

What's so important about the HINTS?

Crate Pro was designed with the intention to increase your profits, decrease your labor time for quoting and creating cut sheets and help you standardize your procedures.

However, you should take advantage of the information provided in the HINTS to assist you in accomplishing these goals. The HINTS are designed to help you get the most out of Crate Pro!

HINT 1# Currently there are about 250 crate Styles within the software. Most shops tend to build the same styles with different dimensions. At the time of this writing, I think the greatest number of different Styles any one shop told me they build is 14. Most seem to stick with less than 5. If you follow Hint #1 you can “hide” all the Styles you don't use so when you create a **new design**, your list will be short and only include the Styles you actually build. (You can always click on Set Up and add hidden Styles)

HINT 2# Add new materials or components to Inventory if it doesn't already exist. Once added you can even make any of those new materials defaults in the design of your crates (see Hint 7#). Adding components that are purchased pre-assembled is a big reason shops love this feature. You can also change the name of the material if you have a different common name. Update your material prices quickly by “hiding” unused materials. That's covered in this Hint.

HINT 3# Getting some basic information on how a crate is built. Nail or bolt patterns. Floater Decks, Terminology, etc.

HINT 4# Here's the icon list, easy to read and reference. What is that exploding crate next to the icon of the trash can??

HINT 5# Resizing a Crate. What are those little Red and Green lights I get when I change dimensions??

HINT 6# Creating custom designs. How to attach photos and other non Crate Pro files to your design for cross reference.

HINT 7# (Coming Soon) Specifying the default materials for the crates you build and “hiding” the materials you don't use is another time saver. Crate Pro uses default materials for each category of crate (light, medium and heavy duty) and then gives you two sets (Affordable & Durable) of default materials within each category. For each category you should confirm or change the default material to fit your own shops defaults. Don't use nails only staples? Let Crate Pro know and you won't have to make changes after you created your design! Crate Pro will build using your materials right from the start.

HINT 8# (Coming Soon) Back up the Single User and Multi-User versions when you DO NOT have FM Server.

HINT 9# (Coming Soon) Jobs Versus Designs – Which Should I Use?

HINT 10# (Coming Soon) How Does the Advertising Module Work?