

Blindshipping - Book & Print Label

🔗 Backups	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kHCR6vZVZWrrYAMSLATxVNJ1AADH9jz/view?usp=drive_link
☰ Category	Logistics Order Management
☰ Failure Impact	Manual Updating Required Production Slowdown Slower Processing
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☰ Link/Automation ID	https://us1.make.com/3645/scenarios/3514630/edit
⌚ Manual Process Replaced?	Fully Automated
☰ Notes	Books Shipping label, and sends to vendor with order to print as required.
☰ Outputs	Produces Production Assets Sends Email Updates Order Management
⌚ Platform	Make.com
✿ Status	Live
⌚ Trigger Source	Webhook



Shipping Automation – Part 2

Book Label, Invoice, Print & Tracking

Overview

This is **Part 2 of the Shipping 2.0 workflow** and performs **the majority of the work**.

Once triggered, this automation:

- Books the shipment
- Generates and prints the shipping label
- Creates a shipping invoice with markup

- Sends tracking information to the customer

This is the **execution step** after quotes have been reviewed and a carrier is selected.

What This Automation Does

When successfully run, the automation will:

-  Book the shipment label
 -  Print the label at the shop
 -  Generate a shipping invoice (**20% markup**)
 -  Email tracking information to the customer
 -  Store the PDF label on the item
 -  Complete the shipment workflow
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Prerequisites

Before triggering this automation:

- Quotes must already be generated (**Part 1: NetParcel Quote Automation**)
 - The **quote spreadsheet** must be uploaded and available
 - A carrier/service must be selected in the sheet
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Selecting a Shipping Service

1. Open the uploaded **quote spreadsheet**
2. Choose a carrier/service
 - Example used: **ICS Next Day**
3. Place an "X" next to the selected service
4. Save the spreadsheet

This selection determines which service is booked.

How to Trigger the Automation

Trigger Status

Set the shipment status to:

- **Book Label**

This immediately starts the automation.

Status Flow & Meanings

Status	Meaning
Awaiting Review	Default after quotes are generated
Book Label	Manual trigger to start booking
Booking	Automation is actively running
Done	Booking and downstream steps completed
Failed	Error occurred (reason provided)

Failure Handling

- Failure reasons are posted as **comments on the Monday item**
 - Most failures are caused by:
 - Missing mappings
 - Incomplete data
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Real-Time Execution

- Runs **in real time**
 - Typically completes in **seconds**
 - Status visibly transitions from **Book Label** → **Booking** → **Done**
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Behind-the-Scenes Logic (High-Level)

The automation performs the following steps:

1. Identifies the item where **Book Label** was triggered
2. Gathers all shipment details
3. Matches the selected service from the quote spreadsheet
4. Applies internal logic and mappings
5. Sends an API call to **NetParcel** to book the label
6. Pickup logic:
 - If booked **in the afternoon**, pickup is scheduled for the **next day**
7. Generates:
 - PDF shipping label
 - Tracking number
 - Shipping invoice
8. Prints the label at the shop

9. Emails tracking information to the customer

Best Time to Run

For optimal pickup handling:

- **Start of day**, or
- **End of day**

This ensures correct next-day pickup logic when applicable.

Outputs Generated

After completion, the following are available:

-  **Tracking number** (sent to customer)
-  **PDF shipping label** (stored on the item)
-  **Shipping invoice** (with 20% markup)
-  **Printed label** at the shop

Labels generated are **fully valid** and accessible for review or re-download.

What This Automation Does Not Do

-  Does not check whether the invoice has been paid
(Handled by a separate completion automation)

Current Status

- Fully functional
- Stable and reliable
- Handles end-to-end shipping execution