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MacKeeper

The Insider's Guide

Mac maintenance app with antivirus, cleanup and a VPN

Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among antivirus apps, read from MacKeeper's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from MacKeeper's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on MacKeeper'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 14 of the 56 other antivirus apps we grade

MacKeeper is an all-in-one maintenance app for macOS that combines malware and adware scanning with junk cleanup, an uninstaller, memory cleaning, a VPN and breach monitoring. Every paid plan unlocks all tools; plans differ only by the number of Macs and the length of the term.

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

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> **No store rating on record, but it is a Mac app you install and run.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a Mac cleanup app with antivirus attached**

It is Mac only, and the pricing page states no renewal price.

2 **Paid plans start at $5.95 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $5.95 per month for 1 Mac, billed yearly ($71.40); renewal price not stated.

3 **There is a free plan**

Free version offers one-time use of the memory cleaner, one week of malware scanning and a limited adware blocker.

4 **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

5 **Antivirus and adware cleaner**

Scans for malware and adware and offers real-time protection; the vendor cites a 99.7% detection rate in an AV-TEST comparison.

6 **Mac cleaner and uninstaller**

Removes junk files, duplicates, unused apps and leftover files to free disk space.

7 **Memory cleaner and optimizer**

Quits memory-heavy apps and manages startup items to free RAM.

8 **A 2.0 GPA, above 14 of 56**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace MacKeeper you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

MacKeeper at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $5.95 per month for 1 Mac, billed yearly ($71.40); renewal price not stated	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS
MADE BY Clario Tech	CATEGORY Antivirus & Malware Protection
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a Mac cleanup app with antivirus attached

MacKeeper is a Mac maintenance app with antivirus, cleanup and a VPN, from $5.95 a month billed yearly. It is Mac only, and the pricing page states no renewal price. The homepage says pricing starts at $10.95 a month, which differs from the pricing page.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

MacKeeper

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$71.40 a year for 1 Mac, shown as $5.95 a month, between the middle and the dearer quarter of this category. The month-to-month plan is $14.95 and no renewal price is stated.
Free plan and trial	C	A free version with one use of the memory cleaner, one week of malware scanning and a limited adware blocker.
Features	C	Antivirus, cleanup and VPN in one Mac app, though the antivirus is one part of a maintenance suite.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record, but it is a Mac app you install and run.
Platforms and integrations	D	Mac only: no Windows, iPhone or Android app is listed.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

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 MacKeeper is for

- ✓ Fits if you want cleanup tools and a scanner in one Mac app
- ✓ Works for one or three Macs on a yearly plan

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use Windows or a phone, as only Mac is covered
- ✗ Pricey if you pay monthly at $14.95
- ✗ Watch out: the homepage says from $10.95 a month while the pricing page shows lower figures
- ✗ Watch out: the refund must be requested within 30 days and is lost after six months of use
- ✗ Tight if you stay on free: one week of malware scanning only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac owners who want cleanup and security in one app
- ✓ Households covering up to three Macs

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Mac only; no Windows, iOS or Android app is listed.
- ⓘ The pricing page does not state what yearly plans cost at renewal; it says only that later payments are billed annually.
- ⓘ The 14-day money-back guarantee must be requested within 30 days for yearly plans and is lost once the license has been used for six months.
- ⓘ The homepage lists pricing as starting at $10.95 a month, which differs from the pricing page figures.

What it costs

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

$5.95

A month to start. There is a free plan too

MacKeeper has a free plan. Paid plans start at $5.95 per month for 1 Mac, billed yearly ($71.40); renewal price not stated.

> **A free version with one use of the memory cleaner, one week of malware scanning and a limited adware blocker.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

12-MONTH, 1 MAC

$5.95

per month, billed yearly; first term, renewal price not stated

$71.40 for the year, shown against a crossed-out $179.40; covers 1 Mac with every MacKeeper tool.

12-MONTH, 3 MACS

$7.45

per month, billed yearly; first term, renewal price not stated

$89.40 for the year, shown against a crossed-out $179.40; covers 3 Macs.

1-MONTH, 1 MAC

$14.95

per month, billed monthly

Month-to-month plan for 1 Mac with full access to every tool.

The free plan

Free version offers one-time use of the memory cleaner, one week of malware scanning and a limited adware blocker.

Read from mackeeper.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

14-day money-back guarantee

All plans are eligible for a refund requested within 30 days of purchase on yearly plans or 14 days on monthly plans.

Stated on mackeeper.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 maintenance app with antivirus, cleanup and a VPN. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: system monitor, disk cleanup, vPN, ad and tracker blocking, malware protection.

> **Antivirus, cleanup and VPN in one Mac app, though the antivirus is one part of a maintenance suite.**
>
> From our grade for features

Antivirus and adware cleaner

Scans for malware and adware and offers real-time protection; the vendor cites a 99.7% detection rate in an AV-TEST comparison.

Mac cleaner and uninstaller

Removes junk files, duplicates, unused apps and leftover files to free disk space.

Memory cleaner and optimizer

Quits memory-heavy apps and manages startup items to free RAM.

VPN, ad blocker and breach monitoring

Includes a VPN, an ad and tracker blocker, and monitoring of email accounts for password leaks.

In-app chat support

Chat with support staff from inside the app, which the vendor says is available around the clock.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

MacKeeper is made by Clario Tech.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

14/56

Other antivirus apps it is graded above

MacKeeper's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 14 of the 56 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 11.

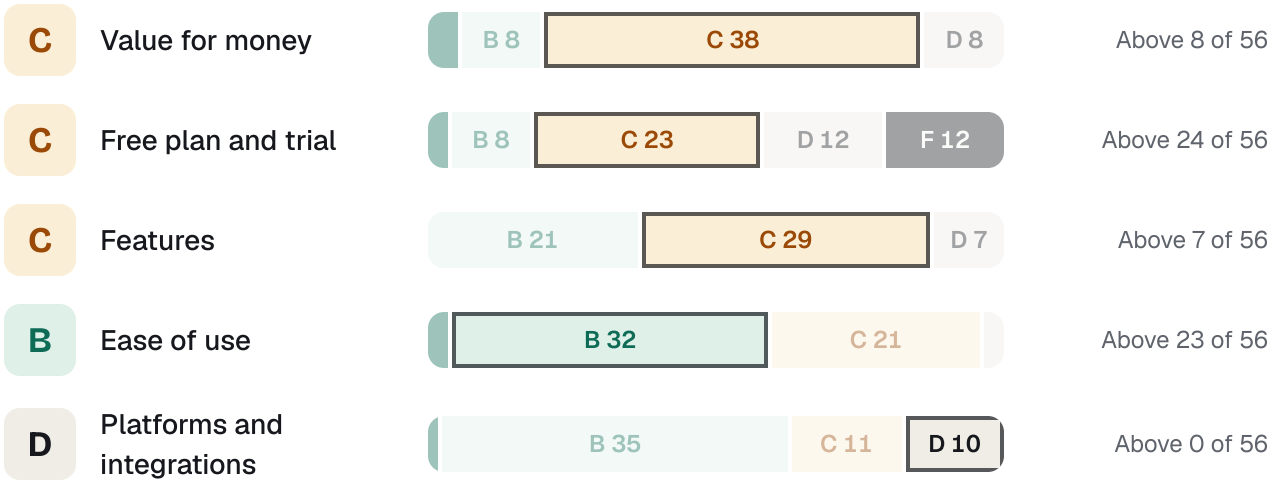
It stands best on ease of use (B, above 23 of 56) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $5.95 a month, against a middle price of $4.17 for the category: 25 of the 34 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 21 tools score higher and cost less.

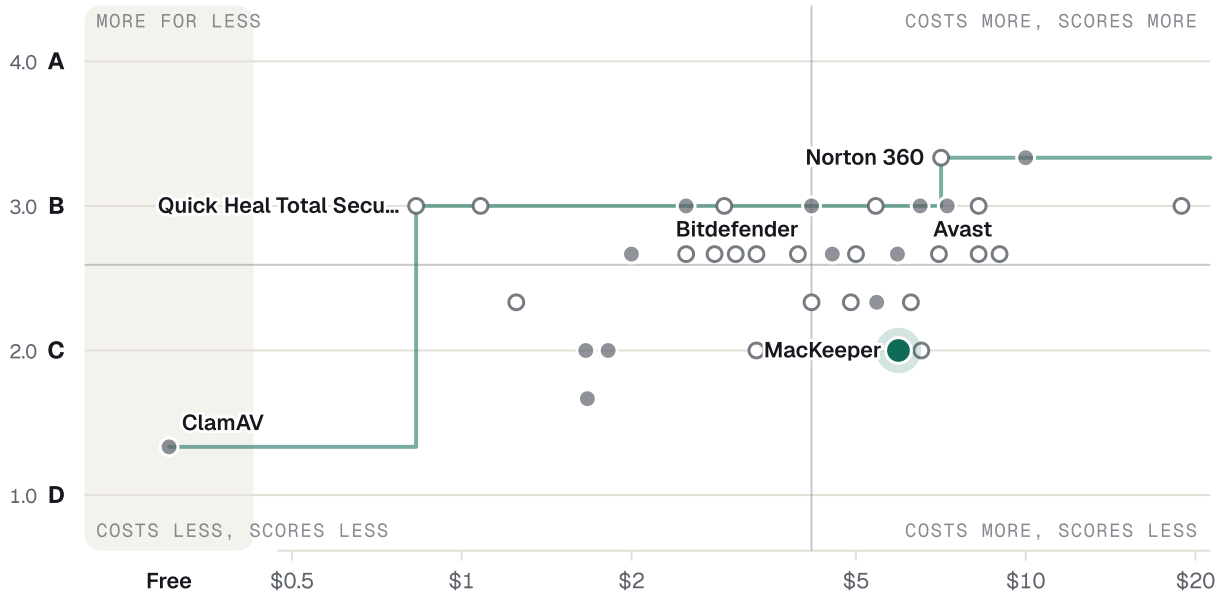
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 57 antivirus apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. MacKeeper's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 36 antivirus apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. MacKeeper 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

To replace MacKeeper you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 31 of the 56 other antivirus apps grade higher. It costs $71.40 a year.

What you could make

- Ad and tracker blocking: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.

- Servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.
- Deleting system files without breaking anything.
- Readings from inside the operating system.
- A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. MacKeeper'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



Intego, Moonlock, Malwarebytes, Bitdefender and Sophos Home

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

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Intego

From $39.99/yr

Mac antivirus and firewall suite, with a VPN and a Windows edition.

- MacKeeper has a free plan. Intego does not.
- Only Intego lists Windows and iOS apps.
- MacKeeper also covers system monitor and ad and tracker blocking.

MacKeeper and Intego compared in full

2.0 GPA

Moonlock

Free trial · from $54/yr

Mac antivirus with real-time scanning, a VPN and a scam checker.

- MacKeeper has a free plan. Moonlock does not, though it has a free trial.
- MacKeeper also covers system monitor, disk cleanup and ad and tracker blocking.

MacKeeper and Moonlock compared in full

2.2 GPA

Malwarebytes

Free plan · from $59.99/yr

Malware scanner and real-time protection, with VPN and ID plans.

- Only Malwarebytes lists Windows, Android and iOS apps.
- Only Malwarebytes lists a browser extension.
- MacKeeper also covers system monitor and disk cleanup.

MacKeeper and Malwarebytes compared in full

2.8 GPA

Bitdefender

Free plan · from $49.99/yr

Antivirus suites for computers and phones, with a free Windows tier.

- Only Bitdefender lists Windows, Android and iOS apps.
- MacKeeper also covers system monitor, disk cleanup and ad and tracker blocking.
- Bitdefender also covers password manager.

MacKeeper and Bitdefender compared in full

2.4 GPA

Sophos Home

Free trial · from $59.99/yr

Business-grade antivirus for up to 10 Windows PCs and Macs.

- MacKeeper has a free plan. Sophos Home does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Sophos Home lists Windows, Android and iOS apps.
- MacKeeper also covers system monitor, disk cleanup, vPN and ad and tracker blocking.

MacKeeper and Sophos Home 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 MacKeeper free?

MacKeeper has a free plan. Free version offers one-time use of the memory cleaner, one week of malware scanning and a limited adware blocker.

How much does MacKeeper cost?

MacKeeper lists 3 plans. 12-month, 1 Mac: $5.95 per month, billed yearly; first term, renewal price not stated.

What platforms does MacKeeper work on?

MacKeeper is available on macOS.

Does MacKeeper offer any discounts?

MacKeeper publicly lists the following: 14-day money-back guarantee.

Does MacKeeper have an Android app?

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

Does MacKeeper have an iPhone app?

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

Is MacKeeper open source?

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

Who makes MacKeeper?

MacKeeper is made by Clario Tech.

What are the alternatives to MacKeeper?

The closest alternatives to MacKeeper in our directory are Intego, Moonlock, Malwarebytes, Bitdefender and Sophos Home.

How does MacKeeper compare with other antivirus apps?

MacKeeper's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 14 of the 56 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 11.

Is MacKeeper good value for money?

ToolGPA grades MacKeeper C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $5.95 a month, against a middle price of $4.17 for the category: 25 of the 34 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of MacKeeper?

To replace MacKeeper you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from MacKeeper'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 Clario Tech'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 Clario Tech. Prices change, so check mackeeper.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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

7,721

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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7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

MacKeeper, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/mackeeper

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

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

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

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Antivirus & Malware Protection Insider's Guide

Every one of the 57 antivirus apps we grade, compared

Avast Insider's Guide

Free antivirus for PC, Mac and phones, with paid Premium and Ultimate

3.0 GPA

AVG Insider's Guide

Free antivirus for Windows, with paid Internet Security and Ultimate

2.8 GPA

Bitdefender Insider's Guide

Antivirus suites for computers and phones, with a free Windows tier

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