

Tech Note Inventory Tracking and Receiving

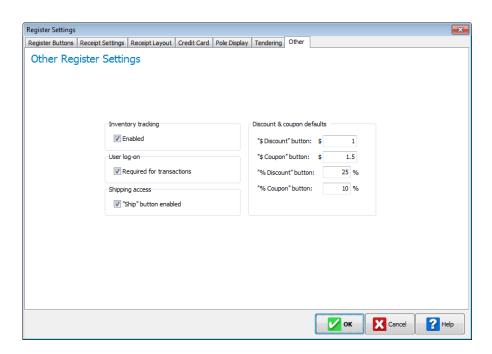


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PostalMate's POS program provides you with tools to track and receive inventory. To begin tracking inventory, you must turn the option on and set up your products to be tracked. The steps below will help you do that.

Turning on Inventory Tracking

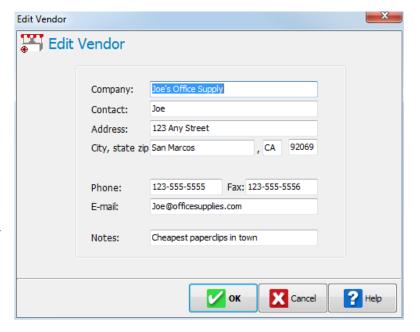
- From the POS
 Register screen,
 choose Tools >
 Options > Register
 Settings.
- 2. Select the **Other** tab.
- 3. Choose **Yes** below **Inventory tracking**.
- 4. Click OK to save.



Adding Vendors

Add vendors to better monitor where your supplies are coming from and where to place your orders.

- 1. Choose Edit > Vendors.
- 2. Choose Add.
- Enter the appropriate information and click **OK** to save.
- 4. Repeat this process to add other vendors.

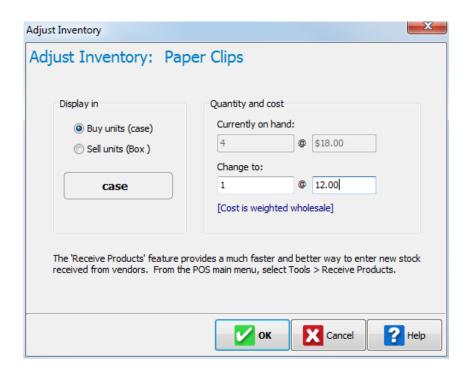




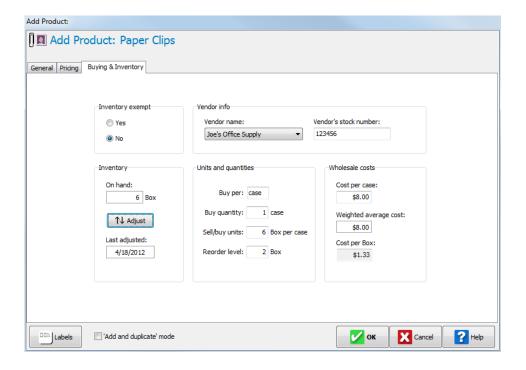
Setting Up Products to Track Inventory

- 1. From the POS Register screen, choose **Edit > Product**.
- 2. Choose a product you would like to include in inventory tracking by clicking on the product or searching for it. Once you find the first product you would like to include, click **Edit.**
- 3. Choose the **Buying and Inventory** tab of this product.
- 4. You will need to fill in all information on this tab for inventory tracking to work properly.
 - a. Inventory Exempt: Click the No option.
 - b. **Vendor Info:** Select the vendor appropriate for this product and enter any reference or stock number necessary for ordering this product.
 - c. Units and Quantities:
 - Buy Per: when you buy this product, in what form do you buy it? Is it by the case?
 The bundle? In our example below, we are buying paperclips by the case. Enter that case here.
 - Buy Quantity: if you buy this by the case, how many cases do you buy at a time?
 How many paperclips are we going to buy?
 - **Sell/ Buy Units:** how many sell units are in the buy unit? Meaning, how many boxes of paperclips are in the case? The case is a buy unit; the box is a sell unit. Enter that number here.
 - **Reorder Level:** How many sell units do you want to be down to before you buy another case? Enter that number here.
 - d. Wholesale Costs: Enter the cost per case of this item.
 - e. Count how many boxes of paperclips you have in stock. You will need to adjust your stock and enter that amount. Click **Adjust Stock** and enter the number either in sell or buy units. Click **OK** to save.





5. Now your inventory tracking is complete for this product. Here is an example.

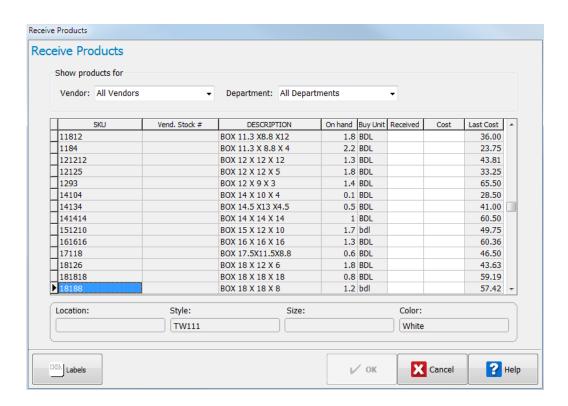




Inventory Receiving

PostalMate's POS comes with a useful utility for receiving inventory that allows you to enter all information from one central place rather than edit each product to adjust inventory.

- 1. Click **Tools > Receive Products.**
- Select the inventory you would like to add. You may choose to view products by *Vendor* or by *Department*.
- 3. Using your invoice, packing slip or other order documentation to fill in the number received (in buy units) and the cost per buy unit.
- 4. Click **OK** and your inventories will be updated.



Product barcode labels can be created and can be used in the Receive Product screen to print new bar code labels for the inventory you have received. Please see TechNote titled <u>Creating Barcode Labels</u> for more information on how to set this up.

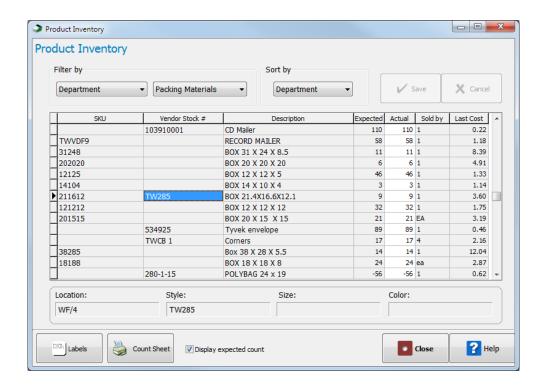


Adjusting Inventory

Inventory can be adjusted globally in the POS Register by choosing **Tools > Adjust Inventory**.

This is where you can adjust inventory for all products. Use this tool when:

- 1. You need to print a count sheet for taking inventory.
- 2. You have taken inventory and need to adjust your actual stock on hand.
- 3. You need to print bar coded labels for multiple products.



- You may filter the list of products displayed by All, Department, Location and by Vendor. A secondary filter is also available to sort by Department and by Description.
- Once your products are listed, you may enter the actual amount of each product you have in your store. The *Save* button is available to intermittently save the amounts you have entered.
- The **Count Sheet** can be printed out for taking physical inventory.
- Bar Code labels may be printed out by using the *Labels* button on this screen. (see TechNote titled <u>Creating Barcode Labels</u> for information on setting this up in the POS.