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Pinnacle Studio

The Insider’s Guide

Windows video editor with multi-camera and stop-motion tools



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among screen recording and video tools, read from Pinnacle Studio’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Pinnacle Studio's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Pinnacle Studio'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 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade

Pinnacle Studio is a Windows video editor sold in Standard, Ultimate and bundle editions. It has a timeline and storyboard editor with six tracks, keyframe controls, multi-camera editing, split-screen video, screen recording, stop-motion animation and DVD authoring. The vendor offers a 15-day free trial.

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

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>
> **No store rating on record, and a full timeline editor has a learning curve.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a Windows editor with multi-camera and stop motion**

Pinnacle Studio is a Windows video editor with multi-camera, stop-motion, masking and tracking tools.

2 **You can try it first**

15-day free trial of Pinnacle Studio, offered on its product page.

3 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

4 **Timeline and storyboard editing**

Drag-and-drop editing across 6 tracks, with keyframes to adjust brightness, transparency, saturation and other parameters.

5 **Multi-camera editing**

Edit footage from several cameras together, with split-screen video templates for showing clips side by side.

6 **Stop motion animation**

Build stop-motion sequences from a camera or webcam and edit them with the rest of the project.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 14 of 133**

That is against the other screen recording and video tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

To replace Pinnacle Studio you would be making a video editor. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Pinnacle Studio at a glance

PRICING Free trial	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 15-day free trial of Pinnacle Studio, offered on its product page.	RUNS ON Windows
MADE BY Corel Corporation	CATEGORY Screen Recording & Video
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for a Windows editor with multi-camera and stop motion

Pinnacle Studio is a Windows video editor with multi-camera, stop-motion, masking and tracking tools. No dollar price was readable, the page describes version 26, and it is Windows only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Pinnacle Studio	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No dollar price is recorded, so it sits in the middle of the category.
Free plan and trial	C	A 15-day trial; the listing does not say whether a card is needed.
Features	B	Timeline and storyboard editing, multi-camera, stop motion, masking and tracking, screen recording and DVD authoring.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and a full timeline editor has a learning curve.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows 11 and 10, 64-bit only; no Mac, phone or web version.
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 Pinnacle Studio is for

- ✓ Fits if you edit on a Windows PC and want stop motion and multi-camera in one program
- ✓ Works for people who still burn discs

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use a Mac, as the site lists Windows only
- ✗ Watch out: the page describes Pinnacle Studio 26, so check whether a newer version is on sale
- ✗ Skip it if you want a clear price, as none could be read in dollars
- ✗ Watch out: the Ultimate bundle adds PaintShop Pro, so you pay for a photo editor you may not want

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who want keyframes and masking without a subscription editor
- ✓ Family and event videos shot on several cameras
- ✓ Stop-motion and screen-recording projects

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The vendor's price was not readable in US dollars from the pages fetched, so none is recorded; check the Pricing page.
- ⓘ Windows 11 and 10, 64-bit only; the site lists no Mac version.
- ⓘ The product page describes Pinnacle Studio 26; check whether a newer version is on sale.
- ⓘ The Ultimate bundle adds Corel PaintShop Pro for photo editing.

What it costs

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

Pinnacle Studio's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No dollar price is recorded, so it sits in the middle of the category.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm Pinnacle Studio’s current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. pinnaclesys.com has them.

What it does

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

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Place it runs: Windows

Windows video editor with multi-camera and stop-motion tools. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: templates, screen recording, video editing.

> **Timeline and storyboard editing, multi-camera, stop motion, masking and tracking, screen recording and DVD authoring.**
>
> From our grade for features

Timeline and storyboard editing

Drag-and-drop editing across 6 tracks, with keyframes to adjust brightness, transparency, saturation and other parameters.

Multi-camera editing

Edit footage from several cameras together, with split-screen video templates for showing clips side by side.

Stop motion animation

Build stop-motion sequences from a camera or webcam and edit them with the rest of the project.

Video masking and tracking

Create shape masks, track objects and apply effects to a mask or matte.

Screen recording and DVD authoring

Record the screen for tutorials and burn finished projects to disc with menus.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Pinnacle Studio is made by Corel Corporation.

Where it stands

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

14/133

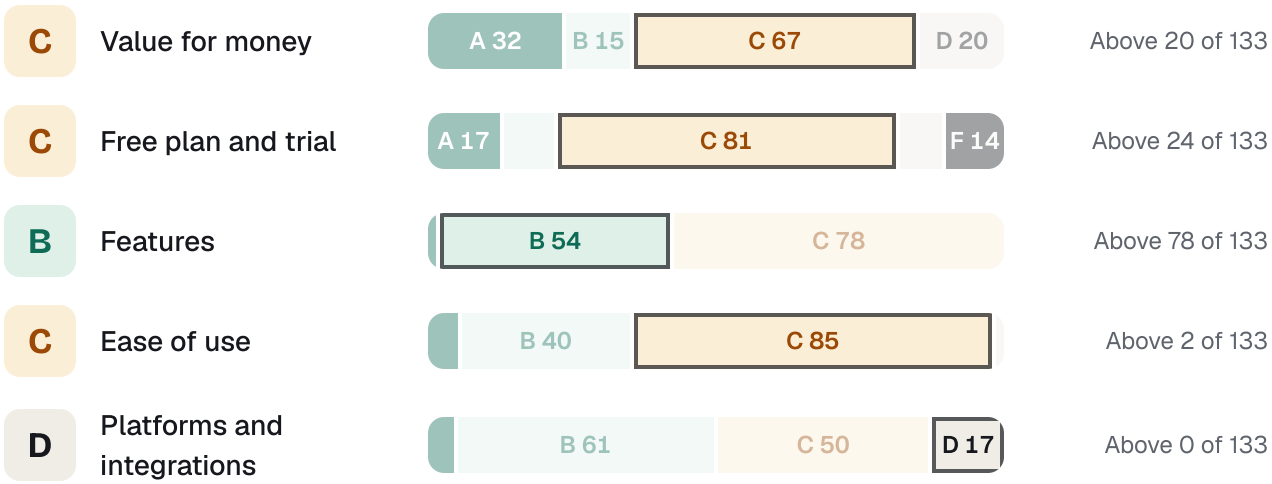
Other screen recording and video tools it is graded above

Pinnacle Studio's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 14 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 27.

It stands best on features (B, above 78 of 133) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Pinnacle Studio'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.

Keep it

To replace Pinnacle Studio you would be making a video editor. 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: 92 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools grade higher.

What you could make

- Templates: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A video editor.
- Recording the screen with its sound, and somewhere to keep the video.
- A real app for 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. Pinnacle Studio'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



Corel VideoStudio, PowerDirector, MAGIX Video Pro X, Vegas Pro and Wondershare Filmora

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

Corel VideoStudio

2.0 GPA

Free trial

Windows video editor sold as Pro and Ultimate editions.

- Corel VideoStudio also covers transcription.

Pinnacle Studio and Corel VideoStudio compared in full

PowerDirector

2.8 GPA

Free plan · from $79.99/yr

Desktop video editor with AI tools, subscription or one-time.

- PowerDirector has a free plan. Pinnacle Studio does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only PowerDirector lists macOS and Android apps.
- PowerDirector can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Pinnacle Studio and PowerDirector compared in full



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MAGIX Video Pro X

Free trial · from $139.99 one-time

Windows video editor with HDR color grading and audio tools.

- MAGIX Video Pro X can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Pinnacle Studio also covers templates and screen recording.
- MAGIX Video Pro X also covers text to speech.

Pinnacle Studio and MAGIX Video Pro X compared in full



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Vegas Pro

Free trial · from $8.33/mo

Windows video editor with AI tools, now published by Boris FX.

- Pinnacle Studio also covers templates and screen recording.
- Vegas Pro also covers transcription and text to speech.

Pinnacle Studio and Vegas Pro compared in full



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Wondershare Filmora

Free plan · from $49.99/yr

Desktop and mobile video editor with AI tools and a stock library.

- Wondershare Filmora has a free plan. Pinnacle Studio does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Wondershare Filmora lists macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- Wondershare Filmora can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Pinnacle Studio and Wondershare Filmora 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 Pinnacle Studio free?

No, Pinnacle Studio is a paid product, but you can try it first. 15-day free trial of Pinnacle Studio, offered on its product page.

What platforms does Pinnacle Studio work on?

Pinnacle Studio is available on Windows.

Does Pinnacle Studio have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Pinnacle Studio is listed for Windows.

Does Pinnacle Studio have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Pinnacle Studio is listed for Windows.

Is Pinnacle Studio open source?

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

Who makes Pinnacle Studio?

Pinnacle Studio is made by Corel Corporation.

What are the alternatives to Pinnacle Studio?

The closest alternatives to Pinnacle Studio in our directory are Corel VideoStudio, PowerDirector, MAGIX Video Pro X, Vegas Pro and Wondershare Filmora.

How does Pinnacle Studio compare with other screen recording and video tools?

Pinnacle Studio's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 14 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 27.

Could I make my own version of Pinnacle Studio?

To replace Pinnacle Studio you would be making a video editor. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Pinnacle Studio'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 Pinnacle Studio'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 Corel Corporation. Prices change, so check pinnaclesys.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.

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.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

Pinnacle Studio, kept up to date

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

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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

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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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Screen Recording & Video Insider's Guide

Every one of the 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, compared

DaVinci Resolve Insider's Guide

Video editing, color, effects and audio post-production in one app

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Zencastr Insider's Guide

Free podcast recording, chat-based editing and hosting in one app

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Cap Insider's Guide

Open-source screen recorder with instant share links and an editor

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