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USB Overdrive

The Insider’s Guide

Mac driver utility for mice, keyboards, trackballs and gamepads



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from USB Overdrive’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from USB Overdrive's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on USB Overdrive'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 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

USB Overdrive is a macOS driver utility for USB and Bluetooth mice, keyboards, trackballs, trackpads, joysticks and gamepads from most vendors. It lets you remap buttons and tune scrolling. It does not handle Apple's own mice, trackpads or keyboards. The unregistered version works fully, with a reminder at login and a short countdown.

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> **Driver-style settings per device to work through.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

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

1 **Best for mouse and gamepad remapping on a Mac**

USB Overdrive remaps buttons and tunes scrolling for third-party mice, trackballs and gamepads, and it works fully unregistered.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $20 one-time license.

3 There is a free plan

The unregistered version has no feature limits and no time limit, with a reminder at login and a short countdown when the interface opens.

4 It runs on macOS

macOS.

5 Wide device support

Works with USB and Bluetooth mice, keyboards, trackballs, trackpads, joysticks, gamepads and other gaming devices from almost any vendor.

6 Scroll axis options

Version 5.3 added options to invert each scroll axis separately and to swap the axes while a modifier key is held.

7 Free to try without limits

The unregistered version has no feature limits or time limits; a built-in uninstaller removes the app if it does not fit.

8 A 2.8 GPA, above 116 of 186

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

9 Keep it

To replace USB Overdrive you would be making keys and buttons remapped below the level of apps. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

USB Overdrive at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $20 one-time license	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS
MADE BY USB Overdrive	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 2.8 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for mouse and gamepad remapping on a Mac

USB Overdrive remaps buttons and tunes scrolling for third-party mice, trackballs and gamepads, and it works fully unregistered. But it doesn't handle any Apple devices, version 5.4 needs macOS 15, and the vendor may ask for an upgrade fee later.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **USB Overdrive** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	$20 one-time, and the vendor says licences don't expire. The unregistered version works fully.
Free plan and trial	A	The unregistered version has no feature or time limit, only a reminder at login and a short countdown.
Features	C	Wide device support, button remapping and scroll options. It leaves out all Apple mice, trackpads and keyboards, which the listing names as a limit.
Ease of use	C	Driver-style settings per device to work through. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Mac only, macOS 15 or later for version 5.4. No other platform.

Grade point average — Good, out of 4.0 **2.8**

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 USB Overdrive is for

- ✓ Fits if you use a trackball or gamepad on a Mac and want it remapped
- ✓ Works for people who can live with a login reminder instead of paying

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use an Apple mouse, trackpad or keyboard, as none is handled
- ✗ Skip it if your Mac is older than macOS 15, since version 5.4 needs it
- ✗ Watch out: version 4 or earlier must be uninstalled before 5.x
- ✗ Watch out: the vendor says it may ask for a voluntary upgrade fee at a future major release

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac users with third-party mice, trackballs or gamepads that need remapping
- ✓ People who want to try every feature before paying
- ✓ Owners of older Macs, since builds exist back to OS X 10.11

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Does not handle any Apple mouse, trackpad or keyboard, because that would remove native macOS support.
- ⓘ Version 5.4 runs only on macOS 15 and later; older releases are for earlier systems.
- ⓘ Version 4 or earlier must be uninstalled before installing version 5.x.
- ⓘ The vendor says it may ask for a voluntary upgrade fee at a future major release.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$20 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

USB Overdrive has a free plan. Paid plans start at $20 one-time license.

> **The unregistered version has no feature or time limit, only a reminder at login and a short countdown.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

UNREGISTERED

$0

Every feature and no time limit, plus a login reminder and a short countdown on opening the interface.

USB OVERDRIVE LICENSE

$20

one-time; the vendor says licenses do not expire

Registers the app and removes the reminders. Price shown in US dollars on the vendor's FastSpring store page.

The free plan

The unregistered version has no feature limits and no time limit, with a reminder at login and a short countdown when the interface opens.

Read from sites.fastspring.com on Nov 13, 2026.

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 driver utility for mice, keyboards, trackballs and gamepads. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, keyboard and mouse remapping.

> **Wide device support, button remapping and scroll options.**

From our grade for features

Wide device support

Works with USB and Bluetooth mice, keyboards, trackballs, trackpads, joysticks, gamepads and other gaming devices from almost any vendor.

Scroll axis options

Version 5.3 added options to invert each scroll axis separately and to swap the axes while a modifier key is held.

Free to try without limits

The unregistered version has no feature limits or time limits; a built-in uninstaller removes the app if it does not fit.

Long-running license

The vendor says original registration codes from 25 years ago are still accepted and the license will not expire.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

USB Overdrive is made by USB Overdrive.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

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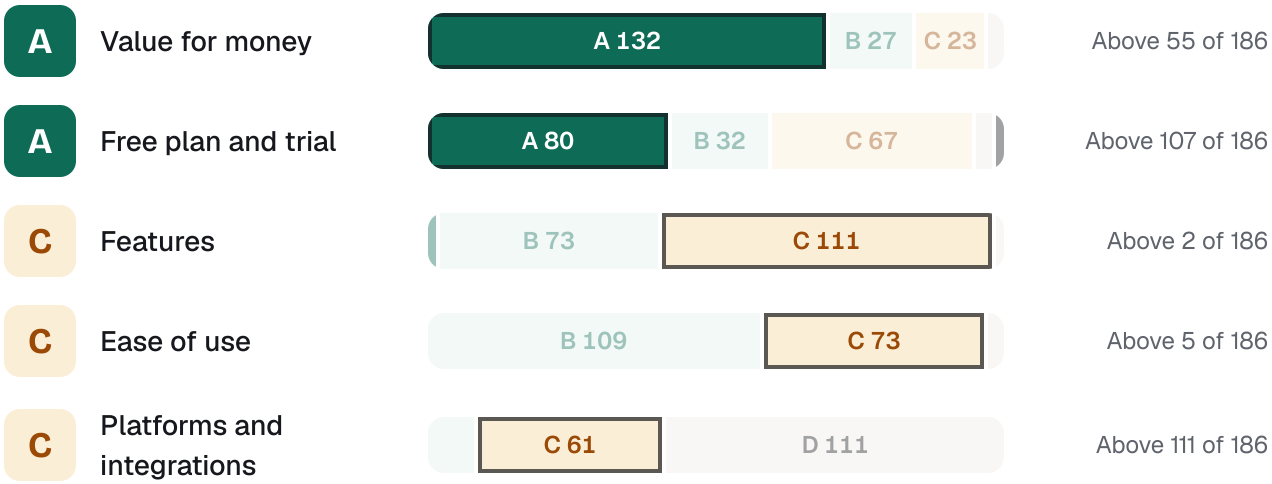
Other desktop utilities it is graded above

USB Overdrive's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 37.

It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 107 of 186) and worst on features (C, above 2).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. USB Overdrive'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 USB Overdrive you would be making keys and buttons remapped below the level of apps. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $20, paid once.

What you could not

- ✕ Keys and buttons remapped below the level of apps.
- ✕ A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.
- ✕ It is priced for each person, which means accounts and billing for a team.

What this rests on. USB Overdrive'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

SteerMouse, Mac Mouse Fix, LinearMouse, BetterTouchTool and Scroll Reverser

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

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SteerMouse

Free trial · from $19.99 one-time

Mac utility for customizing mouse buttons, wheels and cursor speed.

- USB Overdrive has a free plan. SteerMouse does not, though it has a free trial.

USB Overdrive and SteerMouse compared in full

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Mac Mouse Fix

Free trial · from $2.99 one-time

Trackpad-style gestures and smooth scrolling for third-party mice.

- USB Overdrive has a free plan. Mac Mouse Fix does not, though it has a free trial.
- Mac Mouse Fix is open source, according to its own site.

USB Overdrive and Mac Mouse Fix compared in full



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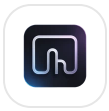
LinearMouse

Free

Free, open-source mouse and trackpad customizer for Mac.

- USB Overdrive can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- LinearMouse is open source, according to its own site.

USB Overdrive and LinearMouse compared in full



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BetterTouchTool

Free trial · from $15 one-time

Mac input customization: gestures, shortcuts and automation.

- USB Overdrive has a free plan. BetterTouchTool does not, though it has a free trial.
- BetterTouchTool also covers workflow automation, launcher, clipboard manager and window management.

USB Overdrive and BetterTouchTool compared in full



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Scroll Reverser

Free

Mac menu bar app that sets scroll direction per device.

- USB Overdrive can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Scroll Reverser is open source, according to its own site.
- Scroll Reverser also covers menu bar app.

USB Overdrive and Scroll Reverser 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 USB Overdrive free?

USB Overdrive has a free plan. The unregistered version has no feature limits and no time limit, with a reminder at login and a short countdown when the interface opens.

How much does USB Overdrive cost?

USB Overdrive lists 2 plans. Unregistered: $0.

What platforms does USB Overdrive work on?

USB Overdrive is available on macOS.

Does USB Overdrive have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. USB Overdrive is listed for macOS.

Does USB Overdrive have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. USB Overdrive is listed for macOS.

Is USB Overdrive open source?

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

Who makes USB Overdrive?

USB Overdrive is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to USB Overdrive?

The closest alternatives to USB Overdrive in our directory are SteerMouse, Mac Mouse Fix, LinearMouse, BetterTouchTool and Scroll Reverser.

How does USB Overdrive compare with other desktop utilities?

USB Overdrive's GPA of 2.8 is higher than 116 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 37.

Could I make my own version of USB Overdrive?

To replace USB Overdrive you would be making keys and buttons remapped below the level of apps.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from USB Overdrive'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 USB Overdrive'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 USB Overdrive. Prices change, so check usboverdrive.com before you buy.

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About ToolGPA

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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**.

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

USB Overdrive, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/usb-overdrive

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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Desktop Utilities Insider's Guide

Every one of the 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

Just Color Picker Insider's Guide

Free portable color picker and editor for Windows and macOS

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LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

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Mos Insider's Guide

Free Mac menu bar utility for smooth mouse wheel scrolling

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