

LinkRunner® Competitive Product Comparison

At NetAlly, we believe informed decisions start with complete transparency. This comparison presents accurate, verifiable information about **LinkRunner** and competitive solutions—including both strengths and limitations. Your trust matters more than any sale, and we're confident that when you have the facts, you'll choose the right tool for your needs.

TESTING FEATURE (CAPABILITY)	SignalTek QT Pro	LinkIQ Duo	AT 1500	AT 3000	AT 4000	10G
USD	\$3,425	\$2,956	\$1,495	\$2,595	\$4,195	\$6,895
PHYSICAL LAYER TESTING						
Cable Test (TDR + Wiremapping)	•	•	•	•	•	•
Blink Switch Port	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tone Generator (Including IntelliTone™)	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fiber Optic Capability	100M/1G MM/SM SFP			100M/1 Gbps, MM/SM SFP		1/10 Gbps MM/SM SFP
Fiber Visual Fault Locator	•					
Fiber Optic Microscope	Via optional USB Adapter		Via optional USB Adapter			
Cable Qualification	10G (Copper) 100G (Fiber)	10G (Copper)				Up to 10G (Copper & Fiber) ³
AUTOTEST						
PoE Testing (Class range)	Class 0-8	Class 0-8	Class 0-8, UPOE, Injector			
TruPower™ PoE Load Testing	70W		71.3W			
802.1x Validation and Connection Logs			•	•	•	•
User-defined MAC Address (for ACL validation)			•	•	•	•
Connected VLAN ID and Monitor VLAN trunk ports	VLAN ID only		•	•	•	•
Link Speed Detection – Multi-Gig, NBASE-T/10G	•	•	•	•	•	•
Connect & Verify Link Speed/Duplex	10M, 100M, 1G					Up to 10G
Detect Link Speed Downshift			•	•	•	•
Nearest Switch ID & Port Test (CDP/EDP/LLDP)	CDP/LLDP Only		•	•	•	•
Switch Interface Details and Model ID	No Model ID		•	•	•	•
Switch Port Interface Utilization, Discards, Errors (via Discovery/SNMP)	Utilization Only				•	•
Switch Configuration Tools (Browser, SSH, Vendor Apps)			•	•	•	•
DHCP EURT, Connection Log, 2nd DHCP Offer, DHCP Options			•	•	•	•
DNS Name Lookup and Response Time		•	•	•	•	•
DNS and Gateway Response Time Warning Threshold			•	•	•	•
PING Tester with 24-Hour trending		No Trending		•	•	•
TCP Connect Test with 24-hour trending				•	•	•
End User Response Time Test (HTTP/FTP)					•	•
Create and Share AutoTester Profile Groups			•	•	•	•
Periodic AutoTest (monitor intermittent problems)					•	•
DIAGNOSTIC APPS						
Ping/TCP App	Ping Only			•	•	•
Packet Capture					•	•
Network Discovery and Topology Mapping					•*	•*
L2/L3 Path Analysis					•	•
iPerf Test App			Via Third-Party Apps		•	•
Network Performance Test				Reflector Only		•
Use Third-Party Apps			Product Registration Required		•	•

Which Network Tester Suits your Needs Best?

LinkRunner™, LinkIQ, and SignalTEK QT are network testers designed for different use cases and user needs.

- LinkRunner is known for its fast, automated Ethernet testing, offering advanced troubleshooting features and integration with cloud reporting. Its main advantage is comprehensive diagnostics, but it may be more complex for basic tasks.
- LinkIQ focuses on cable and network testing with an emphasis on simplicity and ease of use, making it suitable for users who prioritize straightforward cable validation and PoE testing. It is less feature-rich than LinkRunner but more user-friendly for quick cable checks.
- SignalTEK QT specializes in testing network performance. Its strength lies in qualifying performance; it lacks advanced troubleshooting and cable analysis features found in the other two models.

Choosing between these testers depends on whether you need detailed diagnostics and comprehensive network link testing (LinkRunner), simple cable testing and qualification (LinkIQ), or performance qualification (SignalTEK QT). Consider your specific requirements and the complexity of your network environment when selecting the best network tester for you.

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WI-FI SCANNING AND ANALYSIS						
Connectivity (Network Access)	•		Via optional USB Wi-Fi Adapter			
External Wi-Fi Antenna	•					
Connectivity Test		•	Via Third-Party Apps & USB Wi-Fi ² Adapter			
List of Networks, Channels, APs	Up to Wi-Fi 6	Up to Wi-Fi 7				
Channel and Overlap Map	•	•				
AP Configuration Information and Statistics	•	•				
Detect Common Wi-Fi Problems		•				
AP configuration tools (browser, vendor apps)						
INTERFACES						
USB-A and USB-C Ports	•	USB-C Only	•	•	•	•
RJ-45 Test Port	•	•	•	•	•	•
Built-In Patch Cable RJ-45 Test Port			•	•	•	
SFP Port (SM/MM Fiber)	100M/1G		100M/1G			1G/10G
Industrial RJ45 Connector Support		•				
Wi-Fi and Bluetooth	Wi-Fi Only		Via optional USB Wi-Fi and Bluetooth Adapter			
ADDITIONAL FEATURES, ETC.						
VNC Remote Control	•		•*	•*	•*	•
Out-of-Band Management Port	•		Via optional USB Wi-Fi Adapter			
Option to Disable Functionality ¹			•	•	•	•
Over-the-Air Software Updates	•		•*	•*	•*	•*
Number of reports that can be saved	Unlimited (via AnyWARE)	Unlimited (via PC software)	Unlimited (via Link-Live™)			
Support for Accessories and Printers	Printers Only		Via optional USB Wi-Fi Adapter			
Camera (scan barcodes, etc.)			Optional via USB Adapter			•
Micro SD Card (for additional storage)						•
Battery Life	10 Hours	8 Hours	10 Hours			4 Hours
Power/Charge off PoE			•	•	•	•
1-Year of Technical Support Included	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	1st Year Included	

¹Administrators can disable specific functionality, allowing the analyzer to be used in restricted or secure environments.

²Functionality depends on both the Wi-Fi radio and third-party app being used.

³LANBERT (bit error rate testing) and Performance tests require the use of two units (or a loopback), a controller and remote.

*AllyCare-Enabled Feature – The use of this functionality requires an active AllyCare Premium support contract.



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