CHECKLIST

11 things to consider when choosing feed management software

Feed management is a crowded playing field with new technologies emerging regularly. To help you find the solution best fit for your business needs, here are the key factors to consider during your search.



1. Speed

- Will the software increase efficiency?
 How quickly can you get your products to market?
- · Can you automate manual processes?



2. Usability

- How easy is it to navigate the software?
- Does it require coding knowledge?
- How easy is it to validate your data?
- r How simple will knowledge transfer be to new team members?
- Is the software modern and current?



3. Scalability

- Can the software handle the number of products in your inventory?
- How many channels does it support?
- Will it help drive continued growth?

4. Import sources

- Can the software integrate with all of your data sources?
- Does it have a variety of API integrations already set in place?
- Can it import from sources that other tools can't?
- Does the solution provide a robust crawler as a last resort?



5. Export destinations

- Which exports are available?
- What type of channels are they? (e.g. shopping, marketing, affiliates, offline retail, etc.)
- How international are the exports?
- Will they allow you to expand in the future?
- Can you export to B2B channels as well?



6. Data optimization potential

- What type of data manipulation is possible?
- Does the software recommend best practices to increase individual channel performance?
- Can you A/B test different feed variants to identify the best performer?
- Can you optimize ad images using the software?



7. Data security

- Does it have systems in place to avoid the compromise of your data?
- Can it segment feeds into different databases to avoid crossover?



8. Innovation

- Does it include Machine Learning and Al technology?
- Is the vendor working closely with partners to implement tools that will help drive performance?
- Has the vendor provided the means for you to capture new opportunities as they come?



9. Credibility & expertise

- Have they received industry awards?
- What are their certifications?
- How long have they been around?
- Who are their customers and what are they saying?
- Is the vendor a reliable partner in the ecosystem?



10. Customer support

- To what extent does the vendor help you make the transition?
- Do you get a dedicated account manager?
- Is there supporting, up-to-date material?
- Does the vendor provide round the clock customer support?
- Is local support available if needed?



11. Value for money

- How much can you do with the software? How flexible and advanced is it?
- What is the pricing structure? Are you paying for each export or per SKU?

