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How Endpoint Central became AV-Comparatives approved, and why it matters to your business.



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What you will find in this guide



Snapshot of AV-Comparatives test results

A closer look at how Endpoint Central performed in the AV-Comparatives test compared to other competitors, providing a data-driven view of what makes it a certified choice.



Is Endpoint Central the right fit for your organization?

See why it works equally well for small teams and large enterprises, and discover the features that keep it simple for lean IT teams yet powerful enough for complex environments.



How good should your Endpoint Protection solution be?

Whether you are thinking of investing in a new endpoint protection tool or already have one in place, here's an evaluation checklist to check it against AV-Comparatives standards.

Introduction

Before we dive in, it is worth pausing to ask a few big-picture questions.

1. Do all businesses really need dedicated malware protection or just some?

2. Why doesn't a single solution work for everyone, and what should you look for instead?

3. With so many products making the same promises, who can you trust to guide your choice wisely?

But if malware protection and AV-Comparatives are things you already know inside out, feel free to skip to the next section.

Malware protection isn't just about defending your business from cyber threats. It's about business continuity, keeping operations running without disruption, preventing downtime, protecting valuable data, and maintaining customer trust. In today's world of stringent compliance standards and regulations, a single malware attack can quickly escalate from a cyber issue to a costly business problem for both you and your customers.

But it isn't adequate to have just about any malware protection. The right solution should fit your current IT environment, coexist smoothly with your existing solution stack, and stay light on system resources so it doesn't slow teams down. With so many products making similar claims, AV-Comparatives offers real value by independently testing and certifying solutions that meet real-world demands, thereby helping businesses choose with confidence.

Snapshot of AV-Comparatives test results

AV-Comparatives is a globally recognized independent testing lab known for its real-world, long-term approach to evaluating security products. As part of its **Business Main-Test Series of 2025**, each solution is tested over several months in areas that matter most to organizations: the **Real-World Protection Test**, the **Malware Protection Test**, and the **Performance Test**. These measure how well a product blocks threats, avoids false positives, and keeps systems running smoothly, making the Approved Business Product certification a trusted benchmark for IT teams and security decision-makers.

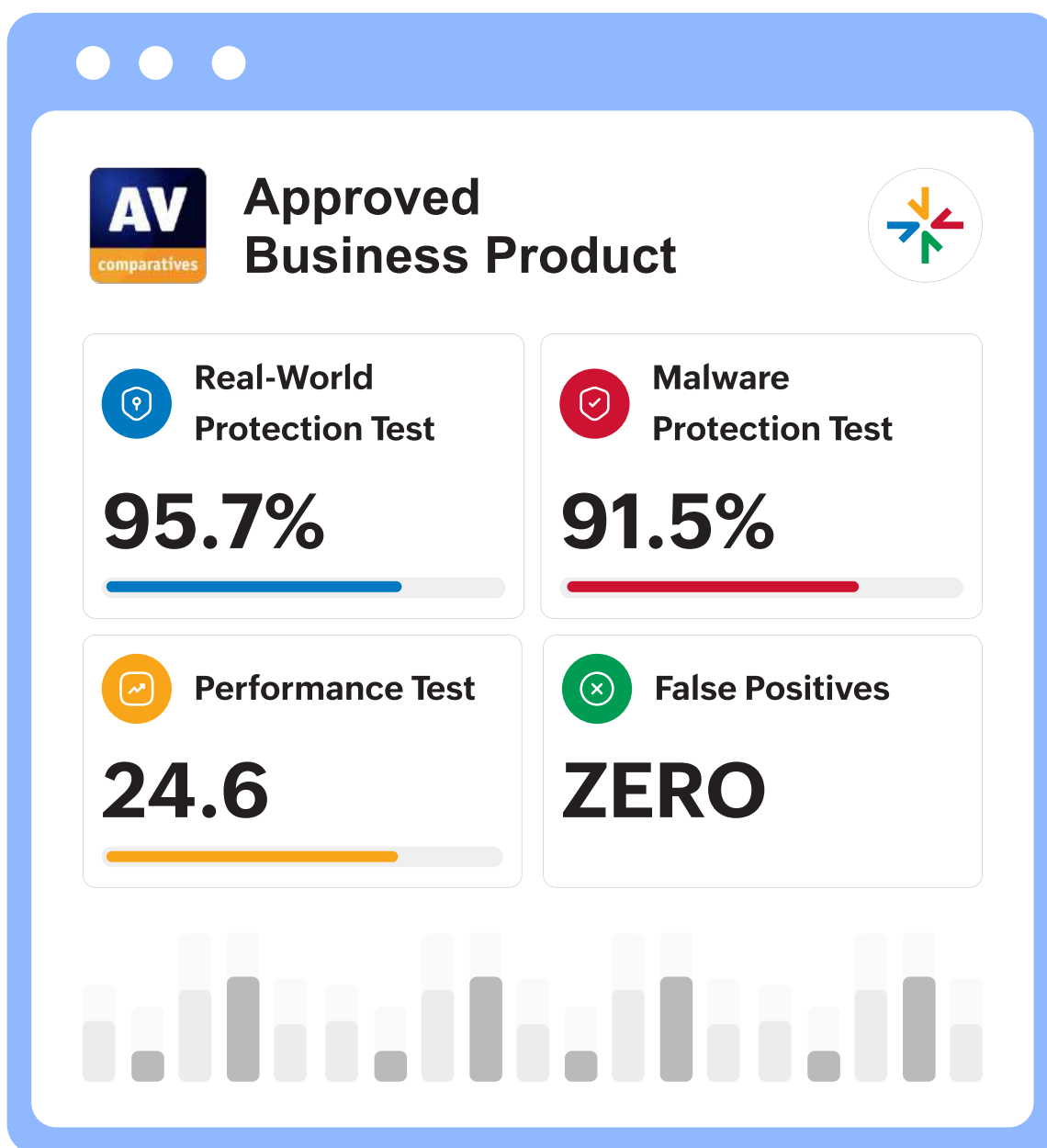


Test	Purpose
The Real-World Protection test	This test evaluates how a product blocks from modern-day threats by simulating everyday cyberrisks such as harmful websites and malicious downloads, replicating everyday user behavior and assessing through protection techniques such as URL blocking, content filtering and ML-based static and dynamic detections.
The Malware Protection Test	This assesses the ability to detect and block malware delivered via offline or local vectors. It also evaluates the solution's ability to protect the system before, during, and after malware execution, through on-access and on-demand scans conducted both offline and online, also tested with behavioral detection techniques.
The Performance Test	This test measures the impact of antivirus software on overall system performance during everyday use, while running in the background. This test helps users understand how well a product offers real-time protection without compromising on delivering uninterrupted system performance.

In the latest AV-Comparatives Business Main-Test Series 2025, Endpoint Central earned the **Approved Business Product certification** by delivering balanced, real-world performance where it matters most.

- 1. Real-World Protection Test:** Achieved a protection rate of **95.7%**, comfortably above the 90% threshold needed for certification, helping block live threats in practical, everyday scenarios.
- 2. Performance Test:** Kept system impact low with a score of **24.6**, so everyday work stays smooth and devices remain responsive.
- 3. False Positives:** Registered **zero false positives** on business software, ensuring essential applications keep running without unnecessary interruptions.

Together, these results earned Endpoint Central the Approved Business Product Certification - proof of stronger protection, accuracy, and efficiency. It delivers real-world protection that keeps threats out, accuracy that avoids unnecessary alerts, and a lighter resource footprint that keeps teams productive without slowing systems down. It's proof that strong security doesn't have to come at the cost of everyday performance, and that independent testing helps separate real results from marketing claims.



How Endpoint Central stacked up against other solutions

Major players such as Sophos, Trend Micro, Kaspersky, and Bitdefender were also part of this year's AV-Comparatives tests. But Endpoint Central showed it can do more than just keep up; it performed competitively where it mattered most.

- In the **Performance Test**, Endpoint Centrals' system impact score lower than those of Trend Micro, Sophos and CrowdStrike, translating into smoother workflows and fewer slowdowns in practice. While Bitdefender and Kaspersky edged slightly ahead, the difference was narrow, and Endpoint Central stayed close behind on resource efficiency.
- The **Real-World Protection Test** told a similar story. Endpoint Central reached **95.7%**, outperforming Sophos and Trend Micro, and demonstrating reliability comparable to established vendors.
- In the **Malware Protection Test**, it detected **91.5%** of widespread threats. While a handful of products scored a little higher, Endpoint Central still outperformed several well-known competitors that didn't show the same consistency.
- Perhaps most notably, Endpoint Central recorded **zero false positives** on business software, a distinction only a few tools achieved. This helps teams work without constant alerts or interruptions, keeping trusted applications running smoothly.

And while many big vendors were tested, several didn't even appear on the certified list. That shows just how selective these independent tests really are. The results speak for themselves: Endpoint Central keeps threats out and teams moving, right where it counts in everyday business.



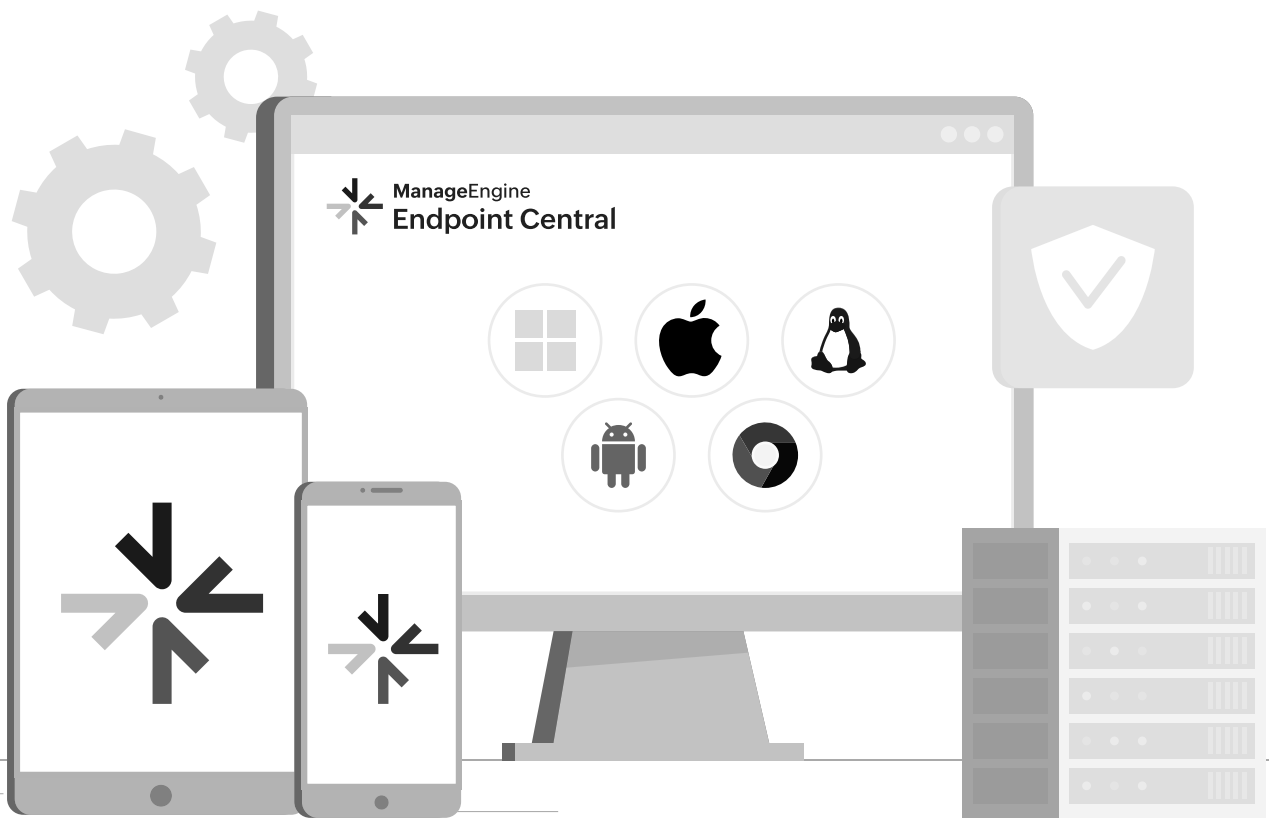
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Is Endpoint Central the right fit for your organisation?

Endpoint Central is designed to help IT teams of any size, so you don't have to choose between simplicity and depth. Smaller teams get an intuitive console, quick deployment, and automated protection that keeps devices secure without adding extra workload. Larger organizations can scale confidently to thousands of endpoints, apply granular policies, and integrate seamlessly with existing tools and processes.

The same platform remains practical as your business grows, delivering protection that works just as well for teams of 10 or 10,000.



How good should your Endpoint protection solution be?

Choosing an endpoint protection tool isn't only about big claims on brochures. Here's a simple, practical checklist to help you see what really matters, especially if you're new to endpoint security or evaluating your first solution:



Real-time and behavior-based detection - Stops both known malware and new, zero-day malware threats.



EDR capabilities - Detect, investigate, and respond when something suspicious happens.



Patch and vulnerability management - Keeps systems up to date and closes security gaps automatically.



Limited user and application permissions - Restricts what users and apps can configure to stop threats from spreading.



Device and application control - Tracks all endpoints and manages which apps are approved to run.



Low resource footprint - Protects in the background without slowing down everyday work.



Clear reporting and dashboards - Shows key insights at a glance, so teams can stay informed without special training.



Independent certification - Validated by trusted labs such as AV-Comparatives, not just vendor claims.

Independent tests show how **Endpoint Central** is the ideal endpoint protection solution to safeguard your business from everyday cyberthreats and data breaches. The real proof lies in how it fits into your own environment.

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Malware Protection Plus

For total malware protection



Endpoint Central

For comprehensive endpoint security
(including Malware Protection)