



BAR-code fraud



Introduction

Welcome,

In this manual you will learn how to save money at your local supermarket using the barcodes on the products. As you know the cashier scans the product with a laser beam which calculates how wide the all the bars are and how much apart they are. The laser will send this information to the computer which recognizes it as a product.

So how do you use this to save money?

Very simple. You take a product you want, we will use a beer bottle in this tutorial (picture1), The beer bottle we will want to buy at a "discount" is Heineken. This is one of the more expensive beers, but we will be able to change the price.

Picture 1



The Process

Alright time to take action.

First you need a similar product, but which is a lot cheaper, usually the supermarket has its own brand but the price of that product is a lot cheaper (and so is the quality).

Lets say we take another beer bottle which is half the price of the Heineken bottle. In order to change the price of the Heineken bottle we will need to change the heineken's bottle BAR-code (picture2) into that of the cheaper product.

Picture 2



The easiest way to change it is to get the BAR-code of the cheap product and to put it on the expensive product. See picture 3a to 3d.

Picture 3



At picture 3a you get the BAR-code of the cheaper product and cut the BAR-code neatly out (picture 3b). If the BAR-code is not on removable paper you can scan the BAR-code of the cheaper product in on your scanner and print it out.

Now you have the BAR-code you can place it over the BAR-code of the expensive product, you can use tape (picture 3c). I always use clear tape because it is almost impossible to spot.

At picture 3d i have fitted the cheaper BAR-code on the expensive product, and it is almost impossible to spot. So when you go to the check out and the cashier scans the product the

computer will think it is the cheap product, and will charge the price of the cheap product.

Risks

There are some risks in this scam, but they are easy to bypass.

First when the cashier scans the product the name of the cheap product will show on the screen. But most cashiers don't pay attention to the screen, atleast not in big supermarkets, so don't do this in mom and pop stores (which is immoral). Also you have to take similar products, so when you want an expensive beer for cheap take the BAR-code of a cheap beer. Don't take 2 different products like Coca cola and washing powder, that is more likely to be noticed.

Another risk is that when you only check out with one product (your self lowered article), so when the register pushes subtotal, she will see a price which is lower, and when that person works there for a while he/she will begin remembering the prices of some products. So the best thing to do is to check out with a bunch of groceries, that way the price difference isn't noticed.

