Laser Link is an easy to use year-end compliance reporting solution. Built around forms data entry screens, the system is easy to navigate and use. New for the current release is compatibility with Windows 8/8.1.

Basic System Functions – 4.5 Stars

Laser Link is a locally installed solution but is also capable for use in a multi-user,

Laser Link includes an encrypted database within the system that encrypts all files. In addition, the first five digits of all Social Security Numbers are masked.

Reporting – 4.5 Stars

Laser Link supports all W-2 and most 1099 forms as well as a few other year-end compliance forms. Printing features are natively included with Laser Link and can print on either preprinted forms or plain paper. Additionally, Laser Link provides support to export forms to PDF formats.

Laser Link provides a platform for fast and easy electronic filing of information returns. Electronic filing fees are included in the licensing for the first 25 compliance form filings. An electronic filing utility offers quick and easy access to the IRS and Social Security Administration sites for file uploads. Instant communication regarding status of the files is also available.

Integration/Import/Export – 4 Stars

Laser Link includes a rollover utility to assist users in moving data from the prior year. Recent enhancements have increased the functionality for the current release. A backup and restore utility is included to assist users with data backups and restores and is accessible at any time.

Templates guide users through data imports from Microsoft Excel or text files. Currently, Laser Link does not support any other import file types or native accounting solutions.

Help/Support – 4.25 Stars

Traditional drop-down menus provide in-program help for users. The in-program help consists of a quick start guide and information on navigating through the

program and entering/importing data. Phone and email support are available during

Strengths

- No separate module for printing on plain paper
- Cost effective solution for small organizations
- Data entry screens mirror printed forms

Potential Limitations

- Limited import capabilities

Summary & System Pricing

Laser Link is a cost effective system designed to complement manual accounting systems. Pricing for Laser Link is currently at $61.99 and includes 25 free electronic filing forms. Pricing for additional forms currently ranges between $1.00 and $3.95 depending upon form electronic filing needs. A sister solution, called TFP, is offered and includes much of the same functionality as Laser Link, but does not support plain paper printing. Pricing for TFP is currently $41.99.

2014 Overall Rating: 4.25 Stars

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