



GUIDE

PERPETUAL INVENTORY

◆ Your guide with the most important facts



The perpetual inventory

An indispensable tool in corporate management

Permanent stocktaking is the **key to precise inventory figures** and **efficient inventory management**. Unfortunately, however, when carrying out this this form of stocktaking that can have serious consequences can have serious consequences. In this document, we look at the importance of perpetual inventory and show you how to avoid these errors.

Find out how you can save time and money by using this method correctly.

Comparison: perpetual inventory vs. key date inventory

	Perpetual inventory	Key date inventory
Time of registration	Continuous throughout the year	Once a year on a fixed date
Actuality of the data	Highly up-to-date data thanks to constant recording, correction and updating of inventory data	Data is only updated once a year, which can lead to outdated information
Business interruptions	Minimal to no interruptions, as the recording is integrated into the normal operating process	Significant interruptions to normal operations are often necessary in order to carry out the inventory

German Commercial Code

§ 241 Inventory simplification procedure

(2) When drawing up the inventory for the end of a financial year, a physical inventory of the assets for this date is not required if it is ensured by applying another procedure in accordance with the principles of proper accounting that the type, quantity and value of the assets can be determined for this date even without the physical inventory.

Important information on the perpetual inventory

Requirements

- ✓ Organised warehouse management system: A well-structured system is the basis.
- ✓ Clear guidelines and procedures: Ensures regular and systematic recording.
- ✓ Integration into financial systems: Seamless connection to accounting is necessary.

Advantages

- ✓ Time and cost savings
- ✓ Improvement of business processes and data quality
- ✓ Avoidance of penalties and fines





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Missing
documen-
tation



2
No staff
training



3
Technical
problems



4
Manual
errors



**Errors during a
perpetual
inventory**

Important tips for an error-free perpetual inventory

To avoid these sources of error and ensure an error-free perpetual inventory, there are some important tips that we, as experts in this field, recommend:

Checklist for error prevention



Documentation and review of inventory procedures

Detailed documentation of inventory processes and regular checks can help to recognise and correct errors at an early stage.



Use of professional inventory software

Modern stocktaking software can help to make the stocktaking process more efficient and error-free. Automatic data collection and processing minimises sources of human error.



Regular training for employees

Comprehensive training is essential to raise awareness of the importance of perpetual inventory and to teach employees the correct work steps and procedures.



Continuous monitoring and corrective measures

Continuous monitoring of stock levels and immediate intervention in the event of deviations can help to avoid errors and improve the accuracy of stock figures.

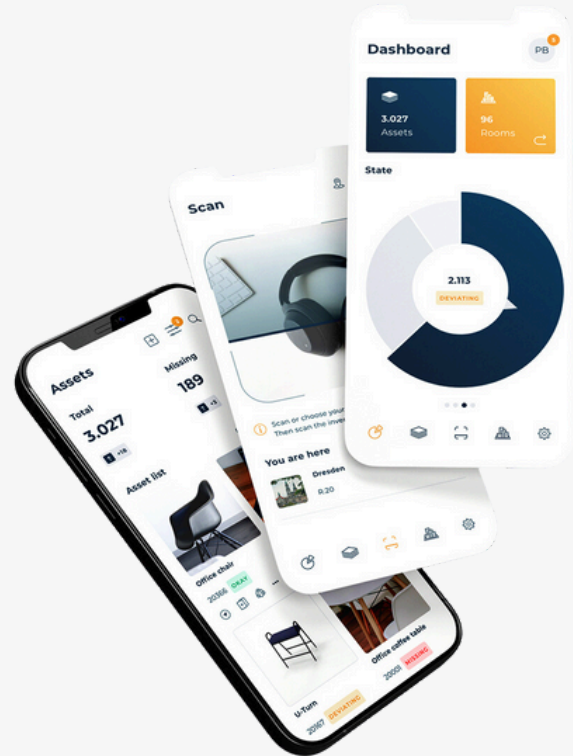
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