Barcode Readers   August 2017

There are three different types of barcode readers that can be used with Bookmark:

- Standard readers

- Stocktaking readers

- Portable or "cordless" readers

The readers below are available from Dataman Barcode Systems and some other distributors. Other readers can be used with Bookmark but we may not have experience with them and may not be able to provide assistance. The prices shown may change and are set by the vendor.

Note: prices may vary depending on date and vendor.

Standard Readers

These are the "workhorse" type barcode readers. They are always connected to the computer by a USB cable. The readers can be plugged into laptops as well as standard computers. Both are contact type readers, allowing them to be placed directly on top of barcodes.

Cipher Lab 1000

$137.50 incl GST plus P&P
5 year warranty

Cipher Lab 1070

$110.00 incl GST plus P&P
3 year warranty

Hands Free Standard Readers

Hands free readers are connected to a computer using a cable just like a standard reader, but these can also sit in a stand instead of being held. The barcode is physically passed in front of them. Ease of use varies with each model. Some can also be taken off the stand and used as a normal reader. These are distance type readers, meaning they have to be held away from the barcode for the reader to focus.

Nexa NC-1200 CCD Scanner
A high performance laser scanner which can be used as a regular scanner or "hands free".
3 year warranty.

$176.00 incl GST plus P&P
3 year warranty

Nexa LS6150E Hands Free Laser Scanner
An inexpensive hands-free laser scanner.
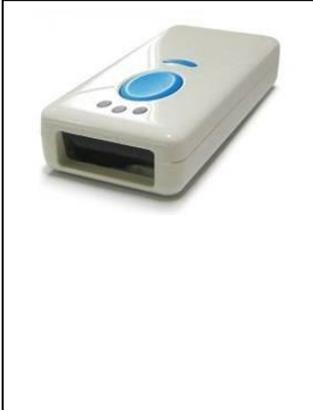3 year warranty.

$121.00 incl GST plus P&P
3 year warranty

Stocktaking Readers

A "stocktaking" barcode reader can be used away from the computer to collect barcodes when stocktaking. The collected barcodes can be downloaded into Bookmark when the reader is plugged back into the computer. When connected, the reader works like a regular barcode scanner. Stocktaking readers cannot be used to collect loans and returns.

Nexa CM-520M Portable Scanner
The Nexa is an easy to use stocktaking reader. It has a built-in lithium battery that is recharged when plugged into the computer. A USB cable is used for normal operation. The memory capacity in the reader limits the number of barcodes that can be stored at any one time before downloading to a maximum of around 4000 but in practice is it always a good idea to download after every few hundred.

$297.00 incl GST plus P&P
A protective rubber boot is available at extra cost.

Portable or Cordless Readers

Cordless readers (a.k.a. "Portable") communicate with the computer via a wireless bluetooth connection instead of a cable. A scanned barcode is instantly transmitted to the computer. The distance from the computer over which a cordless reader can work varies with the particular model and the room. They do not operate around corners or in other rooms, only within the one room.

Nexa NC-1250 Cordless Scanner
The Nexa NL-1800 operates over a distance of up to 100 metres. This reader does not have a memory so cannot be used as a data collector for stocktaking (see below). Battery life is very long, up to 50,000 scans before a recharge. However, it is an ideal simple cordless scanner. 3 year warranty

$297.00 incl GST + P&P

Cordless Readers with Stocktaking
Several readers are available that combine the convenience of cordless technology with optional stocktaking.

D-TECH DB-5082 and DB-5083 Cordless Portable Scanners
These low cost readers combine cordless operation with an easy to use data collection mode for stocktaking. The DB-5082 can work up to 10 metres and hold up to 500 barcodes in its memory. The DB-5083 operates up to 90 metres and can hold over 100,000 barcodes.

DB-5082 $242.00 incl GST + P&P
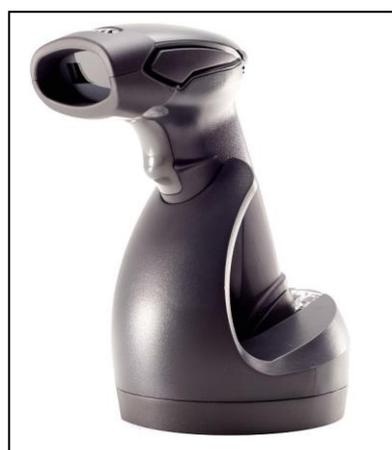DB-5083 $286.00 incl GST + P&P
1 year warranty

Cipher Lab 1560 Portable Cordless Scanner
The 1560 operates both as a cordless reader and can also be used as a stocktaking reader for data collection. Reader control for data collection is not as simple as the Nexa 500 or the DB-5082/5083 but achieves the same result. This reader can operate up to 90 metres from the computer within the same room. More than one reader can use the same 'base station' that connects to the computer.

$473.00 incl GST + P&P
3 year warranty

Nexa NL-1950 Cordless BT Scanner
This is a cordless scanner which also includes stocktaking capability. Can work up to 90 metres from the base.

$495.00 incl GST + P&P
3 year warranty

See Dataman Barcode System's website for more information and other readers.
http://www.datamanbarcode.com.au/

See also:
Fry Library Supplies (SA)   http://www.frylibrary.com.au/
Raeco   http://www.raeco.com.au
ASP Microcomputers   http://www.asp.com.au/