



PEERS' ADVICE FOR TOOL-BUYING:

1. Start with a Clear Use Case

- Define the problem, success metrics, stakeholders, and ownership **before** tool engagement.
- Example: "Start with a clear problem statement and internal alignment."

2. Engage Cross-Functional Teams Early

- Bring together procurement, IT, sustainability, finance, etc. to avoid mismatched expectations.
- Example: "Engage cross-functional teams early—especially procurement, IT, and sustainability."

3. Prioritize Fit Over Features

- Avoid being swayed by fancy features. Choose based on alignment with your decarbonization goals and needs.
- Example: "Solutions are often procured based on features, not fit."

4. Ensure Interoperability & Integration

- Must work with ERP, procurement, and existing systems to avoid siloed workflows.
- Example: "Ensure interoperability with existing systems."

5. Evaluate for Scalability & Longevity

- Choose tools that grow with your program and partner with you over years.
- Example: "Evaluate for long-term scalability and commitment."



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6. Learn from Peers

- Ask other companies what's working (and what's not). Avoid reinventing the wheel.
- Example: "Talk to your peers and look across industries for success examples."

7. Don't Wait for Perfect – Act with Confidence

- No tool is perfect or future-proof. Choose one that's good enough to start making progress.
- Example: "Don't get stuck spinning wheels and not selecting any."

8. Confirm Financial Health and Governance

- Choose a vendor that's stable and transparent about validation, assurance, and roadmap.
- Example: "Ensure your solution is in good financial health."

9. Match Tools to Business Value

- Tie the solution to broader business KPIs (e.g. risk, cost, supplier value) – not just emissions.
- Example: "Ensure the solution actually solves your problem and tie it to other business goals."

10. Think Beyond Reporting

- Choose partners that share your theory of change – not just data reporting. Ask how they support actual decarbonization.
- Example: "Think beyond the initial footprinting. Do they share your fundamental approach to decarbonization?"



SCOPE 3 TOOLS REVIEW 2024-2025

Some insights from the Scope 3 Tools Review 2024-2025:

1. The more mature/wider solutions generally score lower than the newer/focused ones...
 - Scope 3 capability is still specialist
 - Growing frustration with the established platforms that haven't evolved
 - AI tech in particular developing fast
2. The majority feel they need 2+ solutions to tackle scope 3. A common "tech stack" for Peers is to have a solution for:
 - Product Carbon Footprints
 - Scope 3 Accounting
 - Supplier Engagement & Capability Building
3. There are less solutions focused on helping beginners that there should be
 - For solutions to do a good job, you need your data in order
 - It needs to be a partnership between provider & user as the world & tech will change

>2 mentions



Normative



>5 mentions



>10 mentions



Most common in the Peer Group