

Amazon Seller Tax Deductions Cheat Sheet

Schedule C-ready worksheet for Amazon FBA / FBM / Merch / Kindle sellers.

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Why this exists

Most Amazon sellers under-deduct by \$1,000-5,000/yr simply because the deductions are spread across the Amazon UI in inconsistent places. This cheat sheet maps every deduction to its **Schedule C line**, the document you need, and an Amazon-side source so you can verify before your accountant signs off.

Inventory & Cost of Goods Sold (Schedule C, Part III, Line 36)

Deduction	Proof to keep	Source in Amazon Seller Central / ver
Cost of goods sold – products for resale	Supplier invoice, credit-card statement	Receipts > Supplier invoices
Inbound freight to Amazon FBA	Freight invoice	Amazon Shipping Confirmation
FBA prep fees (labeling, poly-bag, bubble wrap)	Receipt	3PL invoice
Removal order / disposal fees	Amazon fee report	Data > Reports > FBA Customer Removals
Amazon storage fees (long-term / aged)	Amazon fee report	Data > Reports > FBA Storage Fees
Returns processing refund fee	Amazon fee report	Data > Reports > Refunds
Discounts / coupons you issued	Coupon log	Advertising > Coupons

Vehicle & Mileage (Schedule C, Line 9)

Deduction	Proof to keep	Source in Amazon Seller Central / ver
Mileage to/from supplier / warehouse	Mileage log + Google Maps screenshot	Calendar entries
Mileage to Post Office / 3PL	Mileage log	Calendar entries
Vehicle operating costs – business use %	Receipts	Gas, insurance, depreciation pro-rata

Home Office (Schedule C, Line 30)

Deduction	Proof to keep	Source in Amazon Seller Central / ver
Home office – dedicated workspace	Rent / mortgage statements	Square-footage method
Internet – business use %	ISP bill	Time-tracking log (typically 50%)
Phone – business line %	Carrier bill	Usage log
Office supplies (printer, toner, file boxes)	Receipts	Amazon Business order history

Software & Subscriptions (Schedule C, Line 22)

Deduction	Proof to keep	Source in Amazon Seller Central / ver
Helium 10 / Jungle Scout / Sellerboard	Receipts	Annual subscription invoices
Canva / Adobe / QuickBooks	Receipts	Subscription page
Repricer (Seller Snap, RepricerExpress)	Receipts	Subscription page

Photographer / copywriter / VA

1099-NEC if > \$600/yr

Upwork / contractor invoices

Advertising & Marketing (Schedule C, Line 8)

Deduction	Proof to keep	Source in Amazon Seller Central / ver
PPC – Sponsored Products / Brands / Display	Amazon fee report	Advertising > Campaign Manager
Off-Amazon ads (Google / Meta / TikTok)	Ad-platform invoices	Ads Manager billing
Influencer / UGC / reviewer fees	Invoice	Upwork / direct contractor
Branded packaging / inserts	Receipts	Supplier + Amazon Business
Photography / video (product + lifestyle)	Receipts	Photographer invoice

Education & Professional (Schedule C, Line 17a)

Deduction	Proof to keep	Source in Amazon Seller Central / ver
Masterclass / DTC newsletter / courses	Receipts	Subscription page
Tax-prep / accountant fees	1099 / invoice	Accountant invoice
Business books / audiobooks	Receipts	Amazon order history
Trade-show / conference tickets	Receipts	Event pass

Returns, Damages & Customer Service (Schedule C, Line 27a)

Deduction	Proof to keep	Source in Amazon Seller Central / ver
Customer returns shipping refund (you keep receipt)	Amazon refund confirmation	Reports > Refunds
Defective inventory write-off	Inventory adjustment log	Inventory > Adjustments
Lost-in-transit claims (not reimbursed)	Carrier claim ID	Shipping provider

Other Operating Expenses (Schedule C, Line 27a)

Deduction	Proof to keep	Source in Amazon Seller Central / ver
Bank fees (merchant processor, capital loan interest)	Statement	Bank statement
Sales tax paid on inventory purchases	Receipts	Supplier invoice
Estimated quarterly taxes	Payment receipt	IRS Direct Pay / EFTPS

Health insurance premiums
(self-employed)

Form 1095-A / receipt

Marketplace invoice

Retirement (SEP-IRA / Solo
401k)

Contribution receipt

Brokerage statement

Annual Deduction Worksheet

Print + fill in once a year before sending to your CPA.

Category	Est. deduction	Method (actual / log / %)
Inventory & COGS		
Vehicle & mileage		
Home office		
Software & subs		
Advertising & marketing		
Education & professional		
Returns & customer service		
Other operating		
TOTAL		

Disclaimer. SkuMath is not a CPA. Use this as a starting list, not a substitute for a licensed tax professional. Verify any deduction against IRS Schedule C instructions and your state rules.

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