

# 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 January 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 tests<sup>1</sup>.

## Tested products

The test took place from 7<sup>th</sup> January till 19<sup>th</sup> January 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 Free Antivirus 25.12
- Dr. Web Security Space 12.0
- ESET HOME Security Essential 19.0
- K7 Total Security 16.0
- Malwarebytes Premium 5.4
- NordVPN Threat Protection Pro 7.54 – 7.55
- Norton Antivirus Plus 25.12
- Sophos Home Premium 2024.3
- Webroot SecureAnywhere Internet Security Plus 9.0

### Browsers:

- Avast Secure Browser 143.0
- Google Chrome 143.0 – 144.0 with SafeBrowsing
- Microsoft Edge 143.0
- Mozilla Firefox 146.0 – 147.0
- Norton Secure Browser 143.0
- Opera 125.0 – 126.0

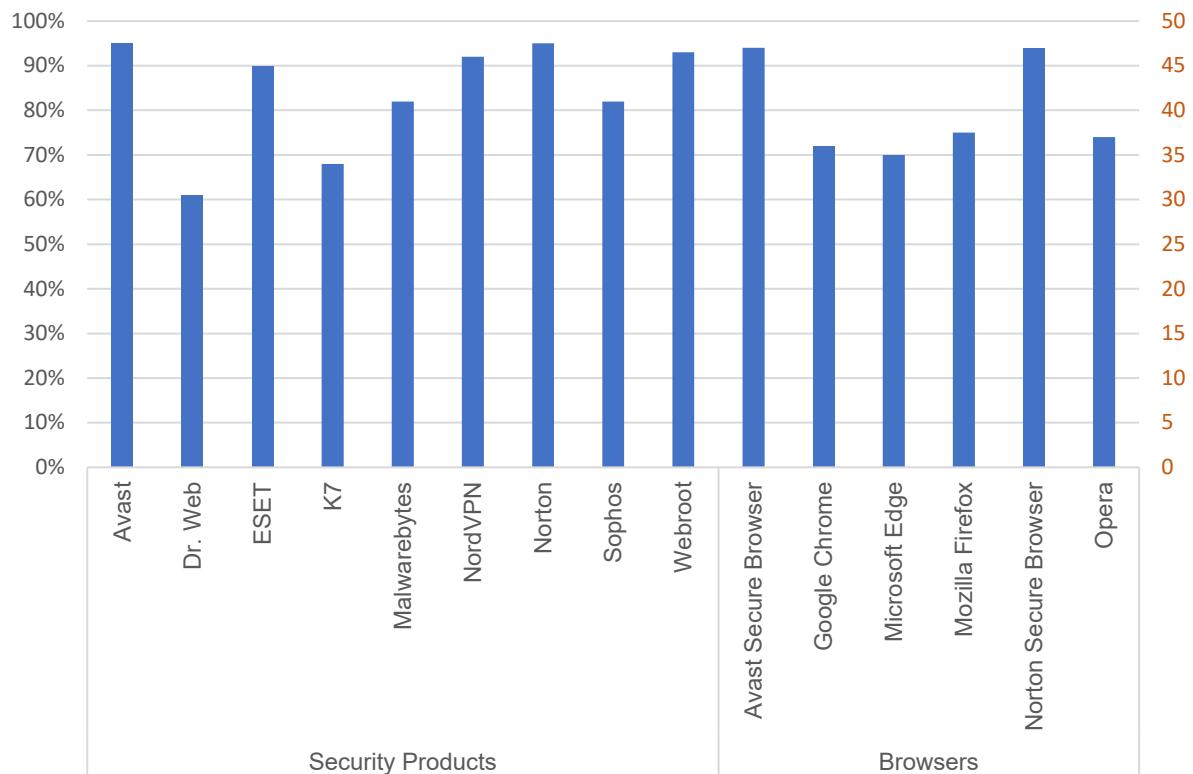
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.av-comparatives.org/testmethod/anti-phishing-tests/>

## 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 Free Antivirus	95%	0
	Dr. Web Security Space	61%	0
	ESET HOME Security Essential	90%	0
	K7 Total Security	68%	0
	Malwarebytes Premium	82%	0
	NordVPN Threat Protection Pro	92%	0
	Norton Antivirus Plus	95%	0
	Sophos Home Premium	82%	0
	Webroot SecureAnywhere Internet Security Plus	93%	0
Browsers	Avast Secure Browser	94%	0
	Google Chrome	72%	0
	Microsoft Edge	70%	0
	Mozilla Firefox	75%	0
	Norton Secure Browser	94%	0
	Opera	74%	0



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