

# AI Use & Transparency at Sourcing

Sourcing uses AI-assisted tools to help make manufacturing procurement clearer, faster, and easier to compare.

AI may support project intake, requirement analysis, manufacturer matching, quote comparison, and sourcing recommendations. It helps organise complex manufacturing information so buyers can make better-informed decisions.

AI is used to assist sourcing decisions — not to replace buyer choice, engineering judgement, manufacturer review, or human oversight.

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## Where Sourcing may use AI

Sourcing may use AI-assisted systems to help:

- organise uploaded CAD files, drawings, specifications, quantities, materials, tolerances, and project notes
- identify relevant manufacturing processes and sourcing requirements
- highlight missing or unclear information
- compare project requirements against manufacturer capabilities
- support manufacturer matching and quote comparison
- summarise strengths, risks, and trade-offs between quote options
- draft clarification questions or sourcing notes

## What AI does not decide on its own

Sourcing does not use AI to automatically award work, place orders, approve manufacturers, or make final technical acceptance decisions without appropriate human or user involvement.

AI does not independently choose the final manufacturer for the buyer, approve production readiness, replace engineering judgement, or make final quality acceptance decisions.

Buyers remain responsible for reviewing quote options and choosing which manufacturer to proceed with.

## Human oversight

Where a project involves technical risk, unclear requirements, unusual specifications, quality concerns, or commercially significant decisions, Sourcing may involve human review.

Human oversight may apply to complex RFQs, manufacturer verification, quote discrepancies, quality documentation, disputes, or cases where a user requests clarification.

## **How recommendations are explained**

When SourcingCima recommends or compares manufacturers, we aim to show the main reasons behind the recommendation.

These may include technical fit, relevant process capability, material suitability, tolerance requirements, location, lead time, certifications, quote completeness, pricing position, communication responsiveness, and previous performance signals where available.

Recommendations are intended to support decision-making, not replace it.

## **AI-assisted content**

Some content shown on SourcingCima may be AI-assisted, including project summaries, quote comparison notes, manufacturer match explanations, clarification prompts, and sourcing recommendations.

AI-assisted outputs may contain errors, omissions, or outdated assumptions. Users should review all technical, commercial, and production-critical information before relying on it.

## **Data protection and confidential information**

SourcingCima may process uploaded project information, including CAD files, drawings, specifications, notes, quantities, commercial requirements, and manufacturer responses.

Where AI-assisted tools are used, SourcingCima aims to limit the data used to what is necessary for the relevant sourcing, analysis, or platform function.

SourcingCima's handling of personal data is explained in our [Privacy Policy](#).

## **Questions, corrections, and review requests**

Users can ask SourcingCima to clarify, correct, or review AI-assisted outputs where they believe information is inaccurate, incomplete, misleading, or unfair.

This may include correcting extracted project details, challenging a manufacturer recommendation, asking for an explanation of a quote comparison, or flagging inaccurate assumptions.

Contact SourcingCima if you want an AI-assisted output reviewed.

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