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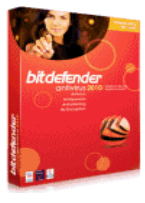
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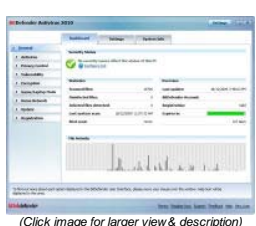


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Review of BitDefender AntiVirus 2010:

BitDefender is still a relatively unknown name for most people in the Antivirus sector. However, BitDefender has quietly become one of the better performing Antivirus programs over the last few years. See how BitDefender 2010 stacks up to the competition this year...



1) Installation: ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

BitDefender Antivirus 2010 installed in **2 minutes and 32 seconds** but required one reboot before using the computer. BitDefender offers its users 3 configurations during installation: *Typical*, *Gamer*, or *Custom*. Also, new this year BitDefender 2010 allows users to pick the level of control they want - with *Novice Mode*, *Intermediate Mode*, or *Expert Mode*. This customization during the install process is a nice touch to make the program work well for the intended audience. (See [Installation Time Comparison Graph](#))

2) Features & Ease of Use: ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

BitDefender 2010 has a nice, easy to use interface. New this year BitDefender has 3 different modes - **Novice**, **Intermediate**, and **Expert** modes. These different modes give users access to different levels of options based on their needs and level of computer-ability.

Each of the 3 different modes (Novice/Intermediate/Expert) has its own menu or *Dashboard* - all of which give a concise snapshot of your computer's security and quick access to available options. Like last year, BitDefender 2010 has **Game Mode**, so it won't interfere while you're in a major battle on your favorite video game, and **Laptop Mode** to save your laptop's battery by delaying power-intensive functions until your computer is plugged in. BitDefender 2010 also has **Vulnerability** monitoring to make sure your computer's software is up-to-date to further optimize your security - for example making sure your Windows has the latest updates. Overall, BitDefender 2010 is extremely easy to use, and its new *Novice / Intermediate / Expert Modes* give you exactly the level of control you want without confusing you with unnecessary information and options.

New Features:

- **NEW!** Protects your personal information on your computer.
- **NEW!** **Novice, Intermediate, and Expert** modes - better accommodates different levels of users.

Features Checklist:

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|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ✓ Anti-Spyware | ✓ Email Scanning | ✓ Worm Protection |
| ✓ Anti-Rootkit | ✓ IM Protection | ✓ Anti-Phishing |
| ✓ Bot Protection | ✓ Trojan Protection | |

3) Virus Scanner: ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

BitDefender 2010 has 4 scanning options: **System Scan**, **My Documents Scan**, **Deep Scan**, and **Custom Scan**. Unlike most other Antivirus programs, BitDefender **doesn't have a Quick Scan option** for quickly scanning your computer's most vulnerable areas. On our test computer with 70GB of used space on its hard-drive it took BitDefender 2010 over **71 minutes** to perform its full scan - making it one of the slower virus scanners in the market. (See [Scan Time Comparison Graph](#))

Updates:

BitDefender provides **hourly updates** against new threats (17.3 per day on average). This is the 2nd most updates that we tested this year - but it is still well behind industry leader **Norton Antivirus 2010** which offers over 200 updates per day. (See [Updates Per Day Comparison Graph](#))

4) Performance Testing: ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

A good Antivirus program should not only protect your computer from Viruses but also not slow down the *Performance* of your computer too much by using up your computer's resources. We run each Antivirus program through a set of *Performance* tests to see the impact it has on the computer. View the results below of our Antivirus testing for Bit Defender 2010...



(Click image for larger view & description)

- **Memory Use:** BitDefender AntiVirus 2010 uses only **8.0 MB** of system memory. This is the lowest memory use of any Antivirus program, and the **#1 rated** of the 10 Antivirus programs we tested.
- **Reboot Time:** BitDefender added **9.8 seconds** to our test computer's reboot time. **#5 rated** of the 10 Antivirus programs tested.
- **Installation Size:** BitDefender AntiVirus 2010 takes **293 MB** of hard-drive space for installation. **#10 rated** of the 10 Antivirus programs tested.
- **Application Launch Time:** BitDefender added **0.148s** on average to launch a web browser. This was the **#5 rated** program tested.
- **File Conversion Time:** BitDefender added **1.06s** on average to convert a MP3 file to four other file types. **#5 rated** of the 10 Antivirus programs tested.
- **System Impact Score:** The "System Impact Score" is a comparative score tallied from the above 5 Antivirus tests. BitDefender 2010 scored a total of **29 out of 50 points** when compared to the other Antivirus programs. This gave BitDefender 2010 a **6th place overall ranking** in our performance testing - just 1 point behind **Kaspersky AntiVirus 2010**. Overall, a respectable set of test results for BitDefender 2010.
- [View graphs showing the results of the above Performance Tests.](#)

5) Effectiveness: (Virus/Malware Detection)

The most important function of an Antivirus program is to keep your computer free from Viruses and other Malware. Below we'll take a look at some of the industry's top Virus/Malware Detection testing and certification.

- a) **AV Comparatives** has 2 major Virus/Malware tests each year. In the most recent test in November, the *Proactive Test*, BitDefender received top marks - **3 out of 3 Stars**. In the 2nd test, the *On Demand Detection Test*, BitDefender again received a **3-Star** rating. Overall, BitDefender performed great in these critical Antivirus tests.



(*AV Comparatives is an independent Antivirus testing lab in Austria providing some of the most trusted Virus detection tests in the industry.)

- b) **Not ICSA Labs Certified** (although it was Certified last year). ICSA is an independent organization that sets standards for security products and certifies anti-virus software.



- c) **Virus Bulletin's VB 100% Certified.** BitDefender Antivirus passed the most recent VB100 test (Dec./09), **but BitDefender has failed one of the four tests it was part of this year.** The VB 100% award is given to antivirus software that detects all viruses "in the wild."



- d) **West Coast Labs' Checkmark Anti-Virus Desktop Certification.** WCL specializes in functionality testing, performance validation and *Checkmark Certification* of security products.



6) Help & Support:

BitDefender has all the basics of a good support system - free **Email Support**, free **Chat Support**, **Phone Support** (not Toll-Free in the USA), an **Online Forum**, as well as an online **Knowledgebase** and program **Help Files**. Support appeared to be good in all areas, our only concern would be the *Knowledgebase* and *Help Files* are not the most extensive or easiest systems to use when compared to other antivirus programs.

» Quick Support Links:

- [Knowledge Base](#)
- [Support Forum](#)
- [Phone Support](#)
- [Email Support](#)
- [Chat Support](#) (requires account login)

CONCLUSION:

BitDefender has come a long ways in the last few years. It can now be considered one of the **top antivirus programs** in the market. This last year BitDefender Antivirus 2010 received top marks in some of the industry's most critical *Effectiveness* tests. Our own in-house *Performance* tests show that BitDefender is also climbing the ladder. Add this to its great low-price and it makes us think that BitDefender's ready to play with the big boys in the industry - give it a try!




Overall Rating: Good 

Misc Info:

- Version Tested: 13.0.15.297
- Program Manual: [BitDefender 2010 Manual](#) [pdf]
- Release Date: August 17, 2009
- Review Date: December 18, 2009
- Last Updated: December 22, 2009
- Previous Version: [BitDefender AntiVirus 2009](#)

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BitDefender Antivirus 2010 System Requirements:**Supported Operating Systems:**

- **Windows 7**, Vista, XP (Service Pack 2+)

Minimum Requirements:

- 800 MHz processor (1.66 GHz recommended)
- 512 MB RAM memory for Windows XP, 1 GB for Windows 7 & Vista (1 GB / 1.5 GB recommended)
- 450 MB available hard-drive space (600 MB recommended)
- Internet Explorer 6 (Version 7 recommended)

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