

Costimator vs. Spreadsheet

Prior to implementing Costimator, the majority of our customers utilized a spreadsheet or an ERP/MRP system to generate an estimate/quote. These tools have many limitations that can prohibit you from producing an estimate quickly and accurately, and with any type of consistency. The result can be lost business and lower than desired revenues and profits.

We invite you to compare the functionality of Costimator to your current cost estimating method. If you believe Costimator might be able to help improve your cost estimating speed, accuracy and consistency, contact us today to schedule a live web demonstration.

Costimator Features & Benefits		Your Spreadsheet?
<p>Database Driven</p> 	<p>Costimator Cost Estimating Software is database driven, allowing you to store, access and retrieve all your information related to cost estimating in a single, yet sharable, location. Centralizing your data allows all estimators to quickly access and utilize the same information, drastically increasing the speed and consistency of the cost estimating process.</p> <p>Costimator comes with over 20 different databases, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part Master• Quote Master• Customer/Vendor Contact• Work Centers• Cost Modeler• Speeds and Feeds• Raw Material Pricing• Purchased Item Pricing• Outside Services Pricing	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>

CAD Integration



Costimator's 3DFX module is a universal 3D CAD viewer with built-in feature recognition technology. This revolutionary tool seamlessly interfaces with Costimator, allowing estimators to view 3D CAD files, display its manufacturing features and dimensional information and automatically send the data to Costimator for cycle time processing, drastically improving the speed and accuracy of the estimate. 3DFX supports the most widely used CAD programs and file formats, including:

Solidworks	CATIA	DXF/DWG
NX	JT	Parasolid
Creo	Solid Edge	STL
IGES	Inventor	VDA-FS
ACIS	STEP	XCGM

YES

NO

Manufacturing Data Library



Costimator comes loaded with industry validated cost models (cycle time calculators), time standards (part handling, assembly) and speeds & feeds (machining) that enable estimators to quickly and accurately estimate labor hours for hundreds of different manufacturing processes, including most forms of machining, fabrication, welding, assembly, molding, electronics and more.

YES

NO

Easy-to-Use User Interface

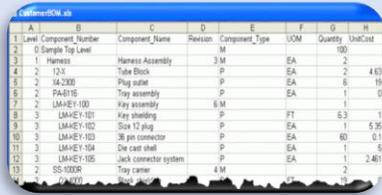


Costimator is Windows-based application that is easy to learn, use and navigate. End user training typically takes less than 2 hours to complete. Unlike many homegrown spreadsheets, where only the creator knows how to make modifications, the data driving Costimator is easy to access, understand and modify, allowing you to tailor the tool to your specific needs and requirements. The systems User Manager tool allows your company to set up various users with different rights and privileges (admin, user, view only, etc.), keep your data safe and secure.

YES

NO

Import/Export



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
1	Level	Component Number	Component Name	Revision	Component Type	SOM	Quantity	Unit/Est
2	0	Sample Top Level		M			100	
3	1	Harness	Harness Assembly	3	M	EA	2	
4	2	121	Tube Block		P	EA	2	4.63
5	2	1A-200	Plug outlet		P	EA	6	19
6	2	PA-616	Tray assembly		P	EA	1	0
7	2	LM4EY-100	Key assembly		P	EA	1	
8	3	LM4EY-101	Key assembly		P	EA	1	
9	3	LM4EY-102	Size 12 plug		P	EA	63	3
10	3	LM4EY-103	36 pin connector		P	EA	1	5.35
11	3	LM4EY-104	Die cast shell		P	EA	1	0.1
12	3	LM4EY-105	Jack connector system		P	EA	1	5
13	2	SS-100R	Tray carrier		P	EA	1	2.461
14	2	PAW70	Tray shell		P	EA	2	19

Costimator comes with a Database Import Utility that allows you to mass import company specific data such as raw material and purchased item pricing, customer/vendor contact information and work center shop rates. The DIU can be run as often as you like to keep your data current and accurate.

The system's Export Designer Tool enables you to easily create export scripts to generate custom reports and links with other software products, such as ERP/MRP systems.

The BOM Import Tool allows you to import a single or multi-level BOM into Costimator, dramatically decreasing the amount of time it takes to generate an assembly estimate.

YES

NO

ERP/MRP Integration



Costimator has links with many of the manufacturing industries most widely used ERP/MRP systems, such as E2, JobBoss and PK 7. These links can save you time and money by not having to re-key your Costimator estimate into your ERP/MRP system.

YES

NO

Reporting

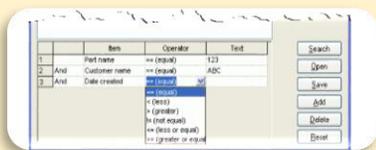


Costimator contains many useful reports, including a detailed cost estimate, process plan, manufacturing routing and a multi-level BOM report. These documents can be printed in .pdf or exported to Excel. Custom reports can easily be created with our Export Designer tool. The system also automatically generates a customer quote, which can be customized with your logo, notes and other pertinent information.

YES

NO

Advanced Search



Having trouble finding an old estimate that you can use to help speed up the process of developing an estimate for a similar part or assembly? That's not an issue with Costimator. The system's advanced search functionality allows you to do a Boolean search on over 20 Costimator fields, 10 of which are user defined. Being able to quickly find a previous estimate and using it as a template to create a new, similar part estimate can drastically reduce estimating time.

YES

NO

Time is money!

Additional Features



Costimator comes with a litany of functionality that help manufacturers improve the speed, accuracy and consistency of their estimates, helping them win more profitable jobs, while maximizing profits. Below are just a few more product features of Costimator. To learn more and see if our solution can help your company, contact us today to schedule a personalized web demonstration.

- Can generate unlimited batch quantity estimates simultaneously
- Raw material cost calculator
- View and work with multiple part estimates on the screen at the same time
- Drag & Drop data within and between estimates
- Link related files (drawings, material specs, outside service quotes) to the estimate
- Learning curve by batch quantity
- English/Metric conversion
- Ability to lock estimates (so they can't be modified by someone other than the author)
- Estimator control over who can see an estimate

YES

NO