

Real pricing for a small crew (annual billing where discounted)

Tool	Entry price	5-person company	Users	Free trial
Contractor Foreman	\$49/mo (1 user)	\$166/mo (Plus, 8 users)	Per company	30 days
Buildxact	Free (Go plan)	\$169/mo (Foundation)	Unlimited	Free plan
Jobber	\$29/mo (solo)	\$229/mo (Grow, 5 users)	+\$29/extra	14 days
Fieldwire	Free (5 users)	\$195/mo (Pro x5)	Per user	Free plan
Buildertrend	Quote only	~\$700-850/mo reported	Unlimited	Demo only
Procore	Quote only	\$375+/mo reported	Unlimited	Demo only

Tier gates the pricing pages hide:

Contractor Foreman: scheduling, daily logs and QuickBooks sync start at Plus (\$166/mo), not Basic.

Fieldwire: RFIs, change orders and budget tracking only on Business Plus (\$89/user/mo).

Jobber: no job costing or QuickBooks sync on Core; that's Grow (\$149-229/mo). Card fees 2.9% + 30c.

Buildertrend / Procore: quote indexed to your annual construction volume. Get renewal terms in writing.

The 4-step chooser

1. Name your bottleneck

Estimating speed, field coordination, client communication, or job costing. The tool that's best at YOUR bottleneck wins.

2. Price the tier you'll use

Recompute at real headcount, field crew included. Per-company pricing beats per-seat in construction.

3. Trial on a live job

Not a test project. Contractor Foreman: 30 days. Jobber: 14. Buildxact / Fieldwire: free plans.

4. Check the exit

Export a real project before the trial ends. Usable CSV/PDF out = you can leave later.

Score your two finalists (0-2 each, 10 max)

Tool A Tool B

Fits my bottleneck

Right tier fits budget

Field crew adopted it

Books sync cleanly

Clean export out

Under 7/10 = out. Trial both finalists on live work, then decide.