



Anti-Spyware Software Reviews 2005
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- #6 [PestPatrol](#)
- #7 [Ad-aware SE Pro](#)
- #8 [Spyware BeGone](#)
- #9 [McAfee AntiSpyware](#)
- #10 [SpyHunter](#)
- #11 [SpyRemover](#)
- #12 [SoftSpy](#)
- #13 [TrueWatch](#)
- #14 [Spyware Stormer](#)
- #15 [Maxion Spy Killer](#)
- #16 [Spy Killer](#)
- #17 [SpywareKilla](#)
- #18 [BPS Spyware Remover](#)
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Are you infected?
Spyware has surpassed viruses as the #1 threat to identity theft and with the large number of anti-spyware software choices available today – selecting one that's both easy to use and effective can be, at the very least, difficult and confusing. [Read More](#)

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Rank

Excellent

 Very Good

 Good

 Fair

 Poor

Reviewer comments

Lowest price

*(annual price)

Overall Rating

Ratings

Feature Set
Effectiveness
Ease of Use
Customization
Ease of Setup/Installation
Help/Support

Features

Components that are Searched For

[Rollback/Restore Capabilities](#)

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Descriptions of Found Spyware

[Scan Scheduling](#)

Auto Updates

[Tracking Cookie Blocking](#)

[Real-time Blocking and Protection](#)

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Detection and Deletion Capabilities

Adware

Spyware

Keyloggers

Trojans

Active X Configuration

Scumware

Dialers

Malware

Data Mining

Parasites

Toolbars

Drive-By Download

Tracking Cookies

Spyware Registry Keys

Browser Hijackers/BHO's

Technical Support Available

Toll Free Phone

Built-in Application Help

Knowledge Base/FAQs

Forums/Email

Online Chat

Product Details

Supported Configurations

XP

2000

98

95

NT

ME

	NEW 4.0 Spyware Eliminator	Spy Sweeper	SpySubtract	AntiSpy	Spyware Doctor	PestPatrol	Ad-aware Pro	Spyware BeGone	McAfee Anti-Spyware	SpyHunter
Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW	READ REVIEW
BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY
(annual price)	\$29.99	\$29.95*	\$29.95	\$29.99	\$29.95	\$29.95	\$41.91	\$39.95	\$29.99	\$29.95
Overall Rating	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Feature Set	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Effectiveness	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Ease of Use	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Customization	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Ease of Setup/Installation	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Help/Support	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Components that are Searched For	36,000	*53,248	37,691	22,984	23,675	NA	36,254	NA	NA	16,968
Rollback/Restore Capabilities										
Indicates Spyware Severity										
Descriptions of Found Spyware										
Scan Scheduling										
Auto Updates										
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Real-time Blocking and Protection										
Scans Removable Media										
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Spyware										
Keyloggers										
Trojans										
Active X Configuration										
Scumware										
Dialers										
Malware										
Data Mining										
Parasites										
Toolbars										
Drive-By Download										
Tracking Cookies										
Spyware Registry Keys										
Browser Hijackers/BHO's										
Toll Free Phone										
Built-in Application Help										
Knowledge Base/FAQs										
Forums/Email										
Online Chat										
Product Details	Detail	Detail	Detail	Detail	Detail	Detail	Detail	Detail	Detail	Detail
XP										
2000										
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NT										
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ARTICLES

- [Anti-Spyware Feature Definitions](#)
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- [What Types of Spyware are Out There?](#)
- [Free Spyware Detectors](#)

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Free software to detect and remove Spyware and adware from your PC
www.BulletProofSoft.com

Which Spyware Remover?

5 Side-by-side Comparisons of Top Spyware Virus Removers. Free Scans.
[CompareSpywareRemov](#)

Free Spyware/Adware Scan

Search and Remove Trojans, Spyware, Adware and other Intruders. aff
www.Anti-Adware.net

BOOKS

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ANTI-SPYWARE NEWS

February 7, 2005
[Anti-Spyware Consortium Falls Apart](#)
By Ryan Naraine

The Consortium of Anti-Spyware Technology vendors (COAST) was rendered toothless when three founding members—Webroot Software Inc., Aluria Software LLC and Computer Associates International Inc.'s PestPatrol—withdraw from the

group, citing separate reasons for quitting.

December 10, 2004

[Phishing Web sites grew by 33 percent in November](#)

By Paul Roberts, IDG News Service

The number of phishing Web sites associated with online identity theft scams grew by 33 percent in November, after dropping off in September and early October, according to data compiled by the Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG) and shared with IDG News Service.

October 13, 2004

[First spyware lawsuit filed](#)

[deseretnews.com](#)
The Federal Trade Commission formally announced Tuesday its first assault against spyware — bits of computer code that surreptitiously install themselves on the computers of Internet users to track their activities, push them to Web sites, barrage them with advertisements, and wreak havoc with their machines.

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TOP TEN PRODUCTS	Spyware Eliminator	Spy Sweeper	Spy Subtract	Anti Spy	Spy Doctor	Pest Patrol	Ad-aware Pro	Spyware Begone	McAfee AntiSpy	Spy Hunter

* Spy Sweeper adds the number of cookies their product searches for which most other Anti-Spyware products do not.

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