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## **Spokane Computer**

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## From the 2020 reviews of W-2 and 1099 compliance systems.

MAG-FILER, from Spokane Computer is an on-premise W-2 and 1099 processing and filing solution that can be downloaded directly from the vendor to install on desktop and workstation systems. Well-suited for businesses as well as accounting firms that process year-end compliance forms for clients, MAG-FILER also includes the new 1099-NEC form that will be used to report non-employee compensation. MAG-FILER does not offer online or mobile access.

MAG-FILER processes both W-2's and 1099's, with both paper and electronic filing capability included in the product. Users have several options available to enter data including entering data directly into the application, importing data from QuickBooks, or importing using Microsoft Excel. In addition, the application also offers easy importing from various third-party accounting and payroll applications. And prior year users don't have to worry about reentering data, as all data can be easily transferred.

MAG-FILER includes a built-in correction wizard that helps to streamline the entire correction process, with bulk TIN matching available in the application as well.

For users that need to enter data manually, MAG-FILER entry screens mirror the form currently being processed, with users able to process one form or batch numerous forms together. The application also includes an email distribution option that can be used to distribute 1099-NEC to recipients.

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The application includes a PDF printer option, allowing users to print forms to a PDF file if desired, while the totals report provides a list of all forms created to ensure that balances are accurate and all forms have been properly submitted without error.

MAG-FILER has a support center, where users can access a variety of tutorials that cover everything from initial installation to printing tax forms and e-filing with both the IRS and SSA. The application also includes a comprehensive knowledgebase, where users can search for solutions to common problems. A trial version of MAG-FILER can also be downloaded to test drive prior to purchasing if desired. Regular product support is available telephone, email, or fax, with all product support included in the cost of the application.

MAG-FILER from Spokane Computer is an on-premise, year-end compliance product can be purchased and downloaded onto desktop or workstation computers, or those interested can request a flash drive of the application directly from the vendor. MAG-FILER processes both W2s and 1099s including the new 1099-NEC form. A good choice for both businesses and accounting firms, MAG-FILER is currently \$375 for the downloadable version, or \$415 if purchased on a flash drive. A trial version is also available for those interested in the application to try out prior to purchasing with any entered data easily transferred to the full version.

# Strengths:

- Can import data from a variety of applications
- Built-in correction wizard included
- Unlimited e-filing

#### **Potential Limitations:**

• Does not offer online or mobile access

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