

The Cold, Hard Truth About Product Research for Amazon Sellers



A No-Nonsense Guide to Choosing the Right Product (Without Losing Your Shirt)

Download my free Product Research Tracker Excel Spreadsheet now to keep track of your product research so that you can stay organized.

Rule #1: Nobody Cares What You *Think* Will Sell

Let's start with the biggest rookie mistake:

"I have a great product idea!"

 **STOP. YOU'RE BUILDING YOUR OWN COFFIN. WHAT YOU THINK, MEANS NOTHING IN BUSINESS. DATA SHOULD DO ALL OF THE THINKING. YOUR JOB IS TO COLLECT AND ANALYSE DATA. IF YOU DO IT RIGHT, IT WILL TELL YOU WHAT DECISIONS TO MAKE. KILL YOUR EGO NOW. IT WILL COST YOU A LOT OF MONEY AND EMBARRASSMENT. **

This isn't Etsy. It's not your personal art project. Amazon is a **data-driven war zone**, and the only thing that matters is what's *already proven* to sell.

Your opinions, gut feelings, and shower thoughts?

Throw them out.

Amazon rewards one thing:

Products that meet existing demand better than the current competition.

What Makes a Product Worth Selling?

You need to develop a standardised filter. Every potential product or product idea needed to be fed through this filter. It needs to satisfy EVERY metric, otherwise throw it out.

Forget cute, trendy, or "cool"—your product needs to hit the following **non-negotiable benchmarks**:

Metric	Why It Matters	No-BS Rule
Consistent Demand	You're not trying to <i>create</i> a market—you're <i>entering</i> one.	300+ monthly sales minimum
Low-to-Mid Competition	You don't want to fight against Amazon Basics or \$50M brands.	<200 reviews on page 1
Profit Margin	If you're making \$2 per unit, congrats—you built a sweatshop for yourself.	30–40% net profit or don't bother
Lightweight / Simple	Heavy, fragile, or electronic = higher costs and return rates.	Under 3 lbs, no moving parts
No Legal Nightmares	Patent lawsuits will bury you alive.	No trademarks, no shady ingredients
Year-Round Sales	Seasonal products = dead inventory half the year.	Evergreen only for beginners

Rule #2: You're Not a Creator. You're a Data Analyst.



This is hard for most new sellers to hear:

You're not building a brand yet. You're flipping numbers.

Your first product is not about passion. It's about using tools to **find what works**, then launching something **marginally better, cheaper, or better positioned**.

Your job:

1. Find existing demand
2. Find gaps in the competition
3. Fill those gaps with better positioning
4. Repeat

 **PrimeIntel.Pro** has a tool that aggregates all of the product reviews for an ASIN. The built in Ai will scan and analyse every review for that product and then identify any areas of opportunity to create a better version. 

The Brutally Effective Product Research Formula

Step 1: Pick a Niche—Not a Product

Don't start with "which garlic press should I sell?"

Start with "which **category** has buyers, weak listings, and overpriced competition?"

Examples:

- Pet grooming tools
- Home office organizers
- Travel accessories
- Kitchen storage (NOT gadgets)
- Niche wellness accessories

Step 2: Use PrimeIntel.Pro Like a Pro

Freehand browsing is for amateurs. Here's what **real research** looks like:

Tool	What to Do
PrimeIntel.Pro	Search for keywords with high volume and low competition. Analyze ASINs, track historical data, review ratings, pricing, and revenue trends.
Keepa	Verify consistent demand over 12+ months
Amazon.com	Hunt for bad listings with good rankings (i.e., opportunity)
Google Trends	Make sure it's not a flash-in-the-pan trend

Pro Tip: Start your research in PrimeIntel.Pro with keyword exploration or by spying on underdeveloped listings crushing it in your niche.

Step 3: Run a Profit Check

Don't get excited until you know this:

Can I buy this, ship it, and sell it with a 35% profit margin—minimum?

Use the Amazon FBA calculator. Include:

- Product cost
- Shipping to Amazon
- FBA + referral fees
- Packaging + prep
- Ads

If you're left with **\$5+ profit per unit**, you're in the zone.

What to Avoid Like the Plague

- **Trendy Products** (fidget spinners, beard straighteners)
→ Too volatile. You'll be too late.
 - **Oversaturated Niches** (yoga mats, phone holders)
→ Competing against brands with 5,000+ reviews and ad budgets.
 - **Complicated Products** (tech gear, supplements if unregulated)
→ High risk. High refund rates. Low forgiveness.
 - **"Cool Ideas"**
→ Save them for your next Kickstarter. Amazon is where boring makes millions.
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Pro-Level Validation Checklist

Before you go all in:

1. Order 2–3 competitor products
 2. Study their 1-star reviews like your life depends on it
 3. Fix the top 2–3 complaints in your own version
 4. Source a **small batch** (100–300 units)
 5. Test the market. Watch reviews. Tweak listing.
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Final No-BS Tips for Serious Sellers

- **Don't blow your savings on inventory.** Validate first.
 - **Your logo means nothing.** Focus on your offer.
 - **Don't expect to get rich off 1 product.** Launch and iterate.
 - **The simplest products win.** The fewer moving parts, the fewer problems.
 - **Don't copy. Out-position.** Better angles, bundles, photos, keywords.
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Recap: How to Actually Win on Amazon

- ✓ Use **PrimeIntel.Pro** to find data-backed opportunities
- ✓ Ignore gut feelings—follow the numbers
- ✓ Solve boring problems with better execution
- ✓ Validate everything before scaling
- ✓ Be ruthless with margins, quality, and differentiation