

# Buyer scorecard for security questionnaire automation tools

## How to use this scorecard:

Rate each vendor on a scale of 1–5 for each category (1 = poor, 5 = best-in-class). Use notes to capture gaps, risks, or standout strengths.

Evaluation Criteria	What Buyers Should Look For	Vendor Score (1-5)	Notes
Response Quality & Accuracy	Answers are precise, consistent, and reflect real implementation — not generic or inferred responses		
Evidence-Backed Answers	Each response is tied to approved policies, reports, or controls with clear traceability		
AI Guardrails & Scope Control	AI operates within approved boundaries and cannot answer beyond defined knowledge or authority		
Human-in-the-Loop Oversight	Certified experts review, validate, and continuously improve answers at scale		
Knowledge Library Depth & Maintenance	Centralized, living knowledge base that stays current as policies and controls evolve		
Proprietary Data & Learning Advantage	Platform improves from real-world questionnaire data — not just generic models		
Customization & Flexibility	Handles non-standard, customer-specific, and one-off questionnaires without breaking workflows		
Versioning & Audit Trails	Full visibility into who approved answers, when they changed, and why		
Scalability	Performs reliably as questionnaire volume, customers, and frameworks grow		

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Cross-Functional Workflows	Supports Security, GRC, Sales, and Legal without sacrificing control or clarity		
Role-Based Access Controls	Teams can collaborate without unauthorized edits or unapproved responses		
Sales Enablement Controls	Sales can move quickly without bypassing Security approval		
Turnaround Time (Without Risk)	Delivers fast responses without compromising accuracy or confidence		
Integrations	Works seamlessly with CRM, Trust Centers, and internal systems		
Reporting & Insights	Provides visibility into volume, bottlenecks, trends, and team performance		
Compliance Readiness	Reduces risk during audits (SOC 2, ISO, HIPAA, etc.) through defensible processes		
Vendor Accountability	Clear ownership for answer quality and ongoing support		
Total Cost of Ownership	Reflects true cost savings across time, risk reduction, and team efficiency		

Turn vendor risk into a competitive advantage.

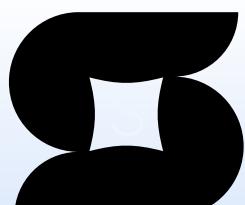
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