

Excel Platform Compare Tool

These are instruction on how to use the CHESSE Excel platform compare tool. This tool will allow users to compare the various features and options offered in each platform category in order to establish your best value solution.

Step 1 – Since all optional selections have been blanked out; the spreadsheet may open with the statement “Microsoft Office Excel cannot calculate a formula”. If you encounter is message select “Cancel” and continue to step 2.

Step 2 – Select the category of platform you which to compare from the tab located on the bottom of the spreadsheet. Please limit your selections to the shown platforms (i.e., Small Form Factor, MiniTower, Mainstream, Specialty, Ruggedized, or Lightweight). All other tabs which are part of this spreadsheet contain data, please do not disturb.

Step 3 – Select the region in which the platforms will be initially shipped to (e.g., CONUS, OCONUS, or Remote OCONUS). Selection is part of a green pull down menu found in cell B14 or B15.

Step 4 – Select each of the vendors you which to compare (use pull-down menu in green area of row 12). NOTE: you may need to scroll down menu to see all vendors. The spreadsheet supports 8 selections, one for each vendor. As you compare features and options you may rearrange the order of the vendors so that your final arrangement will reflect your order of preference with your first choice as selection #1.

NOTE: The base price for the selected platform is shown in row 15 while the cost for selected options is shown in row 16.

Step 5 – Scroll down spreadsheet and select desired upgrades and options. Selection is made by a pull-down menu in the green cells in column B. Not all vendors will provide an upgrade or the base platform may already include some options. Please compare feature carefully to assure a proper comparison.

NOTE: Should you select multi extended warranty options or warranty outside user’s region; an error message will appear in row 9. This can be corrected by deselecting the undesired options.