

ESET® NOD32® Antivirus System


How does yours compare?

You buy anti-virus software to protect your computers/data which is the sensible thing to do but how effective is it?

Virus Bulletin are full time professional, independent antivirus experts and are widely respected within the antivirus industry for their rigorous comparative tests focusing on virus detection rates, scanning speed, and generation of false positives. To earn a Virus Bulletin 100% Award, an antivirus product must detect all of the current "In the Wild" viruses and not produce any false positives.

NOD32 is the only solution worldwide that has consistently never missed a single "In the Wild" worm or virus in this testing since May 1998 and holds the world record of Virus Bulletin 100% Awards, obtaining the 52nd Award in October 2008.

The table below is based on the number of times all of these products have been tested periodically on various operating systems with Virus Bulletin since May 1998 which is when NOD32 was first submitted to them for testing.

Anti Virus Software Brand/Product	Times Tested Since May '98	Tests Failed	Tests Passed	Success Ratio %
 ESET NOD32	54	2	52	96.29%
Norton/Symantec	49	3	46	93.87%
Avira Antivir	17	3	14	82.35%
Microsoft OneCare <small>(since June 06 only)</small>	4	1	3	75.00%
Sophos	55	14	41	74.54%
Kaspersky	57	15	42	73.68%
Norman	54	15	39	72.22%
CA InoculateIT/eTrust	48	14	34	70.83%
MicroWorld/eScan	23	7	16	69.56%
F-Secure FSAV	44	14	30	68.18%
SoftwinAVX/BitDefender	25	8	17	68.00%
McAfee	54	18	36	66.66%
Trend PC-Cillin/SvrPro	24	8	16	66.66%
GDATA	27	10	17	62.96%
Frisk F-Prot	35	13	22	62.85%
Bullguard	5	2	3	60.00%
Alwil Avast32	46	19	27	58.69%
H+BEDV Antivir	14	6	8	57.14%
Command/Authentium	34	15	19	55.88%
VirusBuster	43	19	24	55.81%
Grisoft AVG	44	20	24	54.54%
Dr Web32/Dialogue Science	49	24	25	51.02%
Panda	4	3	1	25.00%
Hauri/ViRobot	12	11	1	8.33%

Symantec are running second in this table although in the same testing, NOD32 scanning times are considerably faster, despite the fact NOD32 has a much smaller system footprint and uses far less system resource. Incidentally, Symantec also failed the 3 Virus Bulletin tests prior to NOD32 making its debut. That brings their overall success ratio down to 88.46%

Where anti-virus software is concerned, consistency is the key to successful virus protection!

(Figures correct as at October 2008 E&OE)



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