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VIPRE

The Insider’s Guide

Home antivirus in three tiers, from basic scanning to a VPN bundle



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among antivirus apps, read from VIPRE’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from VIPRE's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on VIPRE'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 7 of the 25 other antivirus apps we grade

VIPRE sells home security as Antivirus Plus, Advanced Security and an Ultimate Security Bundle that adds a VPN and privacy tools. Each tier includes the one below it. The company also sells email security, endpoint protection and training for businesses, and an Android Security app for phones.

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

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> **It is installed software that starts working after install.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for a basic Windows antivirus**

VIPRE sells home antivirus in three tiers on Windows, from $14.99 a year.

2 **Paid plans start at $1.25 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $14.99 per year (Antivirus Plus; page does not say whether this renews).

3 **You can try it first**

30-day free trial for new users

4 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

5 **Real-time and cloud protection**

Uses machine learning and cloud-enabled scanning to detect malware, spyware and ransomware.

6 **Firewall and email protection**

Advanced Security adds a firewall plus protection against phishing and spam. These features are listed as Windows only.

7 **Third-party patching**

Advanced Security keeps other installed apps up to date; listed as Windows only.

8 **A 2.4 GPA, above 7 of 25**

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

9 **Keep it**

To replace VIPRE you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

VIPRE at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $14.99 per year (Antivirus Plus; page does not say whether this renews)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
30-day free trial for new users

RUNS ON
Windows

MADE BY
VIPRE Security Group

CATEGORY
Antivirus & Malware Protection

OUR GRADE
2.4 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for a basic Windows antivirus

VIPRE sells home antivirus in three tiers on Windows, from $14.99 a year. The shown prices are discounts of 61% to 74% off much higher figures, and the page does not say how many devices a plan covers or what it costs at renewal.

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Antivirus Plus is $14.99 a year, but that is shown as 61% off $38.49. At the full $38.49 it is about $3.20 a month, still near the cheaper quarter of antivirus. Renewal and device count are not stated.
Free plan and trial	C	30-day free trial for new users, and a 30-day money-back guarantee. The page does not mention a card.
Features	B	Real-time and cloud protection, firewall, email protection, patching and a VPN on the top tier. Nothing in the listing is missing from the job.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. It is installed software that starts working after install.
Platforms and integrations	D	The firewall, phishing protection and patching are listed as Windows only. Android Security is a separate product that was not priced. No integrations.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

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 VIPRE is for

- ✓ Fits if you run one Windows PC and want a basic antivirus
- ✓ Works for Windows users who may later want a VPN in the same bundle

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use a Mac or iPhone, as the listing shows Windows only
- ✗ Watch out: the page does not say how many devices a plan covers
- ✗ Pricey if you renew: the yearly prices shown are heavy discounts off $38.49, $60.49 and $153.99
- ✗ Tight if you want the firewall, patching or privacy tools, which are on the dearer tiers and Windows only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who want a low-priced antivirus with an upgrade path
- ✓ People who want a VPN and privacy tools bundled with antivirus

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The pricing page does not say how many devices a plan covers or whether the shown yearly price is a first-term price.
- ⓘ The firewall, phishing protection, patching and privacy features are listed as Windows-compatible only.
- ⓘ Android Security and Privacy Shield are separate products listed in the home menu; they were not priced here.
- ⓘ Sold with a 30-day money-back guarantee.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$1.25

A month to start, paid by the year

VIPRE is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $14.99 per year (Antivirus Plus; page does not say whether this renews).

> **Renewal and device count are not stated.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

ANTIVIRUS PLUS

$14.99

per year; renewal price and device count not shown

Malware, spyware and ransomware detection, real-time scans and cloud-enabled protection. Shown as 61% off a crossed-out $38.49 a year.

ADVANCED SECURITY

$19.99

per year; renewal price and device count not shown

Adds third-party patching, phishing and spam protection, a firewall and behavioral analysis, all Windows only. Shown as 66% off a crossed-out $60.49 a year.

ULTIMATE SECURITY BUNDLE

$39.99

per year; renewal price and device count not shown

Adds a browsing track cleaner, webcam and microphone blocker, dark web scanner, document auditing and an unlimited VPN. Shown as 74% off a crossed-out $153.99 a year.

Trying it first

30-day free trial for new users

Read from vipre.com on Nov 12, 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: Windows

Home antivirus in three tiers, from basic scanning to a VPN bundle. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: vPN, malware protection.

> **Real-time and cloud protection, firewall, email protection, patching and a VPN on the top tier.**
>
> From our grade for features

Real-time and cloud protection

Uses machine learning and cloud-enabled scanning to detect malware, spyware and ransomware.

Firewall and email protection

Advanced Security adds a firewall plus protection against phishing and spam. These features are listed as Windows only.

Third-party patching

Advanced Security keeps other installed apps up to date; listed as Windows only.

Privacy tools

The Ultimate bundle adds a webcam and microphone blocker, browsing track cleaner and dark web scanner.

VPN

The Ultimate bundle includes an unlimited VPN described as covering all devices.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

VIPRE is made by VIPRE Security Group.

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 antivirus apps it is graded above

VIPRE's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 7 of the 25 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 5.

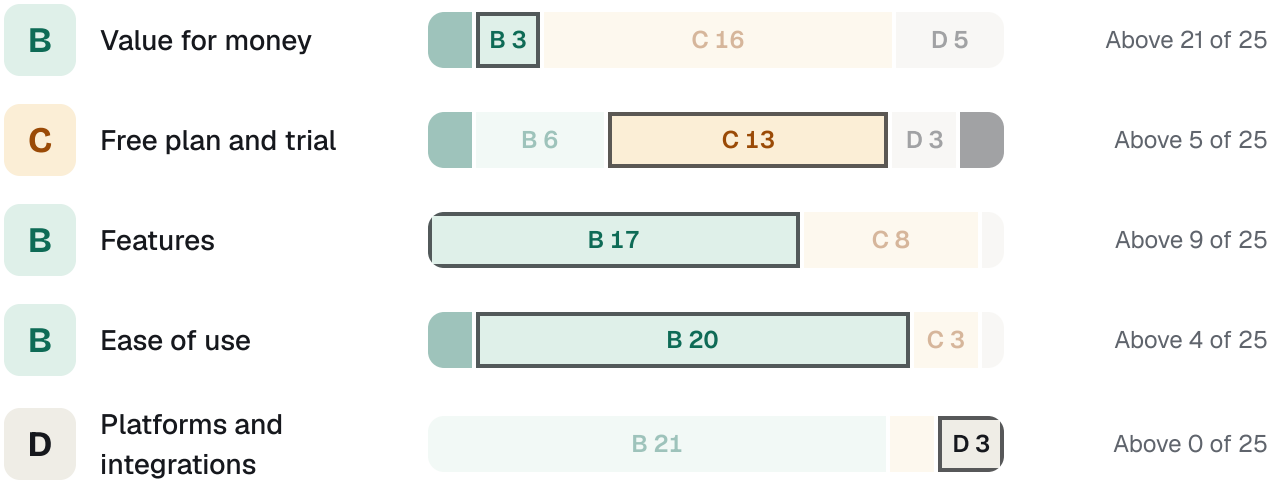
It stands best on value for money (B, above 21 of 25) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $1.25 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $4.50 for the category: 2 of the 20 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 2 tools score higher and cost less.

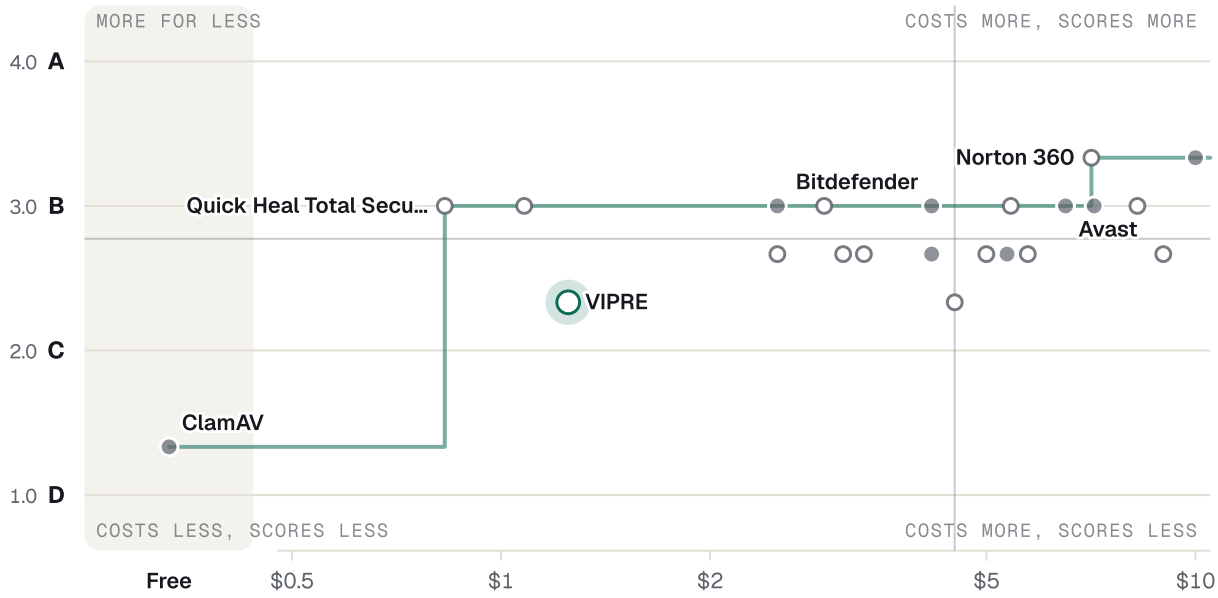
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 26 antivirus apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. VIPRE's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 22 antivirus apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. VIPRE 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 VIPRE you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. 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: 13 of the 25 other antivirus apps grade higher. It costs $14.99 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.
- ✕ Servers in dozens of countries, kept fast and private.

- ✕ 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. VIPRE'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



ESET, Avira, Bitdefender, Webroot and F-Secure

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

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ESET

Free trial · from $12.99/yr

Antivirus and home security plans priced by device count.

- Only ESET lists macOS and Android apps.

VIPRE and ESET compared in full

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Avira

Free plan

Free antivirus suite with a VPN, PC cleaner and password manager.

- Avira has a free plan. VIPRE does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Avira lists Android and iOS apps.
- Avira also covers password manager and ad and tracker blocking.

VIPRE and Avira compared in full

Bitdefender

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Free plan · from $49.99/yr

Antivirus suites for computers and phones, with a free Windows tier.

- Bitdefender has a free plan. VIPRE does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Bitdefender lists macOS, Android and iOS apps.
- Bitdefender also covers password manager.

VIPRE and Bitdefender compared in full

Webroot

2.6 GPA

Free trial · from $34.99/yr

Lightweight cloud antivirus, with identity and VPN bundles.

- Only Webroot lists macOS, Android and iOS apps.
- Webroot also covers password manager.

VIPRE and Webroot compared in full

F-Secure

2.4 GPA

Free plan · from $49.99/yr

Finnish antivirus and VPN suite that renews at the new-customer price.

- F-Secure has a free plan. VIPRE does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only F-Secure lists macOS, Android and iOS apps.
- F-Secure also covers password manager.

VIPRE and F-Secure 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 VIPRE free?

No, VIPRE is a paid product, but you can try it first. 30-day free trial for new users.

How much does VIPRE cost?

VIPRE lists 3 plans. Antivirus Plus: $14.99 per year; renewal price and device count not shown.

What platforms does VIPRE work on?

VIPRE is available on Windows.

Does VIPRE have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. VIPRE is listed for Windows.

Does VIPRE have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. VIPRE is listed for Windows.

Is VIPRE open source?

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

Who makes VIPRE?

VIPRE is made by VIPRE Security Group.

What are the alternatives to VIPRE?

The closest alternatives to VIPRE in our directory are ESET, Avira, Bitdefender, Webroot and F-Secure.

How does VIPRE compare with other antivirus apps?

VIPRE's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 7 of the 25 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 5.

Is VIPRE good value for money?

ToolGPA grades VIPRE B for value for money. Its paid plans start at $1.25 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $4.50 for the category: 2 of the 20 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of VIPRE?

To replace VIPRE you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from VIPRE'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 VIPRE'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 VIPRE Security Group. Prices change, so check vipre.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

VIPRE, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/vipre

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

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Antivirus & Malware Protection Insider's Guide

Every one of the 26 antivirus apps we grade, compared

Avast Insider's Guide

Free antivirus for PC, Mac and phones, with paid Premium and Ultimate

3.0 GPA

AVG Insider's Guide

Free antivirus for Windows, with paid Internet Security and Ultimate

2.8 GPA

Bitdefender Insider's Guide

Antivirus suites for computers and phones, with a free Windows tier

2.8 GPA

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