

Making the grade

Vendor	ControlGuard Endpoint Access Manager 3.0 Starts at \$10 per seat www.controlguard.com	SmartLine DeviceLock 6.0 Starts at \$35 per seat www.deviceclock.com	Centennial Software DeviceWall 4.5 Starts at \$25 per seat www.devicewall.com	Safend Protector 3.1 Starts at \$32 per seat www.safend.com	SecureWave Sanctuary Device Control 4.0* Starts at \$45 per seat www.securewave.com	WorkShare Protect Mobile Starts at \$10 per seat www.workshare.com
Installation & Configuration How easy was the product to install and set up? 10%	B	B	A	B	C	B
Policy Configuration Level of granularity and ease of deployment. 20%	A	A	A	A	A	A
Loss, theft, tampering Client and portable storage security. 10%	A	A	A	A	A	B
Port & Device Control What does the solution cover? 10%	A	A	A	A	A	B
Encryption How well is it supported? 10%	B	N/A	C	B	A+	C
Performance How did the product stack up against testing? 20%	B	B	B	B	B	B
Monitoring, Alerting & Reporting 20%	A	A	B	A	A	B
The Verdict	A- Comprehensive control through client-based agents; provides complete control over all I/O devices including PCI, ISA and optical devices	B+ Powerful shadowing feature lets companies know exactly how their critical information is moving and being stored. Would like to have seen support for encryption.	B+ Easy to use, great reporting; includes encryption but doesn't provide the policy granularity or alerting features of competing products.	A- Delivers comprehensive visibility and control over endpoints, devices and network interfaces.	A- Offers complete I/O control over all devices on Microsoft Windows and Novell networks.	B Focuses on mobile devices such as laptops and PDAs.

*SecureWave's Sanctuary Device Control 4.0 is part of the Sanctuary Suite.

access to encrypted media offline, although we felt that this compromised the security of the portable storage device. SecureWave offers the strongest encryption, with AES 256.

DeviceWall offers two different ciphers—AES and Blowfish—in both global and individual user key models. For instance, a company might require its HR employees to automatically encrypt all data transmitted via WiFi or saved to portable media. However, encryption is only available for use with USB flash drives. On the plus side, DeviceWall allows you to easily back up the Global Key, so data can be retrieved if the key is lost.

ControlGuard also provides encryption for secured USB drives. We liked its “self-destruct” feature, which limits the lifecycle of the data accessible on the drive.

Workshare Protect Mobile provides the most flexible client-side encryption through PGP based upon content. Once files have been identified as requiring additional security, they are automatically encrypted.

Safend's encryption is the most transparent to users. We were able to use the same encrypted USB drive on all the machines on our network with the Safend client installed without ever realizing the device had been encrypted. Of