

Table 7
Product Hierarchy Ratings*

Program	Edition	Methods**	Automatic Method Selection	Multiple reconciliation procedures	Adjust for special events	Adjust for intermittent demands	Identify problem forecasts	Reconcile with judgment	Compare reconciliation approaches	Fraction of Maximum Rating
Autobox	Version 5	BJ	++	+	++	++	o	o	+	<u>0.57</u>
Forecast Pro	Unlimited	XS	++	++	++	++	o	++	+	<u>0.79</u>
SmartForecasts	Unlimited	XS	++	+	++	++	++	++	+	<u>0.86</u>
Fraction of maximum rating			1.00	0.67	1.00	1.00	0.33	0.67	0.50	0.74

***Ratings Legend**
 ++ Effectively implemented
 + Partially implemented
 o Ignored
 - Undermined

Methods Legend***
 BJ: ARIMA (Box-Jenkins)
 ID: Intermittent data
 XS: Exponential Smoothing

Ratings were made in 2000. For updates, see www.forecastingprinciples.com