

Independent Tests of Cybersecurity Solutions



Anti-Phishing Comparative Test

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Introduction

This test evaluates the phishing-page detection rates and false positive rates of various antivirus products, browsers, and VPNs as of August 2026. This comparative test is supported by at least three different vendors, aiming to drive improvements in anti-phishing solutions. Testing dates were determined by the testing lab and were not pre-disclosed to any party. Please note that this test does not replace our annual anti-phishing certification tests¹.

Tested products

The test took place from 12th August till 22nd August 2026. The following up-to-date products were tested in parallel, and with active Internet/cloud-access. Phishing protection provided by AV products and VPNs were tested using Google Chrome (with Google SafeBrowsing disabled). The browser extensions of the AV products were installed and enabled. The different standalone browsers were tested without an AV program running.

Security Products (Antivirus and VPN Products):

- Avast One Free Antivirus 26.7 – 26.8
- Dr. Web Security Space 12.0
- ESET HOME Security Essential 19.2
- K7 Total Security 17.0
- Malwarebytes Premium 5.6
- NordVPN Next-gen antivirus 8.8 – 8.9
- Norton Antivirus Plus 26.7 – 26.8
- Sophos Home Premium 2025.2
- Webroot SecureAnywhere Internet Security Plus 9.0

Browsers:

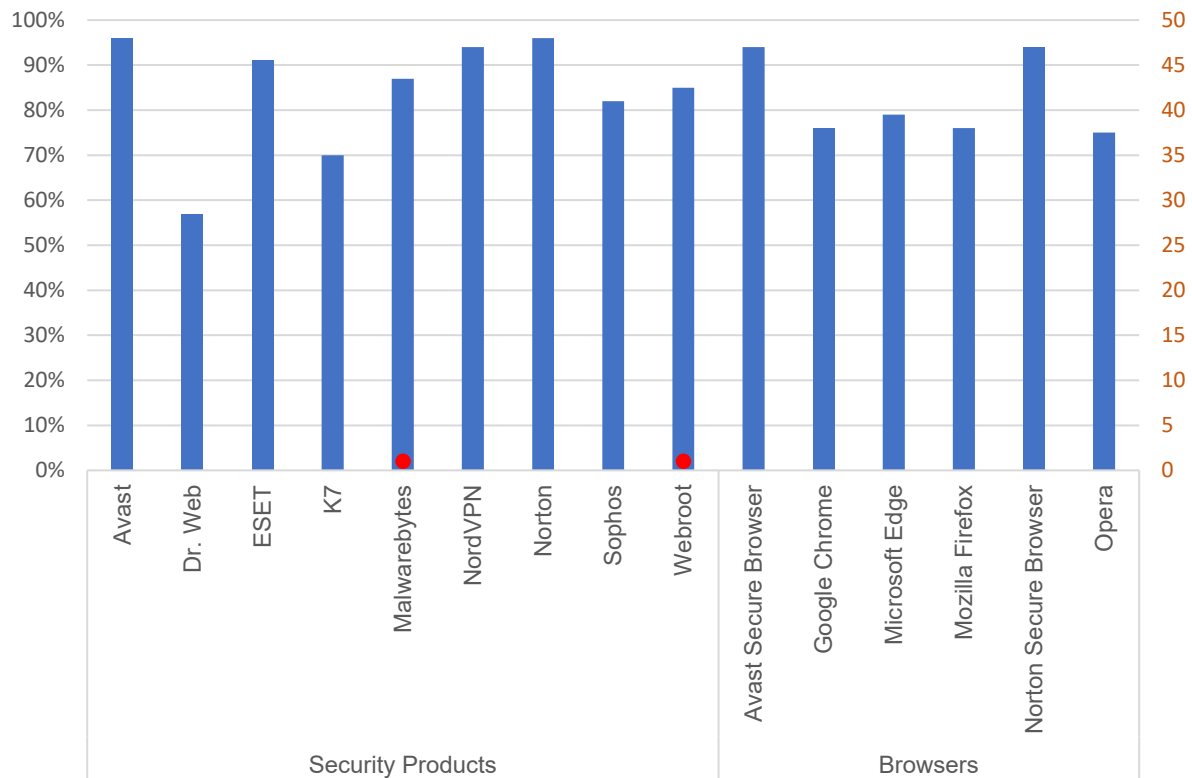
- Avast Secure Browser 150.0
- Google Chrome 151.0 with SafeBrowsing
- Microsoft Edge 151.0
- Mozilla Firefox 153.0 – 154.0
- Norton Secure Browser 150.0
- Opera 134.0

¹ <https://www.av-comparatives.org/testmethod/anti-phishing-tests/>

Anti-Phishing Test-Set

For this first test, we used **250** valid phishing URLs. The number of used clean URLs for false alarm detection was 250.

Test Results



	Product	Block Rate	False Alarms
Security Products	Avast One Free Antivirus	96%	0
	Dr. Web Security Space	57%	0
	ESET HOME Security Essential	91%	0
	K7 Total Security	70%	0
	Malwarebytes Premium	87%	1
	NordVPN Next-gen antivirus	94%	0
	Norton Antivirus Plus	96%	0
	Sophos Home Premium	82%	0
	Webroot SecureAnywhere Internet Security Plus	85%	1
Browsers	Avast Secure Browser	94%	0
	Google Chrome	76%	0
	Microsoft Edge	79%	0
	Mozilla Firefox	76%	0
	Norton Secure Browser	94%	0
	Opera	75%	0



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