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PRODUCT	OUTPOST PERSONAL FIREWALL PRO 2	E-TRUST EZ FIREWALL	BLACK ICE PC PROTECTION 3.6	PERSONAL FIREWALL 4	PERSONAL FIREWALL PLUS 2004 V5	WINDOWS XP INTERNET CONNECTION FIREWALL	PERSONAL FIREWALL STANDARD	NORTON INTERNET SECURITY 2004	ZONE ALARM PRO 4.5
Price inc VAT (ex VAT)	£39.99 (£34)	\$39.95 per year (£25.85 inc VAT, £22 ex VAT)	£40.82 (£34.74)	£34.07 (£29); free for personal use	£29.99 (£25.52)	Included with Windows XP	Free for personal use	£54.99 (£46.80)	\$49.95 (£31.92 inc VAT, £27.17 ex VAT)
URL	www.agnitum.com	www.my-etrust.com	http://blackice.iss.net	www.kerio.co.uk	http://uk.mcafee.com	www.microsoft.com	http://smb.sygate.com	www.symantec.com	www.zonelabs.com
Trial version	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days	X	N/A	N/A	X	30 days
Alternative versions	Free cut-down version	None	None	Free version lacks features	None	None	Enhanced version	None	Free cut-down version
PLATFORM SUPPORT									
Windows 95/98/ME/NT4/2000/XP	x/v/v/v/v/v/v	x/v/v/x/v/v	x/v/v/v/Pro/v	x/v/v/v/v/v/v	x/v/v/x/v/v	x/x/x/x/x/v	v/v/v/v/v/v/v	x/v/v/x/Pro/v	x/SE/v/x/Pro/v
PROGRAM CONTROL									
Prevent net connections	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Prevent program launching	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X
Scan for applications	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X
Database of known apps	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓
EMAIL CONTROLS									
Inbound attachment monitoring	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Outbound email monitoring	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓
ALERTING									
Pop-up alerts	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Outbound connection alerts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Inbound connection alerts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Custom alert explanations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓
REPORTING									
Online attack reporting	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓
Intruder tracing	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓
OTHER FEATURES									
Custom firewall rules	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
MAC address filtering	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Automatic network detection	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Internet Connection Sharing support	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Cookie controls	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Ad blocking	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Net content filtering	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
Private information checking	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Scheduling	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
SCORES									
Features	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Ease of use	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Overall	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★

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