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From Rufus to Alexa for Shopping: when an AI recommends your products

According to Amazon, its shopping assistant Rufus helped more than 300 million customers in 2025. Since May 2026 it has been called Alexa for Shopping and sits right in the search bar. What this means for sellers and how to make listings fit for AI answers.

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// THE SITUATION IN NUMBERS

300m+
customers Rufus helped in 2025
according to Amazon

13 May 2026
renamed Alexa for Shopping
Rufus and Alexa+ combined (Amazon)

13
countries with full functionality
according to Amazon

1 Feb 2024
launch of Rufus
initially as a beta in the US app (Amazon)

Customers used to type in keywords and scroll through result lists. Today they ask: “Which hiking jacket is suitable for rain in Scotland?” – and an AI answers. At Amazon, this AI has been called **Alexa for Shopping** since May 2026. For sellers, it changes how products are found.

// What happened?

On **1 February 2024**, Amazon introduced **Rufus**, a shopping assistant based on generative AI, initially as a beta for a small subset of customers in the US app. Rufus answered questions about products, compared categories and gave recommendations. According to Amazon, Rufus helped **more than 300 million customers** in 2025.

On **13 May 2026**, Amazon combined Rufus and its voice assistant Alexa+ into **Alexa for Shopping**. The assistant is built into the Amazon app, the website and Echo Show devices. Customers can type questions directly into the main search bar, see price histories of up to a year, schedule purchases and have Amazon shop for them with “Buy for Me”. According to Amazon, the full functionality is available in **13 countries**.

// How does it work?

An AI assistant reads product information and uses it to answer questions. Amazon does not disclose which content it weighs and how. But it stands to reason that what is not on a product page cannot be delivered as an answer. A listing that consists only of keywords answers a question about the right use less well than a page that clearly describes target group, purpose and features.

Many service providers publish optimisation tips for Rufus and Alexa for Shopping. According to our research, Amazon has not published an official rulebook for this – such tips are therefore based on experience, not requirements.

// Who is affected?

Every seller and brand selling on Amazon is affected – especially in categories that need explaining and where customers ask questions: electronics, outdoor, tools, health, children's products. Anyone who does not appear in AI answers loses visibility, even if they rank well in classic search.

// What should you do now?

Sellers should know their customers' questions and align their product pages with them: clear, complete, comparable. Reviews and Q&A sections are a valuable source. Amazon's current rules for titles and content should be checked directly in Seller Central. The checklist below sums up the steps.

// How does Airnite help?

Airnite manages **Amazon presences** – as with our reference Caribee – and revises product pages so that they convince customers and AI assistants alike. With our experience in **SEO and visibility in AI answers**, we transfer what works on Google to the marketplace. In **consulting**, we assess where your listings have gaps today.

> Note: figures and features come from Amazon's own announcements; statements about the effect on visibility are the editorial team's assessment. Research status: 21 November 2026.

Checklist: what to do now

[+] Collect the most common customer questions about your products – from reviews, Q&A and customer service.

[+] Revise product pages so they answer these questions clearly: purpose, target group, dimensions, material, contents.

[+] Maintain comparable details completely and consistently so that comparisons by the assistant do not work against you.

[+] Take reviews seriously: address recurring criticism in the listing or fix it in the product.

[+] Check Amazon's current rules for titles and content directly in Seller Central instead of relying on rumours.

[+] Test how Alexa for Shopping answers questions about your products and close gaps specifically.

How Airnite helps

- Amazon Management – Product pages, imagery and care for your Amazon presence.
- SEO & Visibility – Visible on Google and in AI answers.
- Consulting – An outside view of your plans and projects.

Does Amazon's AI recommend your products?

Airnite reviews your Amazon product pages from the perspective of an AI assistant: do titles, bullet points, images and description answer the questions customers ask? We revise listings, maintain questions and answers and track how visibility develops.

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