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StrongVPN

The Insider's Guide

VPN with a StrongDNS smart DNS proxy and 3GB of eSIM data



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among VPNs, read from StrongVPN's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from StrongVPN's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on StrongVPN'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 4 of the 27 other VPNs we grade

StrongVPN is a subscription VPN from Strong Technology, LLC, a Ziff Davis company. Each account covers up to 12 simultaneous connections and includes StrongDNS, a smart DNS proxy for streaming on devices that cannot run a VPN app, plus 3GB of global eSIM data. It sells an annual plan and a monthly plan.

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

1 **Best for a VPN with a smart DNS proxy for streaming**

StrongVPN covers 12 devices and includes a smart DNS proxy and 3 GB of eSIM data.

2 **Paid plans start at $11.99 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $11.99 per month ($47.69 first year if annual, renewal not stated).

3 **It runs on 4 platforms**

iOS, Android, macOS and Windows.

4 **Up to 12 connections**

One subscription connects up to 12 devices at once, and a VPN router can cover more.

5 **Protocols**

WireGuard, OpenVPN, IPSec and IKEv2 are listed on the plans page.

6 **StrongDNS**

A smart DNS proxy included with every account, for streaming on devices that cannot run a VPN app. The site says it supports 140+ services.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 4 of 27**

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

8 **Keep it**

To replace StrongVPN you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

StrongVPN at a glance

PRICING
Paid, from $11.99 per month ($47.69 first year if annual, renewal not stated)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
macOS, Windows, iOS, Android

MADE BY
Strong Technology, LLC, since 1995

CATEGORY
VPNs

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for a VPN with a smart DNS proxy for streaming

StrongVPN covers 12 devices and includes a smart DNS proxy and 3 GB of eSIM data. The $47.69 price is only for the first year, the page doesn't say what it renews at, and the 30-day refund covers the annual plan only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **StrongVPN** Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$3.97 a month, billed $47.69, for the first year only, and the renewal isn't stated. Monthly is $11.99, in the dearest tenth.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial. The 30-day money-back guarantee isn't a trial and covers the annual plan only.
Features	C	12 connections, WireGuard, OpenVPN, IPSec and IKEv2, StrongDNS and 950+ servers in 30 countries. The gap: the pages read listed no Linux app.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. Install an app and connect.
Platforms and integrations	B	iOS, Android, Mac and Windows, with Fire TV and routers named. No Linux app listed, and no API.
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 StrongVPN is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a smart DNS proxy for devices that can't run a VPN app
- ✓ Works for households that want 12 connections on one account

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use Linux, as no app is listed
- ✗ Pricey if you pay monthly, at $11.99
- ✗ Watch out: the first-year price has no stated renewal figure
- ✗ Watch out: the 30-day refund doesn't cover the monthly plan, and App Store purchases follow Apple's rules
- ✗ Not for you if you want to try it free, as there's no trial

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Households that want a VPN on up to 12 devices
- ✓ Streamers who want a smart DNS proxy beside the VPN
- ✓ Buyers who want a monthly plan with no long commitment

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The annual price is for the first year; the plans page does not state what the plan renews at.
- ⓘ The 30-day money-back guarantee covers the annual plan only, not the monthly plan.
- ⓘ The homepage names iOS, Android, macOS, Windows and Amazon Fire TV apps; a Linux app was not listed on the pages read.
- ⓘ Subscriptions bought through the App Store follow Apple's refund policy.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$11.99

A month to start

StrongVPN is a paid product, starting at $11.99 per month ($47.69 first year if annual, renewal not stated).

MONTHLY PLAN

$11.99

per month, billed monthly

Same features as the annual plan. The 30-day money-back guarantee applies to the annual plan only.

ANNUAL PLAN

$47.69

first year; renewal price not stated

Advertised as $3.97 a month, with 66% off, billed $47.69 for the first year. Includes the 30-day money-back guarantee.

Read from strongvpn.com on Nov 12, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Annual plan, 66% off the first year

The annual plan is billed $47.69 for the first year, shown as $3.97 a month. The page does not say what it renews at.

Stated on strongvpn.com

What it does

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

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Places it runs: macOS, Windows, iOS and Android

VPN with a StrongDNS smart DNS proxy and 3GB of eSIM data. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: end-to-end encrypted, vPN.

> **The gap: the pages read listed no Linux app.**
>
> From our grade for features

Up to 12 connections

One subscription connects up to 12 devices at once, and a VPN router can cover more.

Protocols

WireGuard, OpenVPN, IPSec and IKEv2 are listed on the plans page.

StrongDNS

A smart DNS proxy included with every account, for streaming on devices that cannot run a VPN app. The site says it supports 140+ services.

Server network

The plans page lists 950+ servers in 30 countries and 59 cities, and 59,500 VPN IPs.

eSIM data

Plans include 3GB of global eSIM data.

No-logs policy

StrongVPN says it does not track, store or sell user data.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows · iOS · Android

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

StrongVPN is made by Strong Technology, LLC, and has been around since 1995.

Where it stands

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

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Other VPNs it is graded above

StrongVPN's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 4 of the 27 other VPNs we grade, and level with 1.

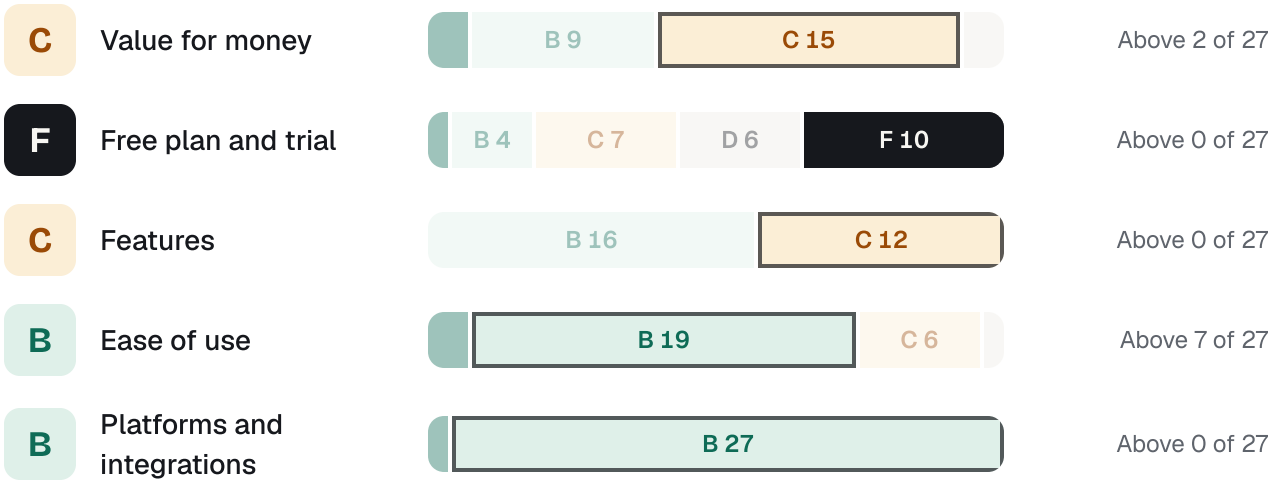
It stands best on ease of use (B, above 7 of 27) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $11.99 a month, against a middle price of $5 for the category: 25 of the 26 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 13 tools score higher and cost less.

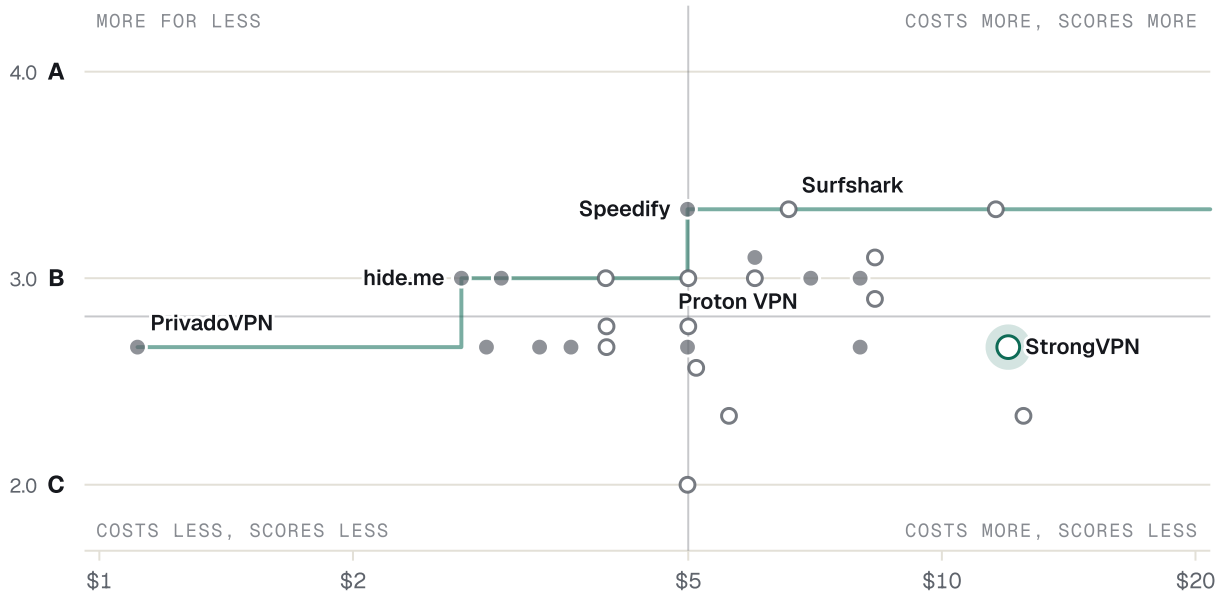
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 28 VPNs we grade, cut by the letter each got. StrongVPN's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 27 VPNs. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. StrongVPN 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 StrongVPN you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private. 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 27 other VPNs grade higher. It costs $143.88 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ Servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.

✕ End-to-end encryption done properly.

What this rests on. StrongVPN'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



IPVanish, PureVPN, CyberGhost, Hotspot Shield and Private Internet Access

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

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IPVanish

Free trial · from $99.99/yr

Ziff Davis-owned VPN with no device cap and antivirus on higher plans.

- Only IPVanish lists a Linux app.
- StrongVPN is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.
- IPVanish also covers ad and tracker blocking.

StrongVPN and IPVanish compared in full

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PureVPN

From $47.95/yr

VPN sold in three tiers that add a password manager and data removal.

- Only PureVPN lists a Linux app.
- Only PureVPN lists a browser extension.
- StrongVPN is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

StrongVPN and PureVPN compared in full



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CyberGhost

Free trial · from $61.32/yr

VPN for seven devices with a 45-day money-back window on long plans.

- Only CyberGhost lists a Linux app.
- Only CyberGhost lists a browser extension.
- StrongVPN is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

StrongVPN and CyberGhost compared in full



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Hotspot Shield

Free plan · from $95.99/yr

VPN with a free Basic tier and its own Hydra protocol.

- Hotspot Shield has a free plan. StrongVPN does not.
- Only Hotspot Shield lists a browser extension.
- StrongVPN is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

StrongVPN and Hotspot Shield compared in full



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Private Internet Access

From $47.88/yr

Open-source VPN with unlimited devices and servers in all 50 US states.

- Only Private Internet Access lists a Linux app.
- Only Private Internet Access lists a browser extension.
- StrongVPN is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.

StrongVPN and Private Internet Access 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 StrongVPN free?

No. StrongVPN is a paid product, starting at $11.99 per month ($47.69 first year if annual, renewal not stated).

How much does StrongVPN cost?

StrongVPN lists 2 plans. Monthly Plan: $11.99 per month, billed monthly.

What platforms does StrongVPN work on?

StrongVPN is available on iOS, Android, macOS and Windows.

Does StrongVPN offer any discounts?

StrongVPN publicly lists the following: Annual plan, 66% off the first year.

Does StrongVPN have a Linux app?

No Linux app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. StrongVPN is listed for iOS, Android, macOS and Windows.

Is StrongVPN open source?

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

Is StrongVPN end-to-end encrypted?

StrongVPN describes itself as end-to-end encrypted on its own site. Nobody here has audited that.

Who makes StrongVPN?

StrongVPN is made by Strong Technology, LLC. It dates from 1995.

What are the alternatives to StrongVPN?

The closest alternatives to StrongVPN in our directory are IPVanish, PureVPN, CyberGhost, Hotspot Shield and Private Internet Access.

How does StrongVPN compare with other VPNs?

StrongVPN's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 4 of the 27 other VPNs we grade, and level with 1.

Is StrongVPN good value for money?

ToolGPA grades StrongVPN C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $11.99 a month, against a middle price of $5 for the category: 25 of the 26 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of StrongVPN?

To replace StrongVPN you would be making servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from StrongVPN'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 StrongVPN'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 Strong Technology, LLC. Prices change, so check strongvpn.com before you buy.

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5,038	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

StrongVPN, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/strongvpn

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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