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BetterZip

The Insider's Guide

Mac archive tool for creating, browsing and extracting files



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from BetterZip's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on BetterZip's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

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

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GPA, above 35 of the 96 other desktop utilities we grade

BetterZip is an archive utility for macOS from the independent developer MacItBetter. It creates archives in formats such as ZIP, 7-Zip, TAR and ISO, opens more than 30 formats, and lets you change files inside an archive without extracting it first. Version 6 adds icon and column views and a built-in image viewer.

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

> **No store rating on record, but it is a program you install and start using with nothing to set up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for opening and editing archives on a Mac**

BetterZip is a Mac archiver that lets you look inside and edit archives.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $35 one-time.

3 **You can try it first**

30-day full-featured trial.

4 **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

5 **Edit inside archives**

Add, delete, rename and edit files in place; changes made in an external app are saved back to the archive.

6 **Wide format support**

Creates ZIP, DMG, TAR, 7-Zip, XAR and ISO archives, and RAR through an external command-line tool. Opens over 30 formats.

7 **AES-256 encryption**

Encrypts archives and keeps archive passwords in a built-in encrypted password manager.

8 **A 2.6 GPA, above 35 of 96**

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

9 **Your call**

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

BetterZip at a glance

PRICING Free trial, from $35 one-time	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 30-day full-featured trial.	RUNS ON macOS
MADE BY MacItBetter	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for opening and editing archives on a Mac

BetterZip is a Mac archiver that lets you look inside and edit archives. It costs $35 once, runs on macOS 13.5 or later, and making RAR archives needs a separate command-line tool.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	BetterZip	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	$35 once, under a year of the utilities middle subscription at $3.33 a month, with a 30-day trial.
Free plan and trial	C	30-day full-featured trial of a download, and no card or account on record, but no free plan.
Features	C	Archive editing, wide format support and AES-256 encryption, but creating RAR archives depends on a separate utility.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record, but it is a program you install and start using with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	Mac only, needing macOS 13.5 or later, with no Windows or Linux version.
Grade point average		Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

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 BetterZip is for

- ✓ Fits if you open and edit archives on a Mac every day
- ✓ Works for people who want Finder integration and encryption

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you use Windows or Linux, as it is Mac only
- ✕ Skip it if you are on an older Mac, as it needs macOS 13.5 or later
- ✕ Watch out: creating RAR archives needs a separate command-line utility
- ✕ Pricey if you upgrade, at $15 to $25 from older versions, and commercial use needs one licence per Mac

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac users who handle many archive formats
- ✓ People who want a one-time purchase instead of a subscription

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Requires macOS 13.5 or later and has no Windows or Linux version.
- ⓘ Creating RAR archives depends on a separate command-line utility.
- ⓘ Upgrades from older major versions cost $15 to $25; commercial use needs one license per Mac.

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What it costs

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

$35 one-time

To start

BetterZip is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $35 one-time.

BETTERZIP 6

$35

one-time purchase

Personal use covers up to five household Macs; commercial use needs one license per Mac.

Trying it first

30-day full-featured trial.

Read from macitbetter.com on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Also sold through Setapp

The buy page says BetterZip is also available on Setapp, a subscription with a selection of Mac apps.

Stated on macitbetter.com

What it does

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

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Place it runs: macOS

Mac archive tool for creating, browsing and extracting files. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, file management, file compression.

Edit inside archives

Add, delete, rename and edit files in place; changes made in an external app are saved back to the archive.

Wide format support

Creates ZIP, DMG, TAR, 7-Zip, XAR and ISO archives, and RAR through an external command-line tool. Opens over 30 formats.

AES-256 encryption

Encrypts archives and keeps archive passwords in a built-in encrypted password manager.

Presets and filters

Presets store format, destination and rules; filters skip files such as .DS_Store by name, path, size or age.

Finder integration

Adds a Finder menu, toolbar button and Share extension, and a Spotlight importer indexes file names inside archives.

Automation

Presets can run from Shortcuts, workflows or the command line, with optional shell or AppleScript steps.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

Finder · Spotlight · Shortcuts · Automator

BetterZip is made by MacItBetter.

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Where it stands

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

35/96

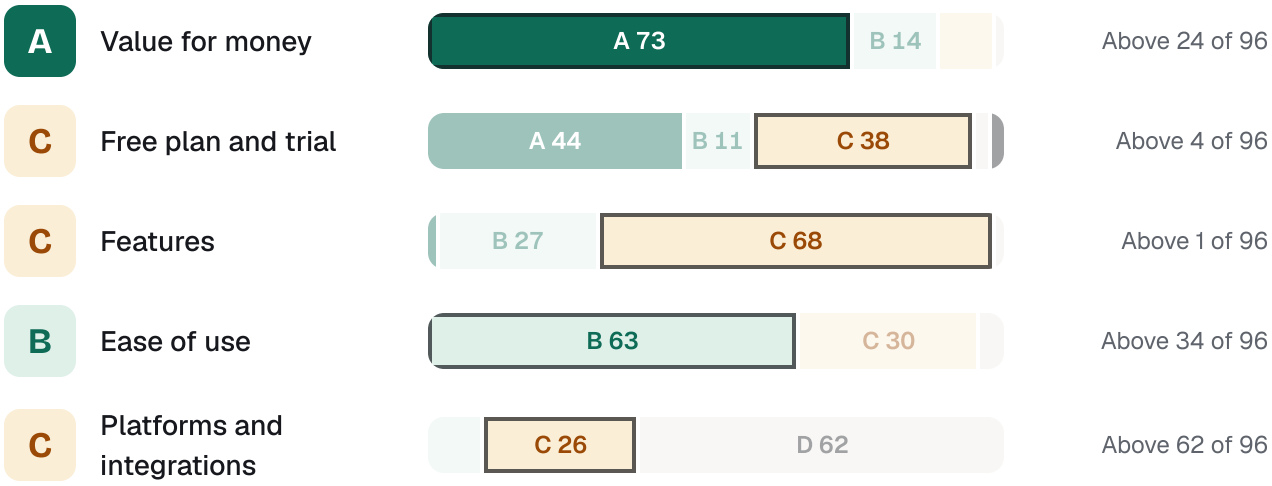
Other desktop utilities it is graded above

BetterZip's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 35 of the 96 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 25.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 24 of 96) and worst on features (C, above 1).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 97 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. BetterZip's own letter is outlined.



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.

Your call

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

You could make the core of BetterZip for yourself: file compression. What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call. At $35, paid once, it costs less than the weekend it would take to replace, which is the argument for keeping it.

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. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. BetterZip'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.

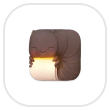
The alternatives

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



Keka, The Unarchiver, 7-Zip and PeaZip

The 4 tools BetterZip is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.



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Keka

Free plan · from $3.99 one-time

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

- Keka has a free plan. BetterZip does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Keka lists an iOS app.
- BetterZip can be bought with a one-time purchase.

BetterZip and Keka compared in full



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The Unarchiver

Free

Free Mac app that opens RAR, 7z, Zip and many older archives.

- The Unarchiver has a free plan. BetterZip does not, though it has a free trial.
- BetterZip can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- BetterZip also covers file management.

BetterZip and The Unarchiver compared in full

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7-Zip

Free

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

- 7-Zip has a free plan. BetterZip does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only 7-Zip lists Windows and Linux apps.
- BetterZip can be bought with a one-time purchase.

BetterZip and 7-Zip compared in full

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PeaZip

Free

Free file archiver for Linux, macOS and Windows.

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

BetterZip and PeaZip compared in full

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 BetterZip free?

No, BetterZip is a paid product, but you can try it first. 30-day full-featured trial.

How much does BetterZip cost?

BetterZip lists one plan. BetterZip 6: $35 one-time purchase.

What platforms does BetterZip work on?

BetterZip is available on macOS.

Does BetterZip offer any discounts?

BetterZip publicly lists the following: Also sold through Setapp.

Does BetterZip have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. BetterZip is listed for macOS.

Does BetterZip have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. BetterZip is listed for macOS.

Is BetterZip open source?

BetterZip is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

What does BetterZip integrate with?

BetterZip's listing names Finder, Spotlight, Shortcuts and Automator. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes BetterZip?

BetterZip is made by MacItBetter.

What are the alternatives to BetterZip?

The closest alternatives to BetterZip in our directory are Keka, The Unarchiver, 7-Zip and PeaZip.

How does BetterZip compare with other desktop utilities?

BetterZip's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 35 of the 96 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 25.

Could I make my own version of BetterZip?

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from BetterZip's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from BetterZip's own pages on 12 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 MacItBetter. Prices change, so check macitbetter.com before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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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

BetterZip, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/betterzip

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

toolgpa.com/price-changes

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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Desktop Utilities Insider's Guide

Every one of the 97 desktop utilities we grade, compared

LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

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Ninite Insider's Guide

Installs and updates many Windows apps at once

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PeaZip Insider's Guide

Free file archiver for Linux, macOS and Windows

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