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MAG-FILER is a year-end tax compliance solution used to process W-2 and 1099 forms through paper and electronic filing. The software solution is an all-inclusive design without multiple modules to purchase or consider.

Basic System Functions – 4.5 Stars

MAG-FILER installs as a local machine program or on a network with multiple users. During the initial setup, users have the option to activate a security system that requires a password to gain access to program and data files.

The MAG-FILER program interface focuses on three easy steps: entering company/payer information, entering recipient information and setting up the electronic filing. MAG-FILER includes a TIN matching option to help identify potential mismatched payee information.

Reporting – 4.5 Stars

MAG-FILER supports all W-2 and 1099 filing types as well as many state forms. Most forms are available for electronic filing and users simply fill out an information window to setup the current file for electronic submission. MAG-FILER allows processing of files either individually or in batches. Once the files are ready for submission, MAG-FILER links directly to the IRS and Social Security Administration upload sites.

MAG-FILER allows printing of all forms and reports to preprinted forms, plain paper

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separate utility allows prior year data or data entered throughout the year to transfer into the current year-end reporting period.

MAG-FILER also allows direct imports from text files, QuickBooks print files and Microsoft Excel. Unique to MAG-FILER is the ability to access the file inside of Microsoft Access to run customer generated queries and reports.

Help/Support – 4.5 Stars

Upon installation of MAG-FILER, users are welcomed with a getting started guide that provides information on the current year release and steps for setting up electronic filing. The getting started guide also provides links to check for updates as well as a printable user manual.

Telephone and email assistance is included in the licensing fees. Direct links to a variety of online tutorial and help guides is available through the help menu. Additionally, a full FAQ page and user manual is available on the company website.

Best Firm Fit

Accounting professionals looking for a solution to handle a large volume of year-end compliance filings

Strengths

- All-inclusive software design; no separate modules
- Strong security options
- Recipients may receive forms via email from within the system

Potential Limitations

- No direct QuickBooks integration, only through QuickBooks PRN files

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