

RFID is a system for tagging, identifying and tracking items from “cradle to grave” and is applicable to clothing, supplies, materiel, products, merchandise, and packages. Using a special device called a RFID reader, RFID streamlines the entire supply chain process and allows items to be labeled and easily tracked during manufacturing, while in-transit, in storage, or upon final delivery.

RFID systems were created as a supplement to barcodes. Compared to barcodes, RFID allows objects to be scanned from a greater distance, supports the storing of data, and allows more information to be tracked per object. RFID tags broadcast information about the product, or many items, to sensors. This data can include product identification number, dimensions, current location and even climate conditions.



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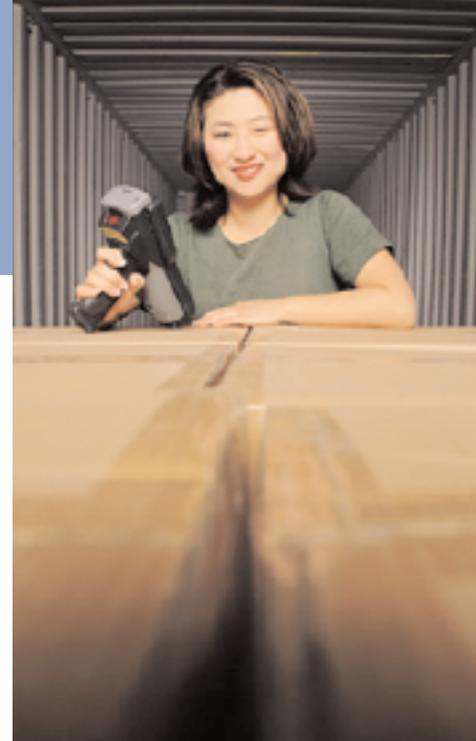
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UID is a mandatory requirement for the Department of Defense (DoD) as of January 1, 2004. It is also mandatory that all legacy items and all Government Furnished Property (GFP) be tagged by January 1, 2006. By 1 January 2007, RFID tagging will be required on commodities shipped to any DoD location. UID/RFID systems are also used by the nation's largest retailers and consumer packaged goods companies.

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