

TMS Cheat Sheet - Buyer Beware*

TMS Provider	Price	Features	Ease of Use	Integrations	Support	Scalability	Profitability
AscendTMS	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
	AscendTMS has unmatched value with full-feature access at the lowest cost. Zero nickel and diming. Plans start at just \$49/month.	The best modern features for brokers, carriers and shippers. New features released every 3 weeks (always free).	Intuitive interface with zero learning curve. Training and support is also free forever.	Hundreds of plug-and-play integrations. No cost for any integration offered. Custom integrations are free.	Top-rated free (forever) support and training. All training and support are from USA based humans (no AI bots)!	Instantly scalable from startup to enterprise. No extra cost for the size of the company or shipments moved.	Very Profitable. No Debt.
BrokerPro	★★★	★★	★★★★	★★	★★★	★★	★★
	Cheap but barebones.	Lacks advanced capabilities required for growth.	Simple but outdated and old interface.	Very few third-party tools supported.	Limited support channels.	Not built for large or growing teams.	Unknown. Ask.
Descartes Aljex	★★	★★★	★★★	★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★
	High cost for legacy technology.	Functionality exists but feels dated.	Difficult to navigate with a steep learning curve.	Very limited modern integrations.	Response times vary widely.	Not ideal for growing or dynamic businesses.	Profitable.
McLeod Software	★★	★★★★	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★
	Extremely costly and contract-heavy.	Packed with features but overly complex.	Requires training and onboarding.	Custom work often required.	Enterprise-level but not fast.	Built for large fleets but with overhead.	Profitable.
PCS Software	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★	★★★★	★★
	Not competitive for small to midsize operations.	Well-rounded but lacks polish.	Cumbersome and old legacy workflows.	Limited partner ecosystem.	Frequent support complaints online.	Expandable, but with technical debt.	Unknown. Ask.
Port Pro	★★★	★★	★★★★	★★	★★★	★★	★
	Reasonable but niche.	Only useful for drayage.	Decent but limited scope.	Few relevant integrations.	Niche expertise but no broad knowledge.	Not flexible beyond drayage operations.	LOSING MONEY
Revenova	★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★
	Requires costly Salesforce licensing.	Powerful but 100% tied to Salesforce.	Salesforce UI not logistics-optimized.	Dependent on Salesforce ecosystem.	Varies based on Salesforce tier.	Technically scalable, but expensive.	Unknown. Ask.
Rose Rocket	★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★	★
	Modern but expensive for features offered.	Missing key carrier tools. Frankenstein multiple systems.	Clean UI but depth is lacking. Strange workflows.	Limited ecosystem.	Mixed support reviews. Poor on Reddit.	Good for SMBs, not for large enterprises.	LOSING MONEY
Tai TMS	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★
	Affordable but limited in enterprise tools.	Still building core capabilities. Mainly an LTL TMS.	Simple interface, lacks depth. Based on LTL.	Integrations improving but not broad.	Support team lacks experience.	Better for small teams or LTL heavy companies.	Unknown. Ask.
Trimble TMW Suite	★	★★★★	★	★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★
	Most expensive TMS on the list.	Feature-rich but old & legacy-heavy.	Complex and very outdated.	Custom integrations required.	Enterprise-focused, not agile.	Built for very large carriers. Poor for brokers.	Profitable.
Turvo	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★
	Priced for large enterprises only.	Modern but limited flexibility.	Takes a long time to learn.	Not as open as it appears.	Mixed reports on Reddit and online.	Good scalability for mid-size and up.	LOSING MONEY
Alvys	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★
	Priced for growth stage carriers.	New platform, lots missing.	Modern UI but immature workflows.	Not widely integrated yet.	Young and new support team.	Unproven at enterprise scale.	LOSING MONEY
3PL Systems	★★★	★★★	★★	★★	★★★	★★★★	★★
	Fair pricing but extra costs add up fast.	Functional but behind.	Clunky old interface.	Few native options.	Decent but slow at times per Reddit.	For small to midsize 3PLs only.	Unknown. Ask.
EZ Loader	★★	★★	★★	★	★★	★★	★★
	Low price, but with very few capabilities.	Basic feature set not ideal for brokers.	Interface feels dated and clunky.	Very limited integration support.	Support is not always responsive.	Usable for small teams only.	Unknown. Ask.
MercuryGate	★	★★★★	★	★★	★★	★★★★	★★★
	One of the most expensive systems.	Enterprise-level features, but overkill and very confusing.	Complicated UI with a steep learning curve.	Good integration potential, but setup is very complex.	Support quality varies by customer tier.	Highly scalable but very costly.	Profitable.
ProTransport	★★	★★	★★	★★	★★	★★	★★
	Fair price but charges for key add-ons.	Offers basic features, limited broker tools.	Takes time to configure properly.	Integration capabilities are basic.	Average support with limited hours.	Lacks enterprise depth.	Unknown. Ask.
MVMNT	★★★	★★	★★	★★	★★	★	★
	Affordable for very small users.	Very limited scope and feature set.	Clean UI but short on depth.	Missing several standard items.	Young company. Few support options.	Zero large implementations.	LOSING MONEY

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