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Moonlock

The Insider's Guide

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



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Moonlock's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Moonlock'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 0 of the 25 other antivirus apps we grade

Moonlock is an antivirus app built only for macOS by MacPaw's cybersecurity division. It runs background malware scanning, a manual scanner, a VPN, a network inspector that can block connections to chosen countries, and a tool that checks pasted messages for scams. It is sold by subscription for 1, 2 or 5 Macs, or as a one-time purchase.

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

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> **It is an app you install and run, with nothing to set up before it starts scanning.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for antivirus for a single Mac**

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

2 **Paid plans start at $4.50 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $54 per year for 1 Mac ($13.50 billed monthly).

3 **You can try it first**

7 days free, then billed at the plan chosen

4 **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

5 **Real-time protection**

Scans in the background, even when the app is closed, and checks files, apps and Mail attachments. It neutralizes a risky file but leaves the decision to remove it to you.

6 **Malware scanner**

A manual scan of the Mac that quarantines detected malware, and explains what it found, why it is dangerous and what to do next.

7 **VPN and network inspector**

A VPN encrypts the connection on untrusted networks, and the network inspector can cut connections to countries the user chooses.

8 **A 2.0 GPA, above 0 of 25**

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 Moonlock 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.

Moonlock at a glance

PRICING Free trial, from $54 per year for 1 Mac ($13.50 billed monthly)	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 7 days free, then billed at the plan chosen	RUNS ON macOS
MADE BY MacPaw Way Ltd.	CATEGORY Antivirus & Malware Protection
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for antivirus for a single Mac

Moonlock is a Mac-only antivirus with real-time scanning, a VPN and a scam checker. It runs on macOS 13 or later and nothing else, the 7-day trial turns into a $54 charge unless you cancel, and the one-time $150 may leave out major upgrades.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Moonlock** — Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$54 a year for 1 Mac, which works out to $4.50 a month. That sits right at the middle of what antivirus charges ($4.50), neither cheap nor dear. The one-time $150 is more than two years of that middle price.
Free plan and trial	D	7 days free, and it starts on the yearly plan, so $54 is charged automatically when it ends unless you cancel. No free version of the app.
Features	B	Real-time scanning, a manual scanner, a VPN, a network inspector that can block countries, a scam checker and a settings advisor. Nothing in the listing is missing from the job an antivirus does.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. It is an app you install and run, with nothing to set up before it starts scanning.
Platforms and integrations	D	macOS 13 or later only. The site mentions no Windows, iPhone or Android app, and no integrations.
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 Moonlock is for

- ✓ Fits if you have one Mac and want a scanner built only for macOS
- ✓ Works for a household of 1, 2 or 5 Macs that wants a one-time purchase option

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you also use Windows, iPhone or Android, as there is no app for them
- ✗ Watch out: the 7-day trial charges $54 on its own when it ends unless you cancel
- ✗ Pricey if you pay monthly, at $13.50 against $54 for the year
- ✗ Watch out: the one-time $150 may not include major upgrades and new features, and 2- and 5-Mac prices only show at checkout

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac owners who want a malware scanner built for macOS
- ✓ People who prefer a one-time purchase to a subscription
- ✓ Households with one, two or five Macs

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Mac only: the system requirements list macOS 13 or later, and the site mentions no Windows, iOS or Android app.
- ⓘ The 7-day trial starts on a yearly plan and charges $54 automatically when it ends unless cancelled.
- ⓘ Prices for the 2- and 5-device options were not shown without selecting them, so only the 1-device prices are listed here.
- ⓘ The one-time purchase may not include major upgrades and new features, according to the checkout page.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$4.50

A month to start, paid by the year

Moonlock is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $54 per year for 1 Mac ($13.50 billed monthly).

YEARLY

$54

per year for 1 device ($13.50 billed monthly)

Shown as $4.50 a month billed yearly. The 7-day free trial starts on this plan. 2- and 5-device options also exist.

MONTHLY

$13.50

per month for 1 device, billed monthly

Month-to-month billing for one Mac. Prices for the 2- and 5-device options were not readable without choosing them in checkout.

ONE-TIME PURCHASE

$150

for 1 device, paid once, one-time

Paid once with no renewal. The checkout says it may not include major upgrades and new features.

Trying it first

7 days free, then billed at the plan chosen

Read from pay.macpaw.com on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Yearly billing is $4.50 a month

The checkout lists the yearly plan at $54 billed yearly against $13.50 a month when billed monthly.

Stated on pay.macpaw.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 antivirus with real-time scanning, a VPN and a scam checker. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, vPN, malware protection.

> **Real-time scanning, a manual scanner, a VPN, a network inspector that can block countries, a scam checker and a settings advisor.**
>
> From our grade for features

Real-time protection

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Malware scanner

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VPN and network inspector

A VPN encrypts the connection on untrusted networks, and the network inspector can cut connections to countries the user chooses.

Scam Detector

Paste a suspicious message and the AI-powered detector says whether it looks like a scam.

System protection and Security Advisor

Checks the Mac's security settings and walks through the ones to tighten, plus short advice on safer habits.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Moonlock is made by MacPaw Way Ltd.

Where it stands

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

0/25

Other antivirus apps it is graded above

Moonlock's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 0 of the 25 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 3.

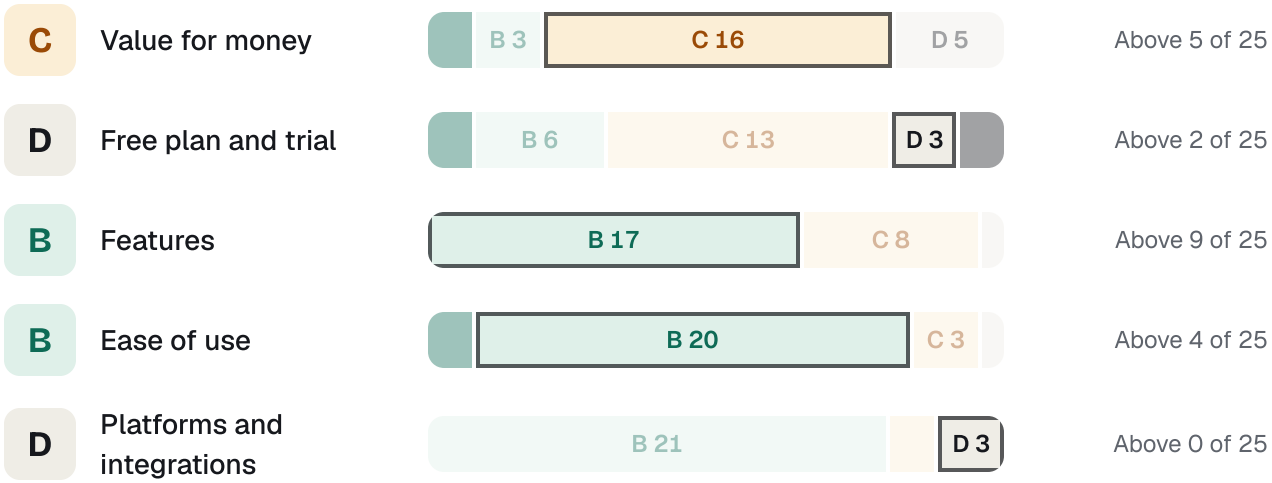
It stands best on features (B, above 9 of 25) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $4.50 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $4.50 for the category: 10 of the 20 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 9 tools score higher and cost less.

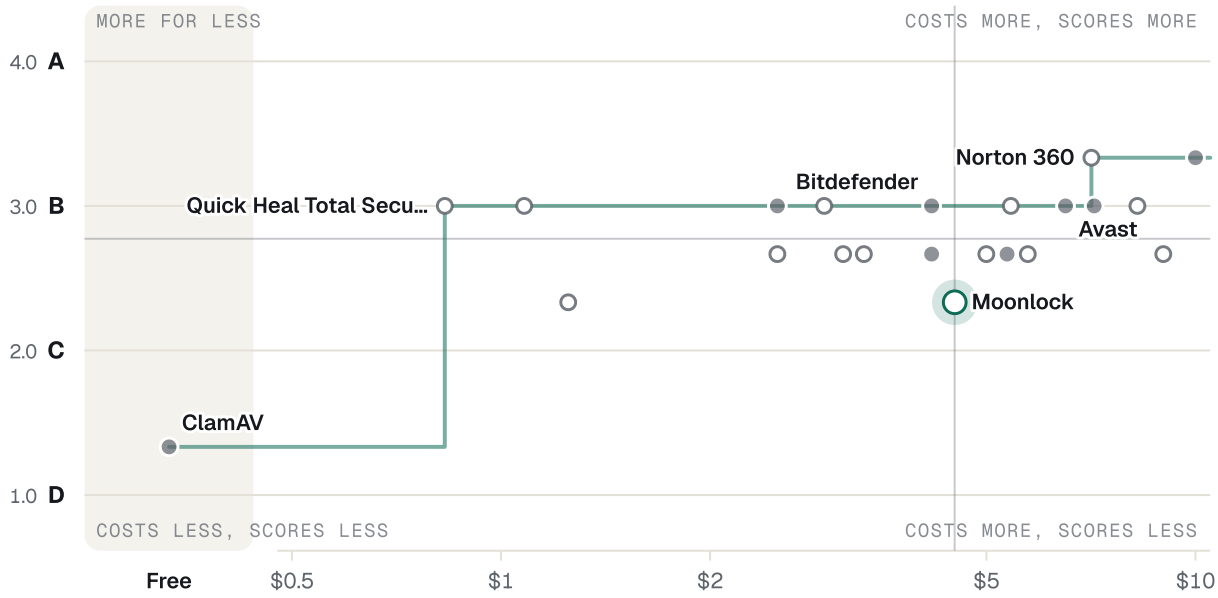
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 26 antivirus apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Moonlock's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 22 antivirus apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Moonlock 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 Moonlock 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: 22 of the 25 other antivirus apps grade higher. It costs $54 a year.

What you could not

- An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.
- Servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.

- ✕ A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Moonlock'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, Malwarebytes, Bitdefender, Norton 360 and Avast

The 5 tools Moonlock 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.

- Only Intego lists Windows and iOS apps.
- Intego also covers disk cleanup.

Moonlock and Intego compared in full

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Malwarebytes

Free plan · from $59.99/yr

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

- Malwarebytes has a free plan. Moonlock does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Malwarebytes lists Windows, Android and iOS apps.
- Only Malwarebytes lists a browser extension.

Moonlock and Malwarebytes compared in full

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Bitdefender

Free plan · from $49.99/yr

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

- Bitdefender has a free plan. Moonlock does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Bitdefender lists Windows, Android and iOS apps.
- Bitdefender also covers password manager.

Moonlock and Bitdefender compared in full

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Norton 360

Free trial · from $84.99/yr

Antivirus suite with VPN, password manager and PC cloud backup.

- Only Norton 360 lists Windows, Android and iOS apps.
- Norton 360 also covers password manager and ad and tracker blocking.

Moonlock and Norton 360 compared in full

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Avast

Free plan · from $77.99/yr

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

- Avast has a free plan. Moonlock does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Avast lists Windows, Android and iOS apps.
- Only Avast lists a browser extension.

Moonlock and Avast 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 Moonlock free?

No, Moonlock is a paid product, but you can try it first. 7 days free, then billed at the plan chosen.

How much does Moonlock cost?

Moonlock lists 3 plans. Yearly: $54 per year for 1 device ($13.50 billed monthly).

What platforms does Moonlock work on?

Moonlock is available on macOS.

Does Moonlock offer any discounts?

Moonlock publicly lists the following: Yearly billing is $4.50 a month.

Does Moonlock have an Android app?

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

Does Moonlock have an iPhone app?

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

Is Moonlock open source?

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

Who makes Moonlock?

Moonlock is made by MacPaw Way Ltd.

What are the alternatives to Moonlock?

The closest alternatives to Moonlock in our directory are Intego, Malwarebytes, Bitdefender, Norton 360 and Avast.

How does Moonlock compare with other antivirus apps?

Moonlock's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 0 of the 25 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 3.

Is Moonlock good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Moonlock C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $4.50 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $4.50 for the category: 10 of the 20 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Moonlock?

To replace Moonlock 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 Moonlock'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 Moonlock'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 MacPaw Way Ltd. Prices change, so check moonlock.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

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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

Moonlock, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/moonlock

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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Prices and grades as they are today

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Antivirus & Malware Protection Insider's Guide

Every one of the 26 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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