

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 54th Award in January 2009.

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	56	2	54	96.42%
Norton/Symantec	51	3	48	94.11%
Avira Antivir	19	3	16	84.21%
Microsoft OneCare <small>(since June 06 only)</small>	5	1	4	80.00%
Sophos	57	14	43	75.43%
Kaspersky	59	15	44	74.57%
CA InnoCentive/eTrust	49	14	35	71.42%
Norman	55	16	39	70.90%
MicroWorld/eScan	23	7	16	69.56%
F-Secure FSAV	46	14	32	69.56%
BitDefender/SoftwinAVX	25	8	17	68.00%
Trend PC-Cillin/SvrPro	24	8	16	66.66%
McAfee	56	19	37	66.07%
GDATA	27	10	17	62.96%
Frisk F-Prot	37	14	23	62.16%
Bullguard	5	2	3	60.00%
Alwil Avast32	48	20	28	58.33%
VirusBuster	45	19	26	57.77%
H+BEDV Antivir	14	6	8	57.14%
Command/Authentium	34	15	19	55.88%
Grisoft AVG	45	20	25	55.55%
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 88.88%

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

(Figures correct as at January 2009 E&OE)

