

features list

General features and benefits	lite	full
Easy to use	yes	yes
Central database	yes	yes
User definable codes	yes	yes
Automatically saves your estimate data	yes	yes
Windows based	yes	yes
Project Browser which lists all your estimates/quotes and allows you to easily find previous jobs: includes a Quick Find feature to search by Quote Number, Title, Estimator, Client, and more	yes	yes
Central libraries of data	lite	full
Resource Library for your Labour, Plant, Material and Subcontract costs	yes	yes
Item Library for the build-ups of your standard services and/or products. An Item (sometimes known as an activity or recipe) is made up of a collection of resources	yes	yes
Section Library to store your standard Sections (work breakdown structure)	yes	yes
Client Library for your client's details	yes	yes
Subcontractor Library for your subcontractor's and supplier's details	yes	yes
Conditions Library for your standard and special conditions that can appear on your quotes	yes	yes
Estimator Library for your Benchmark users' login, password, access levels, and other details	yes	yes
Takeoff Sheet Library to store your standard quantity takeoff sheets		yes
Estimating your Direct Costs – standard features	lite	full
The ability to add Sections, Items and Resources from your libraries, and be able to edit this information within the estimate	yes	yes
The ability to add project specific Sections, Items and Resources to your estimate	yes	yes
Copy and paste Sections and Items from one estimate to another	yes	yes
The ability to load a Bill of Quantities (schedule of items) from Excel, and save your bid (submission) rates back into the original Excel file	yes	yes
Allocate - gives you the ability to allocate one or many Items from your Item Library to an Item in a Project	yes	yes
Section Production Rates to quickly and accurately change the production rate for all Items in the one Section	yes	yes
Item Production Rates to quickly and accurately change the production rate of an Item	yes	yes
Resource Production Rates to quickly and accurately change the production rate of groups of resources within an Item	yes	yes
Variables for designating depths, widths, heights, areas, densities, etc. at several levels of an estimate which can then be used in your Item and Resource quantity calculations (see next point)		yes
Item and Resource Calculator function – store quantity calculations (including text strings) with your Items and Resources. You can add the Item Quantity, Production Rate, Crew Size and/or Variables to your calculations. When you change these in your estimate, your calculations are automatically updated	yes	yes
Complete function so you can keep control over which Sections and Items you have finished estimating	yes	yes
Ability to duplicate entire estimates and set up standard project templates	yes	yes

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Rate Only Items and Provisional Sums Items	yes	yes
Small Job Factor	yes	yes
Cartage Calculator	yes	yes
Cost Check - updates previous estimates with current rates from the Resource Library in a matter of seconds	yes	yes
Variations	yes	yes
Estimating your Direct Costs - power estimating features	lite	full
Routines for pricing repetitive works consistently and accurately	yes	yes
Sub Items (composite resources)		yes
Subcontractor Manager – issue requests for prices and import quotations from Subcontractors electronically. Compare quotes in a comparison screen and automatically update your estimate with your selected Subcontractor		yes
Perform Quantity Takeoff's in your estimate using one of your takeoff sheet templates from the Template Sheet Library or by creating project specific takeoff sheets. Benchmark stores these takeoffs in your estimate.		yes
Auto Allocate – bid schedules of items over 52.5% faster, whilst retaining consistency and accuracy, with this amazing feature		yes
Resource Rate Change—in the one screen you can view all resources used in your estimate and make project specific price changes without changing the default rate in the Resource Library. You can make changes by rate or %, and search by subcontractor/supplier		yes
Power Routine for bidding annual and longer-term maintenance and facilities management tenders	option	option
Estimating your Indirect Costs	lite	full
Extras screen for allocation of your project Markup, Overheads and Contingencies	yes	yes
Overhead Sections (ideal for Site Overheads and Project Management) that are spread across your direct cost (bill) items	yes	yes
Manipulate your submission rates on an item by item basis in the Spread screen	yes	yes
Estimate reporting	lite	full
My Reports menu to set up your most commonly used reports in the one, easy to access menu	yes	yes
Submission reports including Quotations, Rate Only Quotations, Schedule of Rates and a Tender Letter	yes	yes
Microsoft Word® quote reports so you can customise your company's quote format in a Word document		yes
Quote with Options report with many user-defined options	yes	yes
Exports to Excel—Export key data into Microsoft Excel®, with reports such as Resources by Costs Code, Resources by Subcontractor/Supplier, Project Review/Analysis, Resources by Item and Schedule of Items	yes	yes
Direct Cost reports including a project summary, bill of quantities, bill of materials, detailed resource listings per item, resource listings per group and cost code, and resource usage sorted by cost and quantity	yes	yes
Resources by Item with Options report with many user-defined options	yes	yes
Overhead Section reports	yes	yes
Reports can be viewed on screen prior to printing, saved to HTML and copied and pasted into Word or Excel	yes	yes
Reports can be generated as a PDF document (excluding Word and Excel reports)		yes
Compatible with external reporting systems including Crystal Reports and Cognos	yes	yes

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Marketing Analysis, Follow Up and Integrated Email/Fax	lite	full
Dynamic Marketing Analysis reports (won/lost/pending, reason for loss, competitor comparison, forward order reporting)		yes
Follow Up feature to remind your estimators which quotes need to be followed up on each day		yes
Email (as a PDF) or fax your quotes directly from your Benchmark estimate to improve quote turnaround time and help you win more work		yes
Interfacing with other business systems	lite	full
Standard export to Microsoft Project, Suretrak and Primavera	yes	yes
Exports to your other business systems like Projection Scenario, Oracle, Timberline and Microsoft Great Plains	yes	yes
Resource-based export to Microsoft Project (2003) for project scheduling, cash flow forecasting and resource planning	option	option
Cost Codes and Cost Code exports to Microsoft Excel for importing into other systems	yes	yes
ODBC Driver so other systems can access and extract Benchmark's data	yes	yes
Import facility allows you to electronically import Resource rates (price lists), Clients and other data into your Benchmark data file	yes	yes
Progress Claims	lite	full
Generate fast and accurate Progress Claims directly from your estimate to save time and eliminate retyping data. Do your claims by % or Quantity complete	option	yes
Multi User	lite	full
Full multi-user (requires multiple licenses), you can even have a team working on the one estimate at the one time	yes	yes
System settings and security	lite	full
User login and password control	yes	yes
The ability to control which users can access certain functionality and all libraries	yes	yes
The ability to set up authorisation limits for each estimator	yes	yes
The ability to set up default company settings that are applied to each estimate, like markup %, overhead % and default quote introduction text	yes	yes
Support and Documentation	lite	full
12 months maintenance (consisting of upgrades to the software) and 12 months of 24/7 technical support	yes	yes
Comprehensive hard copy User Manual for each licensee and Online Help	yes	yes

