

Is Automotive EDI Different?

You bet. Many EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) requirements mandated by the automotive OEMs are specific to the automotive industry. A general purpose EDI package will make you work harder, not smarter, to process and utilize your customers' purchase orders, releases and shipping schedules, and send back ASNs, functional acknowledgements and invoices. Manual intervention and redundant data entry are commonplace with these generic EDI systems.

The EDI system you implement should include a number of fundamental capabilities, and if relevant, the tougher EDI requirements that your customers may insist on. Use the checklist below to compare the EDI software you currently use or an EDI package you are evaluating, to Genzlinger's EDI software.

We know the automotive business. We know software. We put the two together to deliver the most functionality and greatest ease of use in automotive EDI software.

	Genzlinger EDI	Your EDI System
Does your EDI software support these basic features?		
Automotive EDI standards including X12 and EDIFACT?	YES	
Internet communication protocols and modem-based communication protocols?	YES	
Thorough error checking of the electronic transmission and document content?	YES	
Hourly, daily, weekly, monthly formats for releases/shipping schedules?	YES	
Printing a sales forecast from the releases and shipping schedules?	YES	
Conversion of releases and shipping documents to a standard format for consolidation and comparison?	YES	
Manual data entry and editing of releases, shipping schedules and packing slips?	YES	
Computing net change between current and prior releases?	YES	
Rolling forward prior releases to the current period?	YES	
Tracking of customer cum shipped, your cum shipped, and your cum staged?	YES	
Tracking max fab and raw data?	YES	
Displaying shipment history for CUM reconciliation?	YES	
Unattended Processing (automatic dial-up, transmission, logging, error checking of electronic documents)?	YES	
Automatic generation of the packing slip from the shipping schedule?	YES	
Automatic generation of the ASN, bill of lading, and export documents from the packing slip?	YES	
Electronic and paper-based invoicing?	YES	
Tracking of returnable containers?	YES	
Integrated bar code printing?	YES	
Integrated bar code scanning?	YES	
Integration with ERP applications such as Master Production Schedule, Inventory Management and Accounts Receivable?	YES	
Does your EDI software support these additional features?		
Sequence broadcasting?	YES	
Dealer direct customers?	YES	
Pay-on-use, pay as built terms?	YES	
Consignment inventories?	YES	

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