

ByBox extends service range

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Overnight parts specialist ByBox has extended its range of services with Vanventory, a mobile inventory system that tracks spare parts aboard the vans and provides full visibility of what stock is available right now and where it is. And once located, it also provides the means to source the parts with the minimum of delay.

ByBox currently uses Thinventory, a cohesive end-to-end wireless technology, to maximise stock visibility and minimise customer stock holding by managing each of the key stages of the supply chain process - raising purchase orders, goods in, pick, dispatch, deliver, return, repair, and return to good stock - all with serial number visibility.

Vanventory starts where Thinventory stops, by adding a mobile inventory element to the overall process. It takes a copy of the supply chain parts data held on the Thinventory servers and retains this on a handheld computer that is carried by field engineers. The handheld computer enables visibility of stock availability across the mobile fleet in real time. It is fitted with GPS satellite tracking, a digital camera, omni-directional barcode scanning, a colour touch screen, GPRS wireless communications and WiFi.