

MalwareTips AV Test – March 2017 – Norton Security

| March 2017 | Total Number of Samples | Static Test | Dynamic Test | Bait Files Encrypted | Total Detection | Second Opinion System Status | System's Final Status |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.3.2017. | 1 | 1 | N/A | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 1.3.2017. | 24 | 14 | 4/10 | No | 18 | All Clean | Protected |
| 2.3.2017. | 15 | 9 | 4/6 | No | 13 | AL | Infected |
| 3.3.2017. | 23 | 16 | 4/7 | No | 20 | AL | Infected |
| 4.3.2017. | 7 | 7 | N/A | No | 7 | All Clean | Clean |
| 6.3.2017. | 20 | 15 | 3/5 | No | 18 | AL | Infected |
| 8.3.2017. | 27 | 19 | 4/8 | No | 23 | MNM | Protected |
| 9.3.2017. | 16 | 9 | 5/7 | No | 14 | AL | Infected |
| 10.3.2017. | 20 | 16 | 4/4 | No | 20 | All Clean | Clean |
| 11.3.2017. | 1 | 1 | N/A | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 11.3.2017. | 3 | 3 | N/A | No | 3 | All Clean | Clean |
| 12.3.2017. | 1 | 1 | N/A | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 13.3.2017. | 17 | 9 | 6/8 | No | 15 | AL | Infected |
| 14.3.2017. | 1 | 0 | 1/1 | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 14.3.2017. | 1 | 0 | 1/1 | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 14.3.2017. | 1 | 1 | N/A | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 15.3.2017. | 20 | 12 | 8/8 | No | 20 | All Clean | Clean |
| 16.3.2017. | 2 | 2 | N/A | No | 2 | All Clean | Clean |
| 17.3.2017. | 12 | 9 | 2/3 | No | 11 | All Clean | Protected |
| 17.3.2017. | 1 | 1 | N/A | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 19.3.2017. | 1 | 0 | 1/1 | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 20.3.2017. | 1 | 0 | 1/1 | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 20.3.2017. | 17 | 12 | 3/5 | No | 15 | All Clean | Protected |
| 21.3.2017. | 1 | 0 | 1/1 | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 23.3.2017. | 18 | 14 | 4/4 | No | 18 | All Clean | Protected |
| 24.3.2017. | 30 | 14 | 10/16 | No | 24 | IL | Not Clean |
| 27.3.2017. | 20 | 16 | 3/4 | No | 19 | AL | Infected |
| 28.3.2017. | 1 | 0 | 1/1 | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 29.3.2017. | 15 | 7 | 7/8 | No | 14 | All Clean | Protected |
| 31.3.2017. | 1 | 0 | 1/1 | No | 1 | All Clean | Clean |
| 31.3.2017. | 31 | 25 | 3/6 | No | 28 | AL | Not Clean |
| 31 Tests | 349 | 233 | 81 | 100% | 314 | | |

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Total Number of Samples – Number of potential malicious samples used for testing purposes.

Static Test – A type of test used to determine security product's ability to detect malicious file without file's execution.

Dynamic Test – A type of test used to determine security product's ability to detect malicious file upon its execution.

Bait Files – A collection of files of common file types (documents, images, music, etc.) used upon a ransomware attack test. Ransomware usually tries to encrypt these files in order to ask you for a ransom.

Total Detection = Static Detection + Dynamic Detection

Second Opinion System Status – A collection of tools our Malware Testers use to check the system for malware, malware traces, leftovers, malicious processes, malicious system modifications, malicious network connections, etc. IL – Inactive leftovers, AL – Active leftovers, MSM – Malicious System Modification, MNM – Malicious Network Modification

System's Final Status :

Clean means that a security product was able to detect all the samples by static or dynamic detection mechanisms.

Protected means that some samples were missed by security product's detection mechanisms, but any malicious activity was successfully blocked, with a confirmation that Second Opinion Scanners didn't show any sign of malicious presence, malicious activity or malicious system modification.

Not Clean means that some samples were missed by security product's detection mechanisms. No malicious file is running in system's memory, there is no obvious malicious activity or malicious system modification detected but Second Opinion Scanners show the malicious leftovers are present on the test system.

Infected means that system is compromised by at least one malware. Present signs of active malware infection, malicious network connections, malicious system modification, bait files successfully encrypted, broken system's stability and usability, BSODs, etc.

MalwareTips AV Tester reserves the right to cooperate with other malware researchers in order to make the final and objective judgment whether the tested system is Clean, Protected, Not Clean or Infected, collecting and analyzing all the criteria needed. Subjective System's Final Status can be given in borderline situations. Please note that not all the samples tested are indeed malicious, and some malicious ones are VirtualMachine-Aware.

Virtual Environment : VMware Workstation Player, Version 12.5.5 Build 5234757, Windows 8.1 Pro x86 Build 9600

Tested Security Product : Norton Security version 22.9.1.12, Default Settings

Tests conducted by MalwareTips AV Tester [Daniel Hidalgo](https://malwaretips.com/members/daniel-hidalgo.34998/) (https://malwaretips.com/members/daniel-hidalgo.34998/)

During our test, conducted from 1.03.2017. to 31.03.2017. Norton Security, detected 314 out of 349 samples with the detection rate of 89,97%. Norton Security was able to detect 233 samples out of 349 with our Static Test (detection without execution), and additional 81 samples on Dynamic Test (upon sample execution). No bait files were encrypted during the whole testing period. Out of 116 samples missed by the static scan, Norton Security accomplished to detect 81 of them by its behavioral mechanisms with dynamic detection ratio of 69,82%. Out of 31 tests, Norton Security failed to protect the system 8 times.

Static Detection Rate : 66,76%
Dynamic Detection Rate : 69,82%
Total Detection Rate : 89,97%

All tests were conducted in protected virtual environment. Due to the small number of samples used in these tests, you should take results with a grain of salt. This test shows how the tested product behaves with certain malware samples, under unique circumstances, in a given period of time. Product's malware detection rate is not an equivalent of protection. This should not be mixed up. MalwareTips encourage you to compare these results with others and take informed decisions on what security products to use.