

TidyStock cloud-based stock control a hit at American Ford Parts



As Director in charge of administration at American Ford Parts in Nelson, New Zealand, Annie Coster was a bit nervous

at the thought of using a cloud-based stock control system for a business selling many thousands of parts for classic cars. But as she was looking through the stock control add-on options on the Xero web site, she reasoned that their company was already using a cloud-based accounts system without problems. What was really needed was a stock control system that would interface seamlessly with Xero, to reduce possible inventory errors and to simplify things easy for herself and staff.

Annie talked to an ex-staff member who is now a Xero trainer, discussed stock control with other businesses in the industry and did a lot of internet research before finally deciding to go with TidyStock.

"We had been using another accounts system for about twelve years and their inventory system was cumbersome and time-consuming, not to mention hideously expensive and frustrating" Annie said. "We had to calculate stock figures manually every year for the annual accounts".

Asked what she was looking for in a new stock control system, Annie was quite clear. "We needed simplicity, fast friendly support and a system that was safe to let anyone use to check stock, customer details, or to raise a delivery docket without the risk of errors entering the accounting system. I wanted a dedicated inventory system that was inventory driven, rather than accounting driven" she said.

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She added that it was essential that the system was compatible with Windows and that no expensive annual upgrades were required, with their associated costly downtime.

TidyStock offered what she needed

Talking to the team at TidyWork, Annie learned that TidyStock is a simple and easy-to-use online 'perpetual' inventory control system that manages stock movements accurately – from purchase, through storage and sale, to accounts. TidyStock would enable her team to access vital stock data and record transactions wherever they were – with customers, in the warehouse, or anywhere else, via tablet, smartphone or laptop.

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Tidystock links directly with Xero and requires no software downloads, no complicated set-up and no professional IT help. Tidystock integrates with Xero to share seamlessly stock-related transactions and information in real time. You can produce packing slips in TidyStock and push invoices through to Xero, recording stock on hand and cost of goods sold, directly into Xero.

So how has TidyStock performed?

"I would definitely recommend TidyStock to anyone wanting a simple, effective and well-priced stock control system. In fact, I have already done so!" said Annie Coster. "Our business is in automotive parts resale and it is ideal for that application. Staff can raise a delivery docket, look up parts or customer details, and correct any errors before saving to Xero. This eliminates any concern about errors affecting the accounting systems, which would be expensive and time-consuming to rectify".

Asked whether she was still pleased that she had decided on TidyStock, Annie was emphatic.

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