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What paper fuel work costs

A working estimate for one kind of organization. October 2026.

This is not a quote and it is not a promise. Ticket printers charge different amounts. Wages are not the same everywhere. If your tickets cost more, or your people spend more time on the paper, the gap is larger. If you run fewer fuelings, it is smaller. The point is to show the math so you can put your own numbers in.

The organization in this paper

8 people. 2 fuel trucks. About 400 tickets a month, and a board for each truck on each day they work — call it 50 board-days. They also run about 200 fuel calculations. That is a busy organization, not a huge one. It matches the 8-person example on the Uplift homepage.

Paper tickets

Most organizations still buy multi-part carbonless (NCR) ticket books. A custom 3-part fuel ticket, ordered a few thousand at a time, usually lands around 18 to 35 cents each. We used $0.22.

400 × $0.22 = $88 a month.

That is only the form. It does not include the reprint when someone voids a ticket, or the book that gets ruined in the rain.

Board paper

A daily truck board is a sheet of paper, sometimes two if the truck is busy. Letter stock is cheap — about $0.03 a sheet. 50 boards is $1.50. This line is small on purpose. The paper is not why organizations leave paper.

Ink and toner

If the desk prints a file copy of each ticket, and prints the boards, that is 450 pages. A black-and-white laser page is often 3 to 6 cents in toner. We used $0.04.

450 × $0.04 = $18.

Organizations that print in color, or on inkjet, pay more. Organizations that do not print file copies pay less here and more in filing time.

The time

This is the part that actually costs money.

Writing a paper ticket, walking it in, and putting it in a folder takes longer than saving one on the phone. We counted 2 extra minutes per ticket. At $20 an hour — a plain loaded rate for line work, not a supervisor — that is $266.67 a month.

Closing out a paper board at the end of the shift, chasing a missing ticket, and matching meters: 8 extra minutes per truck-day. $133.33 a month.

Together that is 20 hours. $400. If your techs spend five minutes a ticket instead of two, this line grows fast.

Uplift for the same month

Uplift is $2 a month for each person after the first 3. Fuel calculations, tickets, and boards are $0.02 each after the first 10 of each.

Seats (first 3 free)	$10
Tickets after the free 10	$7.80
Boards after the free 10	$0.80
Calculations after the free 10	$3.80
Uplift, per month	**$22.40**

What you keep

Paper tickets	$88
Board paper	$1.50
Ink and toner	$18
Write-up and filing	$400
That organization on paper	**$507.50**
The same organization on Uplift	$22.40
Difference, per month	**$485.10**
Difference, per year	**$5,821.20**

That is before you count a lost ticket, a customer who wants last month’s gallons, or the hour someone spends looking for a carbon copy in a drawer.

What we left out

We did not add filing cabinets, printers, or the cost of a mistake that a locked meter start would have caught. We did not subtract the time it takes to learn a new app. We did not model a slow month. Replace our unit costs with yours if you want a number for your organization.

How to read this against the website

The homepage slider is only seats. Usage is extra, and cheap. The example above includes both. Once an organization has a charge on the account it needs a payment method on file. Invoices post on the 28th.

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