

Introduction to Sales Tax

For Amazon FBA Sellers

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Amazon FBA sellers are in a unique position when it comes to collecting and remitting sales tax. To a beginning seller, this position can be overwhelming. But never fear!

TaxJar put together this guide to help you understand the basics of sales tax, and walk you through, step-by-step, setting up sales tax collection through your Amazon FBA seller account. We'll walk you through:

- The basics of sales tax
- How to determine your sales tax nexus
- How to apply for a sales tax permit
- How to determine how much sales tax to collect from buyers
- How to set up your Amazon Seller Central account to automatically collect sales tax
- How to automate the whole process and file your sales tax returns with TaxJar!

By the time you finish reading this guide, you will feel confident that you are collecting the correct amount of sales tax from the right customers in the right states, and empowered to continue to grow your FBA business!



Part 1: The Basics of Sales Tax for Amazon FBA Sellers

We talk to a lot of Fulfillment by Amazon sellers while building and improving TaxJar. And one thing we hear time and time again is that FBA businesses go through a very similar learning curve.

A seller will often comes to FBA after having dabbled in online sales in other platforms, like reselling old items around the house or thrifting finds on eBay. Soon, they realize how fun and lucrative selling online can be and the business starts to grow.

But that's when sellers start running into the "business" side of eCommerce business. That means bookkeeping, self-employment taxes and the most ubiquitous administrative hassle of them all: sales tax.

If this sounds familiar, then this quick guide is for you. The goal is to explain the **basics** of sales tax for new eCommerce sellers (or seasoned eCommerce sellers who have questions.)

Let's get started:

The Basics of Sales Tax

Forty-five states in the United States (plus Washington D.C.) levy a sales tax. Merchants in these states are required to charge sales tax to buyers.

Sales tax is considered a "pass-through" tax, because the merchant is only holding the taxes collected before remitting them to state and local taxing authorities at a set time (usually either monthly, quarterly or annually.)

State and sales tax funds are used to fund state projects and initiatives, including schools, roads, public safety departments, etc.

In the U.S., states have quite a bit of leeway with sales tax administration. Because of this, all 45 states (and don't forget D.C.!) that levy a sales tax have different rules and laws when it comes to sales tax. Sales tax rates can vary by state and locality, too.

One example of how state sales tax rules vary is that some states require you to **charge sales tax on shipping charges**, while others do not. Another example: some states **might require you to renew your sales tax permit** periodically, while others do not.

And confusingly, some local areas may levy sales tax even in states with no statewide sales tax (such as in Alaska.)

It is important to get in touch with your state's taxing authority or an experienced accounting professional should you have questions about sales tax. **Here's a map** with info on how to contact each state's taxing authority.



Determining Sales Tax Nexus

Online sellers must collect sales tax in states or localities where they have "sales tax nexus."

While all states have a slightly different definition of this term, sales tax nexus is generally defined as "physical presence" in a state.

Physical presence can include – but is not limited to – an office, an employee, products or a warehouse.

If you have sales tax nexus in a state that requires sales tax collection, then you are required to collect sales tax from all buyers in that state regardless of from where the item is shipped.

If you do not have sales tax nexus in a state, then you are not required to collect sales tax when you sell online to buyers in that state regardless of from where the item is shipped.

Common Nexus Types

Home or Office

- Where you live and/or operate your business
- Live in San Jose and sell out of your house
- Comply/collect in CA

Inventory

- Inventory is in a 3rd party warehouse
- Live in San Jose with inventory in PA
- Comply/collect in CA & PA



Dropshipping does NOT apply to either scenario





3 Common Examples of Sales Tax Nexus:

- 1. You live and run your eCommerce business in Texas. Because you have a physical presence in Texas, you have "sales tax nexus" there, and therefore are required to collect sales tax from buyers in the state of Texas.
- 2. You live and run your eCommerce business in the state of Florida, but you hire your sister in Georgia to help you. Because you operate out of Florida and have an employee in Georgia, you now have sales tax nexus in Florida and Georgia and must collect sales tax from buyers in both states.
- 3. Most states have ruled either definitively or vaguely that <u>3rd party fulfillment constitutes nexus</u>. This means that if you store your goods in a warehouse in a state, then that constitutes sales tax nexus. So if you live in Wisconsin, but store your goods in California for the purposes of faster shipping, then you have sales tax nexus in both states.

Example #3 can be especially cumbersome for Amazon FBA sellers, whose goods may be stored in all each of the states where Amazon has a fulfillment center. and where states charge sales tax. Selling with FBA can create a huge administrative burden on unsuspecting eCommerce merchants.

Not sure where Amazon stores your products? You can do one of two things:

- a.) Run a report on Amazon to find out where your Amazon FBA products are stored
- b.) Use a paid service like Wherestock.com

Once you've determined where you have sales tax nexus, you're required to do two things:

- a.) Obtain a sales tax permit (sometimes called sales tax license) for that state (in the cases of Amazon FBA this means acquire a license in every state where you have sales tax nexus)
- b.) Begin collecting sales tax in that state (most states consider it illegal to collect sales tax without a license)



Nexus: When to Collect

- Your business has a presence in a state significant enough that you're required to comply with state sales tax law
- 2. Register your business
- 3. Collect sales tax on orders shipped to that state
- 4. Pay what's been collected



Nexus

Nexus for one channel means nexus for your entire business Ex: Amazon FBA nexus gives your Shopify business nexus



No nexus

No nexus in a state means you don't have to collect





Collecting Sales Tax from Buyers

Every eCommerce business owner wants their business to grow and thrive. Growth can't be achieved if you have to manually calculate how much sales tax to collect every time you make a sale.

A note on sales tax rates: States set a rate, and then localities can add a percentage on top of those rates. For example, in the 90210 zip code, the tax rate is the 6.5% California statewide rate, a 1% Los Angeles County rate, and an additional 1.5% local rate, for a total of 9.0% sales tax rate.



Luckily, most eCommerce channels allow you to automatically collect sales tax from your customers. We've put together a several guides on how to collect sales tax through popular channels in the **TaxJar Education Center.**



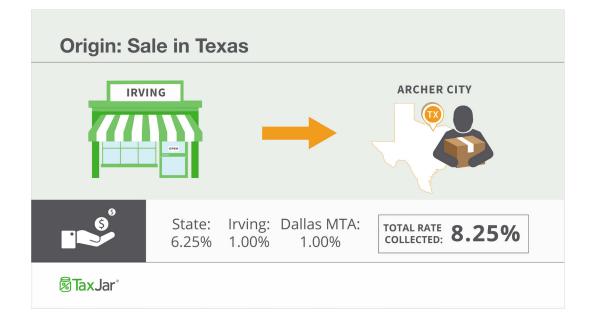
Origin-Based Sales Tax States and Destination-Based Sales Tax States

When it comes to determining tax rates, most states fall into one of two major buckets: "origin-based" sales tax states and "destination-based" sales tax states.

In layperson's terms, this means that some states require you to collect sales tax at the rate effective at the point of "origin" (i.e. your office or warehouse) while most states require you to collect sales tax at the rate of the "destination" (your buyer's address.)

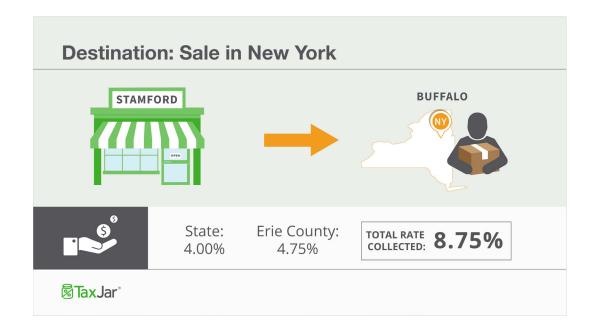
Origin vs. Destination-Based Sales Tax Examples

Let's say you live in (or have a warehouse or office in) Irving, Texas, but sell to someone in Archer City. Texas is an origin-based sales tax state, so you would charge any buyer in the state of Texas a rate of 8.25%. (That's Texas's statewide 6.25% rate plus Irvin County's 1.0% plus a local Dallas MTA rate of 1.00%.) You do not need to take your buyer's address in Archer City into account.





But if you live in Stamford, New York the rules are different. Since New York is a destination-based sales tax state, you would be required to collect sales tax at the rate of your buyer's address. So if you sell to a buyer in Buffalo, then you are required to charge the seller 8.75% sales tax – the total sales tax rate at their locality. (That's a New York state base rate of 4.0% plus the Erie County rate of 4.75%).



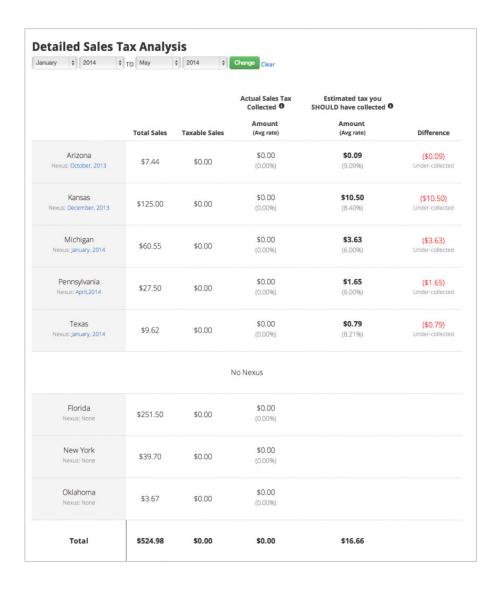
Important Caveat: Some states are origin-based for sellers who are based in-state, but want sellers based out-of-state to charge sales tax according to destination-based rules. For more information, see this blog post explaining Origin vs. Destination Sales Tax Collection in the United States.

We know that some online sellers also sell offline at brick and mortar stores, trade shows, craft fairs, etc. If you find yourself in a situation where you need to lookup a local sales tax rate, check out TaxJar's <u>Sales Tax Calculator</u> as a quick reference. You can also go straight to our <u>mobile sales tax calculator</u> to calculate the sales tax rate where you stand.



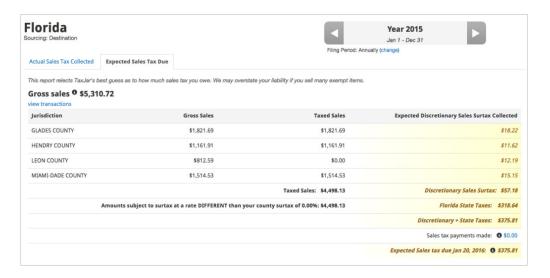
Once you have determined your sales tax rate and collected sales tax from buyers, you then have to remit the funds you collected to your state(s). (Remember, sale tax is a pass-through tax and you don't get to keep it!)

If you are concerned that you haven't collected the right amount of sales tax from buyers, check out TaxJar's "<u>Detailed Sales Tax Analysis Report.</u>" We will search your channels and make sure you collected every penny of sales tax you were supposed to collect.





See a problem? You can also click on each state on your TaxJar dashboard and see an <u>"Expected Sales Tax Due Report"</u>. This report will show you how much we thought you should have collected in each state and taxing district (city, county, etc.) to help you figure out where the discrepancy lies.



Why is this so important? Sometimes your state can decide to perform a sales tax audit on your business. We've heard from many sellers (and accountants!) that these audits are more arduous than IRS audits. This is just another reason why it's so important to get a handle on sales tax early – before the state gets a handle on you!

Remitting Sales Tax to State Taxing Authorities

A state's taxing authority is generally called the "[State] Department of Revenue" though it can go by other names. (For example, California's taxing authority is the "California Board of Equalization.")

When you apply for your sales tax permit with your state's taxing authority, they will assign you a frequency at which to file and remit sales tax. This is generally monthly, quarterly or annually, and often depends on your sales volume or the volume of sales tax you collect.

Most states require that you file a sales tax return even if you do not owe sales tax. If you do not file, you could be subject to penalties. Pay close attention to instructions you receive when you secure your sales tax permit. TaxJar's **AutoFile** will file even your "zero returns" for you.



Sales Tax Filing Due Dates

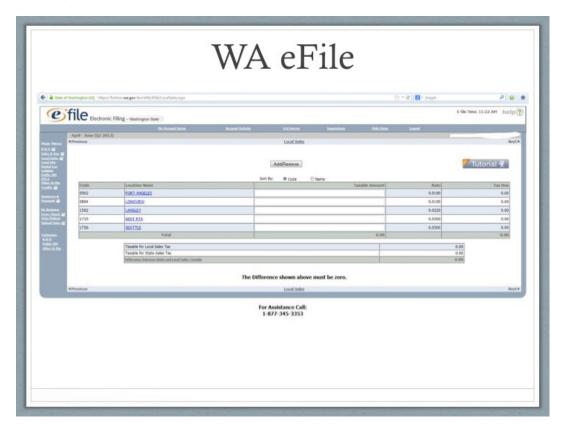
Be warned that while a majority of states set their sales tax due date as the 20th of the month following the taxable period, states can vary wildly in their sales tax due dates. If you are a quarterly payer, be sure you are aware of which date your state considers a "quarterly" due date. Sales tax filing due dates can vary to a surprising degree. TaxJar will remind you when your sales tax returns are due, and even file them for you in many cases.

How to File Sales Tax Returns

As with sales tax rules, every state has slightly different requirements for filing sales tax returns.

Most states allow you to file and pay online, and some even require it.

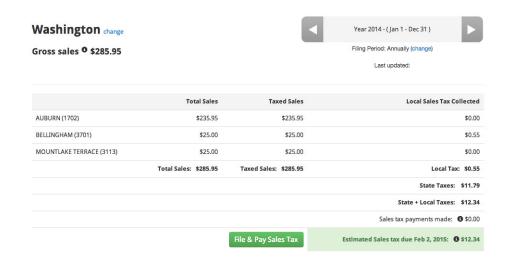
Be warned that some states are harsh taskmasters (usually ones that are destination-based for tax collection), and require you to report how much sales tax you collected in *every single sales tax districts*. Some states have hundreds of sales tax districts, so this can easily turn into a nightmare – especially if you're filing in multiple states at a time.



Destination-based sales tax state Washington requires eCommerce sellers to file sales tax by jurisdiction.



<u>TaxJar</u> has you covered here, too. If you integrate your eCommerce channel accounts, we'll categorize your sales tax collected for you, and give you a return-ready sales tax report.



Sales tax filing is easy in even the trickiest states with TaxJar's state reports.

And TaxJar's <u>AutoFile</u> feature will actually file your sales tax return for you in many states. With TaxJar, there's no dealing with spreadsheets or poring over sales tax tables to try and determine how much sales tax you collected from each jurisdiction.

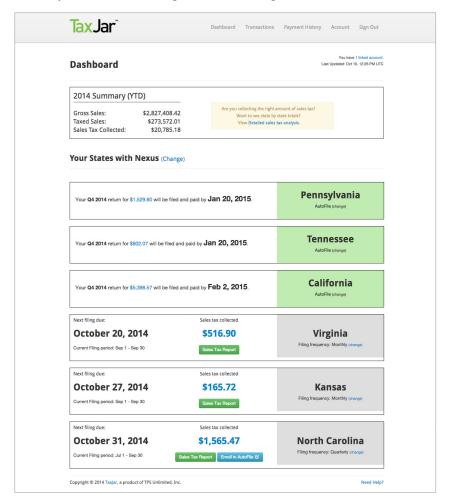


Summary of the Basics of Sales Tax for Online Sellers

To be sales tax compliant as an online seller you must:

- 1. Determine where you have sales tax nexus
- 2. Register for a sales tax permit in each state where you have nexus
- 3. Set up your channels to collect the correct amount of sales tax from buyers
- 4. Periodically file sales tax for each state where you have sales tax nexus

This may seem overwhelming, but that's the big reason we created **TaxJar** for online sellers.



Your TaxJar dashboard makes sales tax tracking simple, even in multiple states.



TaxJar will:

- 1. Import the sales tax you've collected through your eCommerce channels
- 2. Prepare easy-to-read sales tax reports for each state
- 3. Remind you when sales tax is due
- 4. **Automatically file your sales tax returns** so you don't have to worry about paying the wrong amount or missing a filing
- 5. And most importantly, save you hours and hours of manually dealing with sales tax tables and spreadsheets

If you have any questions about sales tax, we invite you to ask below in the comments or to join our <u>Sales Tax for eCommerce Sellers Facebook Group</u> where real online sellers and tax experts gather to discuss sales tax.

Sign up today for a <u>30-day free trial of TaxJar</u> and get started automating your sales taxes so you can get back to the fun parts of running your business.



Part 2: How to Collect Sales Tax Through Amazon FBA

Every state that Amazon has a warehouse in <u>considers your inventory nexus</u> (a presence sufficient enough that you are required to register your business with the state, collect sales tax, and remit that sales tax collected to the state when they tell you to).

Now that you've recognized the need to comply in multiple states, the next step is to correctly setup sales tax collection in Seller Central. And that's what this guide is all about. The following pages will give you an overview of how to use Tax Settings and, most importantly, apply the correct settings for each of the FBA states.



Checklist

Before you get started, make sure you have all of the following.

- A Professional Seller Account
 - * Note: Individual Accounts cannot use the Amazon tax service. At the bottom of this page is information Amazon provides on how to upgrade from an Individual Account to a Pro Account.
- Mow the states in which you have nexus.

Here's a link to a page explaining which states Amazon FBA sellers have nexus in.

☑ State registration numbers in each state you want to collect sales tax.

This assumes you have registered your business in each state. Remember that most states consider it to be unlawful to collect sales tax without a license.

* Upgrading to a Pro Acccount:

- 1. Go to your Seller Account.
- 2. Under the Settings heading, click the "Account Info" link.
- 3. On the Seller Account Information page, go to the Selling Plan section and click the "Modify Plan" button.
- 4. On the next page, click the "Upgrade" button.
- 5. Review the information on the next page and click the "Proceed to Upgrade" button to accept the terms and switch your plan.

After clicking the "Proceed to Upgrade" button, you will be returned to your Seller Account Information page and see a message indicating that the upgrade process has begun. Your subscription to the new selling plan will begin immediately, and additional links to Professional seller tools will appear on your Seller Account page. Some billing features may take up to 30 minutes to become effective. Once the upgrade process is completed you will no longer be charged the \$0.99 closing fee on your orders. You will instead be charged a monthly subscription fee of \$39.99 for your Professional selling plan.



Getting Started

Here are the steps to begin collecting sales tax through Amazon:

First, go to Seller Central and login to your account.



Next, click on "Settings" and then click "Tax Settings" form the dropdown menu.

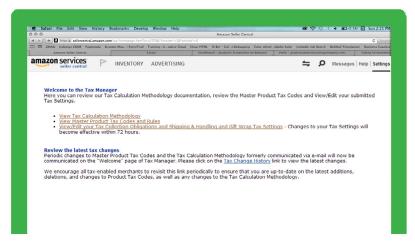


Note: If you can't see "Tax Settings" as an option to click then your Amazon Seller account is an individual account, not a Professional Account.



Tax Settings Overview

The first screen you'll see in 'Tax Settings' should look like the screenshot below.



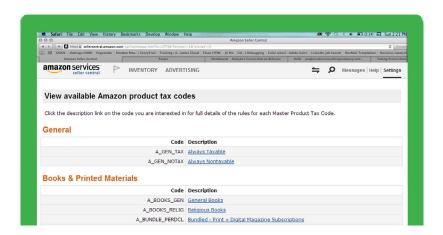
You will notice three clickable options. Below is a simple review of each option.

View Tax Calculation Methodology

This is recommended reading. It explains how Amazon's tax service actually works. You can't find this info anywhere else.

View Master Product Tax Codes and Rules

This is really helpful if you have questions about the taxability of the items in your inventory. Amazon provides product tax codes (PTCs) that you can assign to your inventory that helps classify how sales tax should be collected (or not collected if the item is not taxable). Here's a screenshot of just the top of the list of PTCs.





Matching each item you sell to a specific PTC.

Ex: Let's take A BOOKS GEN.

Here's what Amazon says about this PTC:

What is this code used for?

This code is intended to be used for books.

What kinds of products are typically included?

Items typically included within this product tax code include books. A book is defined as a set of printed sheets bound together.

What kinds of products are typically excluded?

Items typically excluded from this tax product code are as follows: Religious Books, Newspapers, Electronic Books

Using the same example, if you sell newspapers on Amazon, the most important thing to get out of the above you shouldn't be using the A_BOOKS_GEN PTC. You'll notice there are a bunch of options to help you better classify newspapers.

The other really helpful thing to notice below the description of the tax code is the Product Taxability Rules. This tells you if that PTC is taxable. If it is, you'll see a "T." If it's not taxable, or exempt from sales tax, you'll see an "E." Some tax codes may be exempt or taxable until a certain price. That's also represented in the table.

You'll notice the Product Taxability Rules give you taxability not only for the state but also for local jurisdictions (County, City, and District). Remember, in certain states the sales tax rate may be a sum of several different taxes. Even though you only see one sales tax rate being charged, that rate could be the state, the county, the city, and even a special district tax all added up into one.

For the most part, if the state considers something to be taxable then the local jurisdictions follow suit. Rarely are there discrepancies between the state and a local tax jurisdiction on the taxability of an item.



View/Edit your Tax Collection and Shipping & Handling and Gift Wrap Tax Obligations Settings

This is where all of the magic happens. For you as an FBA seller, this is the most important section of Tax Settings because this is where you're telling Amazon when to collect sales tax.

Before getting to the actual decision-making part of the process, let's go through numbers 1 through 4 at the top of the page in plain English.

1. Choose your Product Tax Codes

Here you can either choose a default PTC (Amazon calls this "seller defined") for all of your items by checking the box that says **Use default Product Tax Code** or assign a PTC at what Amazon calls the "offer level" (which means assigning PTCs for individual items). Amazon says, "you can make an offer level PTC assignment through your listings feed or the Add a Product feature in Seller Central."

Note: Amazon says items that don't have a either a default PTC or an offer level PTC will result in no sales tax collected.

2. Specify your Tax Collection Obligations (States, Counties, Cities, Districts)

Amazon gives you the option to collect sales tax at the state level all the way down to the local level. You can collect no sales tax, collect for both the state and all of the local jurisdictions, or collect only part of the sales tax required. That's all up to you the seller to decide.

One important thing that Amazon points out is that in order to use this option you'll need a valid state registration number. Without that number, this option won't work.

The biggest question FBA sellers ask is, "What should I collect?". We'll cover that shortly.

3. Specify a Custom Rate per State (Optional)

As you can probably tell from the title this means that you can choose to collect sales tax at a flat tax rate for a state instead of using using's Amazon's tax settings for a state. If you use a custom rate you are choosing not to use Amazon's predetermined rates for state and local jurisdictions. Your rate overrides everything.

You should know that using the custom rate means that rate will apply to any item you sell that's taxable. PTC's that are by default exempt will still remain exempt.



4. Choose Shipping & Handling and Gift Wrap Tax Settings

Unfortunately for FBA sellers, the states don't agree if shipping, handling, or gift wrap charges that are separately stated on an invoice are taxable or not. **Some states say they are taxable**, some say they're not.

Amazon allows you to decide if you want to tax shipping, handling, and gift wrap charges. The gift wrap portion of this is related to the actual service of gift-wrapping, not the paper that you wrap in item in.

Here's the way it works: if you choose to tax shipping, handling, or gift wrap then Amazon will charge sales tax at the same rate the item that's being shipped or handles is being taxed. For example, if the sales tax rate for the item you're selling is 8.25%, then the sales tax rate for shipping on that item will also be 8.25%. If the item is not taxable, then the shipping, handling, or gift wrap will not be taxed.



Each state is broken down by sellers living in-state and out-of-state sellers.

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^{*}The state of Tennessee gives online sellers based outside of the state the option to either collect a 9.25% flat rate or collect sales tax at the rate of the buyer's ship to address. For our purposes, TaxJar assumes that you collect sales tax at the rate of the buyer's destination.

^{**}Virginia and Maryland state that shipping is not taxable in many cases, but shipping and handling, when combined, is taxable. After consulting with sales tax experts, we have decided to treat shipping charges for FBA sellers as non-taxable in these two states.



Conclusion

Now that you are set up to collect sales tax on Amazon, keep in mind that it's up to you to file sales tax returns and pay what you owe to the states. Until TaxJar, that was a cumbersome, time-draining process because many states demand you report sales tax collected subtotaled at the city and county level.

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