



Recommended Hardware

Your Forms

Your Handwriting

Fully Automated

Overview

Forms2Base was designed as a field data collection and efficiency tool. It was designed by field people for field people. Since Forms2Base is typically deployed to field professionals who are on the move, we recommend hardware components that support the concept of a mobile office.

Tablet PCs

Forms2Base will run on any Tablet PC running the Windows XP Tablet PC Edition operating system. Factors to consider include:

- Desktop replacement or mobile computer?
Weight and screen size are the key factors here. We recommend lighter Tablets.
- Mostly inside or mostly outside user?
We recommend users select the indoor/outdoor viewable screen options available from most Tablet manufacturers if they spend at least 50% of their time outside.
- Where do I get power?
Tablets come with battery options. We recommend the longest life battery possible as well as the purchase of an AC inverter or car charger to help prolong battery life.
- How rugged is rugged?
An office grade Tablet with bump case is usually good enough but fully ruggedized Tablet PCs are available. Ruggedized Tablet PCs can be twice as expensive as normal Tablet PCs but they can survive drops, bumps and rain.

We recommend Tablet PCs from Lenovo/IBM, Fujitsu, HP, Motion Computing, Toshiba, Itronix or Panasonic.

Wireless Cards

For true mobility, wireless data communications from Alltel, Sprint, Verizon, or Cingular is a must. Wireless data cards are compatible with most any Tablet PC. Forms2Base works with all these providers. We can even activate data cards on behalf of our customers. Wireless data plans range from \$49 - \$89/mo depending on provider and plan selected.

Accessories

Tablet PCs and Forms2Base work better when deployed with the proper accessories. We recommend the following:

- Field bump case - available from most Tablet PC manufacturers for ~\$100
- USB Camera – we recommend the Logitech Quickcam. It takes a true 1.3 MP picture, requires no batteries and can be bought for less than \$100. It can be found on the web at <http://www.logitech.com/index.cfm/products/details/US/EN,CRID=2204,CONTENTID=10561>
- Forms2Base also works with a range of Canon cameras. Contact support@forms2base.com for a list of supported cameras.

Miscellaneous

Forms2Base can also offer recommendations on a range of other accessories including Bluetooth Barcode Scanners and portable printers.