

TREND MICRO TITANIUM INTERNET SECURITY 2011

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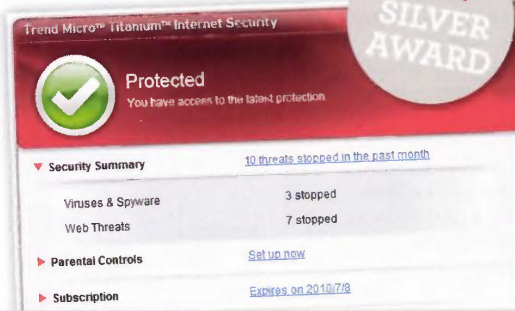
While AVG Free's test results prove that free software is perfectly capable of offering high levels of protection, Trend Micro's results speak for themselves. The software stopped all 31 viruses thrown at it. Not a single one managed to get past the software's defences, nothing managed to install and no signs of the viruses were left on the computer after it had finished its work. Quite simply, in our tests, Trend Micro protected our test equipment faultlessly, even managing to correctly determine that our legitimate software was safe.

Performance aside, the decision to invest in paid-for internet security often rests on whether you're happy to fork out for extra features and technical support. Alongside its amazing anti-virus system, Trend Micro provides a range of other tools, including suite basics such as anti-spam and a firewall. There's a browser plug-in that particularly caught our attention, since it installs in Google Chrome as well as the usual Internet Explorer and Firefox. You also get parental control for managing time online and monitoring activity, and a Data Theft Prevention option that

effectively stops personal details going online.

This version of Titanium sits in the middle of Trend Micro's internet security range. Also available is an anti-virus-only package (Titanium AntiVirus Plus) if you're not bothered about the extra features, or Titanium Maximum Security if you'd like to add secure back-up and PC-tweaking options. All three use the same virus-protection system, so you can take your pick based on the features you're looking for.

Our best price: £23 for one year covering three PCs, from Amazon (www.amazon.co.uk).



VERDICT

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In our tests, Trend Micro Titanium's protection record is second to none. If you want to be sure you're getting the best protection, this is the only option to go for.

Surprising, then, that it doesn't win our Gold Award. Trend Micro's is after all the superior product, with better performance and more features than AVG Free. However, it comes at a price and although it outperformed AVG Free, the difference was only a hair's breadth. As a result, AVG Free claims our top prize. If you're willing to pay, however, Titanium Internet Security is worth every penny.