

Eicar.com Control floppy or CD for checking your anti-virus program's ability to detect viruses.

If You Want to Test your anti-virus software create a bogus virus file. IT is called the EICAR test file. Any anti-virus product which supports the test file should "detect" it in any file which starts with the following 68 characters:

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X5O!P%@AP[4\PZX54(P^)7CC)7}$EICAR-STANDARD-ANTIVIRUS-TEST-FILE!$H+H*
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To keep things simple, the file uses only upper case letters, digits and punctuation marks, and does not include spaces. The only thing to watch out for when typing in the test file is that the third character is the capital letter "O", not the digit zero. You are encouraged to make use of the test file.

Directions for creating your own EICAR TEST FILE

Turn off anti-virus program, otherwise it will detect it and not allow you to save it.

1. Copy and paste the following string to Notepad.

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X5O!P%@AP[4\PZX54(P^)7CC)7}$EICAR-STANDARD-ANTIVIRUS-TEST-FILE!$H+H*
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2. Click Save. SAVE to Floppy Disk or a CD.

3. Give it the name EICAR.COM

4. Click the SAVE AS box and select ALL FILES (otherwise it will add the .txt and it won't work)

5. Click SAVE.

Now turn your virus scan back on.

Bring it up and scan the floppy disk or CD, Select All Files be scanned. You should get "Virus detected" . Just click STOP and store the floppy in a safe place for use to check your anti-virus program from time to time.

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