MAKING THE GRADE

	Barracuda Networks Web Application Gateway NC1100 www.barracuda.com	Bee Ware iSentry IS200 www.bee-ware.net	Breach Security WebDefend Version 3.0 www.breach.com	Citrix Application Firewall www.citrix.com	F5 Networks Big-IP 8800 Application Security Manager www.f5.com	Imperva SecureSphere 6.0 Web Application Firewall www.imperva.com
Installation & Configuration 10%	B	B	B+	B-	B	B+
Administration 10%	A-	B+	A-	B-	A-	A
Security Policy Control 20%	B+	C	A-	B+	A-	A-
Monitoring, Alerting, Auditing & Reporting 20%	C	C	A-	C	B-	A
Overall Security Performance 40%	A-	B+	A-	B+	B+	A
VERDICT	**B+** Delivers granular control for applications and Web-based protocols through a combination of technologies. **Pros:** Flexible role-based administration, powerful ACLs define permitted traffic. **Cons:** Disappointing reporting limited to alerts, diagnostics and errors.	**B-** Provides enterprise performance in addition to compliance-worthy application security. **Pros:** Straighforward administration model, automated policy creation. **Cons:** Difficult policy creation interface, very limited monitoring, alerting and reporting.	**A-** An excellent choice for data protection as well as application security. **Pros:** BreachMarks tagging to identify sensitive data, information-rich dashboard. **Cons:** Policy controls could be stronger against unknown attacks.	**B** Solid application security, but disappointing management GUI.. **Pros:** Useful recommendations facilitate Adaptive Learning process to reduce false positives. **Cons:** Weak reporting offers few options; lackluster dashboard.	**B+** Offers a variety of excellent traffic control features in addition to securing applications. **Pros:** Administrative controls are up to the task of managing complex traffic management features. **Cons:** Disappointing reporting tools considering wealth of available information.	**A-** A well-designed product that delivers comprehensive protection out of the box and is easy to use. **Pros:** Impressive protection through powerful combination of security techniques. **Cons:** Configuration requires more manual intervention than we'd like.