

What system is right for you?

Computerized Quilting System Buyer's Guide



INTEGRATION

Computerized systems integrated with the software and hardware on your quilting machine allow you to control all of the functions of the computer and your machine from one location.



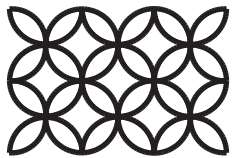
LEARNING CURVE

Computerized quilting programs should be simple, intuitive and easy to use. Make sure you are comfortable with the user interface, and try it a few times.



SETUP & TRAINING

It is best for a trained retailer to setup a computerized quilting system. If setup is not included, does the company provide detailed installation instructions and technical support?



READY-TO-USE DESIGNS

All systems should come with some basic designs that are ready to use. Look for systems that include at least 800 designs.



DESIGN AND LAYOUT CAPABILITIES

Computerized systems allow you to manipulate a design by rotating, resizing, repeating, skewing and cropping. In addition, systems should include design software for creating and manipulating your own designs.



SOFTWARE UPDATES

Ensure that basic updates to the software are provided to you at no cost for at least 12 months. Technology changes quickly and software updates can be pricey.



SUPPORT & EDUCATION

In addition to local authorized retail training, ensure the company has dedicated technical and educational support for issues and questions as they may arise.



VERSATILITY

Systems that have the ability to quickly switch between free-motion and computerized quilting will provide you with more freedom and satisfaction in your quilting.



QUALITY AND WARRANTY

Reputable companies will provide and stand behind their products. Know what specific items are covered and for how long.

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	COMPETITOR	COMPETITOR
PRICE OF SYSTEM		
PRICE OF DELIVERY		
INTEGRATION		
Fully integrated with the quilting machine (controls the machine and carriage)	✓	
Operate entire system from one screen	✓	
Touchscreen computer	✓	
Switch between computer-guided and free-motion quilting at the touch of a button	✓	
USB port to easily upload digital patterns and updates	✓	
SETUP AND TRAINING		
Initial training and set-up guidance/assistance	Local Retailers	
Trained/certified local retail locations	350+ Locations	
DESIGN AND LAYOUT CAPABILITIES		
Included digital designs	800+ Designs	
Design software to create your own digital designs	Art N Stitch® (optional)	
Copyright acknowledgement and designer's notes for purchased patterns	✓	
File formats	.hqf, .hqv, .txt, .qli formats	
View and manipulate designs right on the screen while in use	✓	
Resize, rotate, repeat, mirror, flip, and nudge designs to fit specific areas	✓	
Skew or align to any area	✓	
Crop inside or outside designs	✓	
Move designs into position by simply dragging your finger across the screen	✓	
Define and quilt within areas of any shape (ie., rectangle, triangle, star, etc.)	✓	
Easily and smoothly record freehand quilting designs for future use	✓	
Trace your design before you quilt (outline your design to ensure that it fits your area)	✓	
SOFTWARE UPDATES	Free - Standard Lifetime	
SUPPORT AND EDUCATION		
Dedicated customer service/support	✓	
Dedicated technical support	✓	
Dedicated educators on staff for support	✓	
Online support and training, and social networks	✓	
Interactive website (education, tips, webinars, tutorial videos, gallery, products)	✓	
QUALITY AND WARRANTY		
Trusted manufacturer's warranty	✓	
Limited warranty (labor included)	90 Days	
Mechanical	3 Years	
Electrical	2 Years	
Manufactured/assembled	USA	
Rigid quality checks during manufacturing	✓	