

All Orders by Numbercruncher

Overall Rating**9.25****Summary****Product Name**All Orders by
Numbercruncher

NumberCruncher software helps manufacturing, wholesale, and distribution companies manage their inventory, the production process, and customer orders.

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larendt@WIPFLI.com**Strengths**

The strengths of this product include: integration with QuickBooks, the option of purchasing just a sales order module, a work order module or an all orders module based upon the needs of the individual business, class tracking that aligns with the classes used in QuickBooks, the ability to use multiple units of measure for using, purchasing, and selling including unit of measure conversions, the option of including pictures or files to items, automatic or manual synchronization with the QuickBooks software, PO generation with last received cost or purchase cost as entered in the item set-up, re-order analysis, multiple warehouses, multiple vendors may be assigned to items, unlimited pricing levels, volume discounts, bin tracking, separate internal item numbers, vendor numbers, manufacture numbers, and UPC codes, multiple bills of materials with a roll-up feature, batch orders, location tracking, serial number tracking, bar codes, RMAs, RFPs, multiple ship-to addresses, and multiple shipping dates.

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Wish List

A lot of small business owners really like to use the Navigator feature in QuickBooks and it would be nice to see a similar option in NumberCruncher since so many other interfaces try to mirror QuickBooks. It would also be good to see more advanced data security options such as required passwords, a password requirement in terms of password length, and a requirement of mixing lower-case and upper-case characters including numerical and alphabetical characters. In addition to stricter data security requirements, it would be helpful to allow more specific permissions to specific transactions as opposed to broad permissions for overall areas. Also, a quicker response time for the free set-up technical support would be nice as most businesses do not want to wait 1-5 days for a response. Finally, it would be helpful to get a real-time synchronization with QuickBooks software instead of getting interrupted periodically with the automatic synchronization or having to manually synchronize the software in order to see the immediate effect of a transaction recorded in NumberCruncher.

Product Ratings	Rating
<p>Setup and Installation: The installation and set-up of the product is extremely easy. The set-up is similar to the Easy-Step Interview in QuickBooks but even quicker to walk through. The initial set-up options are available to be changed at any time through the Preferences options.</p>	10.0
<p>Interface: The interface is very user friendly and straightforward. It looks and operates very similar to the QuickBooks interface which makes a smooth transition to individuals used to working solely with the QuickBooks software. The Preferences screens are also mirror the same interface as QuickBooks Preferences.</p>	9.5
<p>Features: All of the features within the product are extremely useful.</p>	9.5
<p>Follow-through on Claims The product does follow-through on the claims it makes in its packaging.</p>	10.0
<p>Ease of Use/Service and Support Free limited support is available for the initial set-up of the software which includes guaranteed 1-5 day e-mail help. There is an on-line knowledge database and tutorials as well as Help options within the product including screen-specific help. Support is also available via the phone or e-mail using a fee-based system either per incident or on an unlimited basis. Under these plans, the response time is within 24 hours during normal business hours. Reports customization and remote training are also available for established fees.</p>	8.5
<p>Data Security NumberCruncher does allow multiple users with separate user ids and passwords for each user and but passwords are not required for all users. Similar to QuickBooks, the initial user is set-up as the Administrator with full rights to everything but there is no requirement to set-up a password. The software does allow various permission levels for each user however access is limited to full, none, or view/print only.</p>	7.5
<p>Privacy The privacy policy can be found at the bottom of the web site (www.numbercruncher.com).</p>	10.0

Ratings Definitions

10.0 (Perfect):

This is a very rare score is reserved for a product that is as perfect as it could be.

9.0 to 9.9 (Spectacular):

A product that receives a rating in this range succeeds at meeting all of its intended users' needs and has no major drawbacks.

8.0 to 8.9 (Excellent):

A product that receives a rating in this range is superior in so many ways that its few drawbacks do not have much negative impact.

7.0 to 7.9 (Very good):

While the strengths of a product scoring in this range certainly outweigh its weaknesses, it has some minor faults that users should be aware of.

6.0 to 6.9 (Good):

This range represents a product that is above average. Its strengths outweigh its weaknesses, making it good for most uses but not a standout.

5.0 to 5.9 (Average):

A product that scores in this range is functional but unremarkable.

4.0 to 4.9 (Mediocre):

Products in this range are below average. They fall in the middle of the pack for most features, but suffer from a few additional major flaws.

3.0 to 3.9 (Poor):

A customer should probably not consider purchasing a product in this range or lower. There may be one or two specialized circumstances, however, that could justify the purchase of this product for a very low price for a specific demand.



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Integration with QuickBooks

The integration with QuickBooks can be set-up to be a manual or automatic synchronization and the automatic synchronization can be set to as little as every fifteen minutes. After assigning several default accounts in the initial set-up, the integration is automatic. Selection of different general ledger accounts is available at various other points within the software as well.

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