

Better Inventory Control Systems Reduces Errors

How would you like an almost instant way to improve your company's bottom line? Reducing warehouse and inventory errors can result in reduced costs and improved profits. With better inventory control, you can order only what you need, sell older stock more quickly, and reduce duplicate shipments that can take up valuable warehouse space.

A good warehouse management system and an inventory control system reduces picking errors and improves your overall efficiency. It's smart to invest in new inventory control systems. Your bottom line depends on it.

The Real Cost of Picking Errors

Have you considered all of these costs of picking and fulfillment errors in your warehouse management strategy?

1. **Lost sales.** Picking errors usually mean shipping errors and shipping errors result in lower customer satisfaction and customer retention. One picking error can affect the customer's perception of an entire order. That is why it is important to improve the picking and fulfillment process before it has an impact on the customer.
2. **Returns.** Returns are expensive. You have the cost of documenting the problem, return shipping and retagging to name a few.
3. **Additional shipping.** There are even more shipping costs than the expense of the return, you also need to consider the cost of expediting the correct order.
4. **Customer service costs.** Errors that impact the customer mean more time spent in customer service to field the complaint and solve the problem.
5. **Repackaging.** Don't forget that if you can reuse the returned item, it has the added expense of being repackaged.
6. **Warehouse labor costs.** In addition to restocking costs, you have the wasted labor hours spent on that unit. A picking error could be a stocking error meaning that you may have the cost of doing a cycle count at that location.
7. **Sales costs.** Costs rise as more people need to get involved in the process. Persistent fulfillment problems can damage the sales process—now your sales force is spending time placating customers rather than making new sales.

Warehousing and distribution automation makes business sense

When you add up these costs, the benefits and return on investment (ROI) for a warehouse management system integrated with your ERP just got easier to prove. In fact, the majority of warehouse managers believe that increasing automation and adopting mobile technology in the warehouse can have the greatest impact on improving profitability.

[Mobile devices](#) have revolutionized the world of inventory control. Hand-held radio frequency scanners, for instance, can instantly transmit shipping information from the loading dock into your systems. It's data that can make all the difference to your business growth.

Warehouse management and automation solutions increase your profitability by reducing inventory errors and even more. Not only do you reduce error, but you increase productivity and simplify training. Inventory accuracy is critical to reduce error and automation tools that are directly connected to your ERP can validate your inventory in real time. In addition, when you automate simple functions, you eliminate unnecessary labor costs. Picking is significantly faster which means great processing capacity. With mobile warehouse devices, workers can be more flexible and more productive. Automation even simplifies training as workers know what to do, when to do it and where to go. That makes it easier for your company to grow and be profitable.

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