

COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

Why Top Plumbing Estimators are Switching to Beam Al



100% automated takeoffs

Beam Al auto-detects specs, symbols, and keyed-in notes to do complete takeoffs for you, just like an estimator would. Our Al-based takeoff software completely automates the process and delivers the final bid-ready takeoffs within 24-72 hours. Beam Al automatically extracts material quantities for you, saving you time and reducing human error.



Full trade coverage

Unlike FastPIPE takeoff, which essentially covers only plumbing, mechanical, and piping trades, Beam AI supports 15+ trades, including HVAC/mechanical, concrete, electrical, plumbing, masonry, flooring, drywall, painting, and more.



Auto-detect changes across addenda

Beam AI ensures that no last-minute change in takeoff is left behind. It automatically detects and flags last-minute scope changes, auto-picks specs, and keyed-in notes across sheets, leaving no room for multiple rework. In contrast, FastPIPE requires manual input to detect changes when the plan changes.

Beam AI vs FastPIPE: **Detailed Side-by-Side Comparison**

Features	Beam Al	FastPIPE
Fully AI-Based Takeoffs	Fully automated via AI with no manual tracing — Upload site plans, define scope, and AI takes off quantities	Manual and semi- automated process — relies on point-and-click or tracing workflows
Mechanical/HVAC and plumbing scope covered	Covers ductwork, fittings, air terminals, dampers, mechanical control components, insulated areas, pipe lengths, hangers & supports, and more	It also covers gas connections, dampers, boilers, chillers, coils, pumps, VRF systems, insulation areas, pipe lengths, and more.
15+ trade coverage	Supports 15+ trades (steel, concrete, HVAC, etc.)	Primarily focused on mechanical, piping, and plumbing trades
No CAD/Revit tools training	No CAD training needed. Al parses site plans and drawing PDFs directly	Requires users to trace or click on objects and learn software such as CAD for an efficient workflow.
Auto-detect changes	Auto-detects spec details, keyed-in notes, material types & quantities from plans	No AI detection — requires manual input. The user must manually interpret specs and trace relevant areas or lines.
QA Reviewed Takeoffs	Takeoffs undergo a quality check by the quality assurance team before delivery	No explicit QA workflow support
Addendum Variance Report (Automated Change Detection)	24−72 hours turnaround on complete takeoffs	Easily overlay plan addendums to quickly identify new requirements (shows what changed using a simple color-coded system)
Cloud-Based Software	Auto-detects drawing changes between plan versions, highlights impacted quantities and generates variance reports. Saves rework time. Users can also compare two	Desktop-native and cloud- based software, but collaboration requires manual file sharing or network setup

addendum versions

Why Beam Al is a clear winner

(2) Parallel processing of multiple takeoffs

Beam Al helps you boost your bid submission by 2x because Al processes multiple takeoffs in parallel, and you are able to pursue more work in the same time. Beam Al acts like a full-time estimator, without adding another member to your team. You can easily regain 15–20 hours a week and focus on high-impact tasks.

Automatic adjustments for scope changes

Beam AI streamlines the revision process by automatically detecting changes in drawings, eliminating the need to start from scratch. Simply upload the updated plans, and the AI will highlight every modification, allowing you to quickly identify new details, saving hours of manual review and reducing costly errors.

Built-in Quality Checks

With Beam AI, all your takeoffs are delivered with guaranteed $\pm 1\%$ of your in-house takeoff accuracy, so that you do not have to spend time double-checking the takeoffs.

Automate Your Takeoffs With Beam Al

Over 900+ businesses across US & Canada trust Beam AI for fully done, automated takeoffs. Join this community today!

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