



Smarter Product Data and Lifecycle Management Without the Complexity

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How Nora IPLM uses a connected digital thread, cloud-native architecture, and AI to simplify product lifecycle management

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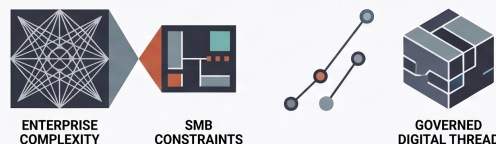
Key Takeaways (1/2)

- **Enterprise Pressures, SMB Constraints:** Mid-market manufacturers face enterprise-level complexity with leaner IT, smaller budgets, and limited tolerance for implementation complexity.
- **Simplicity Without Compromise:** Modern PLM must reduce user and setup complexity while keeping strict configuration control, change discipline, and traceability intact.
- **Governed Digital Thread:** Core PLM foundations must unify requirements, CAD, EBOM/MBOM, suppliers, and enterprise systems into one connected continuum.

Mid-Market PLM: Balancing Complexity, Traceability, and AI

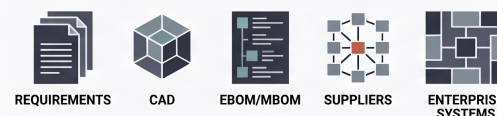
Mid-market manufacturers face enterprise-level product complexity with leaner IT teams, requiring unified digital threads and strict governance to fuel modern AI-driven decisions.

CORE REALITIES & DIGITAL THREAD FOUNDATIONS



Enterprise Complexity Meets SMB Constraints: Mid-market firms face complex demands with smaller budgets and low complexity tolerance.

Simplicity Without Quality Compromise: Reduces complexity while maintaining rigorous configuration, change discipline, and traceability.



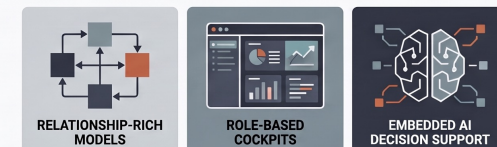
The Governed Digital Thread: Connects requirements, CAD, EBOM/MBOM, suppliers, and enterprise systems into one thread.

DATA INTEGRITY, AI, AND NEXT-GEN ARCHITECTURE



Connected Traceability Fuels AI: Reliable lifecycle intelligence relies on connected, contextualized data and clear object relationships.

NORA IPLM ARCHITECTURE DELIVERY



Nora IPLM Architecture Delivery: Built on relationship-rich models, role-based cockpits, and embedded AI decision support.

Key Takeaways (2/2)

- **Traceability Fuels AI:** AI increases the importance of connected contextualized product data. Useful lifecycle intelligence depends on trustworthy object relationships and traceability.
- **Nora IPLM Architecture:** Built on cloud-native delivery, relationship-rich models, role-based cockpits, and embedded AI decision support.

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ENTERPRISE
COMPLEXITY



SMB
CONSTRAINTS



GOVERNED
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REQUIREMENTS



CAD



EBOM/MBOM



SUPPLIERS



ENTERPRISE
SYSTEMS

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CONTEXTUALIZED
DATA



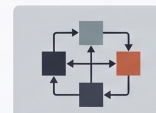
AI-DRIVEN
DECISIONS



RELIABLE LIFECYCLE
INTELLIGENCE

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RELATIONSHIP-RICH
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ROLE-BASED
COCKPITS



EMBEDDED AI
DECISION SUPPORT

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Conclusions

The Final Word

Manufacturers should not be forced to trade PLM discipline and lifecycle control for simplicity. Modern platforms must deliver both. CIMdata recommends SMB discrete manufacturers evaluating modern PLM alternatives include Nora IPLM in their assessment when rapid deployment, usability, openness, and AI-enabled lifecycle intelligence are important.

CIMdata Commentary: *Smarter Product Data and Lifecycle Management Without the Complexity*

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