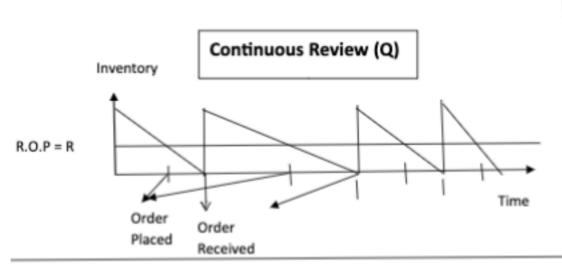
Continuous (Q) and Periodic (P) Review Inventory Systems



Periodic Review (P)

T=Target
Inventory

Reviewed and
Order Placed

Time

On-Hand inventory is known all the time

Typically, inventory is monitored continuously and an order is placed for a fixed quantity (Q) when the re-order point-ROP (R) is reached.

FIXED / VARIABLE?

The decision of how much to order is ______
The decision of when to order is _____
Important decision parameters: Q and R
R is a function of

Would you use a P or Q system in the following situations?

- 1. When there are capacity limitations
- 2. When you want to combine orders to the same supplier
- 3. When the supplier dictates delivery schedule
- 4. When you want to utilize the advantage of quantity discounts

Inventory is reviewed every P time periods

Typically, inventory status (IS) is reviewed every P periods (example, every 3 days, every week, etc.) and the difference between the target inventory (T) and the current Inventory Status (IS) is ordered.

FIXED / VARIABLE?

The decision of how much to order is	
The decision of when to order is	
Important decision parameters: P and T	
T is a function of	