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Fulcrum

The Insider's Guide

Cloud manufacturing software with live inventory and scheduling



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among inventory management tools, read from Fulcrum's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Fulcrum's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Fulcrum's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 3 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade

Fulcrum is a cloud manufacturing platform for CNC shops, sheet metal fabricators and other discrete manufacturers. It combines quoting, job tracking, scheduling, inventory, purchasing and quality in one browser-based system. Pricing is set per company and shown in a guided demo.

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about Fulcrum**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for running a CNC or sheet metal shop from one browser system**

Fulcrum puts quoting, job tracking, scheduling, inventory and purchasing for a machine shop in one browser system.

2 **It runs on Web**

Web.

3 **Items and inventory**

Item details and transaction history in one place, with material check-in and audit trails.

4 **Purchase planning**

Shows what you need before you need it and can combine purchase orders automatically.

5 **Autoschedule**

Builds a production schedule from live production data and adjusts it when priorities change.

6 **A 1.6 GPA, above 3 of 72**

That is against the other inventory management tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

7 **Keep it**

The plain part of Fulcrum you could make: inventory, quotes and estimates and reports. What surrounds it you could not. The 2 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

Fulcrum at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Fulcrum	CATEGORY Inventory Management
OUR GRADE 1.6 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for running a CNC or sheet metal shop from one browser system

Fulcrum puts quoting, job tracking, scheduling, inventory and purchasing for a machine shop in one browser system. But no price is published, there is no self-serve trial, and it has no accounting of its own, so you will still need a separate accounting package.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD | **Fulcrum** | Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published, so there is nothing to put against the $91 a month the middle of the inventory category charges. Pricing is set per company in a demo.
Free plan and trial	F	Nothing is free. Its FAQ says there is no self-serve free trial, only guided demos, and no free plan is listed.
Features	C	Items, purchase planning, autoschedule, job costing and quoting all sit in one system. The gap is accounting: it has no general ledger and has to connect to other software for it.
Ease of use	C	No store rating is on record, and a manufacturing system with routings, BOMs and a schedule to set up is not something you start using in an afternoon.
Platforms and integrations	C	Browser only, on desktops and tablets. There are no phone or desktop apps, and the integrations list is short on public detail, though an API is listed.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Fulcrum is for

- ✓ Fits if you run a precision CNC or sheet metal shop and want quoting through to job costing in one place
- ✓ Works for high-mix job shops whose schedule changes day to day

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you want to price it yourself first, as no prices are published
- ✗ Skip it if you want to try it before talking to anyone, because the only way in is a guided demo
- ✗ Watch out: there is no built-in accounting, so you pay for and connect another accounting product
- ✗ Tight if you work on the move, since it is a browser system with no phone or desktop apps listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Precision CNC shops and sheet metal fabricators
- ✓ High-mix job shops with frequent schedule changes
- ✓ Shops replacing separate ERP, MRP and spreadsheet systems

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices are published and the FAQ says there is no self-serve free trial; the vendor offers guided demos.
- ⓘ It has no built-in accounting or general ledger, and connects to accounting software instead.
- ⓘ It runs in a web browser only, on desktops, tablets and other connected devices.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

Fulcrum's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **Its FAQ says there is no self-serve free trial, only guided demos, and no free plan is listed.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

We could not confirm Fulcrum's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. fulcrumpro.com has them.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Cloud manufacturing software with live inventory and scheduling. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, AI features, reports, inventory, quotes and estimates.

> **Items, purchase planning, autoschedule, job costing and quoting all sit in one system.**
>
> From our grade for features

Items and inventory

Item details and transaction history in one place, with material check-in and audit trails.

Purchase planning

Shows what you need before you need it and can combine purchase orders automatically.

Autoschedule

Builds a production schedule from live production data and adjusts it when priorities change.

Job costing

Uses actual labor, material and operation data to compare estimated with actual job cost.

Quoting and sales orders

Quote and sales order tools, with BOM and routing import or creation.

Archie AI and API

Archie is a built-in AI chat and builder; the vendor also lists MCP and API documentation.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

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PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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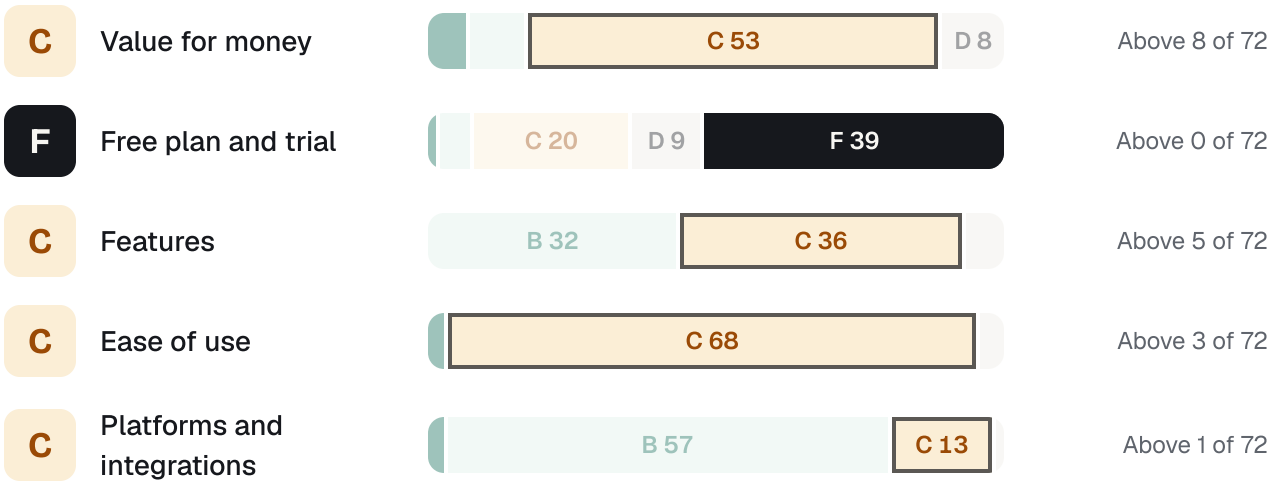
Other inventory management tools it is graded above

Fulcrum's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 3 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade, and level with 7.

It stands best on value for money (C, above 8 of 72) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 73 inventory management tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Fulcrum's own letter is outlined.



Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

The plain part of Fulcrum you could make: inventory, quotes and estimates and reports. What surrounds it you could not. The 2 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 62 of the 72 other inventory management tools grade higher.

What you could make

- Inventory, quotes and estimates and reports: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- An API that other software can build on.
- AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. Fulcrum's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Genius ERP, MRPeasy, Katana, Fishbowl and Acctivate

The 5 tools Fulcrum is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Genius ERP

Paid

Manufacturing ERP with serial-level inventory and shop floor control.

Fulcrum and Genius ERP compared in full

2.2 GPA

MRPeasy

Free trial · from $49/mo

Cloud MRP and inventory software for small manufacturers.

- Only MRPeasy lists iOS and Android apps.
- Fulcrum also covers quotes and estimates.
- MRPeasy also covers invoicing and barcode scanning.

Fulcrum and MRPeasy compared in full

Katana

2.4 GPA

Free plan

Inventory and production software for makers and manufacturers.

- Katana has a free plan. Fulcrum does not.
- Fulcrum also covers reports and quotes and estimates.
- Katana also covers barcode scanning.

Fulcrum and Katana compared in full

Fishbowl

2.0 GPA

From $229/mo

Inventory and manufacturing software built around QuickBooks and Xero.

- Only Fishbowl lists Windows, macOS and Android apps.
- Fulcrum also covers reports and quotes and estimates.
- Fishbowl also covers barcode scanning.

Fulcrum and Fishbowl compared in full

Acctivate

1.4 GPA

Paid

Inventory and order software that extends QuickBooks.

- Only Fulcrum lists a web app.
- Only Acctivate lists a Windows app.
- Acctivate also covers barcode scanning and online store.

Fulcrum and Acctivate compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Fulcrum free?

No. Fulcrum is a paid product.

What platforms does Fulcrum work on?

Fulcrum is available on Web.

Does Fulcrum have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Fulcrum is listed for Web.

Does Fulcrum have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Fulcrum is listed for Web.

Is Fulcrum open source?

Fulcrum is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Fulcrum have an API?

Yes. Fulcrum offers a public API, according to its own site.

Who makes Fulcrum?

Fulcrum is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Fulcrum?

The closest alternatives to Fulcrum in our directory are Genius ERP, MRPeasy, Katana, Fishbowl and Acctivate.

How does Fulcrum compare with other inventory management tools?

Fulcrum's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 3 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade, and level with 7.

Could I make my own version of Fulcrum?

The plain part of Fulcrum you could make: inventory, quotes and estimates and reports.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Fulcrum's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Fulcrum's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Fulcrum. Prices change, so check fulcrumpro.com before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Fulcrum, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/fulcrum-pro

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded inventory management tools after Fulcrum, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Inventory Management Insider's Guide

Every one of the 73 inventory management tools we grade, compared

Zoho Inventory Insider's Guide

Online inventory and order management from Zoho, with a free plan

3.4 GPA

Sortly Insider's Guide

Phone-first inventory app for tracking equipment, tools and supplies

3.0 GPA

Busy Insider's Guide

GST accounting and inventory software for Indian small businesses

2.8 GPA

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