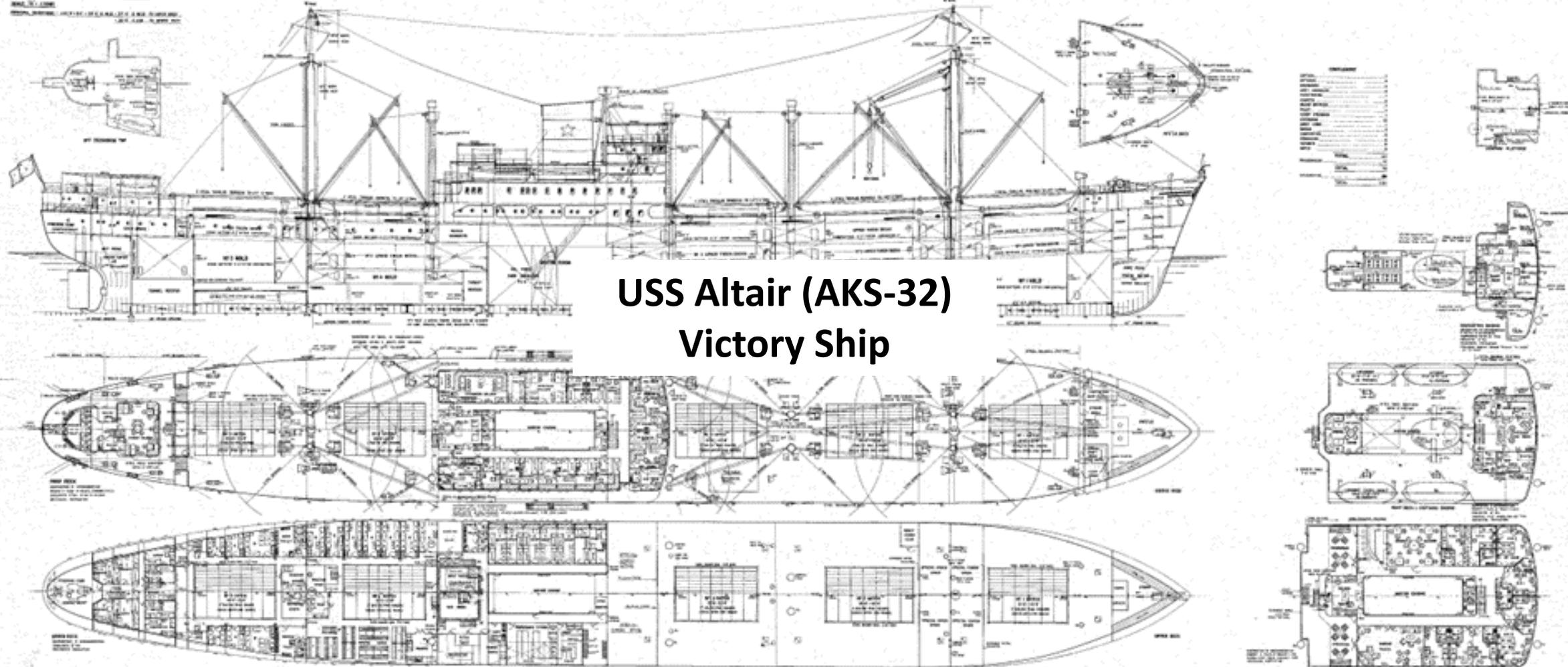


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Label Plates

(Label Plates, Name Plates, Placards) are throughout a vessel, in many different materials, shapes, and sizes

No. 1236 - MV ALTAIR
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT



**USS Altair (AKS-32)
Victory Ship**

Problem

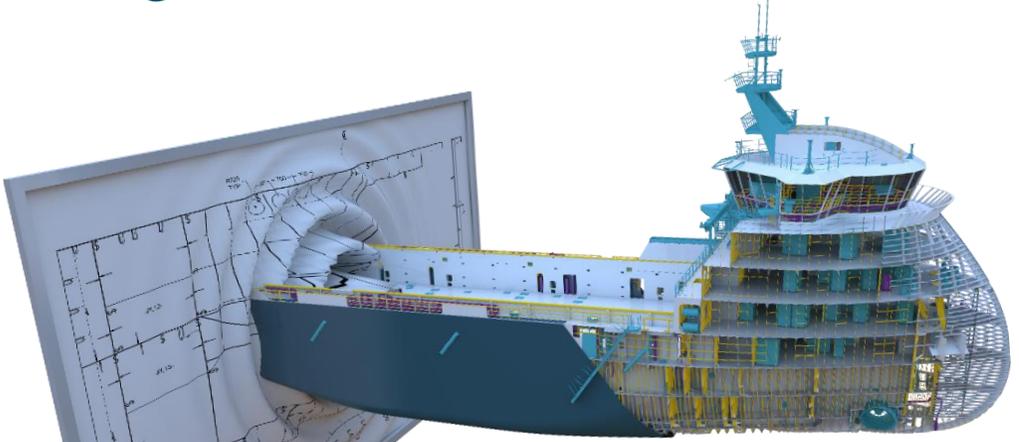
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- Addressing label plates at the last minute usually entails expediting procurement and replacing existing with updated label plates.
- ROI varies with regards to the which hull in a class. The early hulls typically have significant label plate rework; however, the issue is present for all hulls.

Label Plates are costly

Project Goal

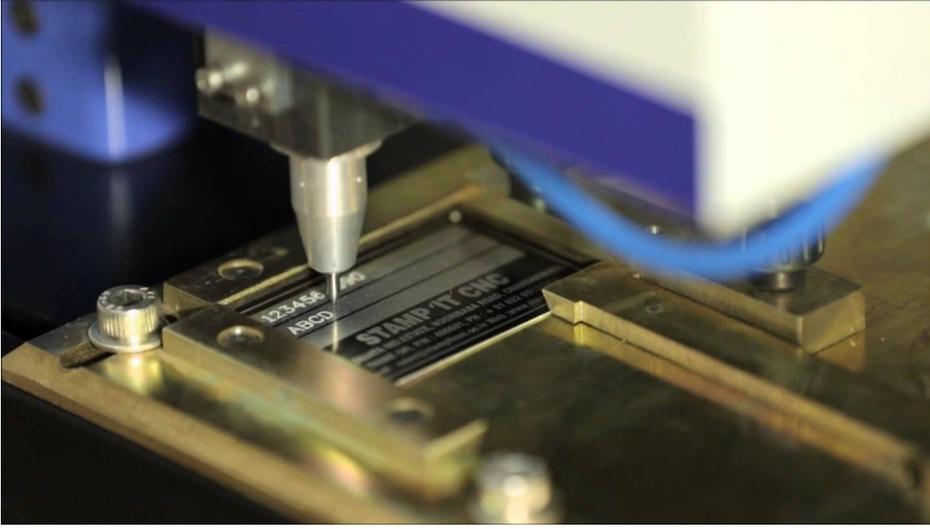
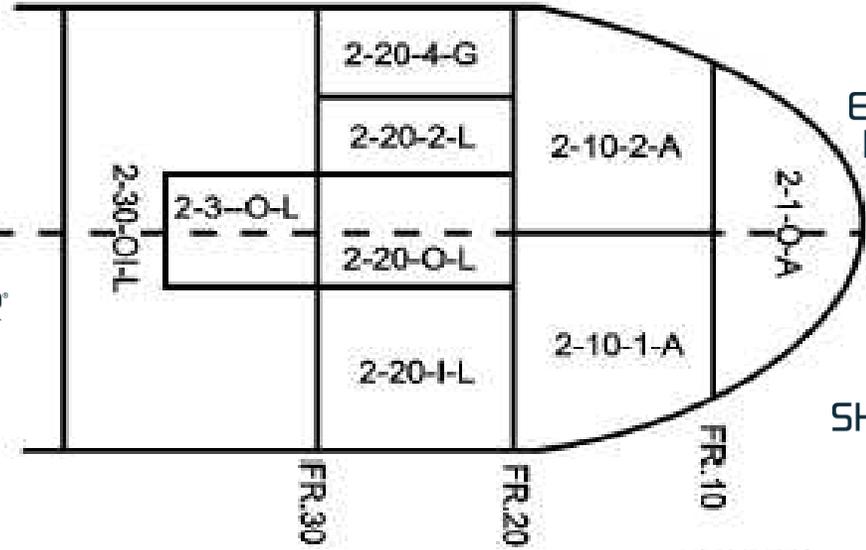
- Develop a process to reuse existing data already contained within the 3D design model for label plates
- This project will provide a process for passing digital data in a usable format label plate data directly to the supplier through purchasing, provide the label plate digital information to planning, QA, and production, and can be used to develop the Label Plate drawing

Project Overview

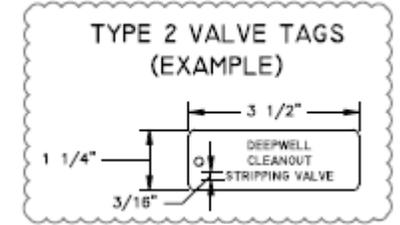
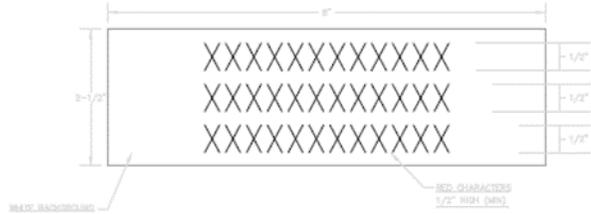


Reusing the digital data from the 3D Model to the Label Plate Manufacturer / Supplier

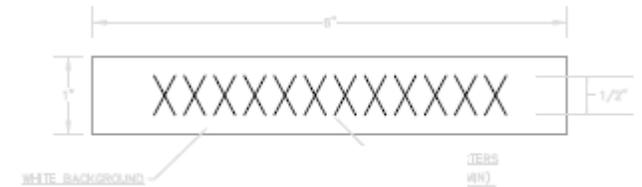
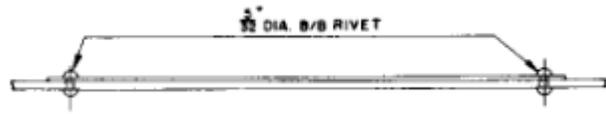
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Label Plate Matrix

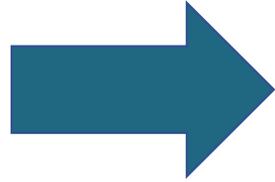


System / Department /	Government Pipe	Government Pipe	Government Pipe	Government Pipe	Government HVAC	Government HVAC	Government HULL	Government HULL	Government HULL	Government HULL	Government ELEC	Commercial ELECT	Commercial ELECT	Commercial PIPE	Commercial PIPE	Commercial PIPE	Commercial HULL	Commercial HULL	Commercial	
Label Plate Type	Photo	Photo	Photolum	White Plastic	Photo	Photo	Decal (?)	Photo	Photo	Photolum	Photo	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	
Material Type	CRES 316	AL	Photolum	White Plastic	CRES 613	AL	Decal (?)		SS	Photolum	AL	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	Phenolic	
Label Plate Size	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS												
Color 1	STD	STD	STD	Black	STD	STD	Various	STD	STD	STD	STD	Black	Red	Black	Red	Red	Black	Red		
Color 2	STD	STD	STD	White	STD	STD	Various	STD	STD	STD	STD	White	White	White	White	White	White	White		
Size Row 1																				
Size Row 2																				
Size Row 3																				
Location	Pipe	Pipe	Pipe	Pipe	Duct	Duct	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	Exterior	VARIOUS	Equip	Equip	Equip	Equip	Equip	ip / Adjacent	VARIOUS	VARIOUS		
Attachment Method	Wire / Adhesive	Wire / Adhesive	Wire / Adhesive	Adhesive	Adhesive	Adhesive	Adhesive	Adhesive	Fasteners	Adhesive	Fasteners	Adhesive	Adhesive	Adhesive	Adhesive	Fasteners + Adhesive	Adhesive	Adhesive	Adhesive	
Bar Code / QR Code / Unique Identifier	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown											



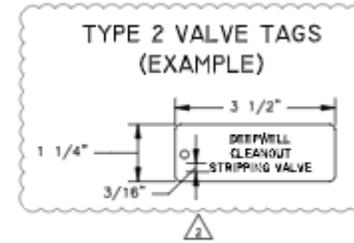
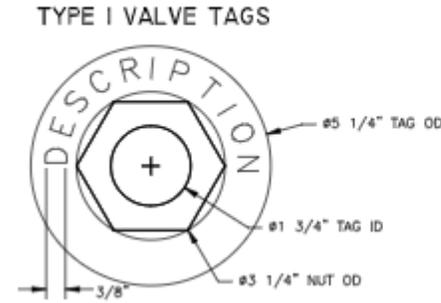
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Basic Process



Target Use Cases

-  Electrical Equipment Label Plates
-  HVAC Label Plates
-  Valve Label Plates
-  Compartment Label Plates
-  Doors / Hatches / Scuttles Label Plates



BLN
NAME OF COMP ENTERING
OF COMP ENTERING

UID#
Austal Drawing Number Compartment#

NATURAL
SUPPLY/EXHAUST

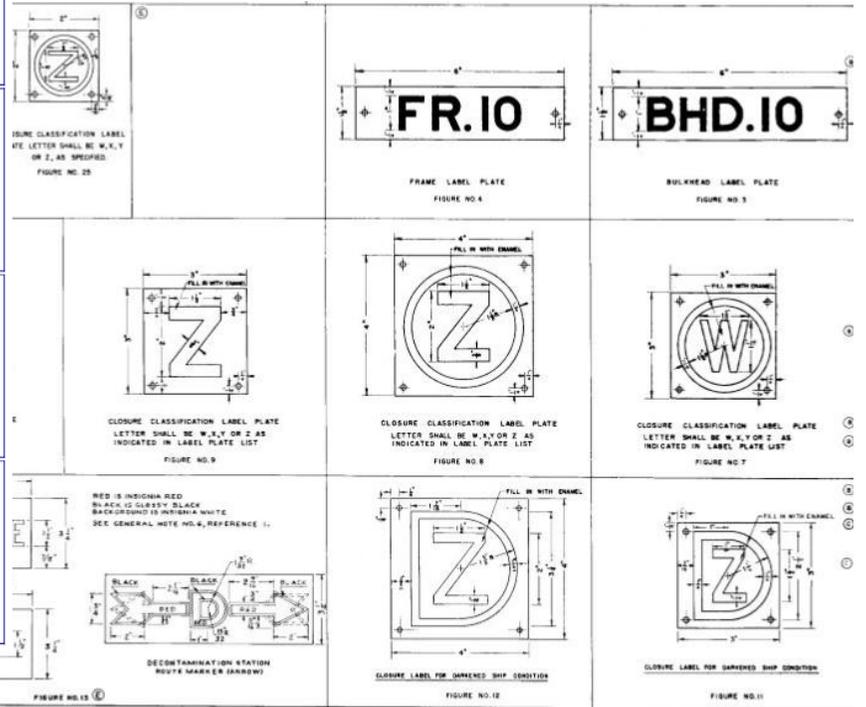
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COMPARTMENTS
SERVED

BLN
Austal Drawing Number Compartment#

UID#
VLV FUNCTION
DESCRIPTION

BLN
Austal Drawing Number Compartment#



First Iteration: Compartment Labels

- Excel Export from PublisherLT

- **Part GUID:** this is a ShipConstructor attribute used in finding a specific instance of any given part.
- **Basic Locator Number:** this is a ShipConstructor User defined attribute.
- **Compartment Name:** This is a ShipConstructor Attribute inherited from the Compartment Manager.
- **UDA #1:** in the example we used this for Austal's Unique ID or "UID".
- **UDA #2:** in the example we mapped this to "Austal Drawing Number" or "ADN".
- **Label Component:** User Defined Attribute.
- **Label Type:** User Defined Attribute.
- **System:** Shipconstructor Attribute
- **Description:**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Part Guid	Label #	BLN	UID	ADN	CMPT	SpoolGUID	PRIMARY AssemblyGUID	ParentAssemblyGUID
2	1114465e-9cf0-4deb-8d06-f31a0dd2692d	6516519	504-03-D	ADN-01-504-03	01-1620-02	MAIN MACHINERY RM, 01-1720-02_GALLEY	NULL	7750d9dd-79a0-4346-9a01-e543081373d8	7750d9dd-79a0-4346-9a01-e543081373d8
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4	8ce304a3-b1c6-4f6a-b6c6-f31a113cdacb	6516851	504-05-D	ADN-01-504-05	01-1820-02	PASSAGE WAY, 01-1920-02_MISSION CONTROL RM	NULL	7750d9dd-79a0-4346-9a01-e543081373d8	7750d9dd-79a0-4346-9a01-e543081373d8
5	9348d6ae-6f09-42a-9842-f31a127ac320	5165819	504-06-D	ADN-01-504-06	01-1920-02	MISSION CONTROL RM, 01-2120-02_BRIDGE	NULL	7750d9dd-79a0-4346-9a01-e543081373d8	7750d9dd-79a0-4346-9a01-e543081373d8
6	9f30ef16-b924-42fc-a684-845e4e2d6d59	6546511	504-02-D	ADN-01-504-02	01-1520-02	AUX MACH RM, 01-1620-02_MAIN MACHINERY RM	NULL	7750d9dd-79a0-4346-9a01-e543081373d8	7750d9dd-79a0-4346-9a01-e543081373d8



F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	
1	Compartment Name (Entering)	Compartment Number	Label Height	Label Width	Label component	Label Type	System	Description	Notes
2	GALLEY	01-1620-02	2	2	4	Compartment	A	MISC	AIR HORN SUPPLY
3	GALLEY	01-1820-02	2	2	4	Compartment	A	MISC	AIR RCVR DISCH ISO
4	PASSAGE WAY	01-1720-02	2	2	4	Compartment	A	Comp Air	PRESS REGULATING
5	PASSAGE WAY	01-1920-02	2	2	4	Compartment	A	Comp Air	SEACHEST BLOW DOWN
6	BRIDGE	01-1920-02	2	2	4	Compartment	A	Comp Air	MAIN ENG START AIR SUPPLY
7	AUX MACH RM	01-1620-02	2	2	4	Compartment	A	Comp Air	AIR BY-PASS
8	MAIN MACHINERY RM	01-1720-02	2	2	6	Compartment	B	Comp Air	COMP. AIR STATION
9	MISSION CONTROL RM	01-1620-02	2	2	6	Compartment	B	Comp Air	AIR HORN SUPPLY
10	MISSION CONTROL RM	01-2120-02	2	2	6	Compartment	B	Comp Air	AIR RCVR DISCH ISO
11	MAIN MACHINERY RM	01-1520-02	2	2	6	Compartment	A	Comp Air	PRESS REGULATING
12	MAIN MACHINERY RM	01-1520-02	2	2	6	Value	B	Comp Air	SEACHEST BLOW DOWN

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	General Settings						
2	Name	Value					
3	pixels per inch	72	how many pixels per inch for scaling				
4	print width	20					
5	print height	24					
6	Type Column	10					
7	Output Type:	Both					
8	compartment label settings						
9	Line	Data	Font	Size	Horizontal Alignment	Vertical Alignment	x y
10	Line 1	3	Monospac821	25	center	center	0 0
11	Line 2	6	Monospac821	25	center	center	0 25
12	Line 3	5	Monospac821	25	center	center	0 50
13	Line 4	2	Monospac821	10	center	center	0 100
14	Line 5	1	Monospac821	10	left	center	0 132
15	Line 6	4	Monospac821	10	center	center	mid 132
16	Line 7	7	Monospac821	10	right	center	max 132

- Visual Representation of the label to be photoetched on Aluminum or Stainless

Second Iteration: Valve Labels

- Excel Export from PublisherLT

- Raw Data

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- Formatted by Label Type



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Generate
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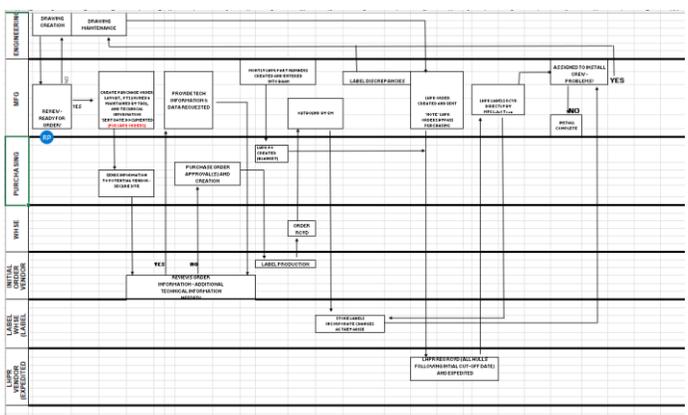
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45	Comp Air								
46	Qty	Type	Description	Notes					
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48	1	B	AIR HORN SUPPLY						
49	1	B	AIR RCVR DISCH ISO						
50	1	B	COMP. AIR STATION						
51	1	A	MAIN ENG START AIR SUPPLY						
52	2	A	PRESS REGULATING						
53	1	A	SEACHEST BLOW DOWN						
54	1	B	SEACHEST BLOW DOWN						
55									
56	MISC								
57	Qty	Type	Description	Notes					
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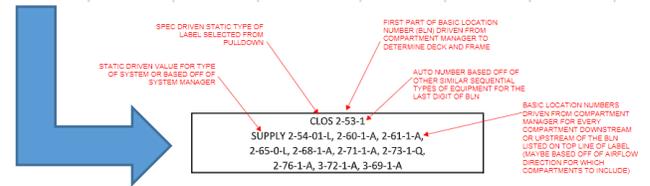
Third Iteration: Equipment Labels

- Much broader data requirements
 - Entire spreadsheet to manage the overall process
 - Complicated data needs including service areas



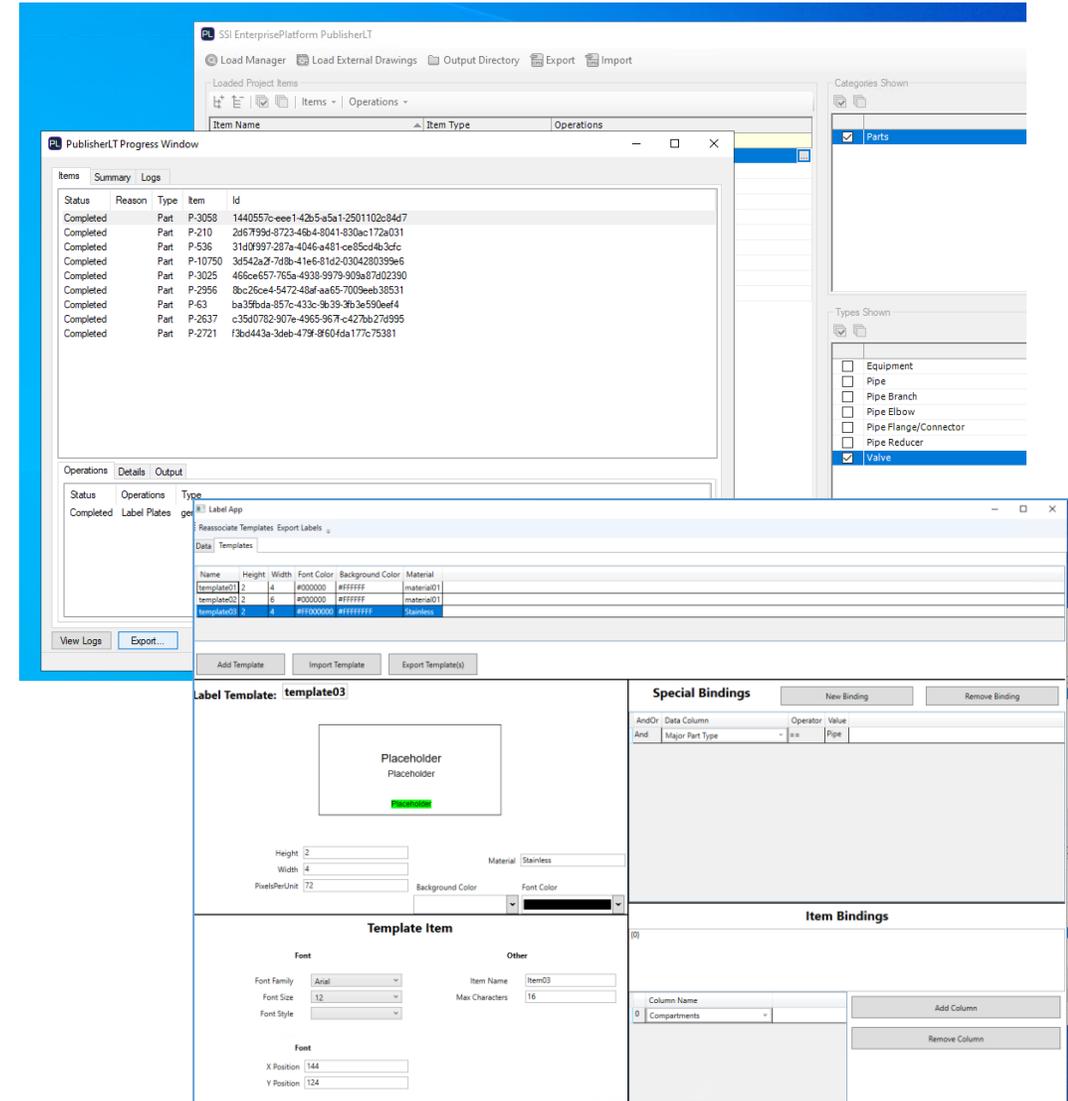
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Item type	Y	Y		auto number	PH rank	Cmpt number	name	SWBS	item type	item type	BLN, Service Areas	Calc	item type					UID	

Excel wasn't going to get there, we need an app

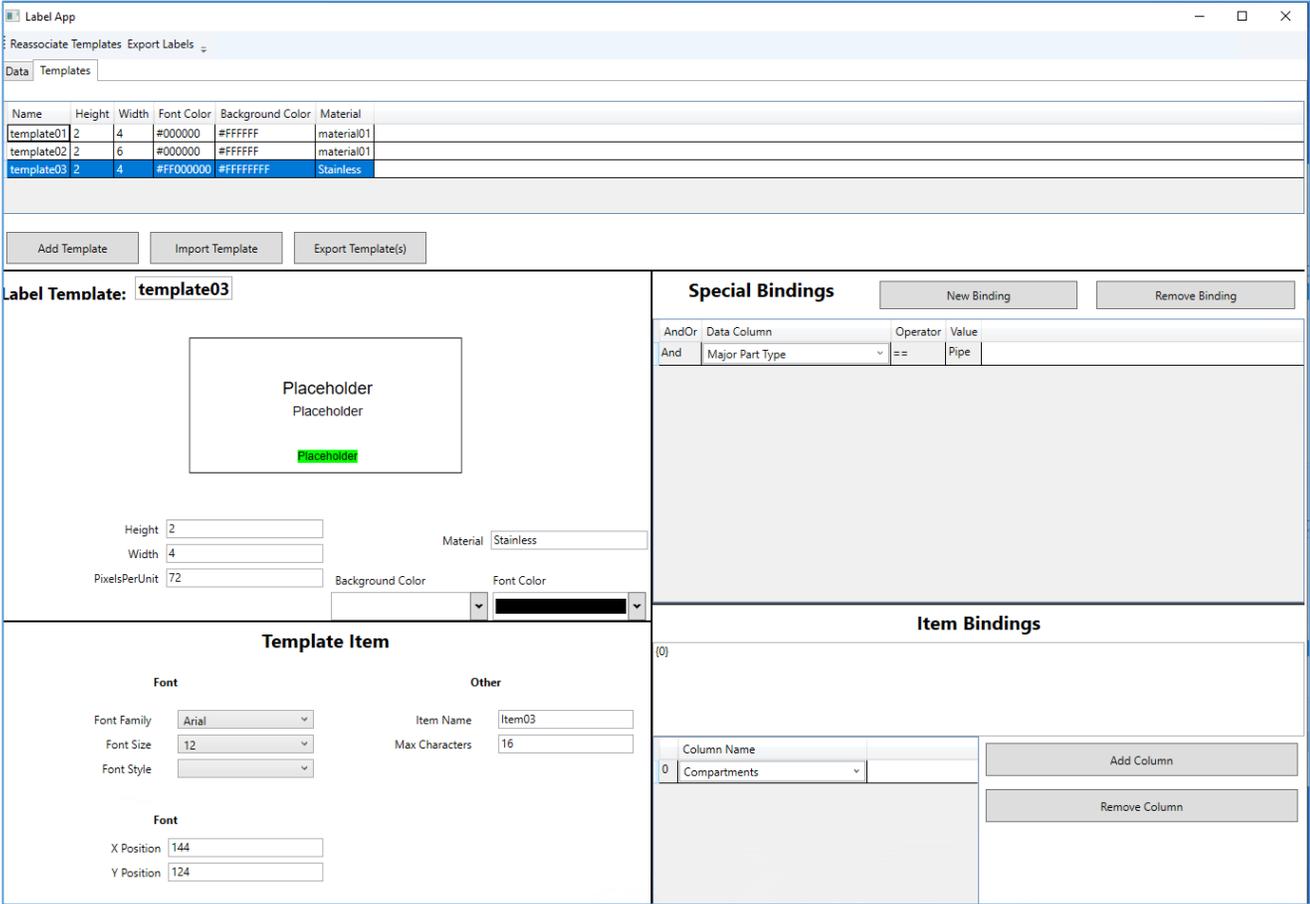


Project Progress

- SSI evaluated the information that could be exported to provide the label plate contents
- Additional fields will require UDAs added to the model
- EngineeringUSA was contracted to assist in the development of custom application to streamline label plate generation
 - SSI found that the variety of use cases and labels required a custom solution
- EngineeringUSA delivered proof of concept application to SSI for evaluation and review
- SSI hosted Workshop for project participants to review, test, and comment at Fincantieri Marinette Marine on 25 May 2023

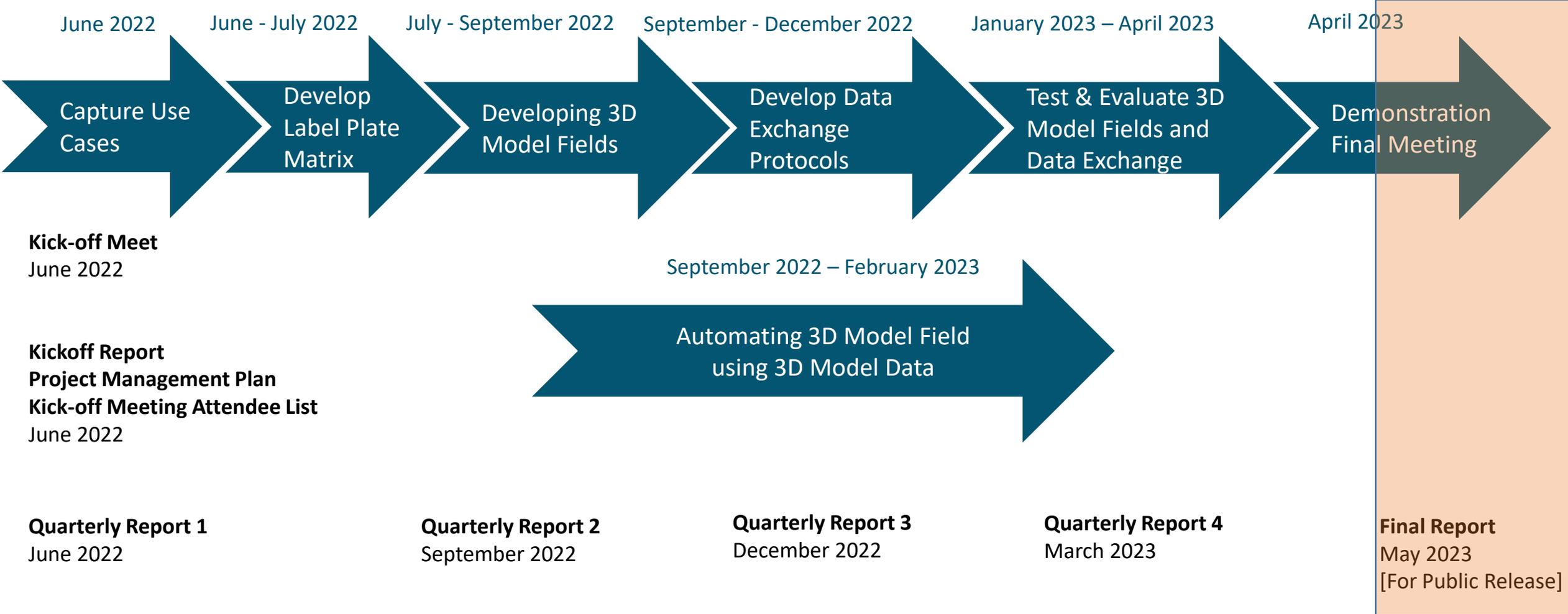


Mockup of Label Plate Application



Project Timeline

Bi-Weekly Team Meetings



Technology Transfer Events

- ✓ Sea-Air-Space 2022 – April 4 – 6, 2022
 - ✓ SDMT & BT Joint Panel Meeting – September 1, 2022
 - ✓ SSI World Shipbuilding Conference – 4-6 October 2022
 - ✓ NSRP All Panel Meeting – March 2023
- SDMT & BT Joint Panel Meeting – July 13, 2023

Automatic Label Plate Generation

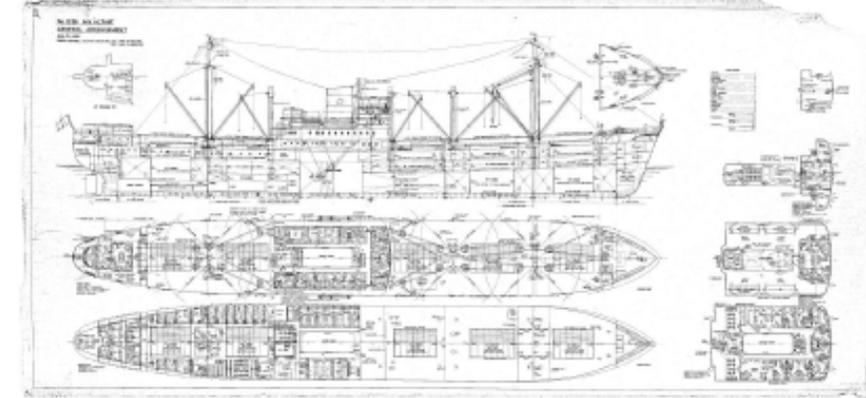
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Problem:

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Vessels have hundreds and sometime even thousands of label plates



Solution:

Develop a workflow to use existing data from the 3D model to automate compartment label plate development where the digital data can be provided directly to label plate suppliers in a format suitable for their requirements.

Benefits:

This supports configuration management of compartment label plate data with the 3D model; thereby, with the 3D model changes. Thus, the label plate data remains updated with the 3D model.

By providing the label plate information in a digital format to support the supplier's needs, there is no need for manual data entry between the shipyard, purchasing, and the supplier where data entry errors can occur.

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