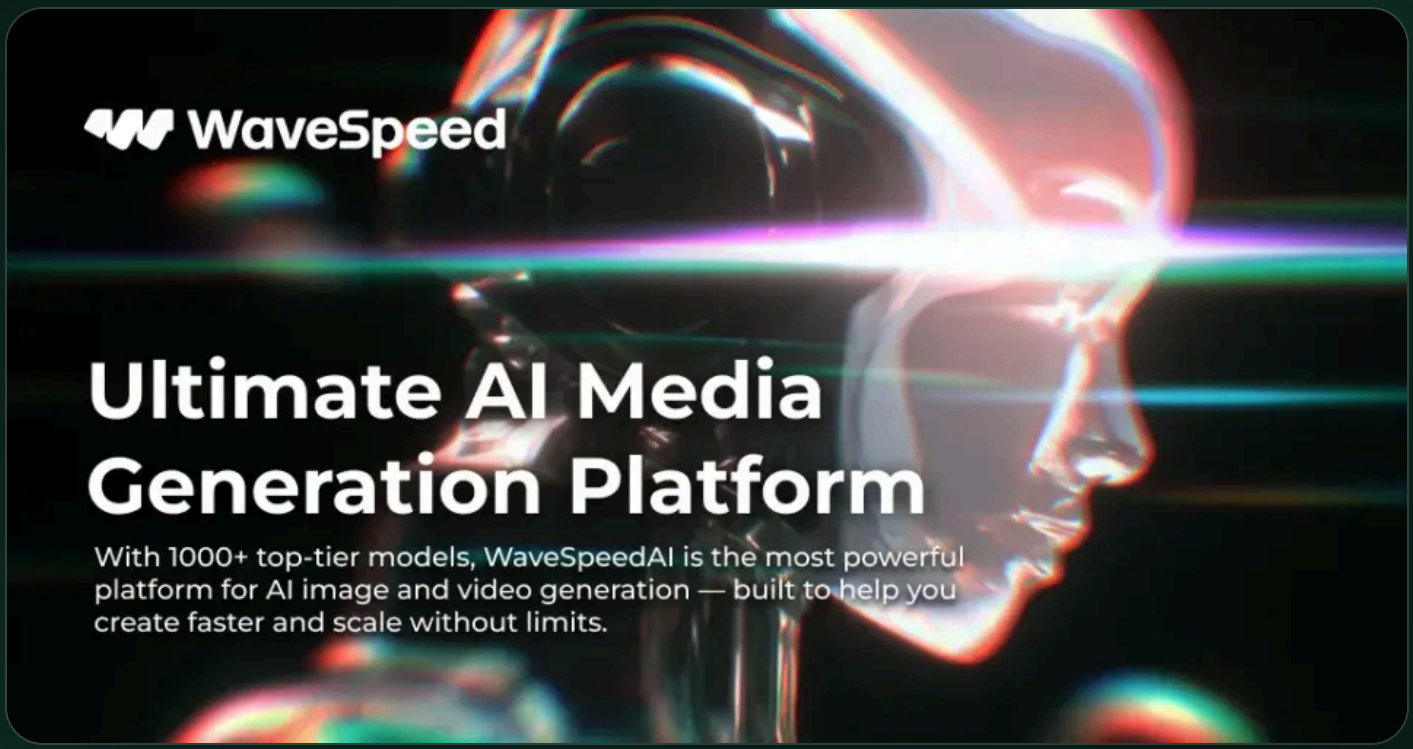
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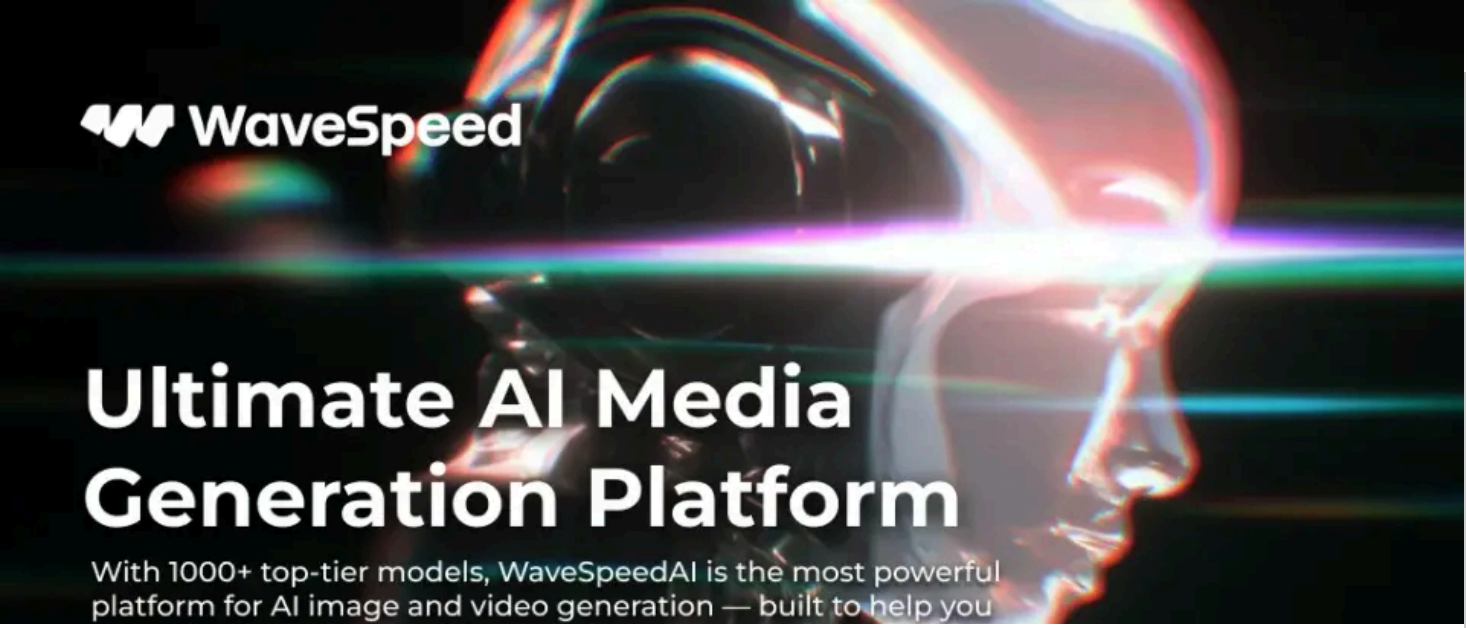
Pay-per-use API and studio for AI image and video models



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI image and video generators, read from WaveSpeedAI's own pages.

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

ToolGPA put this guide together from WaveSpeedAI's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on WaveSpeedAI'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 106 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade

WaveSpeedAI hosts more than a thousand image, video and audio models behind one API and a browser-based generator. Models from Google, ByteDance, Alibaba, OpenAI and others are billed per image or per second of video, with no monthly fee. It also offers a CLI and MCP server, free browser tools and a desktop app.

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

> **Prices start low, but they are for the lowest resolution, so real cost depends on size and length.**
>
> From our report card of WaveSpeedAI

1 **Best for pay-per-use API for image and video models**

WaveSpeedAI sells many image, video and language models through one API and browser generators, billed per image, second or token.

2 **You can try it first**

$1 in free credits for eligible new accounts, no card

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **One API for many models**

Run 1,000+ image, video and audio models through a single API, including Seedream, Nano Banana, Wan, Kling and Veo.

5 **Browser generators**

Image and video generators and a Cinema Studio let you use the models without writing code.

6 **Per-use billing**

Each model lists a starting price per image or per second, such as $0.045 for a Seedream 5.0 Pro image.

7 **A 2.4 GPA, above 106 of 168**

That is against the other AI image and video generators we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

To replace WaveSpeedAI you would be making an image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

WaveSpeedAI at a glance

PRICING Free trial	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL $1 in free credits for eligible new accounts, no card	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY WaveSpeedAI	CATEGORY AI Image & Video Generators
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	

The report card

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **WaveSpeedAI** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Pay as you go, with no monthly fee, from $0.01 an image to $0.18 a second of video on example models. A different pricing kind from the category's subscriptions, so it sits at C.
Free plan and trial	C	$1 in free credits for eligible new accounts, with no card. Some premium models may not be available with it.
Features	B	One API for many models, browser generators, a CLI, MCP and language models. The listing names no gap in the core job.
Ease of use	C	No store rating is on record. It is built for developers, with an API, CLI and credit top-ups to manage.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, an API, a CLI and MCP. A desktop app is listed but its platforms are not named.

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 WaveSpeedAI is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to call many image and video models through one API
- ✓ Works for developers who want to pay per use with no subscription

Who it is not for

- ✗ Watch out: starting prices are for the lowest resolution or quality, so actual cost rises
- ✗ Tight if you want a flat monthly price, as there is none
- ✗ Watch out: some premium models may not run on the $1 trial credit
- ✗ Skip it if you want no code, since much of it is aimed at developers

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers adding image or video generation to a product
- ✓ Teams that want to compare many models with one balance

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Starting prices are for the lowest resolution or quality; actual cost depends on resolution and duration.
- ⓘ Example list prices: GPT Image 2.5 from $0.01 an image, Wan 3.0 from $0.05 a second, Seedance 2.5 from $0.18 a second.
- ⓘ Some premium models may not be available with the $1 trial credit.
- ⓘ A desktop app is listed, but the pages read do not name its platforms.

What it costs

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

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plans to choose from

WaveSpeedAI is a paid product with a free trial.

> **A different pricing kind from the category's subscriptions, so it sits at C.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

PAY AS YOU GO

$0

No monthly fee; add credits and pay per image, per second of video or per million tokens.

Trying it first

$1 in free credits for eligible new accounts, no card

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Volume discounts, dedicated account manager, higher GPU limits and SLAs; sold through sales.

Read from wavespeed.ai 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: Web

Pay-per-use API and studio for AI image and video models. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, AI features, image generation, video generation.

> "One API for many models, browser generators, a CLI, MCP and language models.

From our grade for features

One API for many models

Run 1,000+ image, video and audio models through a single API, including Seedream, Nano Banana, Wan, Kling and Veo.

Browser generators

Image and video generators and a Cinema Studio let you use the models without writing code.

Per-use billing

Each model lists a starting price per image or per second, such as $0.045 for a Seedream 5.0 Pro image.

CLI and MCP

Models can be run from a terminal or from an AI agent.

Language models

The same account also lists LLMs priced per million tokens.

Account levels

Bronze, Silver, Gold and Ultra levels are set by the size of a single top-up.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

WaveSpeedAI is made by WaveSpeedAI.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

106/168

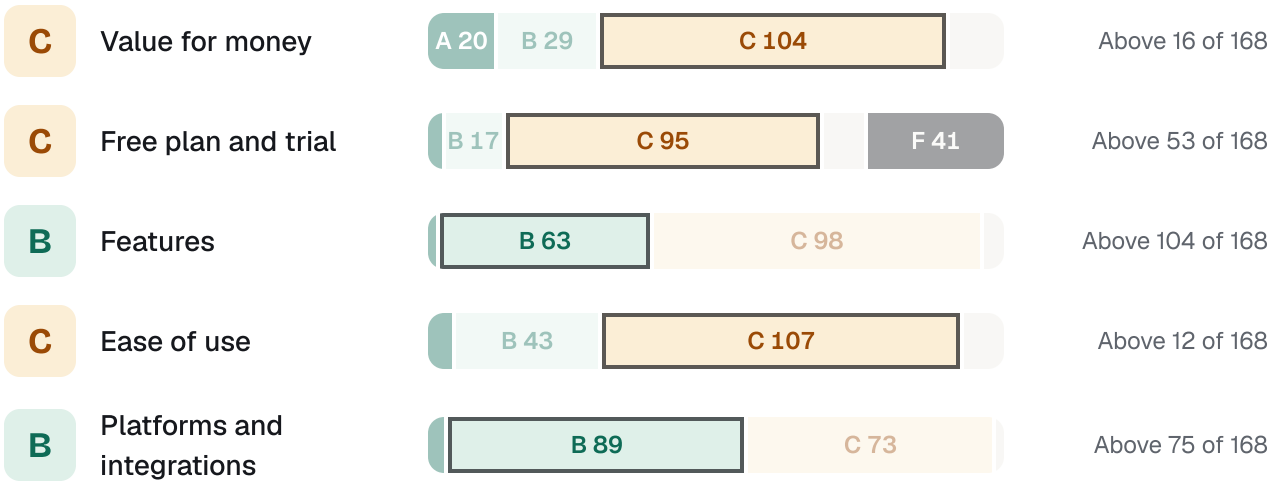
Other AI image and video generators it is graded above

WaveSpeedAI's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 106 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade, and level with 25.

It stands best on features (B, above 104 of 168) and worst on ease of use (C, above 12).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 169 AI image and video generators we grade, cut by the letter each got. WaveSpeedAI'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 WaveSpeedAI you would be making an image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

What you could not

- An image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make.
- A video model, which you can rent by the second but not make.
- An API that other software can build on.
- AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. WaveSpeedAI'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



fal, Replicate, Runware, Segmind and Novita AI

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

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fal

Paid

Developer platform and API for generative image and video models.

WaveSpeedAI and fal compared in full

1.8 GPA

Replicate

Paid

Cloud API for running open-source and hosted AI models.

WaveSpeedAI and Replicate compared in full

2.0 GPA

Runware

Free trial

Pay-per-generation API for image, video and audio models.

WaveSpeedAI and Runware compared in full

2.0
GPA

Segmind

From $10

API and workflow platform for 550+ image, video and audio models.

- Segmind also covers workflow automation and no-code.

WaveSpeedAI and Segmind compared in full

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Novita AI

Paid

Developer cloud for model APIs, GPUs and agent sandboxes.

WaveSpeedAI and Novita AI 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 WaveSpeedAI free?

No, WaveSpeedAI is a paid product, but you can try it first. $1 in free credits for eligible new accounts, no card.

How much does WaveSpeedAI cost?

WaveSpeedAI lists 2 plans. Pay as you go: $0.

What platforms does WaveSpeedAI work on?

WaveSpeedAI is available on Web.

Does WaveSpeedAI have an Android app?

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

Does WaveSpeedAI have an iPhone app?

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

Is WaveSpeedAI open source?

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

Does WaveSpeedAI have an API?

Yes. WaveSpeedAI offers a public API, according to its own site.

Who makes WaveSpeedAI?

WaveSpeedAI is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to WaveSpeedAI?

The closest alternatives to WaveSpeedAI in our directory are fal, Replicate, Runware, Segmind and Novita AI.

How does WaveSpeedAI compare with other AI image and video generators?

WaveSpeedAI's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 106 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade, and level with 25.

Could I make my own version of WaveSpeedAI?

To replace WaveSpeedAI you would be making an image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from WaveSpeedAI'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 WaveSpeedAI'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 WaveSpeedAI. Prices change, so check wavespeed.ai before you buy.

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wavespeed.ai/pricing

PART 07 · ABOUT

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

WaveSpeedAI, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/wavespeedai

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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AI Image & Video Generators Insider's Guide

Every one of the 169 AI image and video generators we grade, compared

Pixlr Insider's Guide

Browser photo editors with AI image, video and audio tools

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Adobe Firefly Insider's Guide

Adobe's image, video and audio generator, with partner models

3.0 GPA

ComfyUI Insider's Guide

Open-source node editor for image and video AI workflows, plus a cloud

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