

CRM COMPARISON

Tailr CRM vs Salesforce

Do You Actually Need an Enterprise CRM?

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Short answer: You need Salesforce if you have complex, multi-team processes, strict enterprise security or compliance requirements, and the budget for an admin or implementation partner. A 5 to 40 person outbound team usually does not: Tailr CRM gives it a pipeline built around its process, with replies from cold email tools turned into leads automatically, for a flat monthly price and no admin to hire.

Key takeaways

- Salesforce Starter Suite is about **\$25 per user** and Pro Suite about **\$100 per user** per month, Pro on an annual contract.
- Small-business implementations commonly cost **\$10,000 to \$50,000**, and a full-time Salesforce admin about **\$80,000 to \$130,000** a year.
- For 10 users, Pro Suite licences alone are about **\$12,000** a year; Tailr CRM's Team plan is about **\$790** in year one on the yearly plan, with no setup fee.
- Salesforce is the right call when you have outgrown simple tools, not as a first CRM.

The real cost of Salesforce: three bills, not one

Bill	Typical range for a small business	What it pays for
1. Licences	~\$25 (Starter Suite) to ~\$100 (Pro Suite) per user per month	Access for each user; Pro Suite on an annual contract
2. Implementation	~\$10,000 to \$50,000, partners at \$100 to \$300/hour	Designing objects, fields, automation, reports and integrations
3. Administration	Part-time consultant, or ~\$80,000 to \$130,000/year for a full-time admin	Changes, new reports, user management, fixing what breaks

Side by side for a 10-person team

	Salesforce Pro Suite	Tailr CRM (Team plan)
Year-one software	~\$12,000 licences + implementation	~\$790 (yearly plan), no setup fee
Time to go live	Typically 4-8 weeks for small businesses	Minutes to start; fitted to your process during the 14-day trial
Who changes things later	Your admin or a partner	The B2BX team, changes included
Cold email replies to leads	Via integration or custom build	Built in (4 tools + webhook)
Your brand on it	No	Yes
Maximum scale	Thousands of users	Up to 40 users per CRM

Questions to ask a Salesforce partner before you sign (template: copy and adapt)

1. What exactly is included in the implementation quote, and what counts as a change request?
2. How many hours a month of admin will we need after go-live, and who provides them?
3. Which features we asked for need add-ons or a higher edition?
4. How will positive replies from our cold email tool (Smartlead / Instantly / Lemlist / Apollo) reach Salesforce?
5. What is the total for licences + implementation + admin for 12 months, for our team size in a year?

Three-year total cost of ownership, honestly estimated

Cost line (estimate)	Salesforce Pro Suite	Tailr CRM Team
Licences, years 1-3 (5, 10, 15 users)	~\$36,000 (~\$100/user/month)	~\$2,370 (yearly plan, \$790 a year)
Implementation	~\$10,000 to \$50,000 (partner)	No setup fee; unlimited 1:1 onboarding calls with Shawn during the free trial
Admin / changes (3 years)	Part-time consultant, e.g. 5 hours a month at \$100 to \$300/hour: ~\$18,000 to \$54,000	Included: changes built on request
Indicative 3-year total	~\$64,000 to \$140,000	~\$2,370

Translating the Salesforce data model

Salesforce object	In Tailr CRM	Why it is simpler
Lead	Lead (created from a positive reply or form)	Only interested replies become leads, so there is no backlog of unqualified records
Account	Account	One company, one record; new contacts from the same company attach to it
Contact	Contact	Same idea
Opportunity	Deal on your pipeline	Stages only move when your team moves them
Campaign	Campaign / lead source	Every sending campaign is tracked automatically from the tool it came from

Quick answers

Is Salesforce worth it for a small sales team?

Usually only if the team has unusual complexity (many products, territories, approval chains), enterprise customers who demand Salesforce-grade security, or plans to grow into hundreds of users soon. Otherwise the licence, implementation and admin costs are hard to justify.

What does Salesforce cost beyond the licence?

Implementation (often \$10,000 to \$50,000 for small businesses through a partner at \$100 to \$300 an hour), ongoing admin time or a full-time admin, add-ons, and the time your team spends learning it.

Can Tailr CRM handle enterprise requirements?

Tailr CRM gives each client a separate CRM with its own database and web address, roles and permissions, data-quality checks, daily backups and full export. It is designed for teams of up to 40 users; if you need SSO, territory management across hundreds of reps or deep ERP integration, Salesforce is the safer choice.

Can I switch from Salesforce to Tailr CRM?

Yes. Export your accounts, contacts and opportunities as CSV. During your free trial, Shawn helps you import them, set up your stages and connect your tools on 1:1 onboarding calls; for complex moves there is an optional done-for-you migration (from \$299).

Is there a free trial?

Yes, Tailr CRM has a 14-day free trial with no card needed.

How long does a Salesforce implementation take for a small business?

Small-business Salesforce implementations typically take about four to eight weeks through a partner, covering objects, fields, automation, reports and integrations, and often cost \$10,000 to \$50,000. Tailr CRM opens in minutes, and Shawn fits it to your stages, fields and lead rules on 1:1 onboarding calls during the 14-day free trial.

Start your 14-day free trial

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