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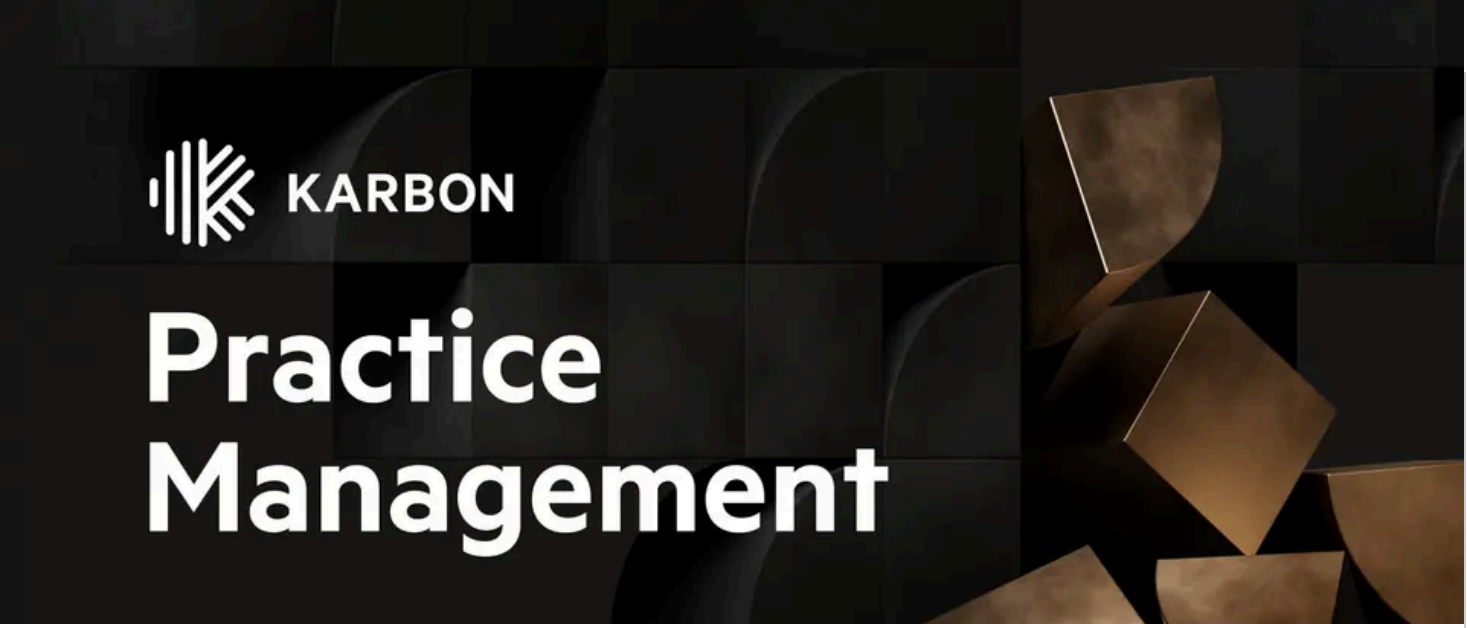
Practice management software for accounting firms



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among accounting and invoicing tools, read from Karbon's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Karbon's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Karbon'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 1 of the 65 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade

Karbon is practice management software for accounting and bookkeeping firms rather than for a business keeping its own books. It combines shared email, workflow templates, client requests, time tracking and billing so a firm can run client work in one place.

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

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> **You set up templates and client requests, and access starts with a demo.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for practice management for accounting firms**

There's no self-serve trial, so you start with a demo request, and client reminders and task automation sit on the dearer plan.

2 **Paid plans start at $59 a month for each person**

As its pricing page puts it: $59 per user / month, billed yearly ($79 billed monthly).

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Web, iOS and Android.

4 **Shared email triage**

Team members can share, assign and comment on client emails, with comments and @mentions on emails, tasks and notes.

5 **Workflow templates**

Work is created from templates with statuses and types. Limits rise by plan: 35, 50 or unlimited statuses and 40, 75 or unlimited templates.

6 **Client requests and portal**

Clients get requests, file uploads and comments through a portal. Automatic client reminders need the Business plan.

7 **A 1.6 GPA, above 1 of 65**

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

8 **Keep it**

To replace Karbon you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Karbon at a glance

PRICING
Paid, from $59 per user / month, billed yearly ($79 billed monthly)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web, iOS, Android

MADE BY
Karbon

CATEGORY
Accounting & Invoicing

OUR GRADE
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The report card

Best for practice management for accounting firms

Karbon is practice management for accounting firms, with shared email triage, workflows and client requests, from $59 a user a month on yearly billing. There's no self-serve trial, so you start with a demo request, and client reminders and task automation sit on the dearer plan.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Karbon	Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	D	$59 a user a month billed yearly for Team and $89 for Business, where the automation is. That's past the $52 where the dearer quarter starts, and Business is above $75.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan, and the pricing page says self-serve free trials aren't offered, so access starts with a demo request.
Features	C	Shared email, workflow templates, a client portal, time, budgets and billing. It runs a firm and doesn't keep a business's books, and automation isn't on Team.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You set up templates and client requests, and access starts with a demo.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, iPhone and Android, with Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Drive, Ignition and QuickBooks Online Accountant, plus an API.

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 Karbon is for

- ✓ Fits if you run an accounting firm and want shared client email and workflow in one place
- ✓ Makes sense if your firm already works in Gmail and Google Calendar

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want software for your own books, as it's built for firms
- ✕ Skip it if you want to try it yourself first, because there's no self-serve trial
- ✕ Pricey if you want automation: reminders and task automation need Business at $89 a user
- ✕ Watch out: monthly billing is open only to teams of 4 or more users

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Accounting and bookkeeping firms that need to track client work
- ✓ Firms that handle a lot of client email and want it assigned to staff
- ✓ Teams that want billing and time budgets tied to each job

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It is a tool for running a firm, not general ledger software for a business's own books.
- ⓘ The pricing page says self-serve free trials are not offered; access starts with a demo request.
- ⓘ Monthly billing is open only to teams of 4 or more users.
- ⓘ Automatic client reminders, task automation and industry integrations are not on the Team plan.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$59

A month to start, for each person

Karbon is a paid product, starting at $59 per user / month, billed yearly ($79 billed monthly).

> **No free plan, and the pricing page says self-serve free trials aren't offered, so access starts with a demo request.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

TEAM

$59

per user / month, billed yearly ($79 billed monthly)

Integrated email, workflow and to-do lists, time tracking and budgets, billing, payments and engagements. Monthly billing needs 4+ users.

BUSINESS

$89

per user / month, billed yearly ($99 billed monthly)

Team features plus automatic client reminders, task automation and industry integrations. Monthly billing needs 4+ users.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Adds an enterprise platform, a dedicated Karbon contact, customization and unlimited usage limits.

Read from karbonhq.com on Nov 12, 2026.

What it does

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

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Places it runs: Web, iOS and Android

Practice management software for accounting firms. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, AI features, tasks, shared inbox, workflow automation, time tracking, invoicing.

> **Shared email, workflow templates, a client portal, time, budgets and billing.**

From our grade for features

Shared email triage

Team members can share, assign and comment on client emails, with comments and @mentions on emails, tasks and notes.

Workflow templates

Work is created from templates with statuses and types. Limits rise by plan: 35, 50 or unlimited statuses and 40, 75 or unlimited templates.

Client requests and portal

Clients get requests, file uploads and comments through a portal. Automatic client reminders need the Business plan.

Time, budgets and billing

Track time against budgets, then bill and collect payment from inside the same workflow.

Integrations and API

Connects with Gmail, Google Drive, Ignition and QuickBooks Online Accountant, and has a public API for contacts, work items and timesheets.

Where it runs

Web
iOS
Android

What it works with

Gmail
Google Calendar
Google Drive
Ignition
QuickBooks Online Accountant
Microsoft Entra ID

Karbon is made by Karbon.

Where it stands

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

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Other accounting and invoicing tools it is graded above

Karbon's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 1 of the 65 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 5.

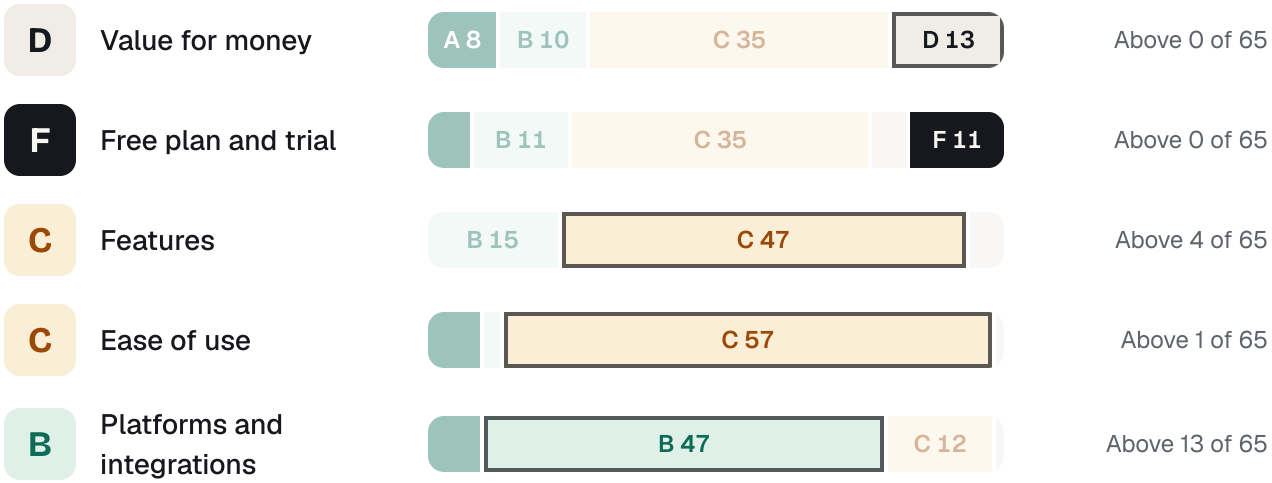
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 13 of 65) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $59 a month for each person, against a middle price of $18.09 for the category: 47 of the 54 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 15 tools score higher and cost less.

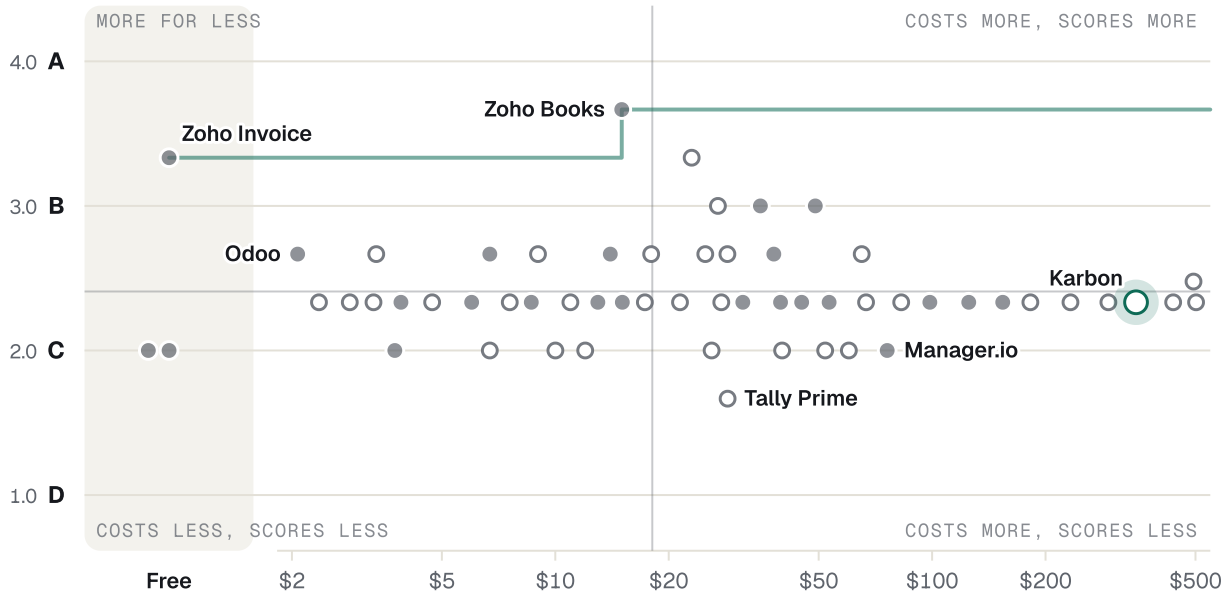
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 66 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Karbon's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 58 accounting and invoicing tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Karbon is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

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 Karbon you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. 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: 59 of the 65 other accounting and invoicing tools grade higher. It costs $708 a year.

What you could make

- Time tracking, invoicing and tasks: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- One mailbox that several people work at once.
- A real app for iOS and Android. Something home-made would be a web page.
- It is priced for each person, which means accounts and billing for a team.
- AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. Karbon'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



TaxDome, Canopy, Jetpack Workflow, Dext and Botkeeper

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

TaxDome

Paid

Practice management and client portal for tax and accounting firms.

- Only Karbon lists an Android app.
- Karbon also covers tasks, shared inbox and time tracking.
- TaxDome also covers templates, documents and forms.

Karbon and TaxDome compared in full

Canopy

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From $74/mo

Practice management software for accounting and tax firms.

- Karbon also covers tasks and shared inbox.
- Canopy also covers reports.

Karbon and Canopy compared in full



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Jetpack Workflow

Free trial · from $40/mo

Workflow and project management built for accounting firms.

- Only Karbon lists iOS and Android apps.
- Karbon also covers shared inbox and invoicing.
- Jetpack Workflow also covers templates and reports.

Karbon and Jetpack Workflow compared in full



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Dext

Free trial · from $25.21/mo

Receipt and invoice capture that codes documents for your ledger.

- Only Dext lists a browser extension.
- Karbon also covers tasks, shared inbox, workflow automation, time tracking and invoicing.
- Dext also covers bookkeeping and expense tracking.

Karbon and Dext compared in full



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Botkeeper

From $53/mo

Automated bookkeeping platform sold to accounting firms.

- Only Karbon lists iOS and Android apps.
- Karbon also covers tasks, shared inbox, time tracking and invoicing.
- Botkeeper also covers reports and bookkeeping.

Karbon and Botkeeper 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 Karbon free?

No. Karbon is a paid product, starting at $59 per user / month, billed yearly ($79 billed monthly).

How much does Karbon cost?

Karbon lists 3 plans. Team: $59 per user / month, billed yearly ($79 billed monthly).

What platforms does Karbon work on?

Karbon is available on Web, iOS and Android.

Does Karbon have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Karbon is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Does Karbon have a macOS app?

No macOS app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Karbon is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Is Karbon open source?

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

Does Karbon have an API?

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

What does Karbon integrate with?

Karbon's listing names Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Drive, Ignition, QuickBooks Online Accountant and Microsoft Entra ID.

Who makes Karbon?

Karbon is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Karbon?

The closest alternatives to Karbon in our directory are TaxDome, Canopy, Jetpack Workflow, Dext and Botkeeper.

How does Karbon compare with other accounting and invoicing tools?

Karbon's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 1 of the 65 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 5.

Is Karbon good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Karbon D for value for money. Its paid plans start at $59 a month for each person, against a middle price of $18.09 for the category: 47 of the 54 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Karbon?

To replace Karbon you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Karbon'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 Karbon'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 Karbon. Prices change, so check karbonhq.com before you buy.

karbonhq.com/pricing

karbonhq.com/integrations

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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

5,038

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

Karbon, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/karbon

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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Accounting & Invoicing Insider's Guide

Every one of the 67 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, compared

Zoho Invoice Insider's Guide

Free invoicing app from Zoho for freelancers and small businesses

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Zoho Books Insider's Guide

Online accounting from Zoho, with a free plan and six paid tiers

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Business app suite whose Accounting app is free when used on its own

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