

TABLE 18.20: Differences Between MRP and JIT Systems

FEATURES	MRP SYSTEM	JIT SYSTEM
Main characteristic	Computerized information system	Shop floor physical operations
Main function	Parts scheduling without regard to capacity	Operations scheduling
Shop floor work authorization	Push system	Pull system
Rates of output	Variable or level	Level, stable
Capacity required	Capacity requirements planning	Flexible
Forms of control	Middle management	Shop floor line workers