

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GUIDE

The E-Commerce Reconciliation Map: Stop Compromising on Profit Visibility

Most 6-figure Amazon sellers are drowning in manual reconciliation — and don't yet know there is a better way. Every payout cycle, a labyrinthine 150+ line settlement CSV lands on your desk. At this stage, most operators make a choice that quietly costs them: **book it fast, or book it right**. They pick fast. 8-figure sellers did too — until they built a system.

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THE PROBLEM

The Forced Compromise

To close the books on time without losing your mind, most growing brands lump distinct, highly variable costs — storage fees, pick-and-pack charges, advertising clicks, refunds, and adjustments — into a single bucket labelled *Amazon Expenses*.

This shortcut saves your sanity in the short term. But it systematically destroys your margin visibility. You know you are making money — you just have no clear idea where you are losing it.

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THE CHALLENGE

The Granularity Trap

The alternative is a manual nightmare. Disentangling that settlement report line by line — mapping every charge to its proper Chart of Accounts (CoA) category — takes days.

This is the **Granularity Trap**: the more detailed and actionable you need your P&L to be, the more administrative time it consumes.

- If your accountants spend their entire week classifying *Shipping Chargeback Refunds* and *Per-Unit Fulfillment Fees* by hand, they are acting as data processors — not strategic financial advisors.
- The result: a P&L that closes on time but tells you nothing about where margin is leaking.

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THE CONTRAST

Manual Compromise vs. Automated Granularity

To understand what you sacrifice with manual reconciliation, look at how the same settlement batch is handled under each approach.

■ THE LUMPED ENTRY

Manual Compromise

Account: 50000 - Amazon Fees & Expenses

-\$14,582.45

Insight generated: zero. Are storage fees eating your margin, or did refund rates spike? You can't tell.

■ THE MAPPED BREAKDOWN

The NeonPanel Standard

Same \$14,582.45 — split into five actionable categories:

- FBA Selling Fees (Commission)
- Transaction Fees • Promotional Rebates
- FBA Transaction Fee Refunds • Liquidation Proceeds

Here is a direct snippet from the mapping framework used by NeonPanel sellers at scale:

Settlement Line Item	Acct #	Account / Category
Referral Fee (Commission)	51020	FBA Selling Fees (Commission)
FBA Per-Unit Fulfillment Fee	51040	Transaction Fees
Promotional Discount Applied	40107	Promotional Rebates
Shipping Chargeback — Refund	51050	FBA Transaction Fee Refunds
Liquidation Sale Proceeds	40101	FBA Liquidation Proceeds

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THE SOLUTION

The 'Set Once' Approach

You shouldn't have to choose between speed and accuracy. The structural fix to the Granularity Trap is automation through precise mapping.

With NeonPanel, you configure these mapping rules exactly once. You adopt a robust Chart of Accounts tailored for e-commerce and tell the system how to read native data from your sales channels.

- Every transaction — whether it's a TikTok FBT fee, a Shopify Principal Order, or an Amazon MarketplaceFacilitatorTax deduction — is automatically routed to the correct account.
- From that point forward, your P&L closes fast *and* tells the full story.

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THE PROOF

Tested to the Cent

NeonPanel's default mapping **perfectly matches the native Amazon Account Summaries report down to the cent**. No phantom variances. No plug numbers.

The result: flawless, granular reconciliation that closes your books faster and gives you absolute confidence in your unit economics.

85%

reduction in COGS errors
5 Stars United

50%

faster financial close
avg. across clients

150+

hours saved per month
vs. spreadsheets

See It Working on Your Own Data

We'll map your settlement report to a clean Chart of Accounts live — so you can see exactly what your P&L looks like when every line item is classified correctly. A 30-minute call is enough to make it concrete.

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