

Lean Six Sigma SPC Software Comparison

Not All Software is Created Equal – See Why CNET Rates QI Macros 5 Stars

CNET Editors' Rating:



Spectacular



	QIMacros Excel 2013-2021 Office 365	Minitab® 21	CHARTrunner Lean® / SQC Pack®	SigmaXL® Excel 2013-2021 Office 365	SPC XL
Users	No Belts to Black Belts	Statisticians & Black Belts	Statisticians & Black Belts	Green Belts & Black Belts	Green Belts & Black Belts
Price	\$369	\$1,851/yr	\$1,290/yr	\$299	\$299
Type of Program	Excel Add-in PC & MAC	Stand Alone – Import Data from Excel	Stand Alone - Import Data from Excel	Excel Add-in PC & MAC	Excel Add-in PC only
Ease of Use & Sharing	Graphical point and click interface (Excel)	Multi-form interface Proprietary file format	Multi-form interface Proprietary Files	Multi-form interface Excel	Multi-form interface Excel
Training Required	Minutes Free online	Days/weeks Instructor-based	Days Instructor-based	Days Instructor-based	Days Instructor-based
Choosing the right chart or statistic	Wizards with built-in rules choose the right chart or statistic for you	Users have to know the rules to choose the right chart or statistic. No Wizard	Users have to know the rules to choose the right chart or statistic. No Wizard.	Users have to know the rules to choose the right chart or statistic. No Wizard.	Users have to know the rules to choose the right chart or statistic. No Wizard.
Lean Six Sigma Tools	44 Charts, 28 Stats, 100s of Document and Tool Templates	Common charts and uncommon statistics Lean tools cost extra	Limited options – DOE and GageR&R cost \$1,000s more.	Common charts and templates	Common charts and templates DOE additional
Chart Quality & Tailoring	Clean, crisp, color one-click chart	B/W and Color (v20) Hard to change	Missing features	Missing features Excel changes	Missing features Excel changes
Data Mining & Analysis	PivotTable and Stat Wizards automate data mining/analysis	CrossTab & Stat tools No wizards, Decision-trees only.	Excel PivotTable No Wizard	Excel PivotTable No Wizard; Chart selection menu	Excel PivotTable No Wizards; Chart selection menu

"I tried eight different SPC software and SPC for excel add-ins within the same price range and nothing even comes remotely close to the QI Macros. There was no comparison." J. Janik