

Inventory Management for Indition Commerce

A complete operational layer for warehouses, locations, purchase orders, receipts, transfers, cycle counts, serialized inventory, and reporting - built to roll out safely inside an established Shop install.

Why This Matters

There is a point where a single stock number stops being enough. Teams want to know which warehouse owns the item, which location it is sitting in, which purchase order is still open, which receipt brought it in, and which serial number left on which order. The Inventory module gives Shop that structure without demanding an all-at-once replacement of the existing stock setup.

One Inventory Workspace Instead Of A Patchwork Process

The module brings warehouse setup, location setup, inventory movement, purchase orders, receipts, transfers, serial lookup, cycle counts, and reporting into one admin area. That matters because most teams do not struggle with isolated tasks. They struggle with handoffs. Purchasing needs to hand off to receiving. Receiving needs to hand off to inventory control. Inventory control needs to answer finance and operations questions quickly. This module connects those steps in one workflow.

Built For Real Rollouts, Not Perfect-Lab Cutovers

One of the strongest parts of the release is how practical the rollout model is. Teams can choose which stores participate, create one shared warehouse or separate warehouses per store, and bootstrap legacy tracked stock in the background. Inventory Tracking also stays SKU-specific, so a business can move into structured inventory control gradually instead of forcing every SKU into the new process overnight.

Warehouse Structure That Actually Helps Operations

Warehouses are more than names in a list. They carry delivery address, phone, primary contact, and delivery instructions for purchasing documents. Locations can inherit store assignments from the warehouse or narrow to a specific subset when the physical operation needs more control. Both warehouses and locations can print barcode and QR labels, which gives teams a much cleaner path for labeling shelves, docks, rooms, or staging areas.

Purchase Orders That Connect To Inventory Instead Of Sitting Beside It

The purchase-order workflow is where the module really starts to feel operational. Teams can build drafts from direct SKU selection, full vendor SKU lists, imported CSV or Excel files, copied purchase orders, or vendor recommendation lists powered by planning values. Approval rules can be turned on when purchasing needs tighter governance. Payment terms stay consistent. PDF and Excel exports include the warehouse destination details vendors actually need.

Receiving That Supports Partial Reality

Inbound shipments rarely arrive in a clean, one-and-done way. The module supports partial receiving, bulk default locations, line-level location overrides, line-level notes, and serial capture for serialized items. Receipt screens then show the current receipt plus the full receipt history tied to the same purchase order. Teams can also generate a receiving worksheet PDF with scannable barcodes, which is a small feature with a very real day-to-day payoff.

Transfers With More Than A Simple Move Button

Transfers support draft or create-and-ship workflows, one shared destination or row-level destinations, serialized-unit control, and even cross-warehouse carrier and tracking details when that level of process matters. The transfer workflow also supports receiving, cancelling, and reversing after receipt. That means teams are not forced into a brittle, single-state transfer document when the physical movement of inventory turns out to be messier than planned.

Serialized Inventory Without Guesswork

For teams that need traceability, the module supports serial-aware receipts, adjustments, transfers, cycle-count variance capture, lookup, aging, and history. Users can start from a serial lookup, find the current status and location of a unit, then jump directly into serial history or sold-serial reporting. On the SKU side, alternate barcodes and recent serial history are surfaced where admins already work, which keeps the tool practical instead of hiding detail in a separate back-office corner.

Cycle Counting That Runs Like A Program, Not A Chore

Physical counting is where most inventory systems quietly give up, and it is where this module goes furthest. Counters work from a phone-friendly screen where every line saves as they go, a scan box jumps straight to the SKU, and unexpected stock can be added on the spot. Blind counting hides the expected numbers so counts stay honest. Finance keeps control through variance tolerances in units, percent, or dollars: anything outside tolerance waits in a review queue where a manager can post,

skip lines, or send lines back for a recount. Every discrepancy is valued in dollars — shortages at the actual FIFO costs of the missing units — and with the QuickBooks option on, shrinkage books itself as a journal entry the moment a count completes.

The program runs itself, too. SKUs are ranked into ABC classes by annual usage value, and recurring schedules open counts automatically — fast movers monthly, the long tail yearly — assigned and emailed to the right person. Five dedicated reports track record accuracy, counting coverage, chronic-shrinkage SKUs, counter performance, and the month-by-month trend.

Reporting That Helps Purchasing, Operations, And Finance

The reporting suite answers the questions that usually force teams into manual spreadsheets: what is on hand, what is reserved, what is available, what should be reordered, what is inventory worth, how much value sits with each vendor, which serials are aging, and which SKUs still have not been moved into Inventory Tracking. The untracked SKU report is especially useful because it does not stop at discovery. Teams can turn tracking on from the report and seed starting quantities in the same workflow.

Useful SKU-Level Tools For Everyday Maintenance

The SubProduct tabs make the module more usable day to day. Admins can manage alternate barcodes, planning values by location, serial settings, recent serial history, last purchase cost, and even perform manual single-SKU receiving without opening a purchase order. That kind of focused tooling matters because not every operational correction deserves a full document workflow.

Who Benefits Most

- Operations teams managing stock across multiple warehouses or locations.
- Purchasing teams that need structured purchase-order and receiving workflows.
- Businesses with serialized products and post-sale traceability requirements.
- Companies moving from simple stock counts toward fuller operational inventory control in stages.

Bottom Line

The Inventory module gives Shop a much stronger operational backbone without losing rollout safety. It adds structured master data, real stock movement workflows, purchase orders, receipts, transfers, cycle counts, serial intelligence, and reporting in one place. For teams that need sharper control and better auditability without taking on a risky overnight cutover, this is a very practical upgrade.

