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Ordering Barcodes for ToolTrakka

Barcodes for ToolTrakka come in two flavours. For outdoor work we supply metal 'Alucodes'. For indoor applications we offer Polypropylene barcodes.

For outdoor applications 'Alucodes' are the only barcodes that we have been able to find that stand up to the typical environments in which they are used. These barcodes are fabricated in Aluminium stamped from a flexible sheet. The flexibility allows them to be applied to virtually any tool or piece of equipment. They can be applied to curved surface.

They feature a 30 year rated adhesive for maximum permeability and the printing is impervious to all known solvents. If correctly applied these barcodes are virtually impossible to remove (they can, definitely, not be removed by fingers alone and even with a screw driver removal is particularly difficult).

Polypropylene labels do not have the staying power for outdoor applications. They are suitable for use on items such as computers, mobile phones, furniture and other indoor items. They should not be used for outdoor applications.
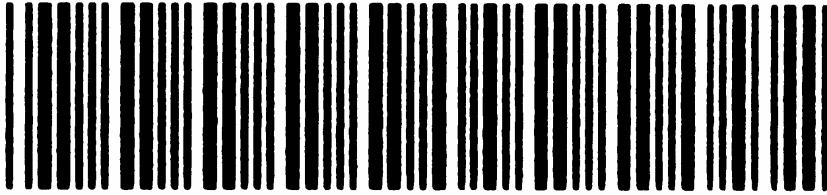
Sizes
Barcodes come in two standard sizes (others are available if required). 15mm x 35mm and 17mm x 49mm. Unless you specify otherwise we supply the smaller of the two. Please note that polypropylene barcodes may be slightly different in size to these.

Layout
Barcodes are laid out as below…

Ray Gudgeon and Associates

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When you order barcodes we need to know what you want as the header. The barcode above simply has our company name. You can specify anything that you want for this header. We need to know EXACTLY what you want printed and how you want it to appear.

For example we could have had our name as follows…

Ray Gudgeon and Associates

or

RAY GUDGEON AND ASSOCIATES

Or any variation thereof.

You can have any numbers of characters up to a maximum of 26.

You need to tell us, in writing, exactly what you want.

Barcodes for Containers

ToolTrakka has the concept of 'Containers'. You can create a container from any any object capable of holding tools or equipment. Containers allow you to create standard repositories for items that may be used as a set. For example some jobs that your employees perform may require a specific kit of tools. If such a job is performed regularly containers allow you to set up these kits and to issue them to your employees with a single barcode transaction. This saves considerable time when issuing such items.

Another use for containers might be to fit out a vehicle with a range of tools etc. Declaring such a vehicle to be a container you can then issue a suite of tools to the vehicle (the container) and then issue the vehicle to an employee. ToolTrakka then knows every tool in the 'container' and knows the whereabouts of the container.

When you are ordering barcodes you need to consider whether you will be using containers and, if so, order a number of barcodes that you will require. The problem here is that the barcodes are manufactured specifically for you. This entails a set up charge as part of the costing. This set up charge is a significant component of the costs involved and must be amortised over the quantity of barcodes that you are ordering. This is why there is a minimum quantity for each order. Currently this minimum quantity is 1,000 barcodes. Since it would be very rare for a user to require 1,000 container barcodes it would be very expensive to order them separately. Financially it makes sense to order container barcodes along with the order for equipment barcodes.

Traditionally we have supplied a mix such as 1,000 barcodes – 900 for equipment and 100 for containers. Of course you can have any mix that you want. It will depend on how many tools you have and how many containers that you think you will require.

Ordering

So when you order barcodes you need to specify the following…

What size of barcode (15mm x 35mm, 17mm x 49mm or special)
What you want on the header of the barcode (capitalization is important
What quantity of barcodes you want and what mix you require for tool barcodes and container barcodes

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