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Pair Networks

The Insider’s Guide

Managed shared, WordPress and VPS hosting from Pittsburgh



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among web hosts, read from Pair Networks’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Pair Networks's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Pair Networks'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 5 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

Pair Networks is a Pittsburgh-based host that sells fully managed shared hosting, managed WordPress hosting and VPS plans, with 24/7 support by phone, chat and email. Advertised prices are first-term sale prices for new customers, and the plans renew at the regular rate.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about Pair Networks**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **Managed servers cut the admin, but a hosting panel and site setup are still on you.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for managed shared hosting from a long-running host**

Pair Networks sells fully managed shared hosting, WordPress and VPS plans with a 100-day money-back guarantee.

2 **Paid plans start at $2.99 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $9.99 per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $2.99 per month (Essential).

3 It runs on Web

Web.

4 Fully managed servers

Pair says it looks after server software, security, hardware, WordPress updates and email setup, with support staff in Pittsburgh available 24/7 by phone, chat and email.

5 Shared hosting on NVMe

Shared plans run on NVMe storage, include SSH and SFTP, cron management, free SSL certificates, free file backups and 2TB of bandwidth.

6 Managed WordPress plans

Standard and VPS-powered WordPress plans include staging sites, automated backups with one-click restore, PHP version control and malware scanning.

7 A 1.6 GPA, above 5 of 122

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

8 Keep it

To replace Pair Networks you would be making servers kept running, patched and backed up for you. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Pair Networks at a glance

PRICING
Paid, from $9.99 per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $2.99 per month (Essential)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Pair Networks, Inc., since 1996

CATEGORY
Web Hosting

OUR GRADE
1.6 GPA, weak

The report card

Best for managed shared hosting from a long-running host

Pair Networks sells fully managed shared hosting, WordPress and VPS plans with a 100-day money-back guarantee. The low prices are for the first 12-month term only, and renewal costs three to five times more.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Pair Networks** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Essential is $2.99 a month for the first 12-month term, then $9.99 at renewal. Add-ons such as the site builder, CDN and backups are extra.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan and no trial; a 100-day money-back guarantee is not a trial.
Features	C	Shared, WordPress and VPS hosting with free migration. Essential has one site and two MySQL databases.
Ease of use	C	Managed servers cut the admin, but a hosting panel and site setup are still on you. No store rating.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web hosting with no listed integrations or apps.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 — **1.6**

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 Pair Networks is for

- ✓ Fits if you want managed shared hosting and a long refund window
- ✓ Works for one small site on the Essential plan

Who it is not for

- ✕ Pricey if you stay past the first year, as shared plans renew at roughly three to five times the first-term price
- ✕ Watch out: the headline prices need a prepaid 12-month term and apply to new customers only
- ✕ Tight if you want extras, since the site builder, CDN, off-site backups and mail are paid add-ons
- ✕ Skip it if you want to try before paying, as there is no free plan or trial

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Site owners who want a long-established US host with phone support
- ✓ People who would rather hand server upkeep to the host than run a VPS themselves
- ✓ WordPress sites that need staging and automated backups

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The low headline prices apply to the first invoice of a prepaid 12-month term for new customers only; shared plans renew at roughly three to five times the first-term price.
- ⓘ Add-ons such as the site builder, CDN, off-site backups and Pair Platinum Mail are not included in the plan prices.
- ⓘ The Essential shared plan hosts one site and two MySQL databases.
- ⓘ Pair publishes no free plan or free trial; its refund promise is a 100-day money-back guarantee.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$2.99

A month to start

Pair Networks is a paid product, starting at $9.99 per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $2.99 per month (Essential).

> **Add-ons such as the site builder, CDN and backups are extra.**

From our grade for value for money

ESSENTIAL (SHARED)

$9.99

per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $2.99 per month

1 site, 2 MySQL databases and 20GB NVMe storage. The first 12-month prepaid term costs $35.88 and the renewal $119.88 a year.

PREMIUM (SHARED)

$18.99

per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $5.99 per month

10 sites, 20 MySQL databases and 75GB NVMe storage. The first term costs $71.88 and the renewal $227.88 a year.

PROFESSIONAL (SHARED)

$34.99

per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $10.99 per month

Unlimited sites, 500 MySQL databases and 150GB NVMe storage. The first term costs $131.88 and the renewal $419.88 a year.

WP ENTHUSIAST I (MANAGED WORDPRESS)

$15.99

per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $7.99 per month

2 WordPress sites, 30GB NVMe storage and 150GB monthly transfer, with staging, automated backups and weekly malware scanning. The renewal is $191.88 a year.

VPS SELECT

$48

per month, billed monthly

4 vCPU, 8GB RAM and 200GB NVMe with unmetered bandwidth and unlimited sites. 1, 2 and 3-year terms are $36, $33 and $30 a month for new customers and renew at $40 a month.

VPS PLUS

$90

per month, billed monthly

8 vCPU, 16GB RAM and 400GB NVMe with unmetered bandwidth and unlimited sites. Term pricing is $68, $62 and $56 a month for new customers and renews at $75 a month.

Read from pair.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

New-customer first-term discounts

Shared plans are advertised up to 70% off for a prepaid 12-month term, and VPS plans 25%, 31% or 38% off on 1, 2 or 3-year terms. Pair says the sale applies to new customers and the first invoice only.

Stated on pair.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: Web

Managed shared, WordPress and VPS hosting from Pittsburgh. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, managed WordPress.

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Shared, WordPress and VPS hosting with free migration.

From our grade for features

Fully managed servers

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Managed WordPress plans

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VPS hosting

VPS plans include unlimited sites, unlimited mailboxes, unmetered bandwidth, free SSL, malware scanning and a 100-day money-back guarantee.

WP Site Builder add-on

An AI site builder for WordPress plans, sold as an add-on from $2.95 a month.

Free migration

Pair advertises that it moves an existing website over for new customers at no charge.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Pair Networks is made by Pair Networks, Inc., and has been around since 1996.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

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Other web hosts it is graded above

Pair Networks's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 5 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 23.

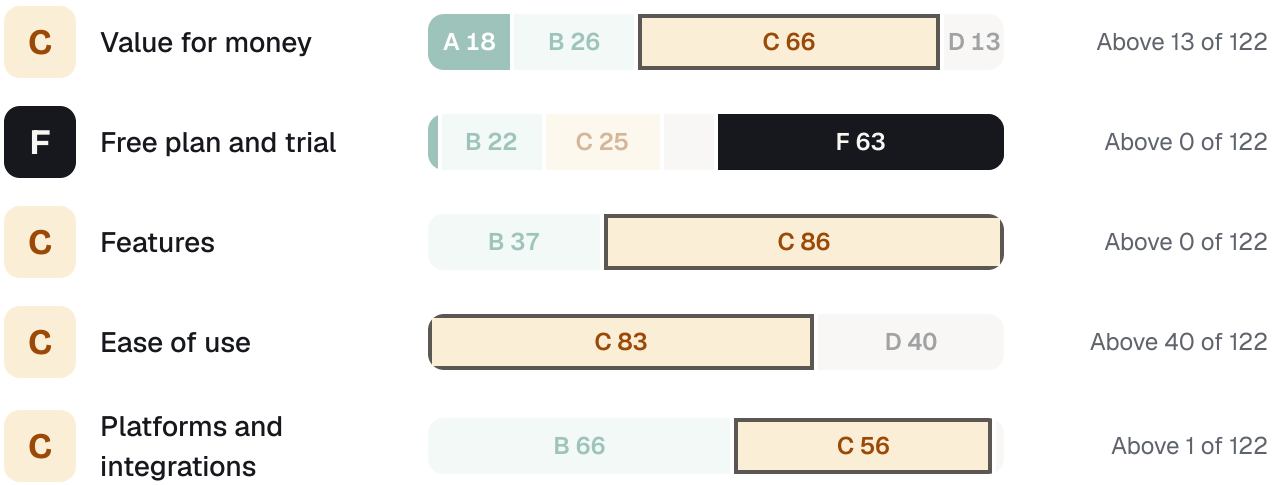
It stands best on ease of use (C, above 40 of 122) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $2.99 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 15 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 9 tools score higher and cost less.

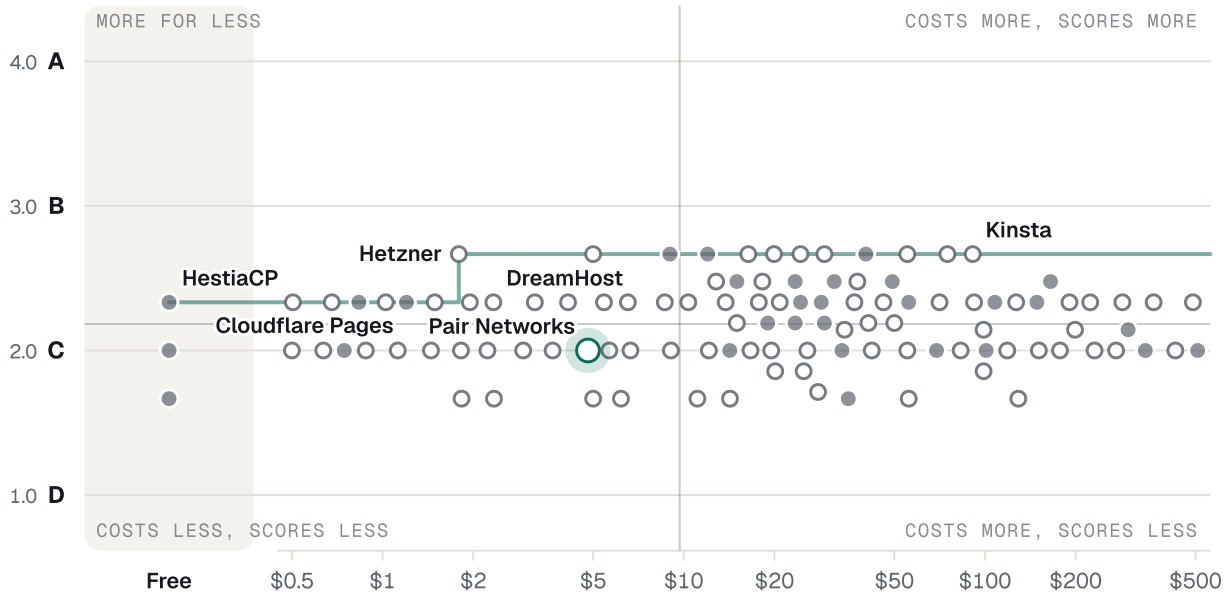
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. Pair Networks's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 111 web hosts. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Pair Networks 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 Pair Networks you would be making servers kept running, patched and backed up for you. 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: 94 of the 122 other web hosts grade higher. It costs $35.88 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ Servers kept running, patched and backed up for you.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. Pair Networks'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



DreamHost, HostGator, InterServer and Liquid Web

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

DreamHost

2.2 GPA

From $7.99/mo

Independent shared and WordPress host with monthly or multi-year terms.

Pair Networks and DreamHost compared in full

HostGator

2.0 GPA

From $10.99/mo

Shared and WordPress hosting with malware scanning and a free domain.

- HostGator also covers malware protection.

Pair Networks and HostGator compared in full

InterServer

2.0 GPA

From $3/mo

One shared hosting plan plus cloud VPS sold in $3 slices.

- Pair Networks also covers managed WordPress.
- InterServer also covers no-code and malware protection.

Pair Networks and InterServer compared in full

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Liquid Web

From $17/mo

Managed WordPress, VPS and dedicated server hosting for businesses.

- Liquid Web also covers malware protection.

Pair Networks and Liquid Web 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 Pair Networks free?

No. Pair Networks is a paid product, starting at $9.99 per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $2.99 per month (Essential).

How much does Pair Networks cost?

Pair Networks lists 6 plans. Essential (shared): $9.99 per month at renewal, after a first 12-month term at $2.99 per month.

What platforms does Pair Networks work on?

Pair Networks is available on Web.

Does Pair Networks offer any discounts?

Pair Networks publicly lists the following: New-customer first-term discounts.

Does Pair Networks have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Pair Networks is listed for Web.

Does Pair Networks have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Pair Networks is listed for Web.

Is Pair Networks open source?

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

Who makes Pair Networks?

Pair Networks is made by Pair Networks, Inc. It dates from 1996.

What are the alternatives to Pair Networks?

The closest alternatives to Pair Networks in our directory are DreamHost, HostGator, InterServer and Liquid Web.

How does Pair Networks compare with other web hosts?

Pair Networks's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 5 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 23.

Is Pair Networks good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Pair Networks C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $2.99 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 15 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Pair Networks?

To replace Pair Networks you would be making servers kept running, patched and backed up for you.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Pair Networks'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 Pair'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 Pair Networks, Inc. Prices change, so check pair.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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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.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Pair Networks, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/pair-networks

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

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Prices and grades as they are today

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Web Hosting Insider's Guide

Every one of the 123 web hosts we grade, compared

Cloudflare Pages Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for static sites and full-stack apps

2.8 GPA

GitHub Pages Insider's Guide

Static site hosting built into GitHub repositories

2.8 GPA

Netlify Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for sites and web apps, priced by monthly credits

2.8 GPA

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