



RFID for Check-in/Checkout Operations

Do your workers sign out files, tools, equipment and other assets every time they use them?

Are these things always put back where they belong and there when you need them?

Do you know how much the time spent searching is costing your organization?

Maybe it's time to check out RFID-based systems to accurately and automatically check in and check out your assets and supplies.

Sixty-four percent of companies reported that their operations personnel perform at least one search for assets or inventory every day, and 27 percent perform more than 10 searches a day, according to a survey by WhereNet, a Zebra Technologies company. Nearly half (47 percent) of the companies in the survey reported their searches take up to one hour. Workers lose the equivalent of one full 40-hour workweek per year if they spend only 10 minutes a day searching for and gathering needed items. Whether employees need power tools or paper clips, the time they spend searching is a drain on productivity and profitability.

RFID is a thorough and efficient way to track shares files, assets, samples, evidence and other materials that need to be checked in and out. Simply apply a low-cost, flexible RFID smart label to whatever you want to track. Instead of signing the object in and out, the transfer can be recorded simply by passing the object over an unattended RFID reader, or with a quick scan from a PDA or a handheld linked to a PC.

Libraries around the world use RFID to manage their collections, save time for staff and make checkout operations more convenient for patrons. In industry, RFID-enabled tool cribs and automated dispensing cabinets keep accurate inventory counts, prevent losses, and help make sure workers have what they need. RFID provides valuable monitoring and automatic time stamps to ensure chain-of-custody and integrity for evidence and samples; and millions of records boxes, file folders and individual documents are also tracked with RFID to help meet compliance requirements and eliminate lost files. In short, check-in/checkout applications take many forms, but produce common results: less time and money spent on filing, searching and organizing; better accuracy; and reduced losses.

Why do businesses in more than 100 countries, including 90 percent of the Fortune 500, rely on Zebra specialty printing solutions?

Because Zebra has optimized solutions to meet your tracking needs. Zebra manufactures the broadest range of RFID smart label printer/encoders, so you can find the model and configuration best suited for efficient integration into your processes and information systems. Options include compact desktop printer/encoders, cart-mounted models for mobile labeling, and rugged industrial units.

Zebra also offers more bar code printer options than anyone else. Zebra helps you leverage your printing and IT investments by providing a common platform across its RFID and bar code product lines for sharing label formats, printer management utilities and programming expertise. We also support multiple leading wired and wireless connectivity, networking and security protocols to further extend and leverage your IT systems.



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Because Zebra supports multiple RFID technologies. Zebra has smart label printer/encoders for UHF (860-960 MHz) and HF (13.56 MHz) technologies, and WhereNet, a Zebra Technologies company, is a leading provider of real-time locating systems (RTLS). Our printer/encoders and smart label media support EPCglobal Gen 2, ISO 18000, ISO 15693 and other RFID standards for item management and traceability. Dozens of RFID inlay options from multiple leading chip manufacturers are available so you can match your smart labels to your performance needs.

Because Zebra® smart labels stick to your assets and stand up to your processes. We've solved the challenges of developing labels that will provide accurate reads when exposed to chemicals, gases, electrostatic discharge, sunlight, UV light, temperature extremes, harsh production processes and cleanroom environments, and we offer hundreds of stock and custom materials options. All Zebra smart labels are produced in ISO 9001-certified facilities and undergo extensive quality control testing to ensure reliable performance.

If you're tired of looking for the equipment and resources to run your business, look to Zebra to help. From files to fixed assets, we have the partners and products for creating efficient RFID check-in/checkout solutions.

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