

## SmartScan Invoice Verification

Overall Rating **7.75**

**SmartScan**  
By Baus Systems

### Product Name

SmartScan Invoice  
Verification by Baus  
Systems

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### Summary

SmartScan Invoice Verification software is designed for distributors and wholesalers that need a system to accurately verify that the products they are shipping and the products they are invoicing agree in terms of items and quantities. It also integrates with QuickBooks which helps to avoid duplication of work when it comes to printing pick lists and packing lists.

### Strengths

SmartScan Invoice Verification can coordinate with attached or mobile scanners, print pick lists, allow the use of barcodes that already exist on products or the ability to create custom barcodes, use location codes to make the picking process more efficient, and automatically print packing lists for the items being shipped. Serial numbers may also be logged as scanned to allow serial number tracking on products shipped.

### Limitations

The ability to import invoices from QuickBooks is great however the details of items picked that are to be exported back to QuickBooks only come in as To-Do Notes which results in the need to do additional work within QuickBooks to track down discrepancies.

### Wish List

Once the verification process has been started with an invoice, it has to be finished at that time or the entered information will be cleared. It would be good to have the option to save the quantity information in progress so if an employee is interrupted, there is no loss of work done. Also, invoices are brought into SmartScan from QuickBooks by date or invoice number but it would also be nice to be able to select invoices by customer in the case where the invoice date or number may be unknown. Another feature that would be useful would be to only import back into QuickBooks as a To-Do Note the items with differences in what was invoiced versus picked. This helps office staff save time going through the details for every item picked and comparing them to the items invoiced looking for differences. Finally, it would be helpful if SmartScan would provide reports available from within SmartScan such as a history of all items scanned that can be filtered by date, invoice number, item, employee, quantity discrepancies, and etc....

| Product Ratings   | Rating | Ratings Definitions   |
|---|--------|---|
| <p><b>Setup and Installation:</b></p> <p>Installation is very easy. The product is installed via a CD and the instructions are very clear. There is a Startup Checklist that details the steps to take to get started with the product and if those steps are followed properly, setup is straightforward.</p>  | 8.5    | <p><b>10.0 (Perfect):</b><br/>This exceedingly rare score is reserved for a product that is as perfect as it could be.</p> <p><b>9.0 to 9.9 (Spectacular):</b><br/>A product that receives a rating in this range succeeds at meeting all of its intended users' needs and has no meaningful drawbacks.</p>   |
| <p><b>Interface:</b></p> <p>The interface of SmartScan and QuickBooks is smooth. The process consists of minor set-up options to be completed initially in QuickBooks and in SmartScan. Then on a regular basis, it's a matter of several button clicks to retrieve the information from QuickBooks and send it back when the verification process is complete.</p>   | 7.5    | <p><b>8.0 to 8.9 (Excellent):</b><br/>A product that receives a rating in this range is superior in so many ways that its relatively few drawbacks are not very important.</p> <p><b>7.0 to 7.9 (Very good):</b><br/>While the strengths of a product scoring in this range certainly outweigh its weaknesses, it has some minor faults that certain users should be aware of.</p>  |
| <p><b>Features:</b></p> <p>All of the features are useful. The ability to print pick lists, scan picked items, print packing slips for only the items scanned in the case of a back-order, and track serial numbers fill several gaps that exist within the inventory section of QuickBooks as these areas are not addressed with the QuickBooks products. The ability of SmartScan to coordinate the process with handheld or mobile scanners is also extremely useful as that helps make the process more efficient. All of these features help increase the accuracy of product picking and packing as well as invoicing which leads to fewer costly mistakes.</p> | 7.0    | <p><b>6.0 to 6.9 (Good):</b><br/>This range represents a product that is above average. Its strengths slightly outweigh its weaknesses, making it good for most uses but not a standout.</p> <p><b>5.0 to 5.9 (Average):</b><br/>A product that scores in this range is functional but unremarkable.</p>  |
| <p><b>Ease of Use/Service and Support</b></p> <p>The product is easy to use and very straight-forward. Free technical support options include in-product help, user manuals, and slide shows. Free support via phone, fax, e-mail and remote access (Webex) for 60 days is also included with each SmartScan purchase. After the initial 60 days, a fee of \$125 per hour may apply for support that addresses topics covered in the SmartScan user manual and slide shows.</p>   | 9.0    | <p><b>4.0 to 4.9 (Mediocre):</b><br/>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.</p> <p><b>3.0 to 3.9 (Poor):</b><br/>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.</p> |
| <p><b>Data Security / Privacy</b></p> <p>Within the product, optional employee log-ins, including passwords, may be established to provide for accountability as well as limiting access to various Properties sections (which provide various options for different areas of SmartScan). As with all applications, more advanced password requirements would be recommended. The company does have a privacy policy that is available on the website (<a href="http://www.baus-systems.com">www.baus-systems.com</a>) and it is clear and easy to understand.</p>  | 7.5    | <p><b>2.0 to 2.9 (Terrible):</b><br/>A product that receives a rating in this range does not satisfy any of its intended users' needs and has no meaningful strengths.</p> <p><b>1.0 to 1.9 (Abysmal):</b><br/>A product in this range should never have been produced. This product has no redeeming qualities and worse, may actually harm the user or the user's productivity.</p>   |



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### **Integration with QuickBooks**

The integration with QuickBooks is very smooth and straightforward. An invoice is prepared in QuickBooks and that information can then be retrieved by the SmartScan Invoice Verification System by date or invoice number. Once products are picked and verified in SmartScan, a confirmation report can then be printed and/or a message can be sent back to the QuickBooks To Do list (with the click of a button) for review and action by the office staff.

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