

VMP Job Schedules

Pricing, Authorization, and other Entry Timelines

Exports run Monday through Saturday, 12:00 pm (Noon) and 11:00 pm

Pricing	Complete By	For Export	Dependencies
Distributor pricing	10:30 am 9:30 pm	12:00 pm (Noon) 11:00 pm	None.
Buy-Sells, Distributor/Store and manual authorizations	11:00 am 10:00 pm	12:00 pm (Noon) 11:00 pm	Misc. batch jobs must execute to identify pricing to be re-sent.
Margins, Rounding, Price Leadership and other Promotions	11:55 am 10:55 pm	12:00 pm (Noon) 11:00 pm	None.

Walmart's Schedule

All pricing information must be received by Walmart in order for them to process the data during a particular execution cycle.

7:00 am – Monday through Friday

10:00 am – Monday through Friday

2:30 pm – Monday through Friday

10:00 am – Saturday

Based upon our current scheduling, our daily (Noon) export is processed by Walmart at 2:30 pm and our nightly (11:00 pm) export is processed by Walmart at 7:00 am the next day.

Cutoff Timelines

The application has a built-in configuration that determines the EFFECTIVE date whenever late pricing is sent to Walmart. The cutoff configuration calculates the Effective date as being "today + 1" or "today + 2".

The current configuration is 2:00 pm. Based upon our current scheduling, our daily (Noon) export will use an effective date of today + 1 and our nightly (11:00 pm) export will use an effective date of today + 2.

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Margin / Category / Rounding Rule Timelines

Due to the magnitude of pricing changes that may occur whenever these types of changes take place, the system updates the pricing queue in a batch mode. This process runs through all store and item combinations and populates the Pricing Queue accordingly.

It is a good rule of thumb to make these changes earlier in the day rather than later to ensure they complete before the next VMP Export.

VMP Export Timelines

This is the final step of the process that sweeps the VMP Pricing Queue for all prices ready to be sent to Walmart. It calculates the PTC, applies the necessary business rules (i.e. Effective Date) and sends the pricing to Walmart.

This process runs at the following times:

12:00 pm – Monday through Saturday

11:00 pm – Monday through Saturday

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