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Skimmer

The Insider's Guide

Routing, scheduling and billing software for pool service companies



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among field service apps, read from Skimmer's own pages.

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Save time, grow revenue, and deliver a seamless customer experience with Skimmer's all-in-one pool service management platform.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Skimmer's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Skimmer'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 32 of the 55 other field service apps we grade

Skimmer is management software for pool service businesses, covering route building, work orders, service reports, invoicing and online payments, with iOS and Android apps for technicians. Pricing is per serviced location each month, with a base fee that covers the first 49 locations.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Skimmer**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **No store rating on record, and routes and customers to load in before it earns its keep.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for pool service routes billed per location**

Skimmer is route, billing and service-report software for pool companies, from $49 a month for up to 49 locations.

2 **Paid plans start at $49 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $49 per month for up to 49 serviced locations.

3 **You can try it first**

First month free on the Scaling Up plan

4 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Web, iOS and Android.

5 **Route builder and optimization**

Routes are built and assigned by technician; route optimization is part of the Scaling Up plan and above.

6 **Service reports and readings**

Technicians log readings and dosages and customers receive service reports by email, with photos per visit and per location.

7 **Billing and payments**

Invoices, bulk invoices, AutoPay, online and offline payments and surcharging, with QuickBooks Online sync.

8 **A 2.2 GPA, above 32 of 55**

That is against the other field service apps we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

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

Skimmer at a glance

PRICING Free trial, from $49 per month for up to 49 serviced locations	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL First month free on the Scaling Up plan	RUNS ON Web, iOS, Android
MADE BY Skimmer, Inc	CATEGORY Field Service Software
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for pool service routes billed per location

Skimmer is route, billing and service-report software for pool companies, from $49 a month for up to 49 locations. Quotes, job management and route optimization all need the $98 Scaling Up plan, and the add-ons run from $99 to $198 a month.

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$49 a month for 49 locations sits in the middle of the category's $35 to $99 spread, and the plan with quotes and route optimization is $98.
Free plan and trial	C	The first month of Scaling Up is free. The page doesn't say if a card is needed, and there is no free plan after it.
Features	C	Routes, readings, service reports, invoices and payments are covered, but it is for pool service only and quotes and optimization are on the dearer plan.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and routes and customers to load in before it earns its keep.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web plus iPhone and Android apps, with 7 integrations such as QuickBooks Online, but no desktop app.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

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 Skimmer is for

- ✓ Fits if you run a pool route and want to bill per location, not per tech
- ✓ Works for owners starting under 50 pools

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you're not in pool service, as it is built for that one trade
- ✕ Tight if you want quotes or route optimization, because both need Scaling Up at $98
- ✕ Pricey if you add the extras: AI Phone is $99 a month, Marketing Suite $150, Bookkeeping from $198
- ✕ Watch out: service texts cost $0.029 each on Getting Started, and the trial is only on Scaling Up

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Pool service companies that bill per location rather than per technician
- ✓ Small route businesses starting under 50 pools
- ✓ Owners who want service reports and billing in one app

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Built for pool service; it is not a general field service tool.
- ⓘ Add-ons cost extra: AI Phone $99/month, Marketing Suite $150/month, Bookkeeping from $198/month.
- ⓘ Service texts are $0.029 per message on Getting Started and included on Scaling Up.
- ⓘ A location you do not service in a month is not billed that month.

What it costs

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

$49

A month to start

Skimmer is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $49 per month for up to 49 serviced locations.

> **The page doesn't say if a card is needed, and there is no free plan after it.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

GETTING STARTED

$49

per month for up to 49 serviced locations

$1 per month for each serviced location, with unlimited technicians, route builder, invoicing and customer portal.

SCALING UP

$98

per month for up to 49 serviced locations

$2 per location per month. Adds quotes, job management, route optimization, unlimited service texts and live phone support.

SKIMMER FOR ENTERPRISE

Custom

For businesses over 1,000 pools a month; adds custom reports, integrations and a dedicated success manager.

Trying it first

First month free on the Scaling Up plan

Read from getskimmer.com on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

First month of Scaling Up free

New customers who sign up for Scaling Up through the promotional link get the first month free; usage past 49 locations is billed afterward.

Stated on getskimmer.com

PART 03 · FEATURES

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

Routing, scheduling and billing software for pool service companies. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, invoicing, reports, job scheduling, quotes and estimates.

Route builder and optimization

Routes are built and assigned by technician; route optimization is part of the Scaling Up plan and above.

Service reports and readings

Technicians log readings and dosages and customers receive service reports by email, with photos per visit and per location.

Billing and payments

Invoices, bulk invoices, AutoPay, online and offline payments and surcharging, with QuickBooks Online sync.

Quotes and job management

Quotes, estimates and one-time or recurring work orders are on the Scaling Up plan, with consumer financing through Sunbit.

Pool-specific tools

An LSI and dosing calculator powered by Orenda and a LaMotte integration are on Scaling Up; a Heritage integration is on every plan.

Where it runs

Web · iOS · Android

What it works with

QuickBooks Online · Heritage · LaMotte · Orenda · Sunbit · FieldPay · Google Calendar

Skimmer is made by Skimmer, Inc.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

32/55

Other field service apps it is graded above

Skimmer's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 32 of the 55 other field service apps we grade, and level with 8.

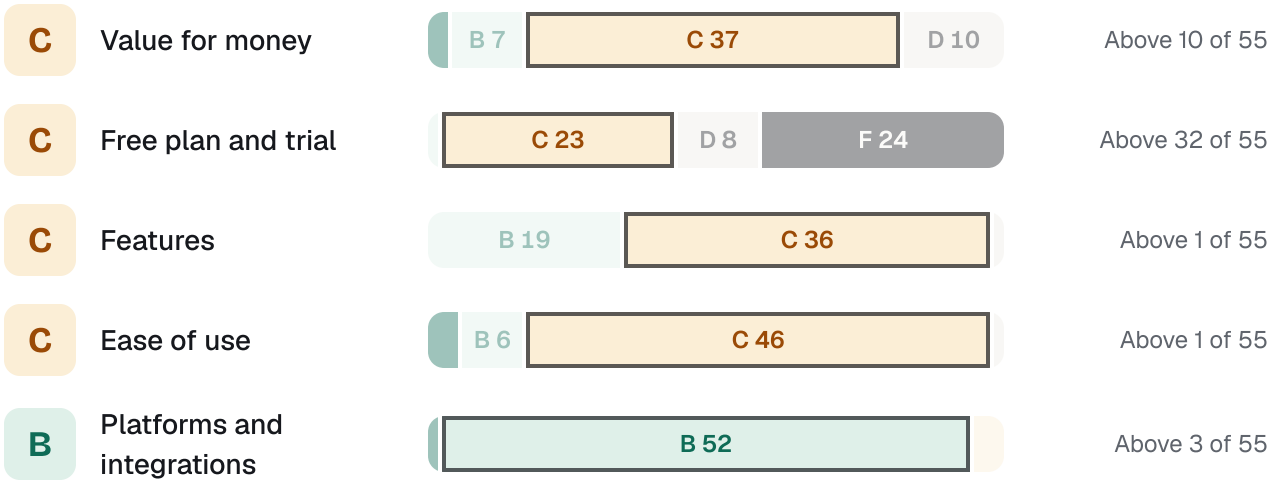
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 3 of 55) and worst on features (C, above 1).

Its paid plans start at $49 a month, against a middle price of $49 for the category: 16 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 5 tools score higher and cost less.

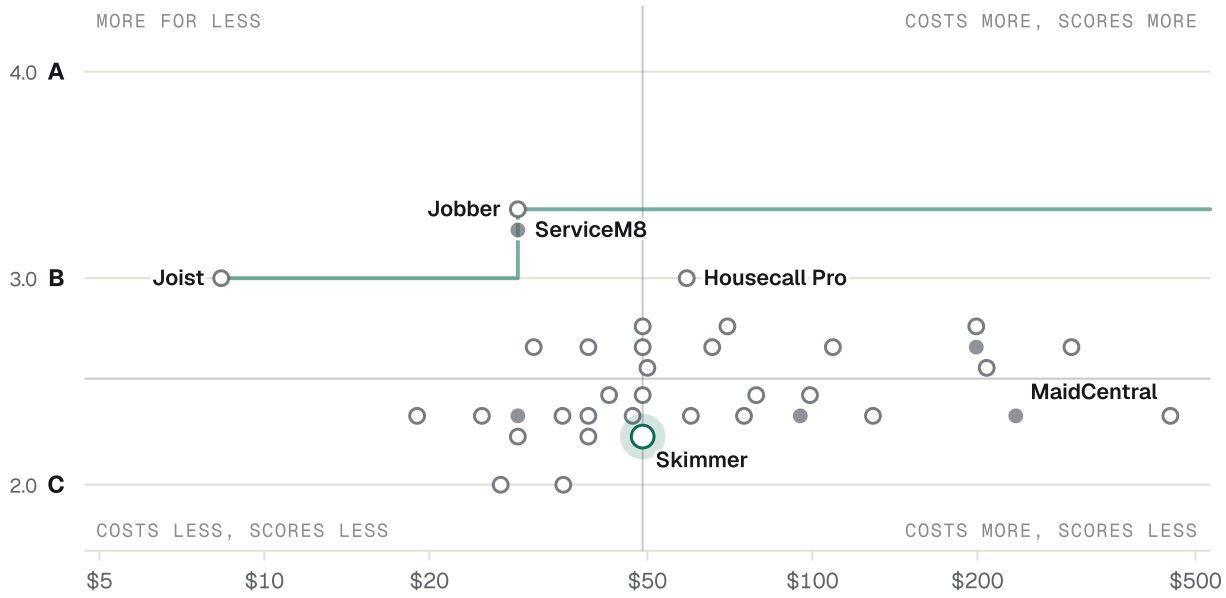
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 56 field service apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Skimmer's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 37 field service apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Skimmer 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

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

It costs $588 a year.

What you could make

- Job scheduling, invoicing, quotes and estimates and reports: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- A real app for iOS and Android. Something home-made would be a web page.

- ✕ It plugs into other products, QuickBooks Online, Heritage and LaMotte among them, and has an API.

What this rests on. Skimmer'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



Pool Brain, GorillaDesk, Jobber, Service Fusion and Housecall Pro

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

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Pool Brain

Free trial · from $50/mo

Pool company software for routes, jobs, dosing and billing.

- Pool Brain also covers workflow automation.

Skimmer and Pool Brain compared in full

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GorillaDesk

Free trial · from $49/mo

Field service software for pest control, lawn care and pool routes.

- Skimmer also covers reports.
- GorillaDesk also covers time clock, appointment booking and review collection.

Skimmer and GorillaDesk compared in full

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Jobber

Free trial · from $29/mo

Quotes, scheduling and payments for home service businesses.

- Skimmer also covers reports.
- Jobber also covers time tracking, business texting and appointment booking.

Skimmer and Jobber compared in full

1.8 GPA

Service Fusion

From $208/mo

Field service software with flat pricing and unlimited users.

- Skimmer also covers reports.
- Service Fusion also covers business phone line and inventory.

Skimmer and Service Fusion compared in full

2.6 GPA

Housecall Pro

Free trial · from $59/mo

Scheduling, quotes and payments for home service businesses.

- Skimmer also covers reports.
- Housecall Pro also covers appointment booking and review collection.

Skimmer and Housecall Pro 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 Skimmer free?

No, Skimmer is a paid product, but you can try it first. First month free on the Scaling Up plan.

How much does Skimmer cost?

Skimmer lists 3 plans. Getting Started: $49 per month for up to 49 serviced locations.

What platforms does Skimmer work on?

Skimmer is available on Web, iOS and Android.

Does Skimmer offer any discounts?

Skimmer publicly lists the following: First month of Scaling Up free.

Does Skimmer have a Windows app?

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

Does Skimmer have a macOS app?

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

Is Skimmer open source?

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

Does Skimmer have an API?

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

What does Skimmer integrate with?

Skimmer's listing names QuickBooks Online, Heritage, LaMotte, Orenda, Sunbit, FieldPay and Google Calendar.

Who makes Skimmer?

Skimmer is made by Skimmer, Inc.

What are the alternatives to Skimmer?

The closest alternatives to Skimmer in our directory are Pool Brain, GorillaDesk, Jobber, Service Fusion and Housecall Pro.

How does Skimmer compare with other field service apps?

Skimmer's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 32 of the 55 other field service apps we grade, and level with 8.

Is Skimmer good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Skimmer C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $49 a month, against a middle price of $49 for the category: 16 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Skimmer?

The plain part of Skimmer you could make: job scheduling, invoicing, quotes and estimates and reports.

Where this guide comes from

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

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PART 07 · ABOUT

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

Skimmer, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/skimmer

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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Field Service Software Insider's Guide

Every one of the 56 field service apps we grade, compared

ServiceM8 Insider's Guide

Job management for trades, priced by jobs a month, not users

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Jobber Insider's Guide

Quotes, scheduling and payments for home service businesses

2.8 GPA

Contractor Foreman Insider's Guide

Construction management for contractors, priced by team size

2.6 GPA

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