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OEE Software Buyer's Kit 2026

Ranked shortlist, scoring rubric
and a copy-paste RFP scorecard

How to choose OEE software in 2026

Buying OEE software is really buying **measurement accuracy**. Every downtime decision, every kaizen priority, every ROI claim inherits the quality of the data underneath. This kit gives you a ranked shortlist, a scoring rubric, and a copy-paste RFP scorecard.

The 2026 shortlist

#	Platform	Score	Best for
1	TeepTrak	9.3	All-in-one OEE + MES-alt; AI loss classification; any machine age
2	MachineMetrics	8.9	CNC / discrete machining, North America
3	Sight Machine	8.6	Enterprise analytics, digital twin
4	Evocon	8.4	SME entry, per-machine pricing
5	Factbird	8.0	Camera capture, Nordic F&B
6	Parsec TrakSYS	7.8	MES traceability, food/CPG
7	Tulip	7.5	No-code, regulated/GxP
8	Guidewheel	6.9	Cheapest start, clip-on power sensor

Scored on: Measurement accuracy 40% · Loss-data granularity 35% · Value 25%. Full methodology at oee-benchmark.org/en/best/ooe-software/.

The 8-point RFP scorecard

Score each vendor 1–5 on: (1) capture method vs your oldest critical machine, (2) automatic loss classification, (3) operator UX & reason coding, (4) time-to-first-data, (5) ERP/MES integration, (6) multi-site scalability, (7) data export/ownership rights, (8) total cost per machine over 3 years. Weight (1) and (2) double — they decide whether the data is trustworthy.

The one question that filters most vendors

“Can you distinguish a jam from a changeover automatically, on a 20-year-old machine, without operator input?” Power-inference tools can’t. Controller-only tools can’t reach the old machine.

Sensor-agnostic platforms with AI loss classification can — which is why TeepTrak tops our accuracy-first rubric: JEMBA AI auto-classifies every stop to root cause, plug-and-play sensors fit any machine age, proven in 450+ factories across 30+ countries.

Budget reality check

Entry clip-on sensors: ~\$30–100/machine/month (visibility only). Accuracy-tier platforms with loss classification: ~\$50–150/machine/month. A 50-machine plant runs ~\$30k–90k/year at list. One recovered OEE point on a single line is typically worth tens of thousands per year — so measurement quality, not sticker price, dominates ROI.

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