



## NONWOVEN TERMS

For the informed employee

# Barcode

Most nonwoven companies use a computer system to track raw materials and finished goods. A key component of the system is barcodes. A barcode is simply a graphical way to represent information using bars of varying thickness and spacing. The pattern of the barcode can be read by a scanner using a laser light. The top left photo shows a barcode and what the bars mean. The next photo shows a barcoded label on a bale of fiber. The photos along the bottom show on the left, a computerized scanner that allows the employee to actually communicate and program a server computer using wi-fi. In the middle is a simple scanner that just relays the barcode data to a computer. On the bottom right is a printer specifically designed to print labels that have bar codes.

The advantages of using barcodes are: 1. They are accurate. 2. They are a quick way to enter data. 3. Their use has become almost universal.

### Anatomy of a Barcode



**“The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low , and achieving our mark.”**

**Michelangelo**

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