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Self checkout and hacking the system Jean Dupont

10/10/20(Sat)00:19:35 No.33371 [Watch Thread]




Self checkouts are the telephones of today, and you can be a phreak. I received some sage advice sometime back that if you're using these robots and paying for >50% of your groceries, you're incompetent. Truer words were never spoken.

My technique is to look over the package for the barcode. I fake it up, and put my thumb over the half closest to the edge, then "scan" it by flipping it over, and putting it directly into a bag. To give me some cover, I wear headphones with obviously loud music playing (dance a little, be into it) so I can say I didn't hear the beep if an employee gets sus. I typically scan every other item, keeping an eye to my sides for employees. If there's an employee near, I be the good little pleb and scan the items. The magic is choosing what items to scan. Pick the low cost items to scan, and let the magic flow over the more expensive items. The next big item is when you get picked for a "random" (read: never random, they're

onto you) bag check. With the exception of costco where you sign your rights away, they have zero right to examine your bags/receipt: use that to your advantage. At walmart, say "no thankyou". If they persist, tell them you do not allow people to examine your personal property. If they still persist, get mad.




>I paid for this soykaf and you have no right to harass me

Don't hold back, but don't linger, walk away immediately. The absolute worst that can happen is they ban you from the store (boo hoo, but barely enforceable so don't sweat it. just wait a few weeks and business as usual). An alternative way to deal with it is to show them your haul and receipt and pretend that you don't know how the machines work. Another alternative is to pretend to now have the receipt (put it in your pocket, not the bag!). Advise them to check the cameras, and so long as you're not a bleeding moron, they'll see you happily scanning your items one after another. I've been doing this for years since near the dawn of robot checkouts - zero problems, never derezzed, and paying a good +/- 50%.

  **Demeere** 10/10/20(Sat)01:30:42 No.33383 

>50%




Amateur hour. I only spend 25%. I don't even put on an act of scanning, I just grab soykaf and throw it in the bag. The people watching don't give a fuarrk, they're just there for a paycheque.

  **Nemissa** 10/10/20(Sat)01:34:30 No.33385 >>33387 >>33389 >>33402 >>34244 

>>33371 (OP)




>Share your tips, insights, techniques.

My ultimate technique is to work an honest job and pay for things honestly.

  **Jean Dupont** 10/10/20(Sat)01:36:28 No.33387 

>>33385

Pleb faggôt.

  **John Doe** 10/10/20(Sat)01:43:46 No.33389 >>33390 

>>33385

No thanks. "Honest" work is getting fuarrked by the man, "paying honestly" is how idiots lose what little capital they have. The rich don't do either, why should we?

  **Shogun** 10/10/20(Sat)01:46:28 No.33390 >>33391 >>33392 >>33402 

>>33389

This all sounds like a great way to save money but then you get caught eventually and get fined/legal fees/bayliffs. The odds are stacked against us broke people.

  **Jens Hansen** 10/10/20(Sat)01:47:56 No.33391 >>33399 

>>33390




No way. They take on all the risk by using these machines. "Ignorance" is much more than bliss. It's a valid argument and in courts it wins cases.

  **Jens Hansen** 10/10/20(Sat)01:53:31 No.33392 >>33471 




>>33390

You should do some research before spouting off lies. 1. The stores assume 100% liability for incorrect scanning when performed by a member of the general public. 2. Unless they catch you multiple times and can prove as such, they have no way of distinguishing your ignorance from your malice. 3. If you make the show of doing the scan "in good faith", then they cannot prove you "intended" to mislead/scam them. 4. Courts have already established case law of throwing out cases where the plaintiff used a self-checkout. 5. Cops will not do anything where malice cannot be established (so pretend, and make it convincing).




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  **fsociety** 10/10/20(Sat)01:58:01 No.33393 

My number one tip aside from listening to loud music with earbuds is to LOOK DOWN. Ignore the screen and any camera they have looking at you. You didn't notice the scanned item not showing up on the screen, and you reduce visibility for them to track your low life ass.

  **Dreanon17** 10/10/20(Sat)02:00:44 No.33394 >>33397 >>33400 >>33402 >>33433 

it doesn't matter if you only pay half the price or just steal something from the supermarket. if you don't pay the full price, other customers will do it for you (because prices will go up to compensate for the damage you caused).

  **Unsigned** 10/10/20(Sat)02:08:21 No.33397 >>33400 >>34428 


>>33394

This is neoliberal propaganda. Prices don't change. Many people regularly steal. The only thing that happens is inflation and stagnating wages. The rational thing to do is steal.

☰  **J.C. Denton** 10/10/20(Sat)02:13:41 No.33399 >>33400 >>33402 ▾

>>33391

Ignorance of the law is not a defense. Good luck though.


☰  **Nemissa** 10/10/20(Sat)02:17:02 No.33400 ▾

>>33394

This is somewhat true, but as >>33397 notes, it isn't for the reasons you say. Stores have a metric called "breakage" which is due to error/theft/etc. and they factor that into their pricing. The overwhelming factor is inflation. Prices go up steadily, and that would apply even if there was no theft. It isn't a zero sum game, and you also wrongly assume that theft reaches the threshold of causing a noteworthy impact, as compared to inflation. Most people are dumb cattle that go along with the system, and they maintain the price status quo so you get the opportunity to make good. They don't "pay extra" beyond what they otherwise would if you didn't steal, that's simply a lie.

>>33399

They didn't say "ignorance of the law", which you're right, isn't a defense. The stores are responsible for making sure you use their machines correctly, and ignorance IS a defense if they fail to perform that duty. Specifically ignorance of how to use the machines correctly. There's a lot of ignorant people who've been "caught" and got acquitted (if it even got that far, we never hear about those, so it's hard to say how pervasive this really is) because of this simple fact. Your simple post reeks of bad faith because you misdirected readers to believe that Iain said something they didn't.

☰  **Cutter** 10/10/20(Sat)02:25:33 No.33402 ▾


>>33399

>>33394


>>33390

>>33385

It's hilarious how many neoliberals are on a cyberpunk board pushing their conformist bullshit.


☰  **John Rain** 10/10/20(Sat)02:35:49 No.33405 >>33407 >>33408 ▾

This is the time for us, Iain. Wear a face mask, wear a hat that covers your hair, wear shades, wear soykafty disposable clothing. If you get questioned, just submit and play dumb. It's way more suspect if you act tough and indigent. Before you pick a machine, assess where the watchers are watching. Don't be a fool around hawks, they'll catch you for sure. These types of people are always looking at all the machines, assessing people. Don't be a cyberpunk hero, if you're under eyes, play it safe.

☰  **Roger Pollack** 10/10/20(Sat)02:47:33 No.33407 ▾

>>33405


If you get caught, blame it on meds or some other modernists social disease soykaf, this about right nowadays you can pull it off.

☰  **Cereal Killer** 10/10/20(Sat)03:12:04 No.33408 >>33442 ▾


>>33405

if you wear a facemask, sunglasses and a hat you look like the most suspicious person in the entire supermarket. Let me guess, wear all black too? ha ha

In my city they have had to update the self checkouts to stop people from stealing. First hack was if you clicked 'pay' the weighing scales stopped registering. So I would just click pay then put all my salmon and stuff on the scales. Thats not the case now. I don't know about the US, people are more aggressive over there, but in the UK I have never seen a shoplifter being chased or confronted by a worker, it would be the most awkward thing to do for most people and they dont get paid enough to do it. I have seen a guy just walk away from a conversation with three transport police. They just looked at each other 'he cant do that?' as he left Sheffield station.

☰  **Guthrie** 10/10/20(Sat)04:14:04 No.33409 >>33442 ▾

The problem of course is that if loss prevention is on to you, they'll keep video of all of your checkouts and how much you're not paying for. If you're actually saving much money, they can wait a few months and then have you arrested for felony theft based on the pattern. Imagine how your 200 IQ "but I thought I paid for everything" excuse is going to sound in front of a jury next to evidence that you did it every week.

☰  **Turner** 10/10/20(Sat)04:24:32 No.33410 >>33412 >>33442 ▾


>>33371 (OP)

Erm, self-checkouts where I live have scales so any time something suspicious happens they go WRONG WEIGHT PLEASE CHECK THE SCALE. Idk how then.

☰  **Acid Burn** 10/10/20(Sat)05:07:21 No.33411 >>33412 >>33442 ▾

>>33371 (OP)


Here all self service checkouts weigh your groceries so you can't put something you haven't scanned in the bagging area otherwise the machine chimes out, makes noise and won't let you continue. The real play then is to bring your own reusable shopping bags and use them instead of a basket or trolley. Then you just leave stuff in them without paying for it. Simple as.

☰  **Gyula Kovacs** 10/10/20(Sat)05:12:56 No.33412 >>33442 ∨

>>33410

>>33411


Yeah, same here. One thing that could work is to punch your avocados in as potatoes, but then you lose the good faith argument of fake scanning with headphones on.

☰  **Nobody special** 10/10/20(Sat)05:24:21 No.33413 >>33414 >>33434 >>34253 ∨

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There's this saying I like - if you're stealing steal millions. Groceries? Not worth it.

☰  **Yu-ichi** 10/10/20(Sat)05:26:36 No.33414 ∨

>>33413

Absolutely

☰  **Unnamed** 10/10/20(Sat)12:23:51 No.33433 >>33442 ∨


I've been trying to get better at this. I'm at the point where I never pay for those occasional expensive grocery staples (stuff like olive oil), but I'm nowhere near 50%. The grocery store near me recently put in these self checkout aisles with a belt and everything. There's not even a person watching you like the little self checkout pen thing.

>To give me some cover, I wear headphones with obviously loud music playing

Ooh good call. I just try to scan really fast and act like a sleep deprived zombie, but this only really works because I'm only five fingering the expensive soykaf. If I were skipping every other item I don't think anyone would buy it.


>>33394

Self checkouts exist because paying for whatever marginal loss they incur is cheaper than paying for another cashier. If enough people steal they get rid of them and hire more staff, or they invest in more aggressive scanner systems with cameras and weight sensors. These are long term business policy decisions, not market price fluctuations.

☰  **Unnamed** 10/10/20(Sat)12:26:42 No.33434 ∨

>>33413

For most people, groceries are the second biggest monthly expense after rent/mortgage.

☰  **Batou** 10/10/20(Sat)14:13:33 No.33442 ∨

>>33409

Doing it every single time is a 40IQ move. Strategy is a necessity that nobody is talking about.

>>33408

Thanks for that mental image. Although it isn't unreasonable in winter.

>>33409

The laws of grand theft (>\$1000) only apply to a single instance. They can't turn many small mistakes into a felony, that'd get tossed out in a heartbeat.

>>33410

>>33411


I hate machines that use scales. The trick is to put multiple items onto it after scanning one, but the risk becomes very high.

>>33412

That's viable, but hurts your plausible deniability.

>>33433


Be careful you don't overdo it with the expensive items. That is a pattern they'll pick up on.

☰  **Nameless** 10/11/20(Sun)01:05:37 No.33471 ▾

>>33392


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This is precisely why I won't do this. I like self-check-out because it means I don't need to deal with people. Paying half as much for my groceries isn't worth speaking to a single person once.

☰  **Liet Kynes** 10/11/20(Sun)01:11:19 No.33472 ▾


>>33371 (OP) (OP)

I only steal from the library.


☰  **John Doe** 10/11/20(Sun)02:12:29 No.33474 ▾

>>33453

Get out, seriously just do it.


☰  **Jet Black** 10/24/20(Sat)01:57:29 No.34134 ▾

I never use them. Pieces of soykaf.


☰  **Debbie Charteris** 10/26/20(Mon)05:38:03 No.34244 >>34265 ▾

>>33385

You're honestly paying for lies?

☰  **Koichiro** 10/26/20(Mon)06:32:55 No.34248 >>34253 ▾

Are there no security scales that weigh your groceries (so you can't put any unscanned stuff) in the US?

☰  **The Oracle** 10/26/20(Mon)10:32:23 No.34253 ▾


Barcodes are easily reproducible by hand and scanning process is very robust, so you can take photos of barcodes on cheap items, copy them to paper strips by hand, verify that it scans with your phone and then present this barcode strip to the scanner on checkout. Buy olive oil as canola, real butter at the cost of I-can't-believe-it's-not-butter without attracting any attention!

>>33413

Cheap food is almost a poison and saving even 50\$ each week may be a difference between becoming homeless in 4 months or not.


>>34248

There are, but weight margins are big on most items. But on some items, especially weighted ones, it can be stupidly precise, so you often can't buy 3 steaks at the price of 1. Worth trying though.

☰  **Mentat** 10/26/20(Mon)17:10:48 No.34265 ▾


>>34244

A nigga's gotta eat.

☰  **Chani** 10/30/20(Fri)04:47:42 No.34371 >>34373 ▾


>>33371 (OP) (OP)

this just sounds like stealing with more steps


☰  **Debbie Charteris** 10/30/20(Fri)07:12:36 No.34373 >>34383 ▾

>>34371

More steps? Do you have a better way to steal soykaf from the grocery?

☰  **Dujour** 10/30/20(Fri)12:09:33 No.34383 ▾

>>34373

☰  **Lady Jessica** 10/30/20(Fri)14:57:53 No.34384 ▾

This doesn't seem worth it to me, groceries are such a small bill compared to rent etc., and there will always be at least some risk of getting in legal trouble, and you'll be creating anxiety for the staff of the store.

If you are poor enough that it makes a significant difference, you probably qualify for EBT or whatever non-US equivalent, you could sign up for that instead. This seems like something done more for some shallow rush or false impression of rebellion than actual practical benefit.


☰  **What happens in reality Nobody important** 10/30/20(Fri)18:03:18 No.34389 >>34390 >>34393 ▾

>OP's face has been put on cross-business shoplifter database and he has been derezzed from shopping in all grocery stores in the city leading to premature death.

Well, not in current year liberal USA, but in my craphole of a country they do keep such databases. With modern facial and gait recognition algorithms there's not much you can do against honestly, especially not in coronachan times.


I prefer a more discreet method, and it works with live cashiers too. You take identical expensive product and weigh it as cheaper one, or mix the two in desirable proportions to conceal. This way you can save more than 8 times the money. It's not like supermarkets sell lots of theft-worthy items these days: alcohol, industrial food and tasteless "exotic" fruits/vegetables from another end of the world all of which have 0 resale or additional nutritional value compared to cheaper items: a cabbage is a cabbage and there's only one variety of it sold anyways, avocados are disgusting, just get regular butter.


You have better chances of eating your dinner at the live street market asking for slice of apple or two for degustation at every seller's stall, then haggling for a few other things on top of purchase promising you'd buy a crate of those next time.

☰  **Hououin Kyouuma** 10/30/20(Fri)18:27:32 No.34390 ▾

>>34389

Addendum: By 8 times cheaper I meant stuff like nuts or dried fruit, these indeed vary greatly in quality between cheapest and most expensive, as well as place of origin, making worth the mess, with fruits - not as much, for example cheaper bananas are ones that's been sitting on the display for a few days, becoming more ripe and ready to eat. I do not put them in the cellar for winter, hence the fresher ones are not interesting to me.

☰  **Trinity** 10/30/20(Fri)22:09:37 No.34392 >>34393 ▾

☰  **Joe Bloggs** 10/30/20(Fri)22:10:30 No.34393 ▾

>>34389

Grocery shipping being a thing, OP could probably still get groceries, but they'd be forced to pay ahead of time.

>>34392

Ignore this, misclicked. Turns out post deletion doesn't work if you don't have JS enabled when posting unless you manually set a password.

☰  **Unidentified** 10/31/20(Sat)16:44:54 No.34428 ▾

>>33397

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Read Marx.

Consider an industrial process that requires one gallon of an input per unit. The input is \$10 per gallon.

If you use an inefficient process in which half of each gallon becomes waste byproduct, the input cost is \$20 per unit. If you use 100% of the gallon, the input cost is \$10 per unit.

Stock shrinkage is estimated and budgeted for by every major store. It is part of their bottom line and they adjust prices accordingly--smart merchants have been doing this since the dawn of trade, as they must go out of business otherwise. It is no different from industrial waste. The value of the stolen items, which goes outside of commodity exchange, is averaged out among the items to be sold.

However, in order for stealing to cause prices to rise FROM THEIR CURRENT LEVEL, which already accounts for shrinkage, shrinkage would have to increase overall from its current level. In the case of self-checkout, it may actually be the case that it is temporarily making stealing more popular. However, self-checkout is also being adopted because it lowers costs. The stores would not be adopting it if the amount that it lowered costs didn't compensate for the amount that it encouraged shrinkage.

Finally, self-checkouts and various other things that make shoplifting possible may become much more difficult in the future. If Amazon Go style automated store surveillance & RFID-on-everything becomes more common, shrinkage will probably disappear from stores that adopt it.



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