

Stickerless: Eliminate Amazon barcode labelling by using product GTINs

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This guide shows sellers how to use manufacturer barcodes with Fulfillment by Amazon, or FBA, virtual tracking.

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Seller Central FBA inventory tools

Watch <u>FBA inventory requirements</u> and <u>Packaging</u>, <u>prep</u>, <u>and labelling requirements</u> before using this guide to better understand how the Stickerless program can benefit your business.

For more information, review:

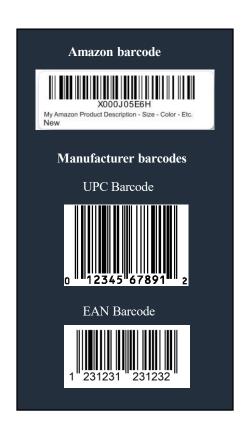
- FBA product barcode requirements, and
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Amazon's Stickerless program and how it works

The Stickerless program at Amazon lets you inbound inventory to FBA using the manufacturer barcodes on individual product packaging.

This keeps you from printing and applying an additional barcode label for each unit of inventory.

Amazon permits the following manufacturer barcodes: Global Trade Item Numbers (GTINs), such as UPC, EAN, or ISBN. These standardized codes are assigned by the manufacturer to identify unique products.



The benefits of manufacturer barcodes

Virtual tracking allows Amazon to use manufacturer barcodes to trace the source of the products through our fulfillment process.

Let's review the benefits of using manufacturer barcodes.

#1 Cost savings.

You may save up to \$0.55/unit by skipping additional barcode labelling. (Note: this estimate is when you use FBA Label Services; if you label your inventory another way, cost savings may vary.)

#2 Faster delivery.

Amazon may be able to deliver your customer orders more quickly because of a distributed network.

#3 Simplify operations.

You can use the same inventory across marketplaces, retail channels, or other ecommerce platforms without re-labelling.

#4 Reduce inventory movement.

You can reduce shipping distances and save on the number of physical transfers of your inventory within the FBA fulfillment network.

Tip:

When numerous sellers use the same ASIN for Stickerless, Amazon can share inventory among those sellers. When this happens, Amazon keeps records of whose inventory was used to fulfill which customer orders.

Stickerless program eligibility criteria

Not all products are eligible for the Stickerless program.

If a product is ineligible for manufacturer barcodes and you send it to a fulfillment center with only the manufacturer barcode, you may be charged an <u>unplanned-service fee</u> to add an Amazon barcode.

If you're a brand owner or authorized reseller of a brand, you're automatically exempt from using manufacturer barcodes for ASINs associated with the registered brand. There's no formal process to request the exemption.

To be eligible to use manufacturer barcodes, a product must:

- Be in new condition
- Have a single, scannable UPC, EAN, or ISBN barcode matching a single ASIN in the Amazon catalog

These products, however, aren't eligible for manufacturer barcodes:

- Restricted products and dangerous goods
- Expiration-dated products
- Consumables and topical products
- Media products, and
- Products related to infants or children



Note that brand owners or authorized resellers can use manufacturer barcodes for any of the ineligible products listed above.

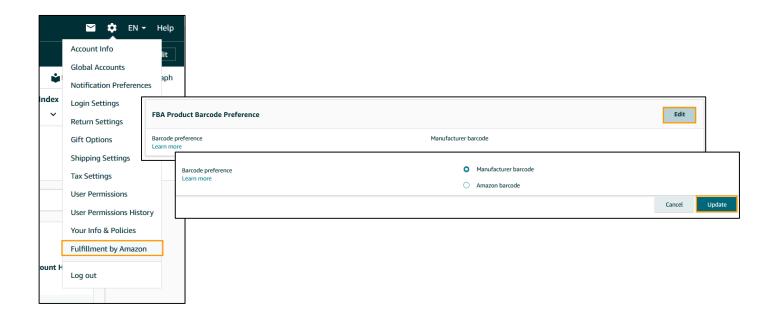
Tip:

Most products enrolled in the Transparency program are eligible for manufacturer barcodes.

Review the Transparency serial number barcode requirements to check which ones.

Four ways you can use manufacturer barcodes:

To change preferences for your barcode options for all future offers, click Fulfillment by Amazon from the gear drop-down menu in Seller Central. Scroll to FBA Product Barcode Preference and click Edit. Then, select Manufacturer barcode, and click Update.

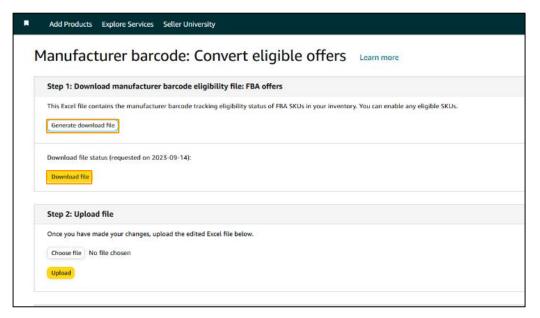


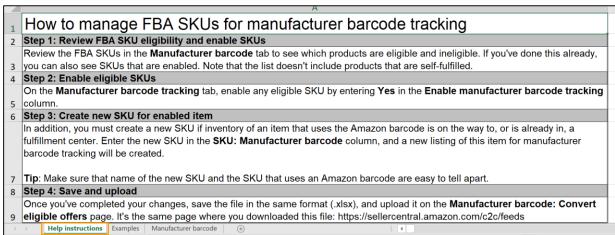
Here are the four ways you can use manufacturer barcodes.

#1 Change listings in bulk.

To do this, go to the page, Manufacturer barcode: Convert eligible offers.

- 1. Click Generate download file.
- 2. Click **Download file**.
- 3. Read the **Help instructions**.
- 4. Click the **Manufacturer Barcode** tab.
- 5. Enter a new SKU in the column, **SKU: Manufacturer barcode**.
- 6. Type Yes in the column, Enable manufacturer barcode tracking.
- 7. Upload the file on this page to convert your eligible offers.



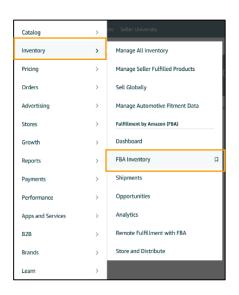


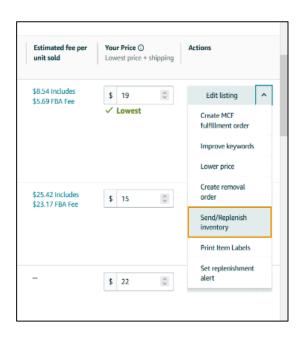


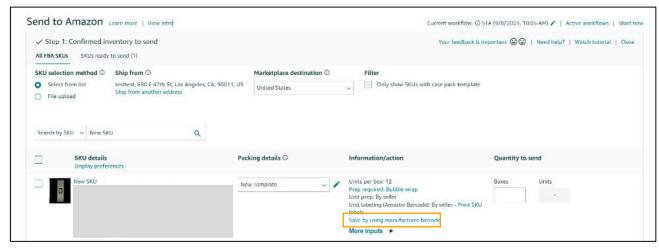
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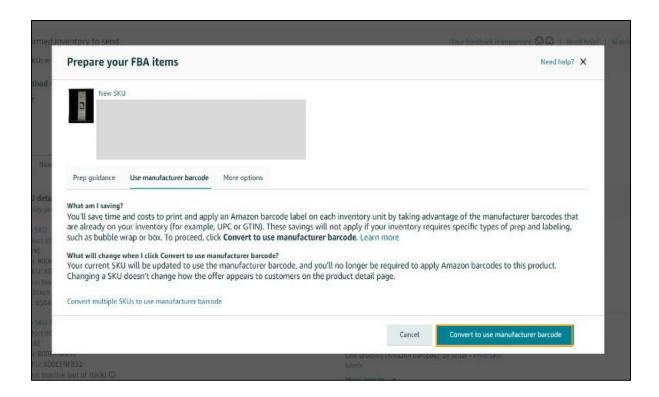
Some SKUs can't be converted and will need to be relisted as a new SKU. This might happen if you have open FBA shipments that contain the SKU, or if the SKU has sellable or unsellable inventory in any Amazon warehouse.

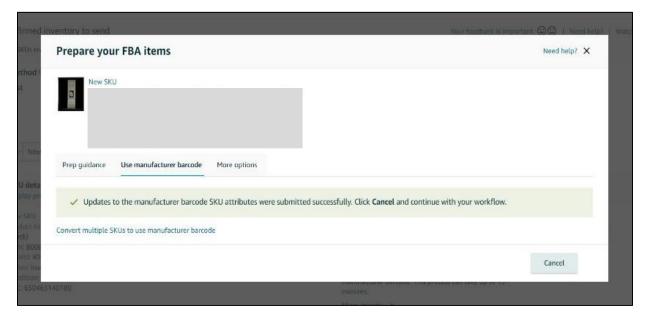
- **Use the Send-to-Amazon workflow to convert an individual listing.**
 - 1. Select **FBA Inventory** from the Seller Central menu.
 - 2. Under Actions, click the Edit listing drop-down arrow.
 - 3. Select Send/Replenish inventory. On this page your eligible SKUs will display Save by using manufacturer barcode under Information/action.
 - 4. Click **Save by using manufacturer barcode** and follow the instructions to switch your barcode preferences.







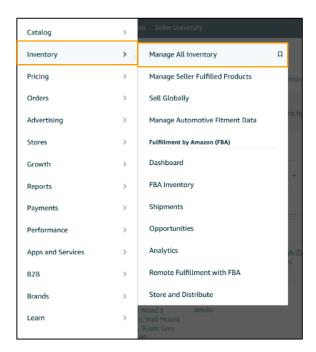


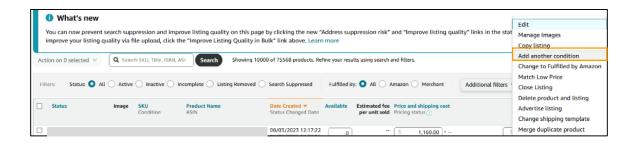


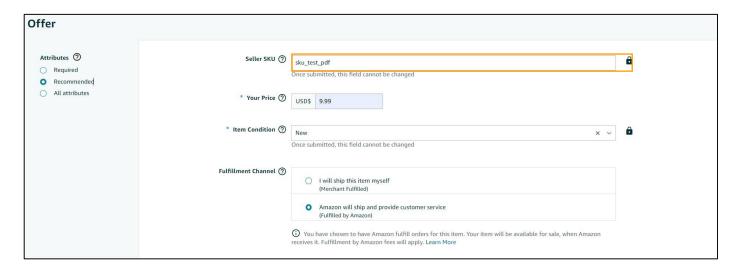
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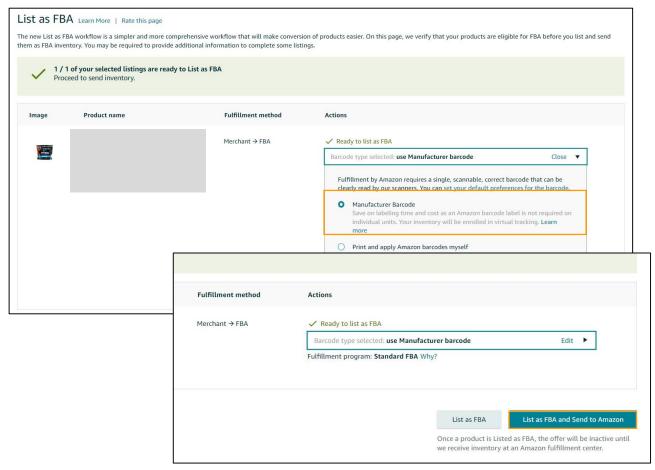
If **Save by using manufacturer barcode** is unavailable, the product might be ineligible for virtual tracking with a manufacturer barcode.

- #3 Change barcode preferences for individual listings one at a time by creating a new SKU.
 - 1. Select **Manage All Inventory** from the Seller Central menu.
 - 2. Click the **Edit drop-down arrow**.
 - 3. Select Add another condition and you'll be taken to the Offer page.
 - 4. Enter a new Seller SKU and complete the remaining required fields.
 - 5. Click Save and finish.
 - 6. Go to Choose barcode type on the List as FBA page.
 - 7. Select Manufacturer barcode from the drop-down menu and click List as FBA and Send to Amazon.





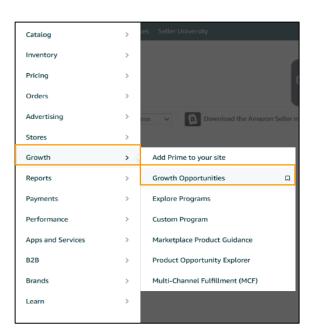


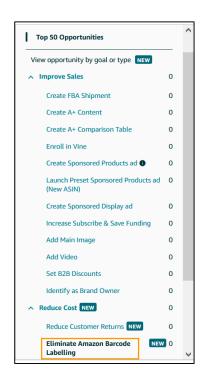


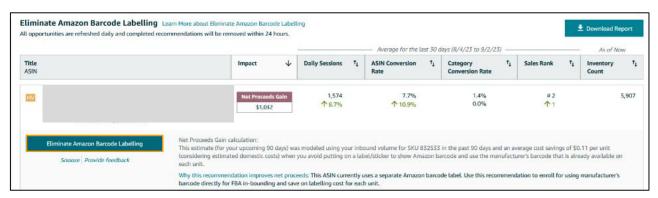
Tip:

Product reviews won't be impacted if you create a new SKU since reviews are at the ASIN level.

- **#4** Follow the recommended action on the Growth Opportunities page.
 - 1. Select **Growth Opportunities** from the Seller Central menu.
 - 2. Click Eliminate Amazon Barcode Labelling under the Top 50 Opportunities menu.
 - 3. Select Eliminate Amazon Barcode Labelling for each ASIN and follow the instructions.







After you switch to manufacturer barcodes, use this section of the Help page to learn about changes and recommendations for your new SKU.