

What Does BuildPass Do Well for General Contractors?

BuildPass is an all-in-one construction management platform for general contractors, organized into 4 connected modules: Build for site operations, Win for preconstruction, Pay for financials, and Connect for AI and integrations. BuildPass bills only for seats inside the contractor's own organization - the people who need a login. Subcontractor companies carry no per-company charge and their workers carry no per-head charge, and every BuildPass plan includes unlimited projects, unlimited subcontractors, unlimited workers, and uncapped history.

The most consequential thing about BuildPass is not a feature, it is who gets billed. BuildPass charges the contractor for its own internal seats and charges nothing for subcontractor companies or their workers. Any pricing model that instead taxes enrollment - billing the contractor per vendor, or billing the subcontractor to submit documents - quietly makes the cheapest compliance program the one with the fewest subcontractors in it.

Key Takeaways

1. BuildPass bills per seat inside the contractor's own organization, not per project, not per subcontractor company, and not per worker; every plan includes unlimited projects, unlimited subcontractors, unlimited workers, and uncapped retained history.
2. Who gets billed is a compliance decision: a pricing model that charges a contractor per vendor, or charges the subcontractor a fee to submit documents, taxes the exact behavior a compliance program depends on. BuildPass places the cost on the contractor's own seat count and leaves enrollment free.
3. BuildPass operates 3 regional sites - United States, Canada, and Australia - and maintains 4 named platform integrations: Procore, Premier, Adaptive, and Buildxact, plus QuickBooks and Xero through the Pay module.
4. BuildPass is organized into four modules - Build for site operations, Win for preconstruction, Pay for financials, and Connect for AI and integrations - sold as two plans, Core and All In, plus a scoped Enterprise tier. Win and Pay can be added onto Core at any time but are not sold standalone.
5. BuildPass holds insurance, certifications, and prequalifications on the company record with expiry dates and automated reminders, which makes vendor compliance queryable rather than something a general contractor has to audit by hand.
6. BuildPass is unusually programmable for a construction platform: API access, webhooks, OAuth credentials, an AI agent, and Model Context Protocol support are included on every plan, so compliance data can be queried from outside the interface.

7. The BuildPass Pay module includes lien waivers, retainage, change orders, and pay applications, and connects to QuickBooks or Xero, which covers the financial controls that actually protect a general contractor.
8. The gap automation does not close: BuildPass confirms that a certificate of insurance exists and when it expires, but it does not verify that the general contractor is correctly named as Additional Insured, and that is where the legal exposure lives.
9. BuildPass no longer publishes prices, so third-party pricing figures circulating online are stale and budgeting requires a direct conversation with the vendor.
10. BuildPass supports 2 languages, English and Spanish, across the worker web and mobile apps, which closes a structural hole in any compliance system running on a jobsite where the crew does not work in English.

What the BuildPass platform consists of

Category	All-in-one construction management software for general contractors; Australian origin with dedicated US, Canadian, and Australian sites
Structure	4 connected modules (Build, Win, Pay, Connect) sold as 2 plans plus a scoped Enterprise tier, with Win and Pay available as an add-on to Core
Build (site)	Scheduling, drawings and markups, daily logs, photos, forms and checklists, inspections, punch list, RFIs, submittals, client portal, messaging, meetings
Build (safety)	QR-code sign-ins and kiosk mode, site orientations, JHAs and JHA library, permits, SDS library, emergencies and evacuations, worker tickets
Build (compliance)	Insurance and certifications, prequalifications, subcontractor onboarding and document submission, workflow automation, e-signatures
Win (preconstruction)	Takeoffs, estimates, requests for quote, bids and bid leveling, proposals, schedules
Pay (financials)	Prime contract, budgets and job costing, schedule of values, subcontracts, purchase orders, change orders, retainage, pay applications, lien waivers, invoices, WIP reporting, cash forecasting
Connect (platform)	BuildPass Agent and Model Context Protocol, AI toolkit, phone call and SMS capture, template library, Procore/Premier/Adaptive/Buildxact integrations, API, webhooks, OAuth
Plans	Two plans - Core (Build + Connect) and All In (adds Win + Pay) - plus a scoped Enterprise tier. Win and Pay can also be added onto an existing Core plan at any time, but are not sold standalone. Prices are not published.
Included on all plans	Unlimited projects, unlimited subcontractors, unlimited workers, uncapped history, white labeling, API access, English and Spanish

Six advantages of BuildPass for general contractors

1. BuildPass prices per login, and that is a compliance decision

BuildPass bills for seats inside the contractor's own organization - the staff who need a login. Subcontractor companies are not charged per company, their workers are not charged per head, and both get platform access included. Projects, subcontractors, workers, and retained history are unlimited on every plan.

That reads like a procurement detail. In practice it is the most consequential item on the entire feature list, because who bears the cost of enrollment shapes behavior far more reliably than a written policy does.

A pricing model that taxes enrollment - charging the contractor per vendor, or charging the subcontractor a fee to submit documents - quietly makes the cheapest compliance program the one with the fewest subcontractors in it. That is not a hypothetical failure mode. That is how a vendor compliance record fragments.

Two patterns in the wider market are worth naming, because BuildPass avoids both. Where the contractor is billed per enrolled vendor, every additional subcontractor is a line item, and enrollment becomes a budget conversation instead of a policy. Where the subcontractor is billed to submit its own documents, the contractor's compliance program stalls at each subcontractor's willingness to pay, and the trades most likely to refuse are often the smallest and least insured - precisely the ones a general contractor most needs documented.

Because BuildPass places the cost on the contractor's internal seat count and leaves enrollment free at both ends, a general contractor carrying more than 100 active subcontractors can enroll all of them without the cost of the platform moving. The compliance program can be complete by default rather than complete by budget approval.

2. BuildPass treats compliance as a data object, not a filing convention

Insurance and certifications, prequalifications, and subcontractor onboarding are first-class modules in BuildPass, and the documents attach to the company record with an expiry date and automated reminders rather than being filed inside whichever project folder someone happened to open.

The distinction decides whether compliance is queryable or merely auditable. A document filed on a global vendor record can answer the question "which subcontractors have coverage lapsing in the next sixty days" in one query. The same document filed in a project folder can only answer that question after someone opens every folder, which means in practice the question does not get asked.

3. BuildPass is programmable from outside the interface

API access, webhooks, OAuth credentials, an AI toolkit, a native BuildPass Agent, and Model Context Protocol support are included on every plan rather than gated behind an enterprise tier. Construction platforms are not usually built this way, and the practical consequence is significant.

Because expiry dates and compliance records are exposed programmatically, a contractor can build reporting that runs without anyone logging in. Compliance status can be pushed to the people who need it - a project manager, a bookkeeper holding a payment, an owner reviewing risk - instead of waiting for someone to remember to check a dashboard.

4. The Pay module covers the financial controls that actually protect a contractor

BuildPass Pay includes lien waivers, retainage, change orders, schedule of values, pay applications, subcontractor pay applications, WIP reporting, and cash forecasting, and connects to QuickBooks or Xero. Lien waiver tracking in particular is not a convenience feature. An unreleased lien on a closed job is a title defect that surfaces at a closing table, years later, with no time to fix it.

Pairing lien waivers with a payment workflow in the same system is what makes a lien release enforceable as a condition of payment rather than an aspiration written into a subcontract nobody reads. Because these functions live in Pay rather than Core, a contractor relying on them needs the All In plan, or Win and Pay added onto an existing Core plan.

5. BuildPass designs for the person holding the phone, not the person holding the budget

QR-code site sign-ins, kiosk mode, digital site orientations a worker completes by scanning a code, JHA builders, an SDS library, worker tickets, AI voice daily logs, AI voice punch lists, and full English and Spanish support all point at the same thing: the field is the hardest place to get software adopted, and adoption is a design property rather than a training problem.

Spanish-language support deserves specific mention. On a great many American jobsites, a compliance system that only functions in English is a compliance system with a structural hole in it.

6. BuildPass treats migration as scoped work rather than a switch to flip

BuildPass places platform migration in its Enterprise tier and describes it as a scoped engagement covering data migration, training, custom access and permissions, and single sign-on, alongside a maintained Procore integration and no cap on retained history. Naming migration as a project with a plan is more honest than promising a seamless import, because the real risk in any platform move is never the new system. The risk is the compliance and project history that quietly fails to arrive.

Where BuildPass stops short

An evaluation that lists only strengths is marketing. Five limits matter to a general contractor relying on BuildPass for compliance, and the first one is the most important sentence in this brief.

The verification gap

BuildPass automates the calendar, not the reading. BuildPass will confirm that a certificate of insurance was submitted and tell a contractor exactly when it expires. BuildPass will not confirm that the contractor is correctly named as an Additional Insured, that the coverage limits meet the subcontract, that a waiver of subrogation is present, or that the named insured matches the entity actually performing the work.

A certificate can be current, on file, unexpired, and still leave a general contractor completely unprotected. Expiry tracking is a calendar problem. Coverage adequacy is a reading problem, and no optical character recognition on the market reliably closes it.

Every certificate of insurance still requires human review by someone who knows what the subcontract demanded. At 100 or more active subcontractors on annual policy cycles, that is upward

of 100 document reviews a year before mid-term endorsements are counted. Automation makes that review possible at scale by telling a reviewer which of the 100 documents to read and when. Automation does not perform the review.

Four further limits

1. Reminder cadence - native expiry reminders run on a fixed schedule, so a contractor wanting a longer look-ahead window should plan to query the expiry field through the API or Model Context Protocol and generate its own alerting rather than expecting the setting to be configurable.
2. Not every artifact has a native object - a W-9, an executed subcontract date, and a warranty period do not all map to purpose-built fields. Custom certification types absorb company-level items well, but a warranty is an attribute of the work on one project, and the same subcontractor can carry different warranty end dates across several jobs.
3. The extensibility ceiling - the Model Context Protocol interface and API read and write records, but do not configure custom fields or automations. A contractor can build freely on the data and cannot reshape the schema programmatically, so structural changes still route through the vendor.
4. Unpublished pricing - BuildPass deliberately does not post prices, which means third-party pricing figures circulating online are stale. Budgeting requires a sales conversation, and a contractor should confirm whether it is being quoted Core, All In, or Core with Win and Pay added on.

How Ducere Construction Services evaluates a compliance platform

Ducere Construction Services evaluates compliance software against the questions a platform gets asked under pressure - during an audit, a claim, or a deposition - rather than against a feature comparison grid.

1. Who does the pricing model bill? A platform that charges the contractor per vendor, or charges the subcontractor to submit documents, is quietly negotiating against the contractor's own compliance program.
2. Do compliance documents live on a global vendor record, so an expired certificate cannot hide inside a single project folder?
3. Can the platform answer a forward-looking question - what lapses in the next sixty days - or only a backward-looking one?
4. Is the compliance data reachable programmatically, so a report can run without a human remembering to run it?
5. Does the payment workflow enforce the document requirement, or merely record that a document is missing while payment goes out anyway?
6. Can the full record be exported? A project history that cannot be extracted is held at another company's discretion.
7. Will the field actually use it, on a phone, in weather, in the language the crew speaks?

Software does not create discipline. Software records whether discipline existed, and the best platform is the one that makes the disciplined path the cheapest and easiest path.

The bottom line on BuildPass

BuildPass is a strong fit for a general contractor whose primary pain is subcontractor compliance at scale, because BuildPass gets two structural things right that most platforms get wrong. Compliance documents live on the company record with expiry tracking, and enrollment is free at both ends - the contractor pays for its own seats and nobody pays per subcontractor.

The honest caveat is that BuildPass solves the tracking problem completely and the verification problem not at all. A contractor who reads that gap correctly builds a human review step on top of the automation and gets a genuinely defensible program. A contractor who mistakes a green dashboard for verified coverage has bought a faster way to be confidently wrong.

Ask what a platform will answer two years from now, in a deposition, about a document nobody remembered to read.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is BuildPass?

BuildPass is an all-in-one construction management platform built for general contractors, covering preconstruction, financials, and site operations on one system. BuildPass originated in Australia and now operates dedicated United States, Canadian, and Australian sites. BuildPass is organized into four connected modules and is aimed at general contractors, builders, project managers, and superintendents running anything from small residential work to large commercial sites.

What are the four BuildPass modules?

BuildPass is built from four connected modules. Build runs the jobsite: scheduling, drawings, daily logs, punch lists, RFIs, submittals, permits, safety, orientations, and subcontractor compliance. Win handles preconstruction: takeoffs, estimates, requests for quote, bids and bid leveling, and proposals. Pay handles money: budgets and job costing, subcontracts, purchase orders, change orders, retainage, pay applications, lien waivers, invoices, WIP reporting, and cash forecasting. Connect handles integrations and AI, including the BuildPass Agent, Model Context Protocol support, API access, and webhooks.

How is BuildPass priced?

BuildPass sells two plans - Core, which includes Build and Connect, and All In, which adds Win and Pay - plus a scoped Enterprise tier for migrations, multiple entities, single sign-on, and custom permissions. Win and Pay can also be added onto an existing Core plan at any time, though they are not sold on their own. BuildPass bills on the number of people in the contractor's own organization who need a login. Subcontractor companies are not charged per company and their workers are not charged per head; both are included. Every plan carries unlimited projects, unlimited subcontractors, unlimited workers, and uncapped history. BuildPass deliberately does not publish prices, so older third-party figures are

unreliable.

Does BuildPass verify certificates of insurance automatically?

No, and this distinction matters. BuildPass tracks that an insurance document has been submitted and when it expires, and it issues reminders as expiry approaches. BuildPass does not automatically verify the contents of the certificate, including whether the general contractor is correctly named as an Additional Insured. A certificate can be current, on file, and still fail to protect the contractor, so human review of the document itself remains a required control rather than an optional one.

Does BuildPass integrate with QuickBooks?

Yes. BuildPass connects to QuickBooks or Xero through the Pay module, which is included in the All In plan. BuildPass also integrates with Procore, Premier, Adaptive, and Buildxact, and exposes API access, webhooks, and OAuth credentials on every plan. Because accounting connection sits inside Pay rather than in the base Core plan, a general contractor who wants BuildPass to reconcile against QuickBooks needs the All In plan or the Win and Pay add-on.

Can BuildPass be used with AI tools and agents?

Yes, and this is one of the more distinctive things about BuildPass. BuildPass includes a native AI agent, an AI toolkit, AI voice daily logs and punch lists, and Model Context Protocol support that lets external AI tools query live project data. API access, webhooks, and OAuth credentials are included on every plan. The practical limit is that the Model Context Protocol interface reads and writes records but does not configure custom fields or automations, so the schema itself is not programmable from outside.

Does BuildPass handle lien waivers and retainage?

Yes. Lien waivers, retainage, change orders, pay applications, subcontractor pay applications, and schedule of values all sit in the BuildPass Pay module. For a general contractor, lien waiver tracking is not a convenience feature - an unreleased lien on a closed job is a title problem that surfaces at the worst possible moment. Because these functions live in Pay rather than Core, a contractor relying on them needs the All In plan.

Is BuildPass a good option for a contractor migrating off another platform?

BuildPass treats migration as scoped work rather than a self-service switch, and places it in the Enterprise tier, which covers data migration, training, custom access and permissions, and single sign-on. BuildPass also maintains a direct Procore integration. A general contractor should treat the migration itself as a project with an owner and a schedule, because the risk in any platform move is not the new system - the risk is the compliance and project history that silently fails to arrive.

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