

Leverage Bar Code Technology w/ ASN

Serialized Numbers



An **advance shipping notice** (ASN) is a notification of pending deliveries, similar to a packing list, that are in the que to be delivered from a supplier to a customer. It can be provided in a standard PDF file, or customized CSV.

- Upload product receiving electronically.
 - Auto-delivered by Purchase Partners via email to the customer as a CSV file and uploaded by the customer as a pre-receiving or final receiving of inbound product – makes receiving a snap, and always 100% correct.
 - The ASN can be used to list the contents of a shipment of goods as well as additional information relating to the shipment, such as order information, customer part numbers, product description, packaging, shipment number, and quantity.

The goal of the ASN is to provide information to the customer's receiving operations well in advance of delivery, to increase inventory receiving efficiencies and accuracy, impacting the logistics stream in three areas: **cost**, **accuracy**, **and flexibility**.

Cost.

Active receiving operations rarely have time to break down a shipping unit (cartons or pallets) to identify its components and quantities, and have migrated their processes to quick scans of barcodes on shipping labels, supplier pack slips and uploaded files.

An ASN can provide a list of all barcode ID numbers of the shipped product. Receiving costs can be reduced by about 40%, moving product to the manufacturing line faster.

Accuracy.

Upon receipt of the ASN, the receiver is immediately informed of any difference between what was expected, and what has actually been shipped. The ASN part numbers, quantities and the inventory received will always match 100% of the time.

Flexibility

Knowing the actual fill rates of the orders in advance gives the receiver the opportunity to re-allocate goods in subsequent shipments and on the manufacturing line(s).