# How to Choose Locked or Editable Serial Numbers

**Navigation:** Settings → Layaway → Serialized Inventory.

Choose **Locked** when the serial selected for the layaway must stay assigned to that customer. Choose **Editable** when staff may assign or replace the serial later.

Locked serials work well for holding a specific used or one-of-a-kind device. Editable serials work well for preorders, prepaid sales, or products fulfilled from later stock. Save the setting, then make sure staff understands when the physical device becomes committed.

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