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Carbon Black

The Insider’s Guide

Endpoint and workload security from Broadcom, bought via partners



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Carbon Black's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Carbon Black'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 56 other antivirus apps we grade

Carbon Black, formerly sold as VMware Carbon Black, is now a Broadcom product. It combines threat prevention with detection and response across endpoints, networks and workloads, managed from a cloud console, and it is bought through partners or by contacting Broadcom.

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

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> **No prices, plans or supported operating systems are published, and you buy through a partner.**
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> From our report card of Carbon Black

1 **Best for large teams with a security staff**

Carbon Black, now a Broadcom product, collects detailed activity data across endpoints, networks and workloads for security analysts.

2 **It runs on Web**

Web.

3 Threat prevention

Policy-based controls aimed at stopping targeted attacks and preventing repeat attacks, with room to customize.

4 Threat detection and response

Collects detailed activity data across endpoints, networks and workloads so analysts can see an attack and contain its impact.

5 Workload protection

A Carbon Black Cloud Workload product is named on the page for protecting servers and cloud workloads.

6 A 1.6 GPA, above 3 of 56

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

7 Keep it

To replace Carbon Black 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.

Carbon Black at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Broadcom	CATEGORY Antivirus & Malware Protection
OUR GRADE 1.6 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for large teams with a security staff

Carbon Black, now a Broadcom product, collects detailed activity data across endpoints, networks and workloads for security analysts. No prices, plans or supported operating systems are published, and you buy through a partner. Look elsewhere if you want to see a price before you talk to anyone.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Carbon Black

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published, so there is nothing to set against this category's $2.58 to $6.50 a month; the listing says it is by quote. Buying goes through a partner.
Free plan and trial	F	Nothing free on record: no free plan and no trial, and a demo request is not a trial.
Features	C	Prevention policies, detection and response and a workload product are named, but plan tiers and supported operating systems are not on the page, so the listing cannot show the whole job.
Ease of use	C	Business product with a console and agents to roll out; no store rating is on record and the listing shows setup work, so it sits at the ordinary grade.
Platforms and integrations	C	Only a cloud console is on record. No operating systems, phone apps or integrations are listed.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

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 Carbon Black is for

- ✓ Fits if you run a security team that wants detailed endpoint activity data
- ✓ Works for public-sector and larger organisations that already buy through partners

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want a published price, since the page offers only Buy via Partner and Contact Us
- ✕ Skip it if you are one person or a small shop, as it is aimed at security staff
- ✕ Watch out: the product was VMware Carbon Black before Broadcom's acquisition and the name has changed
- ✕ Watch out: plan tiers and supported operating systems are not listed on the page
- ✕ Too light for a free try: there is no trial or free plan on record

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Larger organizations and public-sector teams with a security staff
- ✓ Teams that want detailed endpoint activity data for investigations

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices or plans are published; the page offers Buy via Partner and Contact Us.
- ⓘ The product was VMware Carbon Black before Broadcom's acquisition; the page now uses the name Carbon Black.
- ⓘ Supported operating systems and the plan tiers are not listed on the page read, so platforms show only the cloud console.

What it costs

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

Carbon Black's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

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Nothing free on record: no free plan and no trial, and a demo request is not a trial.

From our grade for free plan and trial

We could not confirm Carbon Black's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. broadcom.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: Web

Endpoint and workload security from Broadcom, bought via partners. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: malware protection, log file analysis.

> **No operating systems, phone apps or integrations are listed.**

From our grade for platforms and integrations

Threat prevention

Policy-based controls aimed at stopping targeted attacks and preventing repeat attacks, with room to customize.

Threat detection and response

Collects detailed activity data across endpoints, networks and workloads so analysts can see an attack and contain its impact.

Workload protection

A Carbon Black Cloud Workload product is named on the page for protecting servers and cloud workloads.

Cloud-managed agents

Customers quoted on the page describe agent deployment and a cloud-managed model.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Carbon Black is made by Broadcom.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

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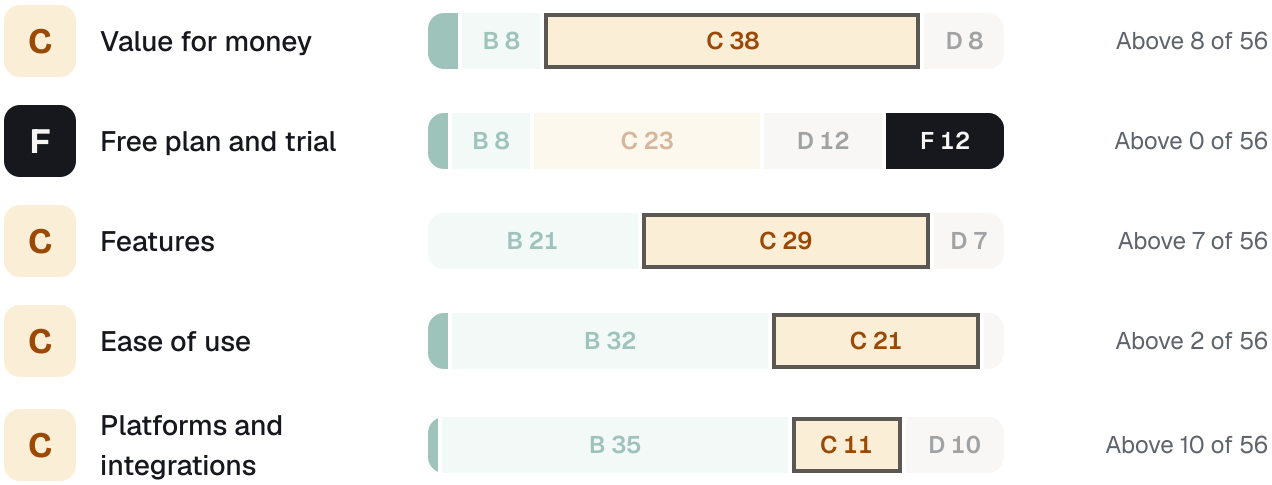
Other antivirus apps it is graded above

Carbon Black's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 3 of the 56 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 2.

It stands best on platforms and integrations (C, above 10 of 56) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 57 antivirus apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. Carbon Black'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 Carbon Black 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: 51 of the 56 other antivirus apps grade higher.

What you could not

- ✕ An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.
- ✕ Millions of server log lines read to see what search bots crawl.

What this rests on. Carbon Black'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



CrowdStrike Falcon Go, Cynet and Huntress

The 3 tools Carbon Black is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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CrowdStrike Falcon Go

Free trial · from $59.99/yr

Small-business antivirus with USB device control and mobile protection.

- Only Carbon Black lists a web app.
- Only CrowdStrike Falcon Go lists Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS and Android apps.
- Carbon Black also covers log file analysis.

Carbon Black and CrowdStrike Falcon Go compared in full

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Cynet

Paid

AI-driven endpoint security with 24x7 managed response, by quote.

- Carbon Black also covers log file analysis.

Carbon Black and Cynet compared in full

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Huntress

Free trial · from $8.99/mo

Managed endpoint detection and response with a 24/7 human SOC.

- Only Huntress lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Carbon Black also covers log file analysis.
- Huntress also covers reports.

Carbon Black and Huntress 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 Carbon Black free?

No. Carbon Black is a paid product.

What platforms does Carbon Black work on?

Carbon Black is available on Web.

Does Carbon Black have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Carbon Black is listed for Web.

Does Carbon Black have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Carbon Black is listed for Web.

Is Carbon Black open source?

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

Who makes Carbon Black?

Carbon Black is made by Broadcom.

What are the alternatives to Carbon Black?

The closest alternatives to Carbon Black in our directory are CrowdStrike Falcon Go, Cynet and Huntress.

How does Carbon Black compare with other antivirus apps?

Carbon Black's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 3 of the 56 other antivirus apps we grade, and level with 2.

Could I make my own version of Carbon Black?

To replace Carbon Black 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 Carbon Black'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 Broadcom's own pages on 13 November 2026. The vendor's page could not be read in full when this was graded, so we went by the listing. 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 Broadcom. Prices change, so check broadcom.com before you buy.

broadcom.com/products/carbon-black

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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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

Carbon Black, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/vmware-carbon-black

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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Antivirus & Malware Protection Insider's Guide

Every one of the 57 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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