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GRID

The Insider's Guide

Spreadsheet engine and agent tools for developers building products



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among spreadsheet and database tools, read from GRID's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from GRID's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on GRID's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 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 42 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade

GRID is a headless spreadsheet engine that developers embed in an application so software and AI agents can read, calculate and edit Excel and Google Sheets-style workbooks. It also offers a viewer, an editor component and agent tools, distributed as npm packages.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about GRID**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **It publishes no prices and the free licence covers development only, so it is not for anyone who wants a spreadsheet to use.**
>
> From our report card of GRID

1 **Best for developers adding a spreadsheet engine to an app or agent**

GRID is a spreadsheet engine that developers install from npm so software and AI agents can read and edit Excel-style workbooks.

2 **You can try it first**

Free evaluation license that ships with every npm package, for development, testing and personal projects

3 It runs on Web

Web.

4 Spreadsheet engine

Runs spreadsheet logic and calculations natively inside an application, headless, and is described as compatible with Excel and Google Sheets.

5 Agent tools

Gives AI agents structured operations to read cells, apply changes and recalculate, offered as an MCP server and as skills.

6 Spreadsheet viewer and editor

A themeable viewer and a scoped editor component for showing and changing workbooks inside a product.

7 A 1.8 GPA, above 3 of 42

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

8 Keep it

To replace GRID you would be making a spreadsheet engine with its formulas. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

GRID at a glance

PRICING
Free trial

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
Free evaluation license that ships with every npm package, for development, testing and personal projects

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
GRID

CATEGORY
Spreadsheets & Databases

OUR GRADE
1.8 GPA, weak

The report card

Best for developers adding a spreadsheet engine to an app or agent

GRID is a spreadsheet engine that developers install from npm so software and AI agents can read and edit Excel-style workbooks. It publishes no prices and the free licence covers development only, so it is not for anyone who wants a spreadsheet to use.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **GRID** — Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No prices are published; commercial licences are quoted through a contact form, so there is nothing to compare to the category's $12 middle.
Free plan and trial	C	The evaluation licence is free with every npm package, but for development, testing and personal projects only. Shipping a product needs a paid licence.
Features	D	A headless engine, agent tools, a viewer and editor component, and an Excel add-in. It is a toolkit that needs an application built around it to be useful.
Ease of use	D	Installed with npm and put to work in code, so a developer sets it up.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web components with Excel and Google Sheets support. No desktop or phone app is listed.
Grade point average		Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

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 GRID is for

- ✓ Fits if you are a developer who needs spreadsheet calculations inside an AI agent
- ✓ Makes sense if your product must open and edit Excel files in code

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you want a spreadsheet to open and use, since it is a toolkit for developers
- ✗ Tight if you ship a product, as the free licence covers development, testing and personal use only
- ✗ Watch out: no prices are published and commercial licences go through a contact form
- ✗ Watch out: early-stage companies are told to get in touch for pricing

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers building financial or analytical products on top of workbooks
- ✓ Teams giving AI agents reliable spreadsheet access

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No published prices: commercial licenses are scoped to the use case and quoted through a contact form.
- ⓘ The evaluation license is for development, testing and personal use only; shipping a product or running an internal workflow needs a commercial license.
- ⓘ It is a developer toolkit rather than a spreadsheet app for end users.
- ⓘ Early-stage companies are told to get in touch for matching pricing.

What it costs

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

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

> **The evaluation licence is free with every npm package, but for development, testing and personal projects only.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

We could not confirm GRID's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. grid.is has them.

Ways to pay less

STARTUPS

Startup pricing on request

The license page says early-stage companies get pricing to match and should contact the team.

Stated on grid.is

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

Spreadsheet engine and agent tools for developers building products. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, AI agents, spreadsheets.

> **A headless engine, agent tools, a viewer and editor component, and an Excel add-in.**

From our grade for features

Spreadsheet engine

Runs spreadsheet logic and calculations natively inside an application, headless, and is described as compatible with Excel and Google Sheets.

Agent tools

Gives AI agents structured operations to read cells, apply changes and recalculate, offered as an MCP server and as skills.

Spreadsheet viewer and editor

A themeable viewer and a scoped editor component for showing and changing workbooks inside a product.

Excel add-in

Custom Excel add-ins built on the engine, as in a case the site describes for an investment-banking AI platform.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Excel

Google Sheets

GRID is made by GRID.

Where it stands

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

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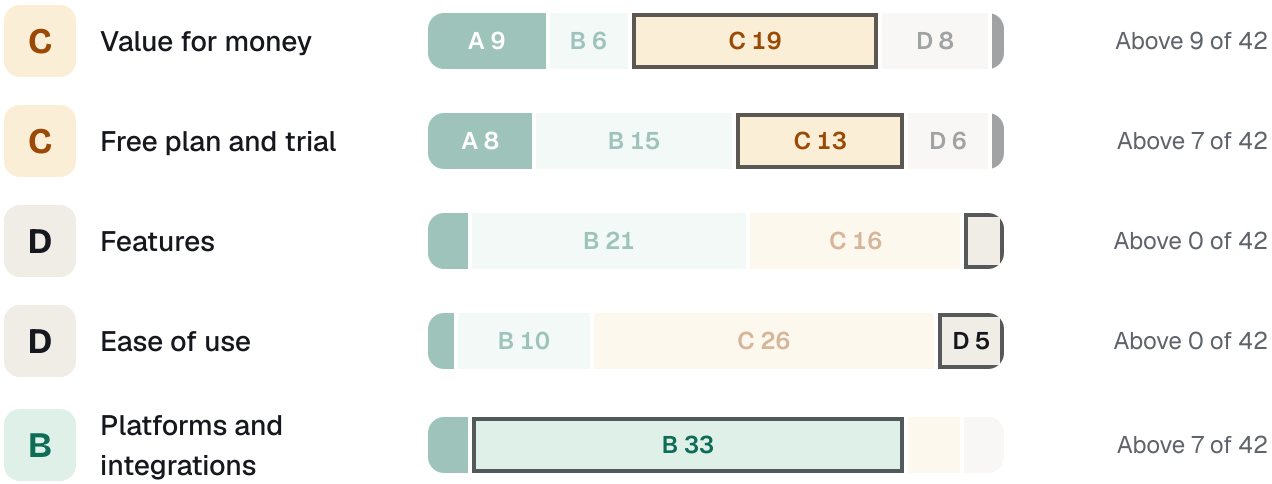
Other spreadsheet and database tools it is graded above

GRID's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 3 of the 42 other spreadsheet and database tools we grade.

It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 7 of 42) and worst on features (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 43 spreadsheet and database tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. GRID'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

To replace GRID you would be making a spreadsheet engine with its formulas. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 39 of the 42 other spreadsheet and database tools grade higher.

What you could not

- A spreadsheet engine with its formulas.
- An AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.
- It plugs into other products, Excel and Google Sheets among them, and has an API.

What this rests on. GRID'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



Univer, Google Sheets, Microsoft Excel and Equals

The 4 tools GRID is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Univer

Free plan · from $99/mo

Embeddable spreadsheet, document and slide SDK.

- Univer has a free plan. GRID does not, though it has a free trial.
- Univer is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

GRID and Univer compared in full

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Google Sheets

Free plan · from $7/mo

Browser-based spreadsheet, free with a Google Account.

- Google Sheets has a free plan. GRID does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Google Sheets lists iOS and Android apps.
- GRID also covers AI agents.

GRID and Google Sheets compared in full



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Microsoft Excel

Free plan · from $9.99/mo

Spreadsheet app sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser.

- Microsoft Excel has a free plan. GRID does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Microsoft Excel lists Windows, macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- GRID also covers AI agents.

GRID and Microsoft Excel compared in full



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Equals

Free trial · from $24,000/yr

Spreadsheet connected to business data, with dashboards.

- GRID also covers AI agents.
- Equals also covers workflow automation, reports and dashboards.

GRID and Equals 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 GRID free?

No, GRID is a paid product, but you can try it first. Free evaluation license that ships with every npm package, for development, testing and personal projects.

What platforms does GRID work on?

GRID is available on Web.

Does GRID offer any discounts?

GRID publicly lists the following: Startup pricing on request.

Does GRID have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. GRID is listed for Web.

Does GRID have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. GRID is listed for Web.

Is GRID open source?

GRID is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

Does GRID have an API?

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

What does GRID integrate with?

GRID's listing names Excel and Google Sheets. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes GRID?

GRID is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to GRID?

The closest alternatives to GRID in our directory are Univer, Google Sheets, Microsoft Excel and Equals.

How does GRID compare with other spreadsheet and database tools?

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Could I make my own version of GRID?

To replace GRID you would be making a spreadsheet engine with its formulas.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from GRID's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from GRID's own pages on 12 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 GRID. Prices change, so check grid.is 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.

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tools graded

95
categories

739
price changes on record

579
apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

GRID, kept up to date

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

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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

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Keep or make

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

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Spreadsheets & Databases Insider's Guide

Every one of the 43 spreadsheet and database tools we grade, compared

Zoho Sheet Insider's Guide

Collaborative online spreadsheet with a free version

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Google Sheets Insider's Guide

Browser-based spreadsheet, free with a Google Account

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Microsoft Excel Insider's Guide

Spreadsheet app sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser

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