

How Do Cash Drawers Work?

Cash drawers allow storage of checks, cash, coins, stamps, and other valuable items, providing crucial security and organization for your point of sale (POS) system. In a typical point of sale system setup, the receipt printer sends a signal to the cash drawer, triggering it to open when necessary.

Which Cash Drawer Do I Buy?


Important Considerations:

Construction:

At POSGuys.com, we categorize our [cash drawers](#) as either Heavy Duty or Medium Duty, according to the grade and thickness of the steel used to construct each unit. Heavy duty drawers hold up better to dings, dents and tampering, and make for a more expensive and heavier drawer. Medium duty drawers offer all the functionality of heavier drawers and good quality for the price, but do not offer superior protection against tampering.

Interface Design:

Decide how you want your cash drawer to interface with your POS system. There are three connectivity options available for cash drawers:

INTERFACE TYPE	HOW IT WORKS
<p>Printer Driven (Our most popular & recommended choice)</p>	<p>Cash drawer plugs directly into receipt printer via a hard-wire or interchangeable cable. The receipt printer signals the cash drawer to open. Cable type will vary depending on the printer and cash drawer model, so if unsure of your choice, call a salesperson to make sure your combination is correct prior to ordering.</p>
<p>Serial Driven</p>	<p>Cash drawer plugs into the serial port on the back of your POS computer (see right). You will need a serial cable to connect the cash drawer to the computer.</p> 
<p>Manually Driven</p>	<p>Cash drawer does not connect to the POS system and must be manually opened by the cashier.</p>

Locking Functionality:

All cash drawers include locking mechanisms classified by their position capabilities. Generally, the more available positions a lock has, the more expensive the cash drawer will be. Refer to a specific cash drawer model number for its lock type.

LOCK TYPE	AVAILABLE LOCK POSITIONS			
	Electronically Locked	Electronically Unlocked	Manually Controlled	Locked Open
Two Position Locks	✓	✓		
Three Position Locks	✓	✓	✓	
Four Position Locks	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Important Considerations (continued):

Media Slots:

Media slots are the small openings on the front of the cash drawer that allow deposit of checks, coupons, or credit card slips into the space below the cash tray without actually opening the drawer. The number of media slots on a cash drawer can vary from one to three. Refer to a specific cash drawer model number for more detail on its number of media slots.

Cash Tray:

The cash tray, commonly referred to as the "till," is a plastic tray that fits into the cash drawer; it is used to sort your currency, including bills and coins. Most cash trays are quite similar, with some variation in the number of currency dividers, the weight of the plastic, and how it is situated inside the drawer. Refer to a specific cash drawer model number for more detail on its cash tray.

Cash Drawer Models & Feature Comparisons:

MODEL NUMBER	Construction	Interface Type	Locking Functionality	Media Slots	Cash Tray
<u>POS-X Xc19</u>	Heavy Duty	Printer Driven	3-position Lock	One	5 Bill Slots; 8 Coin Slots
<u>POS-X Xc16Z</u>	Medium Duty	Printer Driven	3-position Lock	Two	5 Bill Slots; 8 Coin Slots
<u>MMF Heritage</u>	Heavy Duty	Printer Driven or Serial Driven	3-position Lock	Up to Two	5 Bill Slots; 5 Coin Slots
<u>MMF Media Plus</u>	Heavy Duty	Printer Driven	4-position Lock	Three	5 Bill Slots; 5 Coin Slots
<u>MMF Val-u Line</u>	Medium Duty	Printer Driven	3-position Lock	Two	5 Bill Slots; 8 Coin Slots
<u>APG Vasario</u>	Medium Duty	Printer Driven or Serial Driven	4-position Lock	Two	4 Bill Slots; 5 Coin Slots
<u>MMF Val-u Line Manual</u>	Medium Duty	Manually Operated	Manually Controlled	One	4 Bill Slots; 5 Coin Slots

This is just a sampling of cash drawers we stock. If you have any questions, feel free to call our trained sales staff at 1-800-903-6571, or [shop cash drawers now.](#)