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Bandizip

The Insider's Guide

Archiver for Windows and Mac that opens 40+ formats including RAR



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from Bandizip's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Bandizip's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Bandizip's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

Bandizip creates and extracts archives such as ZIP, 7Z and TAR and opens more than 40 formats, including RAR and ALZ. The Windows edition is free with ads, and paid editions add features such as repair, password recovery and a password manager. The Mac version is sold through the Mac App Store.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Bandizip**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **Install it and extract archives with nothing to set up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a free archiver on Windows**

Bandizip opens more than 40 archive formats, and the Windows edition is free.

2 **Paid plans start at $0.99 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $0.99 per month (Mac, Bandizip 365); Windows Professional $30 one-time.

3 **There is a free plan**

Windows edition is free to download and use, with ads; paid editions remove them and add Professional-only features.

4 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Windows and macOS.

5 **Many formats**

Creates ZIP, 7Z, ZIPX, TAR, TGZ, ISO and self-extracting EXE, and extracts 40+ formats, including RAR, ALZ and EGG.

6 **Multi-core compression**

Uses several processor cores for compression, which the vendor says is up to 6 times faster on Windows.

7 **Large and split archives**

Supports archives over 4 GB and multi-volume compression for splitting a file across email attachments.

8 **A 3.0 GPA, above 154 of 186**

That is against the other desktop utilities we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

The plain part of Bandizip you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not. The 3 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

Bandizip at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $0.99 per month (Mac, Bandizip 365); Windows Professional $30 one-time

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
macOS, Windows

MADE BY
Bandisoft International Inc.

CATEGORY
Desktop Utilities

OUR GRADE
3.0 GPA, very good

The report card

Best for a free archiver on Windows

Bandizip opens more than 40 archive formats, and the Windows edition is free. But the free edition shows ads, repair and password tools need the $30 Professional licence, and the Mac version creates fewer formats and is sold only through the Mac App Store.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Bandizip

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	The Windows edition is free to download and use. Professional is $30 one-time, and the Mac edition is $21.99 or $0.99 a month.
Free plan and trial	B	The Windows edition is free and fully usable, with ads. Professional-only features need paying.
Features	B	ZIP, 7Z and TAR creation, 40+ formats opened, AES-256, split archives and editing without extracting. Nothing in the listing is missing from the job.
Ease of use	B	Install it and extract archives with nothing to set up. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows and Mac, computers only. No Linux, phone or web version.

Grade point average — Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Bandizip is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a free Windows archiver that opens RAR, ALZ and 40 other formats
- ✓ Works for compressing large or split archives on a Windows PC

Who it is not for

- ✗ Tight if ads bother you, as the free Windows edition shows them
- ✗ Skip it if you use Linux, because no version is listed
- ✗ Watch out: repair, password recovery and the password manager are Professional, $30 one-time
- ✗ Watch out: the Mac edition creates ZIP, 7Z, TAR, GZ and TGZ only, and is sold only on the Mac App Store

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who want a free archiver with wide format support
- ✓ Mac users who need RAR, ALZ or EGG files opened
- ✓ Offices that need a per-PC commercial license

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The free Windows edition shows ads, and Professional-only features need a paid license.
- ⓘ The Mac edition is sold only through the Mac App Store, as a one-time purchase or subscription.
- ⓘ No Linux version is listed.
- ⓘ The Mac edition creates fewer formats than Windows: ZIP, 7Z, TAR, GZ and TGZ.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$0.99

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Bandizip has a free plan. Paid plans start at $0.99 per month (Mac, Bandizip 365); Windows Professional $30 one-time.

> **The Windows edition is free to download and use.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

WINDOWS FREE

$0

Compress and extract common formats on Windows. The vendor says a license removes the ads in this edition.

WINDOWS PROFESSIONAL

$30

one-time, per user, up to 5 PCs

No ads, plus password manager, archive repair, password recovery, image preview and antimalware scan.

WINDOWS ENTERPRISE

$20

one-time, per PC, minimum 2

Commercial edition for organizations, sold per single-PC license with a minimum purchase of two.

MAC (ONE-TIME)

$21.99

one-time, Mac App Store

Bandizip for macOS as a one-time purchase on the Mac App Store, with the Mac feature set.

MAC (BANDIZIP 365)

$0.99

per month, or $6.99 per year, Mac App Store

Subscription version with the same functions as the one-time purchase, with a 1-week free trial.

The free plan

Windows edition is free to download and use, with ads; paid editions remove them and add Professional-only features.

Read from bandisoft.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Bandizip plus Honeycam package, 20% off

The Windows buy page sells a Bandizip and Honeycam bundle at $55.20 instead of $69.

Stated on bandisoft.com

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Bandizip 365 yearly plan

The Mac App Store lists Bandizip 365 at $0.99 monthly or $6.99 yearly, against $11.88 for twelve monthly payments.

Stated on apps.apple.com

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: macOS and Windows

Archiver for Windows and Mac that opens 40+ formats including RAR. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, file management, file compression.

> **Nothing in the listing is missing from the job.**

From our grade for features

Many formats

Creates ZIP, 7Z, ZIPX, TAR, TGZ, ISO and self-extracting EXE, and extracts 40+ formats, including RAR, ALZ and EGG.

Multi-core compression

Uses several processor cores for compression, which the vendor says is up to 6 times faster on Windows.

Large and split archives

Supports archives over 4 GB and multi-volume compression for splitting a file across email attachments.

AES-256 encryption

Password-protect archives with AES-256, and test an archive's integrity before opening it.

Edit without extracting

Add, delete or rename files inside an archive without unpacking it first, and preview contents from the archive list.

Professional extras

Paid editions add a password manager, repair of corrupted ZIP files, brute-force password recovery and image thumbnails.

Where it runs

macOS Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Bandizip is made by Bandisoft International Inc.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

154/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

Bandizip's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 27.

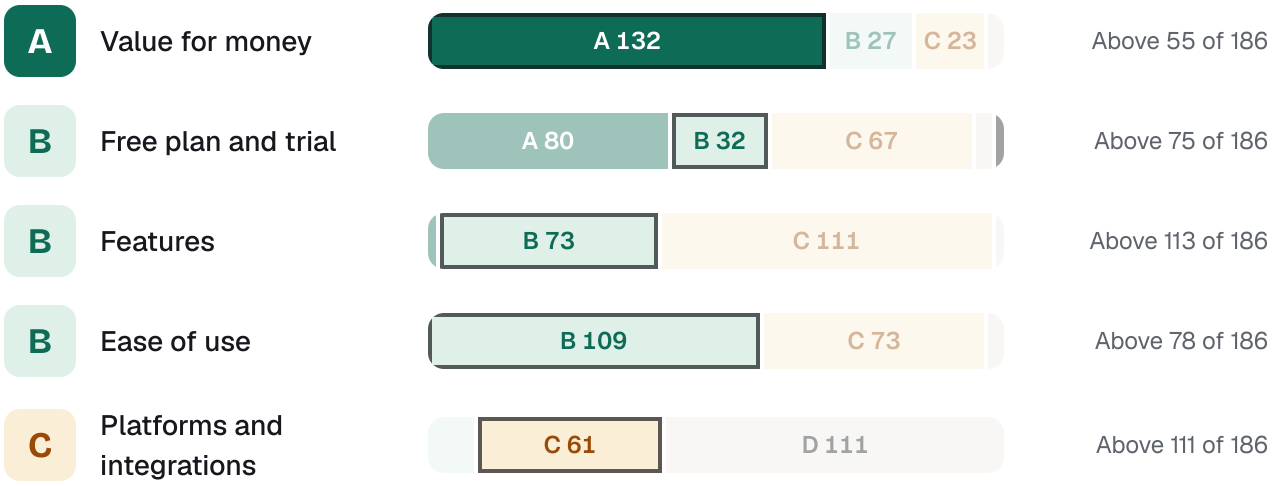
It stands best on value for money (A, above 55 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (C, above 111).

Its paid plans start at $0.99 a month, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 4 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

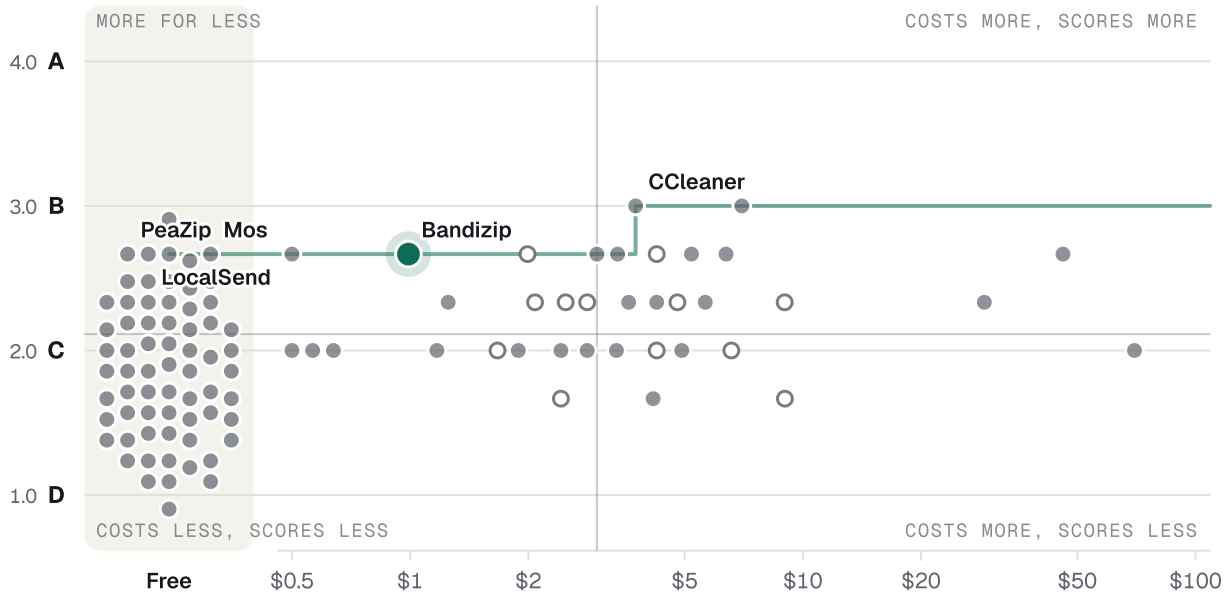
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. Bandizip's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Bandizip is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

The plain part of Bandizip you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not. The 3 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade. It costs $11.88 a year.

What you could make

- File compression: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

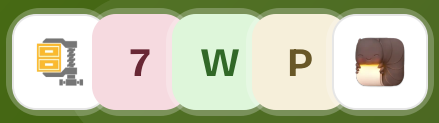
- A file manager working directly on your disk.

- A real app for macOS and Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Bandizip's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



WinZip, 7-Zip, WinRAR, PeaZip and Keka

The 5 tools Bandizip is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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WinZip

Free trial · from $3.33/mo

Archiver with encryption, cloud sharing and file management tools.

- Bandizip has a free plan. WinZip does not, though it has a free trial.
- WinZip also covers file sharing and pDF editing.

Bandizip and WinZip compared in full

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7-Zip

Free

Free, open-source file archiver with the 7z format.

- Only 7-Zip lists a Linux app.
- 7-Zip is open source, according to its own site.
- Bandizip also covers file management.

Bandizip and 7-Zip compared in full

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WinRAR

Free trial · from $29 one-time

Windows archive manager for RAR and ZIP files.

- Bandizip has a free plan. WinRAR does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only WinRAR lists Linux and Android apps.
- WinRAR can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Bandizip and WinRAR compared in full

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PeaZip

Free

Free file archiver for Linux, macOS and Windows.

- Only PeaZip lists a Linux app.
- PeaZip is open source, according to its own site.

Bandizip and PeaZip compared in full



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Keka

Free plan · from $3.99 one-time

File archiver for macOS and iOS with drag-and-drop compression.

- Only Bandizip lists a Windows app.
- Only Keka lists an iOS app.
- Bandizip also covers file management.

Bandizip and Keka compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Bandizip free?

Bandizip has a free plan. Windows edition is free to download and use, with ads; paid editions remove them and add Professional-only features.

How much does Bandizip cost?

Bandizip lists 5 plans. Windows Free: $0.

What platforms does Bandizip work on?

Bandizip is available on Windows and macOS.

Does Bandizip offer any discounts?

Bandizip publicly lists the following: Bandizip plus Honeycam package, 20% off; Bandizip 365 yearly plan.

Does Bandizip have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Bandizip is listed for Windows and macOS.

Does Bandizip have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Bandizip is listed for Windows and macOS.

Is Bandizip open source?

Bandizip is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Bandizip work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

Who makes Bandizip?

Bandizip is made by Bandisoft International Inc.

What are the alternatives to Bandizip?

The closest alternatives to Bandizip in our directory are WinZip, 7-Zip, WinRAR, PeaZip and Keka.

How does Bandizip compare with other desktop utilities?

Bandizip's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 27.

Is Bandizip good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Bandizip A for value for money. Its paid plans start at $0.99 a month, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 4 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Bandizip?

The plain part of Bandizip you could make: file compression. What surrounds it you could not.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Bandizip's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Bandisoft's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Bandisoft International Inc. Prices change, so check bandisoft.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Bandizip, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/bandizip

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

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Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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