

Wasp QuickStore helps Retail Start-Up find Success

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Growing business finds Excel more and more difficult to use for inventory management and point-of-sale transactions.

SOLUTION

Wasp QuickStore enabled The Sunglasses Shop to streamline point-of-sale transactions and continuously monitor stock levels, manage vendors, and issue purchase orders

BENEFITS

Process Improvements afforded by Wasp QuickStore credited with company GROWTH

CUSTOMER PROFILE

The Sunglasses Shop specializes in designer sunglasses, watches and accessories. Located in Essex, The Sunglasses Shop offers the latest in designer eyewear, from sunglasses to seasonal items like ski goggles. Fifteen staff members manage the online and retail business.



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The online and store retailer started out with two employees, and rapidly expanded to a staff of fifteen to accommodate a growing customer base. Orders and stock were still managed using a spreadsheet for tracking. As the business expanded, this grew more and more ineffective, often resulting in out-of-stock and overstock situations.

“Running a spreadsheet for our stock was OK as long as we could remember every product ordered, the dates they were sold, and the item history. It didn’t take long before our ordering and stock levels were a complete mess,” said Daniel Puddick, Director of The Sunglasses Shop.

Issuing purchase orders also presented a problem for the growing retailer. Purchase orders had to be created manually, and submitted to vendors by fax or by mail. Without a way to track open purchase orders, The Sunglasses Shop often found that

purchase orders had been mistakenly duplicated.

A more efficient way to manage business

The Sunglasses Shop was ready for a change. The retailer sought an affordable, easy-to-use solution that integrated sales, stock, and vendor data.

Puddick went online and found Wasp QuickStore, a complete point-of-sale solution featuring POS software and hardware components including a barcode scanner, receipt printer, and cash drawer. QuickStore software helps business owners manage retail operations more efficiently and profitably, delivering easy access to data and reporting.

After installing QuickStore, The Sunglasses Shop trained employees on the system, utilizing integrated tutorials for fast, efficient training.

Now, when customers make a purchase, items are quickly scanned out of stock, allowing The Sunglasses Shop to keep accurate records of stock levels and item sales.

The software's reporting features have allowed The Sunglasses Shop to improve customer service by ensuring that the right products are in stock. After studying sales trends, the retailer decided to increase stock levels of popular items, resulting in improved sales of almost 200% on these products. Additionally, QuickStore's reporting capabilities made it simple for The Sunglasses Shop to analyze seasonal sales trends and implement promotions around particular product lines.

QuickStore has streamlined the purchase order process at The Sunglasses Shop. QuickStore's auto-purchase order feature allows the retailer to establish minimum stock levels and reorder with the click of a button. Purchase orders can be submitted to vendors by email for fast, electronic order fulfillment.

Completing physical inventory checks is now a quick and easy process. Regular audits of physical inventory have helped The Sunglasses Shop save money by eliminating errors in stock.

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QUICKSTORE HELPED THE SUNGLASSES SHOP

- Get a handle on inventory, sales and purchase orders with automatic data capture
- Eliminate cumbersome manual records associated with transactions
- Expand business operations profitably

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