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Surf Security

The Insider's Guide

Zero trust Chromium browser and extension for enterprises



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among browsers, read from Surf Security's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Surf Security's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Surf Security'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 3 of the 60 other browsers we grade

SURF is an enterprise browser built on Chromium, offered as a full browser or as an extension for Chrome, Edge and other Chromium browsers. It focuses on controlling generative AI use, running AI agents in a sandbox and giving contractors and BYOD staff scoped access to company apps. The site offers demos, not published prices.

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> **It is deployed by an organization, with policies to set before staff use it.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about Surf Security**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for controlling AI use in a company browser**

There is no published price, only demos, and the vendor calls its AI agent runtime new.

2 **It runs on 5 platforms**

Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android, with a browser extension too.

3 **Shadow AI controls**

Discovers generative AI tools in use, masks sensitive data in prompts, blocks risky uploads and governs AI browser extensions.

4 **Agentic AI runtime**

A sandboxed, human-verified loop for autonomous agents, with an air gap between planning and live access and video, logs and transcripts for auditing.

5 **Scoped remote access**

Contractors, BYOD staff and acquired teams get access to specific apps, which SURF says avoids VPN and VDI.

6 **A 1.8 GPA, above 3 of 60**

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

7 **Keep it**

To replace Surf Security you would be making a web browser. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Surf Security at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android, Browser extension
MADE BY SURF Security, since 2022	CATEGORY Browsers
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for controlling AI use in a company browser

SURF is an enterprise browser on Chromium, or an extension for Chrome and Edge, aimed at controlling AI tools and giving contractors scoped access. There is no published price, only demos, and the vendor calls its AI agent runtime new.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Surf Security	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published. The site directs visitors to book a demo, so a buyer cannot compare it with the category's $10 middle price.
Free plan and trial	F	Nothing is free, and no trial or free plan is listed. The way in is a demo.
Features	C	Shadow AI controls, an agent runtime, scoped access and an extension option, but the vendor describes the agent runtime as new.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. It is deployed by an organization, with policies to set before staff use it.
Platforms and integrations	B	Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android plus an extension are listed, with no integrations named.
Grade point average		Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

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 Surf Security is for

- ✓ Fits if your company wants to control staff use of generative AI
- ✓ Makes sense if contractors on their own devices need access to a few company apps

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want a price, since the site points to a demo only
- ✕ Not for you if you work alone, as it is sold for organizations
- ✕ Watch out: no free plan or trial is listed
- ✕ Watch out: the vendor calls the agent runtime new, so check what it covers today
- ✕ Tight if you need mobile: the full browser is for desktops and phone support is listed separately

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Security teams worried about employees pasting data into AI tools
- ✓ Organizations giving contractors access without virtual desktops
- ✓ IT teams that prefer an extension to replacing browsers

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No pricing is published; the site directs visitors to book a demo.
- ⓘ The full browser is for desktops, with mobile support on iOS, iPadOS and Android as listed by SURF.
- ⓘ SURF describes the agentic AI runtime as new, so check its current scope with the vendor.

What it costs

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

Surf Security's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **Nothing is free, and no trial or free plan is listed.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

We could not confirm Surf Security's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. surf.security has them.

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, Linux, iOS, Android and Browser extension

Zero trust Chromium browser and extension for enterprises. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, web browser.

> **Shadow AI controls, an agent runtime, scoped access and an extension option, but the vendor describes the agent runtime as new.**
>
> From our grade for features

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Scoped remote access

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Browser or extension

Companies can deploy the full Chromium-based browser or a lightweight extension for Chrome, Edge and other Chromium browsers.

Compliance focus

The site lists compliance officers and data protection officers among its audiences and a use case for ensuring compliance.

Where it runs

macOS
Windows
Linux
iOS
Android
Browser extension

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Surf Security is made by SURF Security, and has been around since 2022.

Where it stands

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

3/60

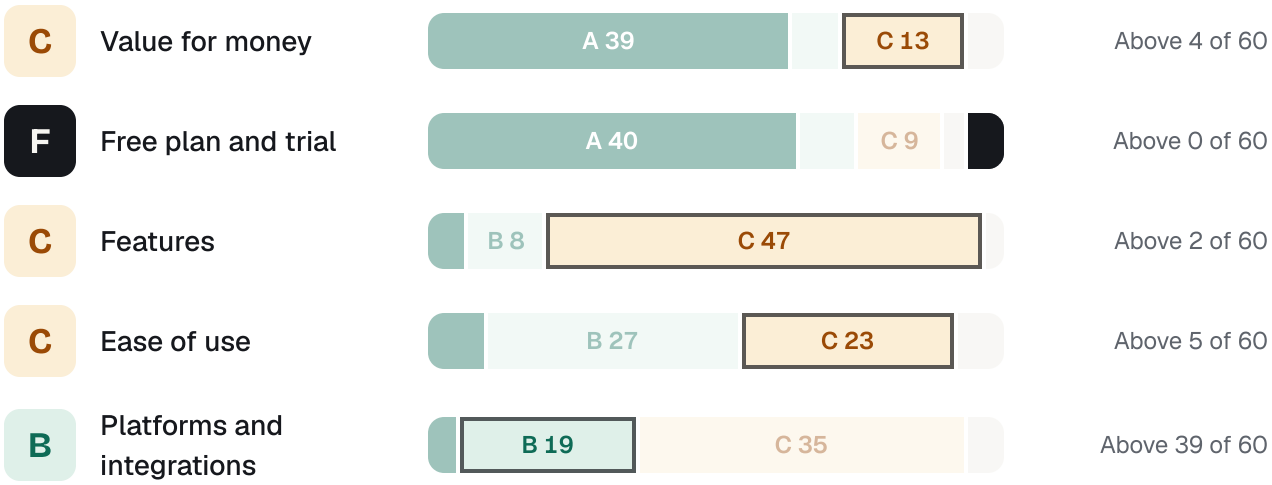
Other browsers it is graded above

Surf Security's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 3 of the 60 other browsers we grade, and level with 2.

It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 39 of 60) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 61 browsers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Surf Security'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 Surf Security you would be making a web browser. 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: 55 of the 60 other browsers grade higher.

What you could not

- ✕ A web browser.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows, Linux, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. Surf Security'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



Island Enterprise Browser, Menlo Security, Authentic8 Silo and Kasm Workspaces

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



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Island Enterprise Browser

Paid

Chromium-based work browser with built-in security controls.

- Island Enterprise Browser also covers ad and tracker blocking.

Surf Security and Island Enterprise Browser compared in full



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Menlo Security

Paid

Cloud browser security platform for enterprises.

- Only Surf Security lists Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Only Menlo Security lists a web app.
- Menlo Security also covers malware protection.

Surf Security and Menlo Security compared in full

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Authentic8 Silo

Free trial · from $1,450/yr

Isolated cloud browser workspace for digital investigations.

- Only Surf Security lists Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Only Surf Security lists a browser extension.
- Only Authentic8 Silo lists a web app.

Surf Security and Authentic8 Silo compared in full

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Kasm Workspaces

Free plan

Containerized desktops, apps and browsers streamed to a browser.

- Kasm Workspaces has a free plan. Surf Security does not.
- Only Surf Security lists Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Only Surf Security lists a browser extension.

Surf Security and Kasm Workspaces 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 Surf Security free?

No. Surf Security is a paid product.

What platforms does Surf Security work on?

Surf Security is available on Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android. It also has a browser extension.

Is Surf Security open source?

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

Who makes Surf Security?

Surf Security is made by SURF Security. It dates from 2022.

What are the alternatives to Surf Security?

The closest alternatives to Surf Security in our directory are Island Enterprise Browser, Menlo Security, Authentic8 Silo and Kasm Workspaces.

How does Surf Security compare with other browsers?

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Could I make my own version of Surf Security?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Surf Security'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 SURF Security'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 SURF Security. Prices change, so check surf.security before you buy.

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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.

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

Surf Security, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/surf-security

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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The best-graded browsers after Surf Security, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Browsers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 61 browsers we grade, compared

Brave Insider's Guide

Open-source browser that blocks ads and trackers by default

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Firefox Insider's Guide

Free, open-source browser from Mozilla with tracker blocking built in

3.8 GPA

Vivaldi Insider's Guide

Customizable browser with built-in mail, calendar and feed reader

3.8 GPA

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