

Competitor Teardown: Housecall Pro

Home services business management software — sales leave-behind

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How to use: Use when prospects compete with, integrate beside, or displace Housecall Pro in HVAC, plumbing, electrical, cleaning, landscaping, and related trades. Pricing often surfaces through a plan wizard; dollar figures below combine first-party feature tables with publicly reported 2026 annual plan anchors. Re-verify on housecallpro.com/pricing/ before locking a competitive slide.

1. What they sell

FSM Online booking Reviews AI Team Payments

Housecall Pro (housecallpro.com) sells business management software for home service pros: online booking (including Google-adjacent booking messaging), scheduling/dispatch, estimates/proposals, invoicing, payments and consumer financing, review management, price book / job costing (plan-gated), GPS/routes, and an expanding “AI Team” (CSR AI, marketing/analytics assistants).

Homepage claims (vendor-stated): trusted by **200,000+** pros; **100M+** pro jobs completed; **35%** average pro revenue growth after first year on the platform*; **8+** average hours saved per week. (*Footnoted on-site as based on average monthly revenue generated through Housecall Pro after the first year.)

Industries called out publicly include HVAC, plumbing, electrical, cleaning, landscaping & lawncare, appliance, handyman, general contractor, window cleaning.

2. Pricing signals (public)

Pricing note: Housecall Pro's pricing page leads with an industry/team-size wizard. Plan names and feature gates below are from the first-party pricing page (retrieved 2026-09-22). Annual plan dollars of **Basic \$59 / Essentials \$149 / MAX \$299 per month** (higher on month-to-month) are consistently reported from that page in 2026 public reads; MAX lists **\$35/mo per additional user** on the first-party page. Confirm live before quoting.

Plan ladder — annual monthly anchors commonly shown from HCP pricing (confirm live)

Basic	~\$59/mo · 1 user
Essentials	~\$149/mo · 5 users
MAX	~\$299/mo · 8 users + \$35/user

Bars scaled for visual comparison only. Wizard outputs vary by industry/team size — re-check first-party page.

Plan	Public price signal	Users (first-party)	Key inclusions / gates
Basic	From \$59/mo annual (publicly reported from HCP pricing; confirm live)	1 user framing on wizard outputs	Online booking, invoices & payments, scheduling/dispatch, quotes, review management , job costing & price book in Basic feature lists
Essentials	~ \$149/mo annual (publicly reported; confirm live)	5 users included	Routes, flat-rate pricing, checklist automations, photo reports, employee GPS, commissions, QuickBooks Online sync
MAX	~ \$299/mo annual (publicly reported; confirm live)	8 users included; \$35/mo per additional user (first-party)	Sales proposal tool, recurring service plans, route optimization, open API, dedicated onboarding, escalated phone support

Payments & commercial terms (first-party FAQ / page)	Signal
Card processing	"As low as 2.59% " (every-plan inclusions list)
Bank payments	1% fee (FAQ)
Contracts	FAQ states no long-term contracts required
Trial	14 days of MAX features; no credit card to start (FAQ)
Add-ons (examples on pricing page)	CSR AI, Pipeline, Payroll, Voice, Campaigns, Websites, VGPS/Dashcams, Tap to Pay, coaching — optional modules/services

3. Positioning

- **Primary story:** Everything to run and grow a home service business — ops plus booking, reviews, financing, and AI CSRs.
- **Buyer they optimize for:** Solo to growing multi-tech residential trades that want marketing/reputation and modern homeowner UX, not only back-office FSM.
- **Community:** Heavy emphasis on "Pros" community (30,000+ community callout on pricing page; 200K+ pros on homepage).
- **AI posture:** "AI Team" branded assistants; CSR AI for 24/7 answering positioned as a growth lever (vendor claim: pros using CSR AI earn 2× more revenue on average — treat as marketing claim).

4. Recent public moves

- **2026-02 product release:** Payroll time tracking, QuickBooks sync updates, reviews website widget, price book recurring discounts, Voice custom call reasons, Campaigns updates, Klarna BNPL, Wisetack longer loans, **CSR AI Chat**, Accountant AI, mobile updates.
- **2026-05 platform refresh:** Rebuilt mobile app and modernized web UI; routing and reporting upgrades; spring release narrative.
- **2026 Platform Refresh changelog (ongoing):** Jobs Release 2 (GA ~2026-06-10) — tabbed job details, persistent toolbar; Estimates releases through summer 2026.
- **2026-07 Help Center — CSR AI Chat Answering:** Website chat handled by CSR AI; summaries; escalation to human; roadmap notes for SMS/email/third-party channels and configurable skills.
- **AI Team marketing page:** Marketing AI, CSR AI (chat), Analyst AI, Coach AI, Help AI described as included across plans; **CSR AI 24/7 call answering** called out as a paid feature.

Sales read: Housecall Pro is closing the gap between FSM and growth stack (reviews, financing, campaigns, AI CSR). Treat “reviews + booking + AI answering” as table stakes in this tier.

5. Strengths & gaps

Strengths	Gaps / pressure points
• Homeowner-facing polish — online booking, financing, review tooling emphasized early (even on Basic). • AI Team branding — clear packaging of assistants; CSR AI as paid growth SKU. • No long-term contract claim — useful in bake-offs vs. annual enterprise FSM. • Community & scale signals — large public pro-count / job-count marketing. • Rapid UX investment — 2026 platform refresh + mobile rebuild is public and frequent.	• Seat economics — Essentials/MAX user caps; MAX overage at \$35/user; confirm overage surprises per quote. • Wizard-first pricing UX — harder to screenshot a static matrix than Jobber; ask for the all-in quote. • Module sprawl — Voice, Campaigns, Payroll, CSR AI, Websites, etc. mean TCO diligence matters. • Enterprise depth — still a different conversation than ServiceTitan’s Pro-module narrative for large multi-location HVAC.

6. Battle notes for enablement

If the AE hears...	Sourced response angle
“They include reviews on Basic.”	Correct per pricing feature lists — don’t fight it. Differentiate on depth of reputation workflow, multi-location, or vertical-specific outcomes.
“CSR AI doubles revenue.”	Vendor marketing claim on AI Team page. Ask for definition (cohort, timeframe) and pivot to measurable workflow proof in your product.
“No contracts.”	Stated in HCP FAQ. Compete on switching costs of data/workflows and onboarding quality, not lock-in scare tactics.
“API / Zapier.”	Open API and Zapier called out on MAX; plan-gate if relevant to the deal.

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